

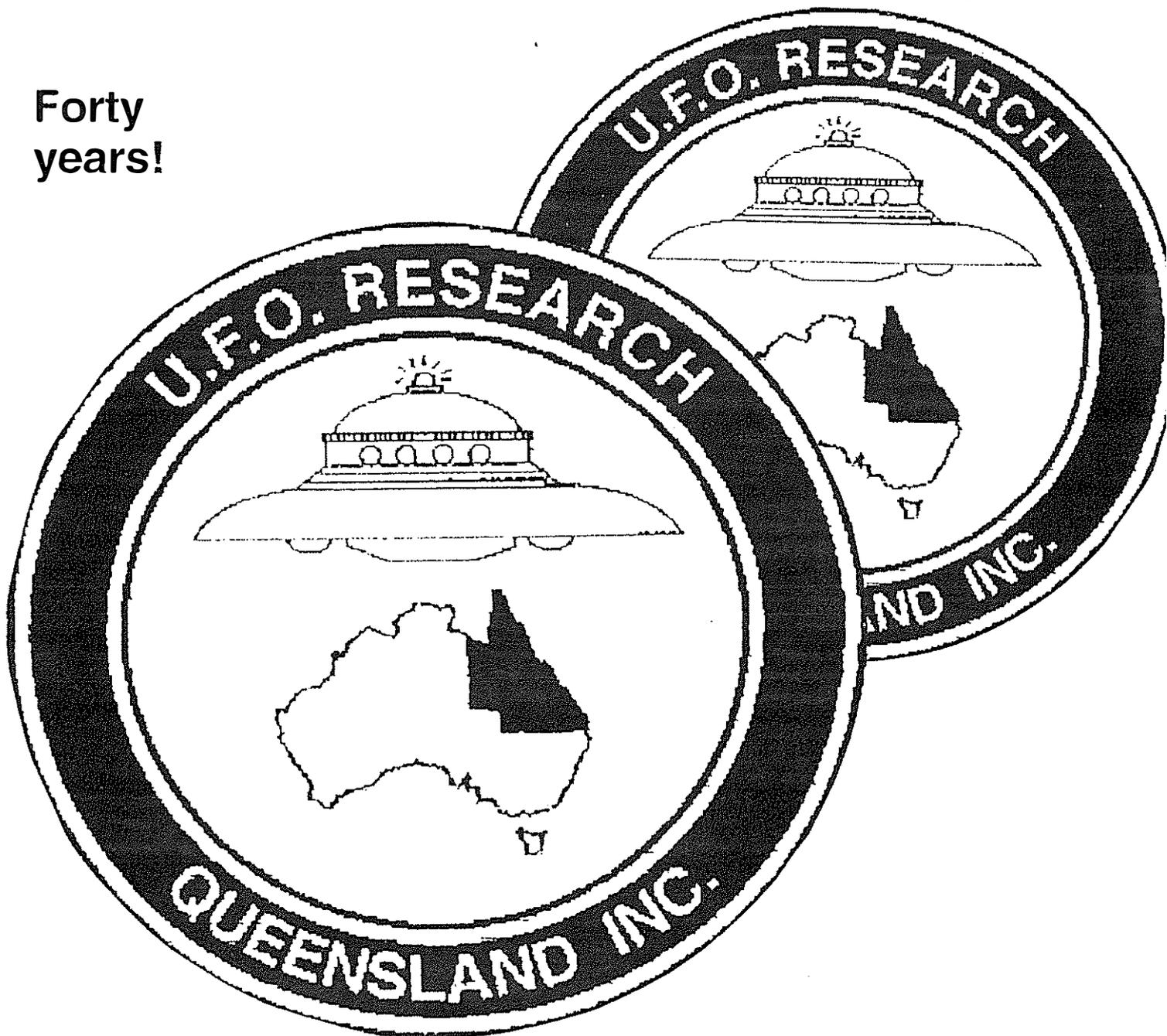
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Forty years of UFOR(QLD)

Bryan Dickeson

The UFO seminar held in Brisbane on the weekend of 24-25 August 1996 was a great success and UFOR(QLD) must be heartily congratulated for organising it. The event was held to celebrate the group's fortieth year of operation and such milestones help remind relative newcomers such as UFOR(NSW) of the great debt investigators owe the established UFO groups in Queensland, Tasmania (TUFOIC), Victoria (VUFORS/ PRA) and South Australia. Martin Gottschall and his Queensland committee were instrumental in promoting the re-formation of UFOR in Sydney in 1991. (Sometimes in New South Wales we overlook such contributions, believing that "if it didn't happen in Sydney, then it didn't happen".)

The Brisbane seminar was also an excellent opportunity to meet UFO investigators from all over Australia, many of whom I have only spoken to by telephone before. And of course, it helps to find out what works for them in their efforts, with the view to applying their experience later, in New South Wales.

Keynote speaker for the seminar, Michael Heschmann of Germany, was able to visit Sydney the following week and spoke to UFOR members at Chatswood, showing exceptional home video material of UFOs from Mexico.

Of particular importance to me personally, the August seminar provided the first major forum for Australian researchers to appraise the astonishing Kelly Cahill "Encounter" case from The Dandenongs in August 1993 (see *UFO Reporter*, 1995 Vol 4 No. 2). After a personal account from Kelly herself, John Auchetti (PRA, Victoria) was able to provide important technical details about the case.

This incident is fast developing into the most important case in Australia for many years, and just keeps getting better. I had received a lot of flak from some investigators after compiling and publishing details of

that report in 1995, and was pleased to see the case present so well.

Most of all, Brisbane showed something of the great variety of work on UFOs and related phenomena being researched in Australia, and the range of resources and experiences that are available. It augers very well for the future.

UFOR(NSW) members were able to present **four** papers at the seminar (from Peter Turner, Paul Sowiak, Doug Moffett, and Bryan Dickeson) — a significant contribution, and we have repeated as many of these papers in this issue of *UFO Reporter*, as space will allow.

A few days after the Brisbane seminar and back in Sydney, I was rudely brought back to Earth by a sobering comment from one of those junior news media people who occasionally telephoned. I had taken some time to mention what was going on in Australia from what had been discussed at Brisbane.

"You mean to say we get UFOs here in Australia?"

The news media here still tend to think that UFOs in Australia are only lights in the sky, and therefore attributable to some misidentified natural cause. Ignorance is still bliss.

We need a few more Brisbane Seminars. Well done Queensland!

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If you think you can help or have something to offer, please contact The Editors, UFOR(NSW), PO Box Q95 Queen Victoria Building, Sydney 2000.

Public funding of mainstream Science as a model for ufology?

Peter Turner

This address is partly a response to the article: *UFOs and Mainstream Science*, by Bernhard Haisch in the March 1996 edition of the *MUFON Journal*. Bernhard Haisch is a professional astronomer who edits Stanford University's *Journal of Scientific Exploration* which is contributed to by recognised scientists. The journal also deals with fringe subjects rarely taken seriously by mainstream science journals such as *Nature*, or popular science journals such as *Scientific American* or *New Scientist*.

