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The Truth went up in a puff of smoke on ABC a couple of weeks ago

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You knew I'd mess it up,
didn't you?



After all, you can't trust the
media to do a proper job



And we only had two hours
and it was sweeps week



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is that I'm extremely pretty



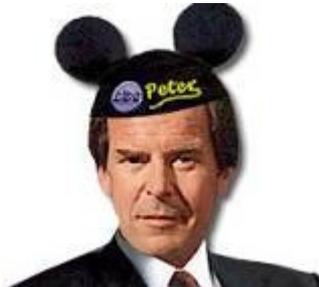
Not a hair out of place and
a strong chiselled jaw.



Gosh! I'm absolutely
gorgeous



And I'm also an alien



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Welcome



This edition is getting on for being two weeks late and the last edition was also a good week late as well. It's not hard for me to put my finger on the reason why. My other commitments are taking time away from my work on Review.

This is my first love, without question, so this isn't a build up to me explaining that we're going to stop. But if I am having difficulty meeting deadlines, then something has to be done and with great reluctance, I've decided that for the time being at least, UFO Review will become bi-monthly. Translation; we'll publish every two months instead of every month.

This would normally be the cue to launch into a whole parade of promises about how the extra time will permit us to produce wonderful editions brimming with all sorts of fantastic stuff. And it will, in the sense that the extra time will allow us to spend more time on the detail of each issue. So the next one after this will be at the beginning of May and all being well, we'll be prompt! Thank you for your patience.

The Peter Jennings UFO documentary has come and gone and left a trail of modestly happy to seriously frustrated people in its wake. Some were expecting an awful lot from it and others, like myself, got exactly what we expected. Of course, it couldn't be all things to all people but the two questions I guess I would ask afterwards are; has the subject of ufology been done any harm by the programme and has the programme itself advanced the cause of ufology in any sense?

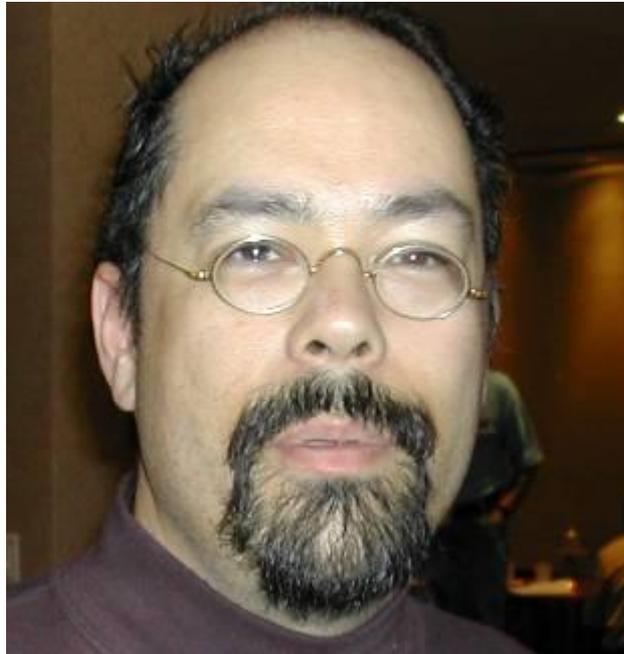
Obviously this is an opinion only but I thought ufology came out of it well. One of the things I tried to do was put myself in the place of an averagely intelligent viewer with no particular emotional ties to the subject. What would he or she have thought? After all, because there was "balance", there were opposing opinions and views on most of the topics discussed so you either switched your brain off and thought, "Stuff it. I can't make my mind up" or you came down on one side or the other. My feeling is that many would have been swayed in "our" direction. The witnesses featured were ordinary, articulate people who spoke with conviction and yet without the passionate zealotry that can cause you to have stirrings of unease. Restrained, controlled, quiet, understated assurance.

So, I certainly don't think the subject of ufology has suffered from the Jennings documentary at all, if anything the complete opposite, but has it advanced the cause? By a small step; yes. It presented it in a serious light and treated it with respect which was the least we could have asked for. There were certainly slights and unnecessary remarks and it wasn't the bulldozing ramrod that would bust through the wall of media indifference and so elevate the subject to a new level that some wanted.

But it could have been a lot, lot worse.

The Included Middle Man

Interview with **Greg Bishop**, former editor of *The Excluded Middle*, pirate radio presenter, and author of the soon to be best seller, *Project Beta; The Story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the Creation of a Modern UFO Myth*



Greg operates at what I call the subterranean level of Ufology, as perfectly defined by such publications as *Atlantis Rising*, *Viewzone*, and his own magazine, *The Excluded Middle*. It's hard to define really but you might call it an underground or alternative approach to the genre if you're really keen on pigeon holing him, with a strong semi political edge thrown in. His radio programmes on Radio Mysterioso, a pirate station in L.A. are a hoot. The window in the studio is open so the traffic noise outside can be heard, the phone rings and goes unanswered, there are occasional periods of dead air and if you're new to the wonders of pirate radio, then you might wonder what the hell is going on.

As you're about to find out, Greg is friendly with Bill Moore, the man who broke the story of Roswell and the MJ12 papers, along with Stan Friedman. Bill was also heavily involved in the Paul Bennewitz story and so when Greg decided to write up Bennewitz's legend, he naturally turned to his pal for help. The result was *Project Beta*, Greg's first book.

The book has been received, shall we say cautiously amongst the UFO community as it carries the "stigma" of Moore who endured the distrust of Ufologists after it was revealed that he had worked with AFOSI in relation to Bennewitz. When Moore stood up at a MUFON conference back in the 80s and revealed to the delegates that a lot of what they believed in and about ufology was in fact the result of air force intelligence disinformation, all of Moore's earlier good work was seen to go down the drain as far as they were concerned. The fact that the man was doing them an immense favour was overlooked by the fact that their belief

systems and indeed some of their work had been shaken to its foundations. Moore is unquestionably one of Ufology's earliest heroes and yet it took years before some would even mention his name again.

Hence the slightly reserved nature of the reception to this book; folk are worried that there will be even more unpleasant revelations contained within that they would rather not hear about. There aren't.

This interview was recorded on 23rd February 2005.

SM: In our prior email correspondence, you commented about a slightly negative review of the book that had appeared on Amazon.

GB: The guy gave it five stars but he said he didn't know if any of it was true and that the premise of the book was that everything about UFOs was made up by the government. He either didn't read the book or he read it with a preconception that he kept.

SM: I'll tell you something. When Nick (Redfern) launched the book publicly, Nick's emails everywhere were the first I think that most people knew about the book.....

GB: Oh really? God, I have even more to thank him for than I thought I did. I just saw a couple of the reviews he put up. They were really positive and I was very happy about it.

