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Timothy goes boldly where no man has gone before!

TALES of unidentified flying objects tend to make people either smile or be heavily sceptical.

Recent screaming headlines such as 'Alien Used My Toilet', accompanied by nukes, noddies, winks, wink stories couched in the jargon of linguistics, go a long way toward perpetuating these attitudes.

One man who takes the subject a lot more seriously is Eckhardt's Timothy Good, professional musician and self-taught UFO expert.

He has been variously described as a "musician" (The Spectator), a "reasonable sort of bloke" (H magazine) and a "sort of intellectual Mervyn Bragg" (New Society). Provoking all these extreme reactions was his book, first published last year, 'Above Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO Cover-Up'. This hefty tome reached number two in the hard back non-fiction charts in Britain, and number one in Australia, despite being described as a "farago" by a Sunday Telegraph reviewer.

The most controversial claim of the book is that the bodies of four aliens were recovered from a crashed UFO in the United States in 1947, and examined by a government team, code named 'Maverick 12'.

This claim is substantiated by a document which Timothy says was handed to him by an internal contact in American intelligence services.

In his flat in Beckenham, packed with files labelled 'CIA' and 'FBI', as well as mounds of LPs and tiny models of UFOs, Timothy Good talks reasonably and convincingly of a threat from Outer Space. Expecting at least a mild scientific, I was surprised to find such an unorthodox proposal.

His interest in UFOs began at the age of 12: "I read a book on the subject by Major Donald Keyhole back in 1955 and was very impressed."

When he left the Royal Academy of Music, he not only pursued an orchestral career but began seriously researching his topic. He toured the world with his music, and at the same time built up contacts in the intelligence services.

"I have many contacts worldwide and have managed to pursue this topic only because I'm so single-minded," he says.

"I never make unsubstantiated claims and all my book is backed up with documentary evidence. The topic of UFOs is one that is being hushed up worldwide because it's the

Author reveals a UFO 'cover-up'

most dangerous challenge the world faces." In the book he sets out to prove that UFO information in the US has been classified two points higher than information on the hydrogen bomb - so threatening it is thought to be to national security.

He also claims there is a UFO research station at RAF Fylingdales in Wiltshire, a fact fully denied by the Government. A journalist found that despite this, they accept visits strictly reports from anyone who phones in with sightings.

"His won't get to the bottom of this mystery and cover-up in my lifetime, but I hope that I can help go some way towards it," he says entirely without emotion.



*Timothy Good's new book

*"STRANGER THAN FICTION: Author Timothy Good says governments have secretly covered up UFO sightings

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