The MUFON article is the most refreshing, informed, open-minded and generally progressive statement I have come across from a mainstream scientist on the subject of ufology. Haisch asserts that ufologists should look at the success astronomers have achieved obtaining popular support and billions of dollars of Government monies for astronomical research projects such as the search for extraterrestrial life forms (SETI) and planetary systems. Their public acceptance and funding has been achieved because:

- The public want to know about the universe and see what NASA does as 'exciting'. This applies in particular to Hubble telescope pictures and discoveries of previously-unknown planets in Virgo and elsewhere. NASA does what the public wants and is willing to pay for. This gives politicians a mandate to spend public tax dollars.
- Astronomers adopt a unified, professional and learned approach to their subject when presenting their research to the public.

Without the second factor, the first is of no value whatsoever.

Conversely, ufology hits a brick wall with the public as there is a complete lack of consensus on any aspect of the subject, much public disputation, unfounded suppo-

sition and rumour. However, Haisch points out there is still great potential for ufology. According to polls, there is great public awareness and inquisitiveness about the UFO enigma. Even among professional astronomers a majority opinion considers the UFO problem at least requires further study.

What is needed to realise this potential is credible data presented in a truly scientific format, perhaps in journals such as the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*. Even if only 'evidence of evidence' is presented, this might provide the catalyst which would allow reputable scientists to risk their reputations and take a closer look at ufology.

Haisch notes that two obstacles remain which are peculiar to ufology. The first is the sheer irrationality of the evidence (for example the whole scenario of UFO abductions). The second is paranoia coupled with conspiracy theories. While Haisch accepts these conspiracy theories may have some factual basis, they do not help the public image of ufology with professional scientists.

In summary, Haisch asserts that if a scientifically oriented process could be started, then Science could be attracted to ufology. Following on from this via political lobbying, Government funding opportunities for a full UFO research program could develop.

We should not forget this article comes from a recognised scientist who calls himself an 'insider' in mainstream science — one who wields considerable influence in scientific circles through his editorship of an important scientific journal and through employment at NASA. We should also remember that NASA recently prompted the US President to tell the world about the possibility of primitive life forms on Mars.

Publicly funded ufology?

Therefore, do we as ufologists really want publicly-funded research in a truly scien-

tific format. I suspect that there is an ambivalence in attitude amongst ufologists:

- No doubt some feel the scientific attitude is incapable of explaining or understanding close-encounter type experiences which involve psychic effects, 'messages', men in black, warnings of ecological disaster, consciousness raising and so on.
- Yet others may feel that we, as part time researchers, are having too much fun to have the subject taken out of our hands by professional scientists.
- Conversely, others will have equally strong feelings that unless the subject is studied scientifically all the anecdotal recordings and astounding personal accounts of sightings are just so much hot air. They make good reading but ultimately lead nowhere except to even more unusual anecdotes. This is a sure pathway to a lack of public credulity.

Let us now examine what advantages would accrue to the public funding authorities from funding UFO research.

All of us as researchers have little doubt as to the 'reality' of the UFO phenomenon. We also have little doubt that the 'Authorities' (whoever they may be) are involved in a policy, at best, of deliberately ignoring the evidence or, at worst, a cover up of the evidence and possible connivance with it.

We also know sightings and extraterrestrial contacts are becoming more and more a part of the public consciousness as the numbers of sightings increases, and as the number of close encounters increases.

This must all be of increasing concern to the Authorities, because the unthinkable may happen at any time: a UFO could land in broad daylight on Sydney Harbour around midday. Any such embarrassing scenario could occur, since the phenomenon is outside the Authorities' control.

Since they have no control over such events, it would be more prudent for the Authorities to adopt a more open policy towards the UFO phenomenon. (Indeed, there is some evidence this already happens.)

Part of this new openness, which involves informed public discussion, would encourage scientific research. As this

would require considerable expenditure of time and equipment, it should necessitate public funding.

Before we actually get to this stage, there is still a high ideological wall to overcome — a wall erected by the scientific establishment itself, where new paradigms are not welcomed. This hesitation to accept radically new ideas is described very well in Richard Milton's recent book *Forbidden Science*. Current examples of this scientific hesitation are negative attitudes to subjects such as cold fusion, parapsychology, and telekinesis. These are all subjects where very positive research results reported by non-mainstream researchers have been ignored and denigrated by mainstream Science.

There is obviously a 'political' component to this non-acceptance of new ideas, since acceptance or rejection is very selective. For example, bizarre ideas such as the 'many parallel universes' theory of quantum physics, and the instantaneous transmission across the universe of quantum interactions, are accepted and proudly presented to the public as examples of the strangeness of Nature recently uncovered by Science.

The selection process no doubt reflects general philosophical and political opposition to the idea of locating extraterrestrial intelligence near the earth environment where it can interact with human intelligence. The concept of extraterrestrial life 'out there' (that is, millions of light years from Earth) is only given grudging acceptance by mainstream Science.

If the discussion is then extended into what might be happening closer to home, any extra-terrestrial life forms are instantly translated into 'little green men'. Then comes the usual disparaging innuendo that anyone dealing with this possibility is slightly mad, and certainly not a scientist, and in any case there is 'no evidence'. They might be 'out there', but they certainly ain't here!

The reason for this ideological and political opposition to the idea of extraterrestrial visitation to Earth is the usual one — power elites have a fundamental, ruthless opposition to the general populace becoming aware that they (the power elite), are not the masters in their own house — "keep it quiet and perhaps the UFOs will go away, or per-

haps we can strike a deal with them before we tell everyone what is really happening”.

Ufological certainty

But all this is supposition. UFO investigators do not really know absolutely what is going on.

All we do know with absolute certainty is that there are files of information on UFOs which are classified as “secret” by various Governmental agencies, and they will not disclose the extent of their knowledge. This is well-documented by researchers in the United States and elsewhere after attempts to gain information through Freedom of Information legislation.

As ufologists what have we therefore achieved? We have accumulated an astonishing database of sighting reports, including video and physical trace evidence.

However, after nearly 50 years of effort we must admit we are no nearer a solution as to what UFOs are, what they are made of and, most importantly, what they are here for.

Going back over the literature there are periodic references to some Government or other getting ready to make an announcement, and so on, but it never happens!

We are left with the hope that some day there will be the truly amazing UFO event, witnessed in plain daylight by thousands of people with press and television taking pictures. However, this is only a remote possibility. Even if it did happen, it would be of no help to us as ufologists, apart from being able to say, “We told you so.” There would still remain the profound mystery we have been unable to explain.

What to do?

So what do we do? Do we go on as before, or seek new directions and new methods of tackling the same phenomenon.

I suggest that we seek new directions, as outlined by Haisch. We must organise ourselves along more cooperative lines, making full use of the professional and other expertise our individual research groups researchers have. This has not always been very acceptable to many researchers in the past. Individuality has been the rule. (In the past, the problem of destabilisation from outside has also militated against such cooperation.)