SM: Oh he did, he reached out and really pushed very hard and got others to get behind it too. Let's put it this way, I don't think the UFO community could not have known the book was coming out. But the point I wanted to make was, to an extent, Nick's email gave that same impression. Maybe that guy read it and just absorbed it and went into the book with that attitude. Nick had certainly convinced me, before I'd started to read the book, that all of ufology was a myth and it was a very pleasant surprise to open the book to realise that that's not what you're saying.

GB: I'm saying that a great deal of the wackier elements of ufology, especially the stuff that happened about underground bases, exchange of technology and that aliens seeded the planet with religious leaders, all that's either been made up or capitalised on by the Intelligence agencies. It's hard to get that across to someone who has no grounding whatsoever in the field, and that's the kind of people who want to buy the book so it has to have some kind of point, and you can't have these grey areas where people get disinterested or confused.



Nick Redfern

SM: But the difficulty with this stuff is, well for example, a letter would have been sent to Bennewitz and within that letter, there would be a large element of disinformation and made up crap and so on, but there would also be elements of truth and the trick is to identify those elements that are true. I can't remember the name of the air force officer who wrote a particular letter to Bennewitz, it's the one where he goes on about the four rolls of film, but then he goes on about Roswell. Now if you weren't reading that within this book and

knowing that a substantial part of it was a load of bunk, it's very compelling. It's the sort of thing you not only want to read but also to believe.

GB: Yeah, exactly. I think they tapped into that "want to believe" vein very well and the main reason was to keep people away from sensitive air force projects and the secondary reason was to find out who was interested, why, and what they think. And the third reason, which not many people talk about but which I think makes a lot of sense is that they got off on it. They thought it was kind of funny.

SM: What, just basically yanking people's chains?

GB: Any job you do there are boring parts and standard parts, and these are government people. They were actually leading these people on a wild goose chase and that is the point of counter intelligence, to lead people away from what they didn't want them to see. Well, they did that and they also capitalised on these stories. Rick Doty grilled Bill Moore on different aspects of the UFO phenomenon – its history, different cases etc and then capitalised on those when talking to other people. Like for instance Linda Howe; I mentioned that little episode in the book too.

SM: Just for the record, could you specifically identify commonly held beliefs within ufology that, as a result of your research, are clearly bunkum. The first thing that comes to mind is Dulce, so presumably there is no underground base at Dulce?

GB: I'm pretty certain there isn't a base there. There was something placed there to make him think so though.

SM: Oh, the vehicles and shafts.

GB: He (Bennewitz) got the idea there was something there from the episode with Myrna Hansen. I don't know if I made that clear because it wasn't clear to me where he got the idea that there was a base at Dulce.

SM: Oh, you did make that clear, you did make the connection or the implied connection because I remember you saying that within her testimony that she said she was taken to an underground base.

GB: The funny thing was she was taken to an underground base, well she said she was, I have no idea, but the funny thing was, she described part of the Manzano nuclear weapons storage complex very accurately. There was no way she could have been there or known anything about it. She didn't know anyone in the military as far as I know, and the air force was very disturbed about that. Dulce began with the idea that Bennewitz had that there was a base there and that the air force and the NSA to some extent were quite happy to let him believe that and encourage it because it took his attention away from Kirtland AFB.

So that's one of the myths I suppose that has grown up. There are unexplained things about that. I can't remember the man's name but he came out in, I think the early 90s and said he'd been a guard at that base and he was going around lecturing about it. Then he surprise, surprise, died mysteriously of some fast acting disease or he killed himself, I can't remember which, sometime in the mid 90s. That's the only reference I've seen where somebody has said that they were actually there but I don't know what his motivations were, what he thought or whether he was a crazy person and if anybody ever checked up on him.

The other thing they brought up with Paul was specifically in this letter from this guy, I think he was with the NSA but he was working with Lockheed at the time. He's actually around and I know his name but I don't want to give it out because I didn't have his permission, I didn't talk to him.

Some of the things he said in that letter, that there were two races, the Ebans and the Sweads, that's the kind of stuff that's taken directly from 1950s contactee mythology or whatever you want to call it. Whether there are Aryan white skinned space brothers coming and telling us that we're destroying ourselves is still an open question to me. They capitalised on that and got him going on that and I believe some of these same people were also talking to John Lear, Bill Cooper and people like that after Bennewitz to keep that mythology going because it allowed them to keep track of how their rumours had spread, and like I said before, who was interested in it.

And if people are interested and come flocking to these stories, it was important to find out what their interest was because a lot of counter-espionage is done under the guise of being an innocent UFO researcher. I'm not talking about American citizens at that time specifically. Soviet citizens actually.

SM: You did really surprise me with that revelation about those two sub contracted private detectives taken on by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy who did turn out to be Soviet agents. Because sat here 3,000 miles away, when you look back at the mid 80s, you don't still expect America to have this "reds under the bed" syndrome.



An old picture of Bill Moore

GB: Yeah but it wasn't. It was people hanging around military bases. There was a Chinese guy that they were worried about for a while who said he was a UFO researcher who mysteriously up and disappeared and went back to China in the late 80s or early 90s. But the reason they're interested in these UFO researchers is because a lot of these sightings occur around military bases, a good deal of them, and when people are out there at specifically places like Area 51 and at the time Bennewitz at Kirtland, you've got a bunch of people sitting round saying they're looking at UFOs when maybe two or three of them are not. And the air force and other people there are very interested in these people that are saying, "I'm just out here looking for UFOs and taking pictures". And in the mean time they're taking pictures of the base, taking pictures of things that fly in, trying to get into other areas saying they're UFO researchers and what they are really interested in is espionage and that's what the air force is mainly concerned about. That's what got their interest.

If Bennewitz had just said they were UFOs, they would have just thrown him in the kook file like anybody else and we would never have heard of him. But he took it a step further and got very noisy about it.

Also, he was very smart and knew how to figure out some of these things. Apart from his blind spot about the UFO subject, he was looking at drawing attention to things that were in plain sight and other things that weren't in plain sight and they didn't want other countries to know about. And yes, they were concerned about the Soviets as they had the most interest and the most wherewithal and agents stationed in this country to do this kind of thing. We had agents in Russia too and that's part of the story as well.

SM: Oh yes indeed and very adept ones according to the information in the book. But that's another aspect. I wouldn't say that you show an element of sympathy towards the Intelligence agencies but you do put them in a context whereby they are seen simply to be doing their job as opposed to vilifying them.



The best pix of Bennewitz that's available

GB: I think they, specifically Richard Doty, went a little bit further than doing his duty because I think he got off on it but yeah, for the most part that's their job. They think they're doing the right thing and while I don't agree with the fact that somebody had to be driven crazy and I think they could have done it a different way, they thought they were doing the right thing and weren't doing anything wrong and the fact that one person had to go nuts and was getting more nuts as time went on didn't concern them nearly so much as someone in Russia finding out what they were doing there. And even

beyond that, as I mentioned, they had assets stationed in Russia and if they found out that somebody over here was getting codes for these satellites and sending them back to Russia, they would immediately have gone in and done a house cleaning and found out who the moles were and how the information was getting out. People have been deported, arrested, imprisoned or worse. And to them one person going crazy because of his UFO beliefs was far preferable to having an entire network of spies being brought down by just leaving him alone. That was their trade off. I can see their reasoning there but I'm not happy about what happened to Bennewitz and like I said, I think they could have done it in a different way.

SM: Well OK, how do you think they could have done it differently?

GB: Well.....(thinks)

SM: Couldn't they just have sat him down and said, "Look, you aren't listening to signals from UFOs and aliens. You are listening to highly sensitive black projects. Leave it alone."

GB: Actually, you've answered the question for me because I haven't really thought about that before. Yeah, exactly. He considered himself loyal, patriotic, etc. I think he was in the coastguard or something in World War 2, he actually enlisted, he wasn't drafted and they could have appealed to his patriotism and said, "Look, you're onto things you shouldn't be on to. As a loyal citizen, could you please not worry about it? It doesn't have anything to do with UFOs and we'd rather you didn't mess with it." I thought that was what they had done when I first started the book.

The mistake, which you've pointed out here, was to decide that they could get more out of him, get more out of the project by letting him continue with his folly and finding out how he found out what he did so that they could prevent it from

happening again. And to do that, they had to let him persist in these illusions to keep his interest and to keep him going in the direction he was and take it as far as he could so they could find out how far he could go and therefore how far any other reasonably intelligent electrical physicist could go. The decision was made to get more out of him by keeping him going then to just tell him to quit it and stop it because the Intelligence community, when they move, they make sure there is a multiple upside to what they're doing. Instead of taking care of just one problem, they can take care of 5 or 6 or 8 problems if they can do it. They didn't consider that he'd go crazy. When he did, I think some people were concerned but they were more concerned with keeping the secrets and getting the job done.

I don't know that I agree with that methodology but a lot more lives have been saved by having spies running around preventing wars, I think, then everybody keeping secrets to themselves and having misunderstandings etc. It's a funny way to talk for most people, especially the very lefty people I hang out with. I guess I consider myself the same but there are good reasons for a lot of this stuff and a lot of it prevents a lot of unnecessary conflict and bloodshed. That's the point of it and that's what they thought they were doing.

SM: What drew you to write the book? What attracted you to write up Paul Bennewitz's life?

GB: It was one of 4 or 5 proposals I sent out and that was the one that Simon and Shuster wanted. The other main reason was that I had a personal connection because I have known Bill Moore since 1988 which is kind of late in the game, but it was the year before he made his announcement in Las Vegas that freaked everybody out and that really affected me because I was there at that conference. I was sitting at Bill's table helping him sell books and things and he wouldn't tell me what he was going to talk about. He said that it was really going to blow the lid open and make a lot of people mad but maybe a lot of people will have their eyes opened and we can do things differently.

So when the lecture was about to start, I walked in and took a seat about two thirds of the way up the front. Phil Klass was in the front row with a tape recorder and Bill started his lecture and a few minutes into it, people started yelling at him and interrupting him. I've never heard such a violent reaction to anything – politically or otherwise. I wondered why that was and why people were so mad that it began my interest. I knew Bill and as time went on, I asked him more and more questions about it. I thought this would be a story to cover as no one else was going to talk about it. Bill was in the middle of it, we were on friendly terms and I thought he'd tell me more than he might tell somebody else and that indeed was what happened.

SM: Tell us about that announcement.

GB: It wasn't specifically about Bennewitz. He was part of it but the speech ran for about two and a half hours, it was a long talk.

SM: Good grief.

GB: Well, it would have run shorter but he kept getting interrupted. The State director kept having to get up and say, "Look, let Bill say what he has to say. He's here to give a....." which was answered followed by shouts of things like, "Why should we? He's full of crap." The announcement was that many of the stories that had been circulating about underground bases, abductions in exchange for technology, alien intervention in human events throughout history, specifically those three things were mainly the product of a disinformation campaign and that

Ufologists who were listening to government people who were thinking that they had an inside source and this was the real stuff, his warning was, you had better watch out because a lot of that stuff is not true and I know because I've been through it. At first they were confused because they thought he was one of them, and he was up to that time, and I think he still was.

Now suddenly a lot of the things they'd been told and a lot of the things they'd built their reputations on were in question. He said, "I had the wherewithal to find out these things and you didn't." That's a very bad thing to say to a Ufologist. Somebody that's been working on something for a really long time, to say to them, "Hey, you that have been working on this for 10 years. Most of what you're talking about and putting in your newsletters and saying at your lectures is based on false information." That's a really hard one to handle for anybody. They got very upset with him. I could see why they'd get upset but I couldn't understand why they'd stay upset for so long. Now it's been over 15 years since he gave that talk and his interest in ufology dropped off. Actually I've had him on my internet radio show about 3 times and I always get old line Ufologists listening in and commenting on it. Nobody says anything bad. It's all kind of sunk in. It's taken about 10 years to get this information to sink in and for people to realise there were a lot of things that were false. In fact a couple of them said, "Well, I knew that all along anyway" and these are the people that were yelling at him in the beginning.



Rick Doty

SM: Another thing that the book has done for me is clarify Bill Moore for me because I've always been very confused about him up to now in terms of how he was seen. Sometimes when he was referred to, it would be in a negative sense. At other times it would be in a positive sense. Obviously, I was well aware of his long time connection with Stan Friedman. Stan has never said a bad word about him that I can find. But always there was this thing about, "Well he was involved in psyops (psychological operations,) he was involved with Bennewitz" and it's been very confusing trying to justify him in terms of his place in ufology. But in terms of how far I'm into the book, the impression I get is that he was as much a victim as anybody else.

GB: But you know what? He was a willing victim. He agreed to be a victim.

SM: Well yes, but he had an enormous carrot dangled in front of him.

GB: Yes he did. Let me back up a little bit about Bill. It's very hard for me to come in and condemn Bill because for one thing, I've seen what's happened from that lecture on and what people have said and his attempts to explain himself and them not listening because most people, especially if you're highly emotional about it are not going to be listening to what's coming out of your mouth. Whatever you say is going to be interpreted the way you want to hear it when it comes into your consciousness. That happens with everyone. If you've ever been in a relationship then you know that!

The point with Bill is, and as this isn't a radio interview so I can bring this up, I don't know how much interest there is in the Academy Awards but remember that

director who was given an award and who had given names to the Committee of Un American Activities and a lot of people were mad at him for that, Elia Kazan. They gave him a life time achievement award and half the people stood up and clapped and the other half ~~stayed~~ sat. Warren Beatty, who tries to appear as one of the most left leaning people in Hollywood, got up and clapped and Ed Harris who was a little bit younger just sat there with this grim look on his face. The point with Beatty was, and he said this in the press when they asked him this, why he was the way he was with Kazan given his politics, and he said, "I knew him personally, he gave me my start, he was very kind to everybody I know and I have a hard time turning on him because of that. Or something to that effect.