Firstly, there is a need to respond rapidly to important UFO events using groups of experts, rather than individual researchers, to quickly extract the most information by concentrating manpower and resources. We are all part-time researchers with limited individual resources and money, but collectively we could achieve much, much more.

The Gosford, NSW Central Coast sightings from the start of 1996 are a good example of where the cooperative group approach could have worked. A large number of interviews with widely-separated witnesses was needed. This common method from the social sciences can be used if sufficient ufological manpower is available.

Properly conducted surveys of a cross-section of the population are an accepted method in the social sciences and sighting reports which are backed up by such surveys would have credibility in scientific circles.

Secondly, the Internet and e-mail are becoming more important. If properly used by and between recognised UFO groups — never mind the questionable gossip and rumour which will no doubt flood onto the Internet in future — the net will be of fantastic value by allowing communication between UFO groups and coordination of joint research efforts.

If more cooperative research becomes possible, and it will require much effort to overcome entrenched practices, the outcome will be a much greater credibility for UFO research because it will be more thorough and more penetrating.

If this cooperation is combined with an effort to publish research results in our own specialist journals world wide, and in some of the more chatty scientific magazines, we will indeed make progress.

As I see it this is perhaps the way forward for our subject. Conferences such as this one are of great help as we are all together as ufologists; we can get to know each other and hopefully this will lay the groundwork for future cooperative ventures.

Overseas groups such as MUFON are still better organised than we are, and are therefore more likely to achieve scientific respectability and public funding first. There is no reason why we cannot aim for and achieve the same objective, in time.

Alien intelligence—beyond abduction: a theory on the evolution and origin of humanity

Paul D Sowiak

(For practical purposes, the editors have had to substantially abridge Paul's original paper for inclusion in UFO Reporter.)

On the sixth day "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over...the earth and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis Ch 1 verse 26).

Ufologists must formulate strategies to solve the UFO enigma as they move into the next millennium. This paper looks at the UFO phenomenon, past and present, and provides a framework for future Australian UFO research and investigation. I hope it will set parameters and directions for UFO research beyond the year 2000 on the greatest question facing humanity — who are we!

Human origins

While humans vary greatly in size, shape and features, we all belong to a single species capable of interbreeding and producing viable offspring. Humanity can be classified into four major groups: Australoid, Caucasoid, Mongoloid, and Negroid, plus other ancient racial remnants with a more localised distribution.

Generally, complex animals tend to have a bilateral symmetry and sophisticated nervous systems linking primary sensors such as eyes and ears. The basic human form (an upright posture based on two arms and legs and a head on top) provides an effective forward-facing structure for eyes and ears, and is typical of many successful predatory animals. Within the hugely varied animal kingdom, humans share many characteristics with the Primates. However, there are 312 known, distinctive physical

traits that set Man apart from our nearest 'cousins', the Apes (D.Barclay p1).

The most remarkable difference between apes and Man is brain size. Intriguingly, the human brain is a recent biological phenomenon. From a typical ape brain capacity of about 350cc, rapid evolutionary brain development produced first *Australopithecus* (550cc), then *Homo habilis* (750cc), and *Homo erectus* (850–900cc). Next, *Homo sapiens* suddenly appeared with a brain capacity of 1400–1600cc'.

Interestingly, a dramatic increase in brain size made no difference to our way of life for thousands of years. This suggests the present human brain was not a product of the natural selection processes which drive evolution in nature, and makes its development rather mysterious (Holroyd, 1980, p148). It also raises the question that if we did not evolve naturally from apes through natural selection, then how did we develop?

I believe important clues to our mysterious origins can be found throughout human history.

Similar advances outside the evolutionary guidelines are evident and widespread in human cultural developments. They have been the subject of much comment and speculation. For example, Velikovsky (*Ages in Chaos*) lists prime examples for this from human activities and artefacts such as pyramid-building in Egypt and Mexico, the Sphinx, the Nazca Plain inscriptions, the Mayan calendar, giant megalithic structures in Zimbabwe, Malta, Cuzco, and Tiahuanaco, and so on. These relics all point to an external, or divine cultural influence of some kind.

The most startling piece of evidence comes from the Palenque pyramid in Mexico, built around 600 AD. Central American

pyramids differ significantly from Egyptian pyramids as they were built not as burial mounds, but as places of worship. Their construction embodies principles from the Mayan calendar which decrees that a fixed number of steps be built every 52 years, according to specific astronomical requirements (von Daniken, p.119, 1959).

Only one Mayan king is known to have been buried in a Mexican pyramid. He was the god-king Kukulcan who came from the stars to live and die on Earth. Kukulcan founded the "feathered serpent" religion, ruled and interbred with local women. As a mark of respect for his achievements, the Mayans included his tomb within the Palenque pyramid. It contains a large stone sarcophagus with a relief of Kukulcan on the lid, sitting in front of a spacecraft instrument panel similar to recent Gemini spacecraft.

How could primitive men build such sophisticated monuments? Early man was disinclined to use his increased brain capacity and was basically unmotivated. Something else was required to motivate, control or focus human activities 1400, or 4–5000 years ago. The dedication of thousands of working-hours to constructing such monuments, of such great size, is astounding.

It takes some time to even walk around a pyramid with a 13-acre base, such as Cheops. Imagine how many human lifetimes it took to construct such a pyramid. And for what evolutionary purpose was it built? However, many UFO investigators largely ignore von Daniken's 'ancient astronaut' evidence. (Some researchers now suggest the Cheops pyramid is a navigation beacon distinguishable from space.)

Recent developments in ufology

The 1990s have become known as "the age of abductions". Ufologists have been forced to re-assess multiple UFO event witnesses and probe people's abduction experiences as something other than fantasy.

I believe the present time is a critical point in ufology world-wide because the information explosion of the 1980s means important aspects of the UFO cover-up can no longer be contained.

For example, when UFOR(NSW) began formally researching UFO abduction experiences in 1992–93, all hell broke loose. Factions arose within the group itself and soon started going their own way with poorly managed and spontaneous investigations. We had mysterious individuals (probably from Australian security agencies) coming to our public meetings to videotape proceedings. The disturbance this created in UFOR(NSW) severely inhibited its functioning for almost three years.

Similar factionalisation and interference had been reported by the British organisation BUFORA and other groups. The disruptions created in UFO groups embarking on abduction research give the authorities (or the aliens) an extra 18 to 36-month 'window' to continue doing what they do unscrutinised. It must have been important to them to have this extra time.

I also advise you to carefully check any Australian abduction events from 1990 to 1993 because they could be significant. I predict that abduction reports since 1994 will have a larger misinformation component; while the earlier abduction information will be more reliable.

I would like us to start the new millennium with a better knowledge base for the UFO phenomenon than we have had for the past 50 years

Human Culture

The Oxford Dictionary defines *culture* as "....mental or physical improvement by training; intellectual development; stage of intellectual development or civilisation (literature and science); the group or products or achievements resulting from this."

The human culture shared by all *Homo sapiens* comes from common body forms, sensory apparatus, from common needs for food and energy, a common capacity for verbal expression and common reproductive systems. All of these subtly structure our assumptions about reality (Toffler, *Cultures beyond Earth*, p.ix). We come from an industrialised world "our own ethnocentrism, our narrowly materialistic values, our powerful yet limiting *assumptions* about time, space, logic and causality, reflect our culture" (ibid, p vii).

Table 1: UFO Research over the ages

Decade	Activity	Man's perception of the communications received	Interest
2010s	Human control of Earth or human race perishes	World Government	Brotherhood vs democracy
2000s	Intra-terrestrial or extraterrestrial debate	Confusion	Which information is correct?
1990s	Abductions Orange balls of light as an abduction conduit	Close interaction recognised and cultural taboos pushed aside	Dinosaur ancestry (D. Barclay)
1980s	Orange 'foo fighters'/ Channellers / CEEs	Cultural taboos	Information explosion Environmental issues
1970s	Entities	Cultural taboo	Age of the horror film
1960s	Physical Trace Cases/ "Bayonn-Vichy line" (1961)/ cargo cult - PNG communication explosion July 1969 — Man landed on Moon	Technocrats IFO's (Man's psychological trauma continued at a higher stress level as the universe closed in on his consciousness)	Grid systems — energy/navigation. Science fiction became fact
1950s	Natural phenomena? — "cloud cigars"/ Contactees	Camouflage/ "space brothers"	ET Hypothesis originates Donald E Keyhole
1940s	'Flying saucers (1947)/ white 'foo fighters' (1943) 'ghost rockets' atomic bomb	Camouflage [Close contact realised for first time — dismissed and ridiculed but remains in human consciousness.]	Enlightenment Responsibility Guardianship of the environment begins.
1930s	Air ships Atomic bomb development	New age Improved news publications Start of information overload.	Party theme, everything a great joke, pranksters. Media starts widespread reporting of UFOs
1920s	Sightings from ocean liners	Poor UFO sighting records	
1908	Tunguska Explosion — (first crashed UFO?)		
1897	Great Air Ship Flap (USA)	No comprehension	Public indifference
1560s	Round and cylindrical objects	No comprehension	
593 BC	Ezkiel	No comprehension	Wonder and amazement at technology
45,000 BC	Cave paintings Lake Tungting, China	No comprehension	
114,000 to 173,000 BC	Rock art, Jimnium NT, Australia	No comprehension	For nomadic tribes, the time to construct this monument indicates high spiritual significance.

Human culture and alien culture may or may not be similar. If there has been a relationship between aliens and man over many centuries (be it master and servant, or other), then these cultures, totally dissimilar in 2000 BC, should converge in the 21st century as Mankind moves out into space.

Cultural artefacts and UFO abductions

Cultural artefacts can arise when people tell of their experiences and others copy them or vainly imagine they have had the same experience (Holyroyd, p.98.). The UFO abduction phenomenon contains examples of this. As the number of abduction experiences grows, non-experiences feel

excluded and peer pressure to remain part of the group leads them to report *copycat* abductions using imaginary material based on the testimony of others.

Abduction experiences

Ufology is now focussing on the abduction mythology, which is developing the same copycat lies and deceptions typical of the phenomena generally.

The Betty Andreasson abduction includes examples of this mythological information, such as the image of a phoenix rising from the ashes, images of self generation, and a funeral pyre as a traditional metaphor for the death and resurrection of Christ (a Judeo-Christian allusion). These

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Table 2: Abductee and contactee information

Date	Prophecies
Nov 1952, Parker (Arizona, USA)	Where do you come from ? "Venus" (or the second planet in another star system) "Too many 'booms!' will destroy (the Earth). Aliens live "according to the will of the creator, not by their own personal will, as we do here on Earth" Source: G.Adamski (Leslie & Adamski. 1953. p.185-222
1976 Jason Howard, 17	"A white fog comes over from the upper left side of the earth...Okay, it's going to be a cataclysmic event.. Yes, perhaps an atomic explosion similar to the first atomic bomb." (1 month before Jason turns 40 in 1999) Source: D.Jacobs (1992. p.142)
1987 Karen Morgan	Video camera to stay-off abductees — do not want disclosure Source: D.Jacobs (1992. p.260)
1988 Lynn Miller	Taller being communicated they were "...growing babies to be workers" Source: D.Jacobs (1992. p.314)
August 1993	Telepathic message received "Lets kill them" Witness response "these beings have no souls", their attitude "haughty, arrogant and condescending....contempt for us that stems from long familiarity" p 127, "I would not harm her. After all, I am her father." Source: Kelly Cahill , <i>Encounters</i> (1996)
1994 "W", Wollongong, NSW	Contactee telepathically told the aliens were unhappy with the poor treatment of EBE and cannot forgive Man for this treatment. Nuclear conflict would occur soon. W denounced Pope and world Governments as being exploitative and said that religion was little more an objective for people to believe in, and both have contributed to the upheavals on this planet. There ought to be enough resources for all to live happily and peacefully with one another. Source: UFOR(NSW) report 1994
March 1996 Casino, NSW	'We are not your friends' saw: box of human body parts Source: S & W Longley (Channel 7 News coverage, 1996)

perceptions were not made by Andreasson at the time of the abduction but by her abductors trying to become God, or who want us to think they are God (Barclay, 1995, p115).

If this is true, then anonymity is critical to the aliens' game plan. During abductions, aliens will typically provide screen memories or amnesia of the abduction experience itself. (Bramley, 1989). Vallee would call this *mind control*.

In his book *Intruders*, Hopkins points out that the aliens have high ethical standards. In all the cases he has investigated, there has not been "...even the suggestion of deliberate harm or malevolence to the abductee" (Hopkins, 1987). But he does indicate there has been psychological scarring.

A conundrum exists here. On one hand the aliens are fascinated by our typically non-alien emotions of tenderness and aggression. Yet if they created us (as proposed in Sumerian creation stories), they need to keep the spirit (soul) attached to the body

for us to perform our tasks for them (Bramley, p43).

This suggests the aliens know a great deal about human psychology and culture. Barclay points out that during the Betty and Barney Hill abduction (September 1961), Betty was shown the phoenix image. Yet Betty had no personal knowledge of this mythological metaphor until her sister explained it to her some time afterwards (although Betty is a fundamentalist Christian). Barclay states "...from this it can only be concluded that the UFO occupant wants to be taken for God."

Part of the alien program is preoccupied with maintaining a deliberate deception which reinforces the connection between UFOs and religion. A separate study by Cornu into visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, indicates that BVMs and UFOs are interconnected (Barclay, p123).