And that's how I feel about Bill. As far as I can tell, he's always been very straight with me, as much as he could be, if he could tell me something he would, if he couldn't he'd tell me why. And he would also tell me things he didn't want to get out to the public but he thinks will help me in my search for whatever I'm looking for. If he can help me out, he'll give me some titbits of information but occasionally I'm not supposed to spread them anywhere.

From that aspect I find it hard to pillory Bill and like you said, the fact that he had something dangled in front of him which any of those people that were yelling at him, I'm certain if they had gotten that deal, many of them would have done the same thing.

SM: The feeling I've had so far in terms of Moore's relationship with Doty and AFOSI is that so far, it's almost been all one way traffic. So far, Bill doesn't seem to have got much back. Does he? (Editor's note here; sometimes one asks stupid questions without thinking and this was probably the dumbest I've ever asked). Did they show him the golden egg so to speak?

GB: I think they gave him the biggest hint they'd given anybody up to that point, through different documents. At first they gave him that fake one just to make sure he wasn't the sort of person to go spouting anything. They wanted to make sure he was very careful about what he did and once he assured them of that, they said, "OK". That Eisenhower briefing document, the famous MJ12 thing came out in 1986. Before that he had gotten bits and pieces, he'd received something called the Carter briefing document. He was led to a hotel in upstate New York after flying all over the country and given 30 minutes with these documents. They said he could do anything he wanted to do with them for half an hour and then they would take them away. All these little documents had hints about what had happened in the past, what records specifically the Air Force had on UFOs, what they thought about them, and some people associated with studying them.

Some of these documents might have been genuine, some might have been partially genuine, some might even have been completely fake but he knew at the beginning when he was given stuff, it would be his job to check it out. Nobody else was being given this access at the time and it went to about '88 or '89 when it finally trickled off. In that time, a lot, in fact maybe most of the documents we've come to know as the bedrock of FOIA government released information on UFOs were given to Bill Moore and Jamie Shandera. Jamie is in the background here but he played a very important role in all of this. He worked very closely with Bill. In fact the MJ12 documents were mailed to his house in 84 or 85 I think, which was not too long after Bill got involved.

So they did follow through on their promises but implied within that promise was that he had to find out what was true and what was not. "We're not going to do it for you. We'll give you hints." Now if they were giving him hints about something that was actually true, he was never able to determine that, which was basically

why he stopped. He said, "Look, I went as far as I could and I couldn't find out for sure. And I got as far as anybody at that point." He got his side of the deal except that they didn't give out anymore than they wanted to or they had to.

SM: Does he regret his involvement with them now?

GB: No, not at all. The only thing he said that he regretted was that speech in Las Vegas and I think I say somewhere in there that he doesn't think he would have been so arrogant about it at the time. And he was. He was a little self-righteous but I think the reason was because so many people were cutting him down and saying he was full of it and they weren't going to listen to him, and all that. He got really mad at them and decided to answer them in this way; "OK, if you don't think it's real, I'll tell you what's been happening and you can tell me what you think of that."

SM: Where in all this do the MJ 12 papers sit?

GB: In the Bennewitz story?

SM: In relation to Bill Moore.

GB: It fits in, in that it was part of the deal he had made. He kept tabs on people, reported on what they were thinking and their opinions and what they knew at the time, what kind of reports they were investigating and what rumours were making the rounds in the UFO field. In return he got documents and the block buster was the Eisenhower briefing document saying there was a group of 12 people convened by Harry Truman in 1947 to deal with the UFO subject. Bill now thinks that document is probably false or mostly false. At the time he had no idea. People said he championed the idea of it being true throughout the late 80s and through the 90s but he published a book called the *MJ12 Documents* where he discussed all the documents he was handed by the government and how authentic he thinks they are. Two or three of them out of the six or eight he thought were completely false, some he said were probably mostly disinformation and others he said probably were true as far as he could tell.

The people came out and said, "He brought out all this stuff and he said it was true and he was spreading disinformation", well that isn't true. If you look at the written record of what he said, he judged them each on their own merits and tried to figure out if something was real or not. As far as I can tell, he was really careful about it.

Another thing he did was to put out altered documents and people got mad at him about this too. He'd leave out certain things or change things and I asked him why he did that. I said, "Did the government tell you to do that?" and he said, "No. They just gave it to me and said do what you want with it. I did that because if somebody came back to me with a bit of information that I thought I could use, if they hadn't picked up the false parts that I changed or guessed at the bits I'd taken out, I would use that in judging how accurate and how reliable their information was." I think that's legitimate, it doesn't bother me. They said he was spreading disinformation. This is something he learned at this ad hoc spy school that the air force put him through. They actually trained him to be a low level spy. He did other things besides UFO things which I also point out in the book.

He says he never got paid for it. His only pay were these documents that he could do what he wanted with. For one thing, they were a very valuable information source for anybody looking into this kind of thing and for another it makes you

feel like you're kind of important. He's not a prideful person, I've noticed that, but if you get his dander up, if you get him irritated with stupid questions or you don't listen to him or argue or discuss something in an illogical manner, he doesn't have very much patience. That's just his personality. I respect him – I wish I could be that way. I'm too patient.

SM: What was, in the end, his opinion of Bennewitz? How did he feel about him?

GB: I don't think they were ever any kind of close friends but according to people I talked to, and that Publishers Weekly Review took me to task for not getting more into people's personalities and motivations, but the main character, Bennewitz, nobody except for his family and I guess other people I couldn't talk to or knew about, knew what his personality was and what made him tick. What his basic demeanour was. Really, all they knew him from was from the UFO subject and since Bennewitz, at least at that time was quite obsessed with it to the exclusion of his own business and his family, that's all they knew him by. I asked Bill about him too and he said he didn't know much about him either except for visiting him on a few occasions to talk about this subject and to tell him a few things he could tell him to try and put the brakes on a little bit.

One thing he did say about Paul was that his filters weren't very good. Anything that agreed with what his preconception was, he would accept without any hesitation and he would incorporate it into growing theory about what was going on. At the end, after the Air Force lost interest, Bill lost interest and didn't hang out with him that much either.



Gabe Valdez who looked deeply into cattle mutes

Richard Doty actually hung out with him, he said, after all this and tried to be friends with him but his family, and particularly his son Matthew, didn't want Doty to have anything to do with him. He blamed Doty for sending his father to a mental institution and making his health deteriorate. I don't disagree with him. He was a family man. But the thing is, the family I think have a lot of contracts with the government and they don't want to mess those up by suing them.

To the question of what Bill thinks of Paul, I think he only thought of him to the extent of how he dealt with the UFO subject and what his beliefs were, and what he was doing with that information.

They hung out a little bit, they had lunch occasionally, he went to his house a few times, but it wasn't like this ongoing, everyday thing. Bill lived in Arizona at the time which is about 300 or 400 miles away from Albuquerque so he didn't see him that much.

Bill feels it could have been done better. He feels sorry for Bennewitz but he also knows what the stakes were. He had made an agreement and he had to stick to it which meant not telling Bennewitz why he was interested in him. He thought he was just the guy that had written the Roswell book and the Philadelphia Experiment and was a board member of APRO and to him this meant somebody who knew what they were talking about and was interested in what he was doing.

SM: You do, in the book and probably inadvertently, paint an extremely comical image of the intelligence agencies walking into Bennewitz's house the moment he walked out. This ridiculous situation of even Doty being in there once and the orange orbs and Doty turns round and says, "Are those ours?" It's almost like they were tripping over each other.

GB: The thing about the orbs was; who knows what they were? Bill saw them too. Doty either doesn't know what they were or he isn't telling. I talked to him for about almost 3 hours one time, on the phone sporadically here and there. but mostly in this interview in this restaurant. I think he's an old intelligence guy – he doesn't like talking on the phone, so we sat in this *Denny's* out there in Grants, New Mexico and talked for a while. He was very nice, very polite and very forthcoming about a lot of stuff but he also fed me a lot of crap and I knew it too. Same thing he did with Bill and the point was, the only way I would put something in the book was if somebody else mentioned the same thing or if somehow, from another source, I got confirmation of what Doty had said. Two or three people say something then I included it as part of the story. If it were just Doty or just Bill, I would say that in the book. A couple of times I say, "Well the only person that told me this was so and so".

One exception was the fact that Doty was on the base at Area 51. He told me that and how am I going to check that out? There isn't really any way.

SM: You've said there that all these intelligence agencies knew what they were doing but the impression in the book is that they didn't. It sounds like a chaotic mess on Kirtland. The NSA were involved in projects on Kirtland and Doty didn't know about them.

GB: Exactly. They wouldn't tell what they were doing. There might have been somebody at the base who sort of knew what was going on but the intelligence agencies at least back then, I don't know how they're going to be doing things now, they were very secretive even with other intelligence people because you don't know who these people are. Even if they're checked out, they're not cleared to know what Project "X" is so you're not going to tell them about it unless you absolutely have to.

If Doty needed to know they were putting together some sort of system to encrypt messages or communications with weapons or something like that, they'd tell him. But if he wasn't, they wouldn't tell him and they'd keep him in the dark about it and as far as Doty or anybody else was concerned, they had no business to ask. And if they didn't get a straight answer, they would drop it. The fact that they're so secretive between each other causes these problems and makes it kind of comical, yes, but the reason for it is just the weird echelons of who needs to know what.

SM: What is your impression of Richard Doty? What do you think of him?

GB: Let's see. I think he enjoyed that job. Keeping secrets, lying to people, keeping things from some people and not from others, having access to something that most people don't; he enjoyed that. A lot of people would. I don't know if I'd enjoy lying to people and playing games with them, I'm not that kind of person, but his personality was such that I think he likes to do that. Personally, when I met him, he didn't say anything cryptic, he didn't give me the impression he was trying to mess with me but since I knew he was that kind of person, I could pick some of those things out. While I was sitting there I just kind of let it all flow. He didn't let me record it and I had to remember everything he said and

immediately run back to the hotel and take two hours typing up everything he said so I wouldn't forget it.

SM: That was actually my next question; you said he bull shitted you to a degree and you explained your criterion for actually putting information he gave you for putting into the book. Could you give me an example of something he told you that wasn't true or you didn't believe was true and didn't end up in the book?

GB: He told me that one time Paul had been given a contract to work on something for the air force and he had gone out to this testing area out in the mountains near Albuquerque to do this on government land. He said while he was there he saw a UFO and took pictures of it, really good pictures. He told Doty about it and Doty had to go later to his house when Paul wasn't there and replace the pictures Bennewitz had taken with blank frames and keep that information for the government. I was thinking, "Well there's no way I can find this out. It sounds interesting but I don't know whether I can put it in the book."

Then I get back and I was talking with Bill about it and he starts laughing so I ask him why? He said that's just like Rick and he's come out with that story before with people and he's never seen it in the literature or anything and he know its complete junk.

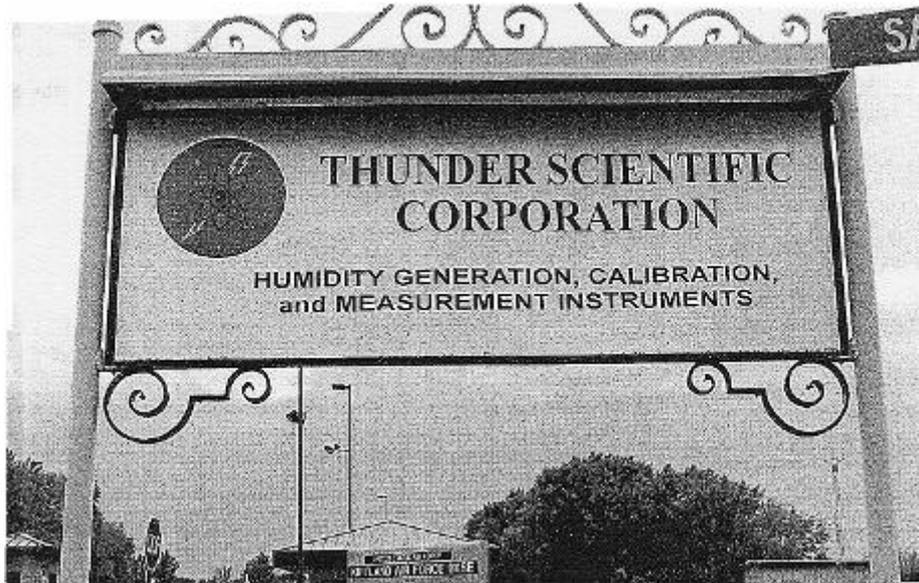
But the thing was, I think he was telling me that to let me know that's what he did with Paul generally anyway. He'd go into the house, they'd find things which were sensitive and take them and either not replace them or replace them with blank frames and just generally keep tabs on him and keep the most sensitive stuff, whatever that might be. I think he was giving me a little hint there as to his modus operandi and what was going on with the fake story.