In recent years, many authors have examined the mythologies and religious beliefs of primitive societies. Their consensus

Table 3: the UFO-Religion connection

UFO	Fairy	Religious
Aerial Origin	Aerial/Earthly origin	Descend from sky/heaven
Bright, glowing	-	Halo, lighted clouds
Travel in discs etc	Travel in carriages, Magic carpets	travel in chariots, whirlwinds
Dwarfs, other humanoids, giants	Elves, Fairies, Goblins, Dwarfs	Angels, demons, devils
Materialise / dematerialise	Materialise / dematerialise	Materialise / dematerialise
Noise like wind	?	Noise like wind
Abduct men & animals	Abduct men & animals	Abduct men
Distort time perception	Distort time perception	Distort time perception
Exchange food/drink	Exchange food/drink	Exchange food/drink
Cause rings etc	Cause rings	
Promise to return	Promise to return	Promise to return
Selected contacts only	Selected contacts only	Selected contacts only

is that all such activity is connected (Arnold, 1983).

An alternative viewpoint

David Barclay has suggested an alternative history of vertebrate evolution from A.J.Desmond's research on hot-blooded dinosaurs. This places mammalian evolutionary development from dinosaurs, instead of the "traditional" route, via amphibians. The notion of placing our evolution from dinosaurs and not amphibians is supported by bone structures common to both man and dinosaurs. Many primitive reptiles have collarbones that brace the shoulder blades as in humans. The discovery of human footprints in a limestone slab in Missouri by Dr Burdick, indicates dinosaurs and Man co-existed. The footprints showed muscular details, and the swell of the heel and toes (Barclay,1995).

Barclay also supports the Hollow Earth Hypothesis advocated by Rear Admiral Richard Byrd after his North and South polar expeditions of 1926 and 1929. He cites recorded incidents of green flashing lights and rumbling noises, intended to deter Man's entry to the inner Earth. These incidents are associated with known cave networks in Australia, Czechoslovakia, and the United Kingdom where metal entrances have been found. This sophisticated technology of the inhabitants of the inner Earth includes UFOs. Barclay's claims a North polar opening to the Hollow Earth was photographed on 6 January 1967 by the ESSA-3 satellite, and again on 23 November 1968

by ESSA-7. A earlier account by R.S. Shaver in *Life* magazine in May 1951 reporting bug-eyed monsters and subterranean villains, gained great public interest and generated further strange accounts.

But does Humanity need abduction intervention? Barclay suggests that without continued supervision from outside, mankind would devolve to its natural wild behaviour patterns (Barclay, 1995, p37). Barclay theorises that we are the servants of a dinosaur race who now live in caverns within the Earth. Dinosaurs evolved some 350 million years ago, and Man only 200 million years ago. In their time, dinosaurs developed high technology such as rockets and UFOs. Their earlier development has allowed them to psychologically and physically control mankind. Indeed, they genetically developed Mankind to ward off alien colonisation by our war-mongering, destructive activities.

Bramley suggests that war-mongering has been programmed into human consciousness since ancient times. Velikovsky concluded that Man "seeks to regain the trauma" of desolation for supremacy of ideology and status. According to Barclay this is because, as servants, we do not have any status in ourselves as human beings, "we are only the dinosaurs' dogs of war."

To support Barclay's theory the 'grey' aliens are dinosaurs, the following patterns have been reported from abduction cases.

After considering the data in Table 4, Barclay's theory of dinosaur aliens appears more credible. The mammalian brain is

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Table 4: Similarities between dinosaurs and aliens

Features	Reptiles/dinosaurs	"Grey" aliens
Where seen	Have an established, specific territory	Specific territory (within UFOs, in room with a table - seldom seen outside UFOs)
Muscular responses	Slow reptilian pace	Slow reptilian pace (If abductee tries to escape, attendant aliens do nothing; other aliens recapture abductee in a slow methodical manner). Aliens have not been recorded to run or chase anything.
Taxis (response to environmental stimuli)	Selective responses; for example, group sunbasking.	Selective responses. Aliens group away from humans wherever possible, near brightly-lit areas.
Emotional responses	Minimal, logical	Minimal, clinical, logical (no gray areas to think about). Aliens astounded by human emotional reactions due to their intervention: Fear, anger and awe.
Defence mechanisms	Intimidate their opponents visually or aurally (eg. rear up, and hiss, or strike)	Intimidate opposition. Immobilise opponent or stun with light weapons; use mental telepathy to calm/settle abductees; overload human mental processes to freeze out terror/pain.
Eye physiology	Second eyelid or eye cover	Second eyelid or eye cover.
Brain function Note: <i>Homo sapiens</i> has all three brain parts (reptilian, neocortex and limbic systems)	Reptilian brain - "primal" brain creates patterns, habits, routines, instinctive behaviour, as well as a sense of territory and safety (de Beauport in <i>Sixth Sense</i> by Laurie Nadel, 1988)	1. Probably have a neocortex system divided into left and right hemispheres for rational, associational, visual/imaginal and knowledge. 2. May not have the Limbic (emotional centre) system.

made up of three parts; the reptilian, neocortex and limbic systems, which also supports Barclay's theory that mammals evolved after dinosaurs. "If UFOs exist — and they do — then whatever drives around in them will be pursuing *its own purposes* — not ours" (Ibid).

During the recent Longley abduction in March 1996 at Casino NSW Scott states he was initially in awe of his alien abductors and flattered to be "chosen", but this disappeared when one of his abductors gave him the clear message "*we are not your friends*".

Although at first glance, Barclay's theory seems "way out", it is typical of present research into the UFO phenomenon. It is possible that intelligent, dinosaurs could survive the Cretaceous catastrophe by living under ground. With a bit of luck, skill and 150 million years head-start on us, they may be influencing mankind today. However, I have the feeling they are not influencing mankind by themselves, but are working in collusion with aliens, if the abduction experiences we are reporting are for

real. Descriptions of reptilian entities during abductions are numerous.

This is not the full picture but merely a piece of the puzzle. To understand fully the alien intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon and to understand the exact nature of these visitations we need to rediscover our past and to fully understand what the human race is!!

In his compelling book *Gods of Eden*, William Bramley:

- Proposes that *Homo sapiens* was created in a test tube by aliens (as a *custodial society*) in the likeness of the aliens after three failures, all of which have been destroyed. Creation took place in the Mesopotamia region 5000-4000 BC. One of the first human civilisations was Sumeria.
- The failures could not succeed without a soul. If mankind were to develop his soul 'to become spiritually free', he would become god-like — equal to the aliens who created him. This greatly concerns the aliens; the present stunted

development of humanity deprives Man of his human and spiritual rights. Our "ignorance" is productive for the aliens. "Souls are infinite in number and consist of pure intelligence. Each soul is independent, indivisible, unconditional, incapable of change, immortal."