There was a physicist from the air force who did the same thing with me. He didn't really tell me fake stories but he would answer questions I asked him later in the conversation or the next day or the next week or the next month, in another way. It's a very weird thing. It takes time to pick up on this and realise that's what's going on. I didn't realise it until I got home. I thought, "Oh my god, he's giving me a hint about what was going on at the base by not answering my question directly but telling me to look in a certain area." This guy drove me on to Kirtland air force base and drove me around and showed me things. This physicist is now in his 70s and he was in charge of a lot of things on the base and I asked him what they were so interested in, a fairly straight forward question. And he said he wasn't really sure and there were a lot of things going on at the base at the time. He didn't think it was the electro magnetic testing platform because that turned out that it didn't do the job it was supposed to do after all that effort. Most of it is underground now and he drove me by it and I saw these antennas on top of it and there are bunkers underground and they do the testing under there now so you can't see it.

But he also drove me near the Manzano weapons complex and at one end there's the Star Fire optical range. And we could see it from the road there. You can't see it from Albuquerque or from anywhere outside the base but we could see it there. It was off in the distance, maybe half a mile to a mile away. And he said, "Oh, did you know about this guy, Bob Fugate? He used to work there. He figured out all kinds of stuff. He figured out this adaptive optics system, which was a big deal at the time.

SM: I've got to say, that certainly was. The way you described that and the way they got round the problems with that was absolutely brilliant.

GB: But I think he said that to answer my question that I'd asked two days before. He didn't answer me then. He answered it in this oblique way when we driving around the actual base.



Bennewitz's business premises

SM: So it sounds like with these people that they have to think very carefully, they actually have to go away and think about an answer to the question. They sound like they're being helpful but they don't give you a direct response.

GB: I don't think they go away and think about it. I think they know exactly what they're doing the whole time. I think this guy was smart enough that he knew that he would direct the way that he would give me the information. He talked about a load of other things. He was interested in religion and spirituality, the Bible; he's a very religious person. When we went out to lunch he would say grace before eating. He said it to himself; he wouldn't make me do it. But we talked about so many other things as well and I didn't really remember anything from those conversations because I didn't think they were really important. Now I'm thinking it probably wasn't very smart.

You meet some of these government people and people that are involved in secret projects, and they're completely different from anybody you might know. They might drink a beer and have fun and talk about when they were in Vietnam and whatever. But, if you're asking direct questions about things, if they can talk about it they might just answer your question but if you're not backgrounded in figuring out what they're saying, you'll never catch it, and they don't care. If you don't catch it, they're not going to repeat it. They'll help you as much as they can, and I think those are the kind souls in the spy business. There are others that are either completely uncooperative or will say something to lead you astray specifically. I don't think anybody I was talking to while I was doing the book did that in any specific or malicious way, as far as I could tell. I was really lucky with that.

SM: How high up the chain of command do you think Doty was? How genuinely knowledgeable was he? You start the book with you sat with him in this restaurant and he tells you straight out, UFOs are real.

GB: He believes that. As far as I can tell, I'm 80 to 90% sure of that. He's been exposed to a lot of things that we aren't and he said that. I don't know for a fact but I'm pretty sure he has. He got to captain rank or something by the time he retired and he got into trouble for various things; making up stories and causing problems. He got a little over zealous in what he was doing and made some headaches for the air force. I talked to another guy, my friend Walter who was in AFOSI from about '92 to '96 approximately, he was an agent same as Doty was and they actually give them a lot of leeway as to how they do their job. They get orders but unlike a lot of other military organisations, they get a lot of latitude about how they go about doing their jobs. From our point of view, that looks like Doty had a lot of power and he was high up in the military etc. But the thing is, while not being a low level grunt, he was also not somebody in a command position. He was carrying out orders. It doesn't mean he was stupid or that he didn't know how to do his job or that he couldn't have had a higher rank or whatever. What his position and job description dictated as regards to Bennewitz and with what went on at the bases, he was tasked to keep tabs on who was looking at what, how much they knew and if they were communicating with anybody then how they were doing that and how to stop it.

As I said, from our point of view that's a lot of power, and it is, but from the military's point of view, he was just doing the job of a detective.

SM: I suppose I meant more by my question, in terms of knowing the truth, the genuine reality, how far towards the top was he positioned in that sense?

GB: He knew more than us, but not much.

SM: Really?

GB: I don't think so. He believes things in terms of what he was told by others in the military. If he actually saw something at Area 51 as he claims, I have no idea. But based on talking with him and with Bill about him, and they both believe there is some other civilization visiting here, they both think that but as far as Doty is concerned, I don't exactly know what he thinks that interaction is.

There are ways to dis-inform people on the inside as well as there is the rest of us. That's the point of compartmentalisation. Certain people will know certain things. One or two or three people will probably know everything. I'm sure the President doesn't even know the whole thing and I don't think any president ever has. Then there are maybe two or three hundred people that know a great deal about it and then there's probably thousands that just know enough of what they need to know to do their job.

And I think those very few who know the whole thing probably don't even know the whole thing. They may only know this part or that part but it's enough to really throw people through a loop if it's true. Belief is a bad word but I think Doty has seen enough to make him believe that there is a, if not extraterrestrial, then at least another consciousness that deals with the human race and a lot of people in the government have known about that and have had interaction with it. I think he really believes that from what he was shown.

GB: Any sense of whether that race is benign or aggressive?

SM: I didn't ask him about that but from what I can tell, I asked him if it bothered him and he said no. If there was something that was endangering the human race associated with it, he probably would have couched it in different terms. I don't think anybody, even abduction researchers think that. Abduction

researchers think they're here to take all of our DNA and impregnate our women etc. That may be true but they seem to be the only ones saying that. I think the government for its part, I think they know what's going on but they're still confused about it. They're more knowledgeable but they are knowledgeably confused! They don't quite know how to handle it. They know that that big piece of information carries a lot of power with it and they don't want to let that out. If I was in that position and my job and my livelihood depended on it, I probably wouldn't say anything either. I might say tantalising things to a few people but I think it's very easy for people to keep secrets. If Bill tells me something and says "Don't tell anyone" then I don't. It's a courtesy. My job is my livelihood so there's even more of an incentive to be like that unless someone pisses you off or whatever. I think the people that know this information, and other things like weapons systems and so on are very good at keeping quiet plus they are legally bound not to talk about it.

SM: Why do you think we're not being told then?

GB: From what I said before. Because knowledge is power and if you know about something that nobody else does then you've got that much more of a lock in keeping them in their place and you in your place. And I'm not only talking about socially but I'm talking about politically too. I'm not sure if the United States knows what other nations think about it or what contact they've had. I'm sure they're interested in it.

SM: I'm jumping about here a bit but something else that you strongly hint at in the book is that cattle mutilations are entirely a government organised event.

GB: Yeah. I don't go out and do investigations, that's just not what I do. I'm not interested in doing such a thing which puts me at a loss, especially if you talk to Linda Howe. The reason I thought that is because the one person I talked to who knew more about cattle mutilations than just about anybody except Linda Howe and Chris O'Brien and a couple of other people, was Gabe Valdez, and he said that during a lot of these mutilations, especially when he was working with them in northern New Mexico in the 70's and 80s, they found gas masks lying about and radio chaff stuffed into a cow's mouth in one instance – why would aliens do that? A lot of periphery things, hardware around these sites, like a boot or a glove or something like that. They find these things and if its aliens doing it all the time, why would they leave these things? It makes no sense whatsoever.

I asked Linda Howe about this and I couldn't believe it when she said, "The aliens leave that stuff there to make us think its humans". I think I said something like, "Okay, I guess I don't have anything else to talk about with you."



Almost none of the stuff they do is outside the realm of human abilities, really, as far as I can tell, except that Linda Howe has said that organs are removed and no place they can see where they've been taken out except maybe a little hole which means they'd have to liquefy it somehow and suck it out.

Linda Howe

SM: Well yes, the surgical procedures have been commented on in the sense that medical procedures have been carried out that aren't practised by the medical profession.

GB: But it's not beyond the realm of possibility for humans to do. Almost none of it. There's some of the things that happen that are which leaves the question open but what I was trying say in the book was that some if not most of these things are done by some sort of human agency. As to why, well I asked Gabe Valdez about that as well and Chris O'Brien who wrote *Mysterious Valley* and they think, and many researchers think the same thing, that there is some kind of pathogen that got out into the animal population sometime in the mid to late 60s and somebody is responsible for it and it's starting to spread and they're trying to figure out where it is and what it's doing and how to stop it because it will decimate the native animal population because some of these things are found in elk and deer, I'm talking about some Mad Cow disease type stuff.

People ask why they can't keep their own cows but then you don't get a very good sampling.

SM: I know this argument Greg but they don't need to keep their own cattle. Why can't they just set up a legitimate wholesale business and buy in cattle from all over the country?

GB: Because people would wonder why they were doing it. There's other things too although this goes off into speculation. The way it's done, there's helicopters flying over these places, these things happen at night, sometimes right next to people's houses and nobody hears anything. Well, it's a good way to test in a real environment how well you can sneak by and do things right under people's noses, almost literally. Also to find out how it affects the population and what people think of it and what kind of information is being spread about it.

Its one of these intelligence operations, and I'm not saying the government are doing it – maybe some quasi government or private agency that's being supported by the government who know about it – it covers a lot of bases. Field medical procedure, stealth, the spread of disinformation and rumours, so many different things. It sounds like I'm going around the bend to get away from the alien explanation, I'm not. The main reason I follow that line of thought, and Gabe Valdez who dealt with it intimately for many years follows the same line of thought, is that it's the only thing that seems to explain some if not most of what's going on. If there are aliens and they are out there performing cattle mutilations, they either might have done it first or someone is trying to copy them and hide under that scenario – I don't know but nothing seems able to explain everything. But human element within cattle mutilations seems to explain a lot of it.

Chris O'Brien even found a group of people in the San Louis Valley that were trying to cover up for it and were seen there afterwards, some local outlaw type people, and the government and others are not above hiring criminals to do things if they think they can do the job properly. There are also aspects of ritual sacrifice and all that which enters into it. There are people who have actually witnessed others doing it. There's a lot of activity around this nexus that can be explained in a lot of ways and a few that can't.

SM: You say there are people who have witnessed cattle mutilations taking place?

GB: No, they haven't witnessed the actual mutilation but they've seen people who don't have access to helicopters and stealth technology and radios and all this wandering around near a cattle mutilation. Not actually killing it. They've seen people in robes and there's candles there and stuff they find afterwards.

There have been witnesses out there that have seen humans around cattle that have been killed and mutilated.

SM: So you're talking about copycats.

GB: Yeah copycats or opportunistic people. Somebody who's made some blood sacrifice for something or other. It gets a lot weirder than that when I got into it with Chris O'Brien on my radio show.

SM: Another interesting point, one explanation for identifying a UFO is the performance of the craft. The fact that it can suddenly dart off and shoot up at an incredible speed or angle and the automatic response of course is that there is nothing terrestrial that we've got that can perform like that. But you seem to intimate that that's not necessarily true and that we already have that technology.

GB: Well, I was hinting that we might. A lot of people have said we might have that technology and whether it's taken from aliens a la Philip Corso or not, I don't know. I read Corso's book and there's nothing in there to prove anything except his opinion. I'm not saying he's lying and it sounds good if you're a UFO researcher or a fan or whatever. Unfortunately, there's no way of proving it. Kind of like Bob Dean and his stuff about NATO headquarters in the 60s. But as far as I could tell, if these documents are true, scientists have been involved, specifically the United States government and I think the British government too, have been involved in anti-gravity research since at least the 50s. If they've got anywhere with that, perfected it or whatever, there's absolutely no way they're going to tell anybody that they are doing that. Bob and Ryan Wood are trying to determine where the technology that Corso described as coming from the aliens actually came from. They're looking into the history of transistors, lasers, fibre optics, etc.

SM: The next sequitor is, why aren't we seeing these sorts of aircraft in operation?

GB: People think they're UFOs probably.

SM: Why haven't we seen them in Iraq?

GB: I don't know, I haven't been to Iraq and I don't know who's there and who is reporting it.

SM: Oh, I see. I see.

GB: Did you hear recently that the Iranian air force got an order to shoot down any UFO?

SM: Well yeah, but they're probably drones.

GB: If you look at purely physical science, you can't have a person sitting in one of those things with that kind of performance because they'd die. They'd get smashed unless they found a way to cancel out inertia. I am confused about how they can do these things and not produce a sonic boom while going at 14,000 miles an hour.

SM: With the benefit of hindsight now, Bennewitz does appear to have been a disaster waiting to happen. Above all, his location, his residence, right across the road from the air base, his background, his interests, it just seemed to be a disaster waiting to happen.

GB: I guess so but like we said, if they had just told him to cut it out, it would probably never have happened.

SM: Has writing the book affected you or changed you in anyway?

GB: It didn't change any of my beliefs about the subject. It made me feel good that I could finish a book on time. It was the first one I'd ever written. I'd edited the *Exclusive Middle* anthology and that was great as so many people liked that. But to actually write a book about something, meet all these people and talk to them...I tried to put it in some kind of context. That's the essence of telling a decent story. I'm not totally happy with the book or the way the story was told but it's a learning curve.

SM: What are you unhappy about with it?

GB: Well that Publishers Weekly review kind of stumped me because I realised they were right. I didn't develop the characters as well as I could have. But part of that is it's the first one I've written and the other part of it is, especially with Bennewitz, how the hell am I going to get into his brain if he's dead and nobody wants to talk about him who knew him that well. I can't make stuff up. I tried to stick to the information I had at hand and create a story with that.

SM: I think you've written a brilliant book and one that deserves the attention of the UFO community.

GB: British people seem to be interested in it because there's a healthy scepticism. I don't know if it's the education system in the UK or what, but it comes out in Nick [Redfern] too. They've got a healthy, (and to some American minds pathological) scepticism about things and I respect that. Maybe not scepticism but an enquiring attitude; "Well, what are the pros and cons? Does this make sense, does this not make sense." Leave your belief at the door and see if it can be changed by some sort of checkable facts.