- Mankind has been servant to the God-master aliens who have maintained Earth and man through the ages by controlling his belief systems.
- In the "Garden of Eden" Man's original sin was his quest for knowledge — he was banished to enslavement for eternity.
- The priests of the 'Brotherhood of the Serpent' (200 BC) carried these traditions from dying "gods" who controlled the masses through a monarchical structure. Brotherhood of the Serpent offshoots include Christianity, Freemasons, Knights Templar, Hospitaler knights, Zoroastrians, Rosicrucians, Illuminati, Lutherans, Calvinists and so on.
- Flood, plague, famine, and genocide have been used as control mechanisms since.
- The main belief system handed down has been materialism, "the belief that everything, including thought and emotion, can be explained entirely by movements and changes in physical matter."
- These controls failed as the hardships created actually increased virtue and spiritual advancement.

Mankind has been manipulated throughout history to:

- Be in conflict with fellow men, and war against them over creeds or religions
- Age and die from the day of birth as expendable clones (built into our chromosomes)
- Struggle daily for his physical existence
- Become materialistic. This dominates our thoughts and emotions.
- Enjoy only what God allows and nothing else

- Become completely obedient to God's hierarchical structure of living (serfdom/feudalism) Monarchy/aristocracy are acceptable systems
- Accept apocalyptic judgements if he disobeys God
- Stop spiritual development, and development of the mind
- Void any sense of fairness and equity.

"The real UFO story must encompass all manifestations observed. It is a story of ghosts and phantoms and strange mental aberrations; of an invisible world which surrounds us and occasionally engulfs us; of prophets and prophecies, Gods and demons. It is the world of illusion and hallucination where the unreal seems very real, and where reality itself is distorted by strange forces which can seemingly manipulate space, time, and physical matter — forces which are almost entirely beyond our power of comprehension." (Keel, 1970).

Archetypes

Gregory Little's book *The Archetype Experience* (1984) uses Jung's 1952 theory of Synchronicity to solve the UFO "myth". Synchronicity means "meaningful coincidences where unrelated events are connected by meaning rather than causality" - the old adage of *the right place at the right time*. Two events occur simultaneously in time and space with no apparent causal connection.

Jung states "The psychic situation of mankind and the UFO phenomena as a physical reality bear no recognisable causal relationship to one another, but they seem to coincide in a meaningful manner. The meaningful connection is the product on the one hand of the perception and on the other of the round and cylindrical forms which embody the projected meaning and have always symbolised the union of opposites" (Jung, "A Visionary Rumour", *Journal of Analytical Psychology*, 1959).

"...Archetypal images often become dominant and energised in society as a whole". This massed psychology, involving everyone at the same time, energises the archetypal image unconsciously, creating delusion, deception, feeling, and compre-

hension without substance and understanding.

Synchronicity occurs when two factors are in place:

- A usually unconscious image enters consciousness, as an emotion. For example, an archetypal image (God) enters public awareness.
- An objective situation occurs simultaneously and is clearly seen as related to the emerging emotion. That is, a feeling is not understood consciously, rather it is experienced (such as UFO abductions).

Assuming all UFOs are IFOs then seeing a UFO conjures up an archetype image of a superior being, a “God” feeling, which immobilises the witness who turns inward for spiritual awareness in the 90% of the brain we do not use. Jung goes further to say that we can manifest external archetypes by an unrelated, unusual stimulus. From Little’s book:

‘In a UFO abduction, the hapless abductee’s attention is first caught by an unusual stimulus which momentarily transfixes the abductee by its strange and unexpected appearance. The stimulus is a highly mystical event. It is felt by the abductee. Paralysis is caused by a massive flow of energy into the abductee’s internal archetypal system by the external, and external, they work in unison to create the remainder of the archetype experience. Under this circumstance, conscious will is virtually helpless to act and the abductee primarily becomes an observer.

At this point the archetypal splinter assumes a physical form that both fits it’s nature and the nature of the now energised unconscious archetypal system within the abductee. In essence, the external archetype ‘reads’ the dominant archetype splinter within the abductee and conforms its appearance and behaviour to the abductee’s unconscious expectations’.

That is, alien abductors will vary in description and the messages they provide, ac-

ording to an individual’s experience, cultural expectations, and local technology.

Although I feel Jung is correct about the collective subconscious, and that archetypal splintering can explain variations in abduction events, the same event will mean different things to different abductees. Archetype splintering is good at explaining how contactee messages from God represent the subconscious feelings of the contactee to save the earth from pollution and mass destruction and not from the aliens themselves.

Contactee George Adamski attributed great kindness to his aliens—a reflection of his inner needs and comfort requirements. “His expression was one of understanding, and great compassion; as one would have towards a much loved child who had erred through ignorance and lack of understanding.” (It should be noted that Adamski’s telepathy was not well developed in 1953 and the alien had to nod to confirm Adamski’s conclusions.)

However, aliens do not give a stuff about mankind. The misinformation you hear about “good” aliens and “bad” aliens is a human perception and all such messages are our projections from a collective subconscious.

Under Jung’s theory we would never say anything bad about ourselves unconsciously, so any information we receive that we do not like is probably real, and originates from an external or alien source. This is supported by Barclay who states that aliens choose ego-driven individuals as contactees to manipulate Humanity as a whole. The purpose of contactees is to persuade us that “brotherly” aliens are here to save the world from itself. The high-ego individual then goes on a tireless mission to spread the word in a genuine, sincere and believable manner. This manipulation shifts our focus away from the aliens’ real objective, which is to enslave humanity.

Mind-control

UFO reports are unusual because they frequently provoke an amazing emotional reaction in an observer. People are stunned, excited and energised.

Post-abduction experiences frequently become obsessively focussed, developing an intense need for any and all information about UFOs. For many years, a ufologist may have been educating the public with minimal real interest. Then, after a single sighting, they may be inundated with demands for information from one or more individuals. This abnormal psychological reaction suggests some event has triggered a *reinforcement response*, an externally induced control response.

In his book *UFOs — the Psychic Solution* (1975), Vallec alerts researchers to the possibility of alien intelligence using mind control to condition the human race: "Drastic modification of the behaviour of an animal (including man) can be achieved by selectively reinforcing certain actions (for instance giving food to pigeon only when he presses a certain lever)" This effect is more powerful if the stimulus is periodic and unpredictable. Vallec believes the UFO phenomena is trying to control humankind, while Barclay states that the UFO phenomena is trying to *regain* control of mankind (Barclay, 1995). The UFO abduction phenomenon could become a new religious movement (Vallec, 1975) — the Raelian Foundation initiated after Claude Vorlignon's 1974 abduction is an example of this.

The impact of UFO occupants "by shaping man's long term creativity and unconscious impulses is probably enormous" (Vallec, 1975). Vallec believes the pattern of UFO activity from 1947 to 1962 is a reinforcement schedule for humanity: "...with every wave the social impact becomes greater".

Changing our behaviour and belief system has large repercussions in the future. "This attitude towards the authorities is an important component of the UFO phenomena. It enables the idea of a cosmic mystery to linger in the more shadowy areas of our imagination to influence much more powerfully our collective behaviour, reflected in treatment of UFO stories in the media and in books. Could it be that our reaction to the reports, individually and collectively, is as much a part of the UFO

phenomena as the objects themselves?" (Vallec 1975).

Abductees often go through a total personality change after their experience. Usually your persona is identifiably fixed by the age of 20, and remains constant until death. However, after abduction an abductee lacks confidence and becomes introverted; their personality changes.

In *The Cosmic Question*, Keel proposes mankind has a super-spectrum of extrasensory perceptions for dowsing fields, gravity fields, magnetic fields and so on. He believes that for many years a few scientists have suspected all living and inanimate things produce extra-sensory emanations. By controlling or inhibiting these emanations in humans, external entities could control an individual without their knowing it.

The Age of Reason

Living at the end of the twentieth century, we may be only three years away from a world catastrophe and yet we still go on striving for the Truth of who we are and what we are and our relationship to aliens, be as the 'containers' described by Bob Lazar (Barclay, 1995, p175) and 'X' Files. or as 'property' of the aliens (E & C Emuland, 1976, p173). These questions need to be answered for man to evolve into the next millennium.

Living at the end of the twentieth century is a fantastic period of history to be alive, thinking and working. Who we are and our relationship to aliens, are questions we need to address for the next millennium.

We are now genetically engineering crops and animals with human genes to better exploit them. A major question which arises is: does this cloning make us gods in the eyes of the clones, or do they inherit part of the human soul as well? Our brain is the center of personality and awareness; activating certain parts produces emotions, while the spiritual entity or soul is linked to the nervous system. In this materialistic world the soul's development has been slowed by religious doctrines and civil edicts over many centuries.

In this "Aquarian" age we are redeveloping our brains and our souls. This may be

of concern to our alien masters, but soulless humans are of no use to them.

Supermind

Interaction with extraterrestrials has become more popular since the 1980s with new groups forming in Australia. If we are to believe the collective consciousness theory, then interaction is possible at both the human level and the alien level, and may involve some universal or cosmic collective conscious.

“It is all done by our nervous system. As we advance towards higher intelligence, our brain can increasingly affect the universe by quantum inseparability, creating first coincidences, then Jungian synchronicities, then seemingly external superhuman beings, who are really masks of the greater selves we are evolving into. It is not all done by our nervous systems. As we advance towards higher intelligence, our brains can increasingly contact other higher intelligences. This includes contact with advanced adepts who are both human and inhuman, terrestrial and extra-terrestrial, and located temporally through what we call past, present and future (Holdroyd).

What it all means

Mankind is no longer the center of the Universe. Far from it. But we are still very important to ourselves, so how did we get here?

- We were moulded by aliens 175,000–200,000 years ago for some purpose for which we are still being abducted. Our DNA has been manipulated with theirs so we share some physical similarities
- The aliens created our belief and religious systems, providing codes of conduct to live by and socially stratified systems to reinforce their own master-servant relationship.
- The alien-human relationship is a dynamic and changing one. We think differently and have emotions. We are more individualistic and difficult to control.

Future research and investigation

The way UFO investigators go about their research has to change radically. The scien-

tific methodology ufologists have traditionally aspired to for the past 50 years has failed and lead us nowhere. That is why both Governments and aliens appear to be unconcerned about our research.

The self-censorship practised by many UFO groups on their own researchers, as to what is an acceptable research direction, has severely limited our work. The castigation of researchers who have been expelled from the inner circle of ufology must stop and we need to be more accommodating of diverse opinions.

We should work openly and as a team with contactees, channelers and psychics, and look at the whole phenomenon. We need to develop a conceptual understanding and full rapport between aliens and humans. In other words, we need to look at ALL the data fellow researchers can produce for the crucial information.

I suggest we explore the following:

- Re-examine UFO literature from the 1950s to understand and critique contactees such as George Adamski
- Research crop circle patterns by year and complexity
- Read about megaliths, ley lines, natural forces and earth harmonics
- Develop our own psychic abilities
- Critically examine abduction cases
- Investigate and research cattle mutilation cases
- Investigate and research non-human entity cases (NHEs)

Conclusions

Analyses of the UFO phenomena are confused and full of disinformation, deception and disillusionment. Ufologists need to sort out truth from fable—the real problem facing investigators now is their understanding of the human mind/body/soul interaction.

A crack in our self-limiting universe occurred with the release of the *1947 Roswell Autopsy* video in 1995. This alleged alien autopsy was very well handled by ufologists world-wide. Similarly, the release of information about a crashed UFO in Brazil in February 1996 through the Internet prevented censorship and reduced disinformation. UFO investigators are now at the leading edge of human endeavour and pro-

vide a major alternative to traditional Science.

“Penetrating the *cover-up* camouflage and correctly interpreting the true nature of the phenomena could well be the final stage of Man’s evolution” (Keel, 1978)

‘The UFO appears more to be one of the grimmest realities ever confronted by the human race’ (Breamley, 1995).

Investigating UFOs from a purely physical viewpoint has had its day. As Vallee states “.. examining all the spoons that Uri Geller bends will not give any insight as to how the spoons are being bent.” The UFO phenomena is metalogical not metaphysical. The UFO is the myth, the symbol, the language, the mythology, of things outside the *reality box* of our existence, and what we occupy our minds with.

We do not know the world we live in. Each day we try to order our chaotic lives. We do not know why we do what we do, we just do it, and call our activity “normal”. Perhaps our world is stranger than we think, and the UFO is just a part of it.

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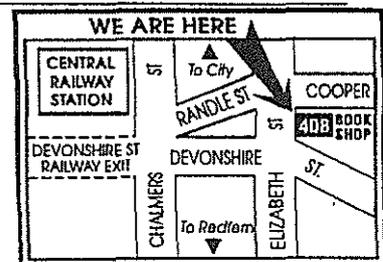
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What should an alien look like?

Doug Moffett

Let's start with the question — "is there likely to be other intelligent life in the universe"? A recent NASA announcement on finding what is believed to be a single-celled bacterial life form, organic compounds and evidence of liquid water has been found in a Martian meteorite. This suggests that Mars had an evolutionary cycle running similarly to Earth's cycle 3.6 billion years ago. It is obvious the once-fertile Mars was subjected to an enormous natural disaster, probably a large meteorite or comet, which destroyed its chance of being a life-bearing planet.

Had it not been for this single twist of fate, we may well have had two advanced civilisations within our own tiny piece of space.

We know the meteorite to be of Martian origin because of the unique ratio of gases found in the rock which provide a planetary fingerprint for Mars. World authority on the cosmos Carl Sagan claimed that if confirmed, the discovery would be "a glorious discovery of profound implications".

In addition, the Galileo space probe's recent fly-by of Europa, the largest of Jupiter's moons, has confirmed scientists' belief that this moon is the most likely habitat to support life in our solar system. Given the abundance of water there, the chance of subterranean oceans is high. The further towards the core of a planet or moon, the higher the temperature becomes, so that if we could look several kilometres below the frozen surface of Europa, we might well find liquid water with a temperature of between 1 and 50 degrees Celsius necessary to create and sustain life. All that is now required for life are the essential nutrients — amino acids, minerals and so from the moon's environment to create and sustain life.

We already know, from our Martian meteorite, that there is uniformity in the genesis of life in our solar system. We can therefore assume this genesis arose at least

3.6 billion years ago. Since then, given the right conditions for a similar evolutionary cycle, depending on the size of these proposed subterranean oceans, there is no reason why creatures living in such a marine eco-system should not attain at least the size and intelligence of dolphins. If we concede life to be universal, then evolution must also be universal.

In our own galaxy there are some one hundred thousand million stars. If we multiply this by the 100 billion galaxies the Hubble Telescope has confirmed to exist, we get a figure of 10 to the 22nd power stars in the known universe.

According to Dr. Frank Drake (President of the SETI Institute) there are 10,000 advanced civilisations in our Milky Way Galaxy alone. This gives us a figure of 10 to the 15th power advanced civilisations in our universe.

While this figure is not a *known* fact, the figures from the Hubble Telescope are, and Dr. Drake is a world renowned astronomer. Even if you disregard Dr. Drake's formula for determining the number of advanced civilisations in our galaxy, the chances of our Sun being the only star which supports an advanced civilisation are 10 to the 22nd power to one. And that is a known fact. To better understand this number, we could imagine a cube 20 kilometres on all sides filled with grains of sand one millimetre across. Each grain of sand would represent one star in the known universe. Dr Drake's advanced civilisations would only represent a cube of sand with 100 metre sides, within that larger cube of sand.

When you consider a figure like 10 to the 15th power for advanced civilisations, you think "diversity". Diversity on a scale impossible to fully comprehend. When you consider 10 to the 15th power environments, you think "diversity".

If we now consider the wide range of characteristics reported about alien craft or

UFOs, you think "diversity". So shouldn't aliens also look "diverse"?

Yet almost all CE3 reports maintain any aliens seen are basically humanoid in form.

Let me first establish what the *humanoid* form is: A biped with two arms and hands, two legs and feet, head on top of torso, eyes, nose, mouth and ears in basic human formation.

In an article in *New Scientist* from December 1991, Jack Cohen, a university lecturer in reproductive biology for 30 years, asks that while animals like dolphins, elephants, giraffes and so on have all descended from the same common amphibious ancestor and are all now so vastly different in form, then how likely is an alien species with no common ancestors or environment to have a humanoid appearance?

The reported "earthling-like" aliens, who could pass as any of us, are therefore more difficult to explain. The chances of two civilisations from different planets evolving identically, are astronomical. Surely the only explanation for these reports is that there has been some genetic intervention by these beings perhaps 150,000 years ago, or more.

But why would an advanced civilisation intervene genetically with a group of primates light years away?

- If we look to our own history for an answer it sheds no light, for, whenever a technically advanced race has intervened with a less advanced one, the reason has been for short term gain in one form or another. For example, consider the indigenous peoples of Australia, and North and South America, and so on. So why would these beings plant a seed that remains unharvested for 150,000 years on?
- If we consider the advanced knowledge of astronomy and engineering held by the ancient Egyptian and Mayan cultures. (For example, the perimeter of the Great Pyramid of Giza built at least 4,500 years ago represents 1/43,200 of the Earth's circumference. The height of the Great Pyramid represents 1/43,200 of the Earth's polar radius.) The Great Fortress at Sacsayhuaman in

Peru contains stones weighing up to 400 tons (R. Heinburg, *New Dawn* July-Aug 1996) leads one to think intervention did not stop at evolution but progressed through to sociological intervention.

- Considering also ancient cave paintings found in Australia and Europe. Artistically the beings these show were drawn or carved in human form save for helmets and occasionally some form of outer covering for the body. Do these representations indicate a lack of artistic expertise to portray their experiences, or were aliens in their time more human-like and more influential in their society'?

Certainly ancient peoples had a closer and more important connection with the universe and Nature. They were very sensitive to events or effects of nature, whether terrestrial or extra-terrestrial. Their societies were more given to being a part of the universe in a spiritual way than our more technological society of today. A oneness and belonging with the universe which the ancients had would surely have made them more acceptable to a larger universal family.

Perhaps this would explain why these ancient images of "earthling like" beings are in the minority, and fearful, unpleasant "grey" experiences provide the majority of today's extra-terrestrial experience.

One thing is certain and consistent, and that is the on-going reports of alien contact. As yet, there have been few significant reports of non-humanoid aliens. There may be two possible theories on this matter:

- Firstly, the humanoid forms reported may be holographic projections to gently ease us into accepting the existence of other life forms. If we were to see their true form, even more trauma may be heaped upon the witness, resulting in increased psychological problems.
- Secondly, the humanoid form is archetypal because all intelligent life will eventually evolve into that form by necessity.

Only this form gives us the necessary upright stance and opposing digits to create

a civilisation. Without these two characteristics any intelligent life-form would be hard pressed to do the same.

Does a being's destiny determine its appearance. If dinosaurs had not become extinct and continued with their evolution and domination of the planet, would intelligent life on this planet be bipedal, with opposing digits and reptilian biology and features, or are the seeds that were planted 100,000 years ago still awaiting harvest?

On quite another matter, I would like report an incident I personally investigated which strongly supports the presence of alien mechanical probes, as well.

On 10 April 1994 "Pam", heard her neighbour's clock chime 9.30 p.m. and excused herself to walk home, only one vacant block away. Half way back home, two amber disks "the size of dinner plates" materialised suddenly in front of her about an arm-and-a-half's length away. The two amber lights then took up position over her head. She did not look up but noticed there was a white sphere of light all around her.

She raised one leg to run, but was unable to. The two amber lights then returned to their original position in front of her. Pam felt "nothing and empty" during the experience. The two amber lights once again took up a position above her head. However, "after a short period" they continued behind

and away from her. She was then able to run and entered her house at around 9.55 pm in a very distressed state. Her husband was home at the time and verified the situation resulting in 20 to 25 minutes missing time.

After the event Pam complained of physiological effects, such as a hot face (although it was not hot to touch or red in colour), cold knees (she still had hot water bottles under her knees when I visited her three days later), and a vagueness and detachment in her home and work life, none of which she had previously experienced.

She had not recently begun any form of medication, her family life was stable and without incident. She had formerly displayed no interest in the UFO phenomenon. Her account of the events was in no way embellished upon from the original description I recorded the night after the incident. Pam made it quite clear she did not want any media attention over the incident.

Subsequent enquiries I made indicated that a rare form of catatonic epilepsy can occur, where a person is transfixed for a period of 20 minutes or more. However, these conditions are known early in life and not suddenly acquired at the age of 40 plus. This led me to conclude the amber disks were some kind of alien mechanical device.

Let our future not be limited by what we can see and understand, but rather by what we can imagine.

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