That's another reason why I wrote the book too actually, to answer that question and I'm glad you brought it up. If you can't get past somebody's decent research, checkable facts, actual living people who have been asked questions, documents etc. and make a conclusion that this isn't what it seems to have been in the past, if you can't get past what you find with that, and if it makes you have to change your opinion, well, then you're probably doing ufology a disservice.

SM: I would agree with you but I think you're doing your fellow Americans a disservice as well. I understand what you mean when you say we have a more sceptical attitude but my response to that would be, "Where's it got us?" If anything we're worse off here than you are in the States. You seem to have achieved much more than what researchers here have.

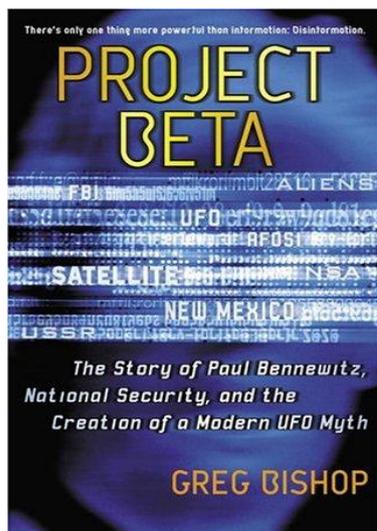
GB: (At this point, Greg made reference to another book coming out later this year by a well know author which I had not heard about it and would have expected to. I later asked someone else about it who confirmed that it was a well kept secret until publication. Sounds like it's going to be a bomb shell. I know the subject matter but not what it's about).

I just had a little part. My part was just along the edge, mostly of interest to UFO researchers because I'm basically saying the same thing Bill said in 1989. There are more receptive ears now as people have had 16 years for it to sink in. I think I'm not getting nearly the flack that Bill got.

I think he helped me as much as he could to do the book because it's a book he wanted to write maybe at some point but he just couldn't do it and didn't want to. I went ahead and did it for him. He said there were things in the book he disagreed with but they were philosophical disagreements and "I can't make you change what you wrote." For the most part he said it was accurate and agreed with most things I had said. I asked him some very nasty questions about some things about why he did certain things and didn't he feel guilty and this and that. He was really straight forward. Sometimes he got irritated but at all the time he answered my questions as best as he could. They were the same things he'd been saying for years just in more detail. I don't have any reason to believe that anything that came from Bill was either a lie or disinformation. But he wouldn't tell me who Falcon was, even though he's dead.

SM: Darn, I was going to ask about that. Greg, it's been fascinating, thank you.

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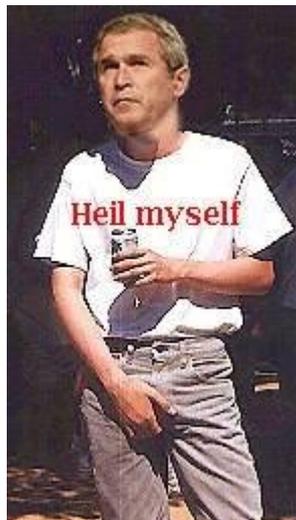
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Give the Guy A Chance!!!

Interview with the leading exponent of Exopolitics, **Dr. Michael Salla**



Dr. Michael Salla

Ever since it stuck its head above the parapet of the Ufological citadel, Exopolitics has been regularly hammered. When you understand the essence of it, it's not hard to see why. Exopoliticians work from the premise that there is already sufficient solid evidence to confirm the existence of UFOs and the alien presence on Earth and that the nuts and bolts people should give up trying to prove the minutiae of cases and instead look at other means of progressing with the Truth.

And for them, that means whistleblower testimony - the evidence of those who have worked on projects for the American government involving aliens and their craft and what they have to say about it.

That sounds all well and good until you get to the issue about proof. Because all most whistleblowers have to offer are their words, what they say they saw and did.

Which is fair enough. But further, when you go on to check out their credentials to see whether they're telling the truth or not, some of their backgrounds don't seem to match up with what they claim.

This, as far as the nuts and bolts folk are concerned, tips Exopolitics over the edge into fantasy land. In fact some allege it's much worse than that and that it brings Ufology into disrepute. Strong stuff.

Dr. Salla is an articulate and highly intelligent individual who currently leads the charge on behalf of the Exopolitics cause. My own instincts say that Exopolitics might have something going for it but that perhaps it needs tightening up in some areas. I was curious to find out more. I contacted Dr. Salla for an interview which he was kind enough to grant me and we spoke on February 16th 2005. He was in his home in Hawaii.

SM: I've not looked at Exopolitics before but it's been gradually chipping away at me. To be perfectly honest, there's been so much negativity about it, it's been easier to turn away from it than to take a serious look. But you've almost forced me to take it seriously and to consider it. Do you see Exopolitics as the way forward now?

MS: Definitely. I think a lot of people really are looking for understanding what is going on in terms of the secret policy-making that's been going on. I think there's a lot of evidence that people have accepted that there is a presence that hasn't been divulged to the general public and people are interested and are asking, "What does that mean politically?" and they are looking for anyone who can give some kind of analysis of what is happening and I think that's why the Exopolitics concept is beginning to take off.

SM: You said a moment ago that people are looking to see what's happening politically. Aren't they just not looking for confirmation that something really exists?

MS: Well, I think that's part of it. I think that when people look at all the evidence that exists, they come away feeling there's a lot of evidence there but there's still the debate about whether it's conclusive or not. But I think intuitively people feel there's a lot happening and that points to some governmental cover up or something that the government is not fully disclosing and that's a political process and so people become interested in what's happening in the political arena.

SM: So you would define it as looking towards government to get some sort of confirmation or revelation that something's going on as opposed to finding hard evidence of something physical happening.

MS: I think people have more or less accepted that there is sufficient hard evidence out there for something happening in terms of a UFO presence and an extraterrestrial association with that. And so they're looking for not so much governmental acknowledgement of that but more an idea of what it is that the government have set up secretly to deal with this. I think people understand it's unlikely the government are going to come out soon with some acknowledgement of this. But I think people are asking about what is the secret process that's been set up from the very beginning when this whole arena was acknowledged to be something legitimate.

SM: Why do you think that Exopolitics concerns or infuriates or irritates the nuts and bolts Ufologists so much?

MS: I think they are really looking for hard evidence and wanting to be able to use whatever information they've gained to then go to the next step and give cautious statements about what's needed to be done next.

So when they look at this concept of Exopolitics which is based on the idea that there is sufficient evidence substantiating an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence, they think that it's really moving into the area of conjecture and speculation. We may say, "Well, we really need to build on the hard evidence" and of course those that are defending the Exopolitics concept are saying, "The hard evidence is there. You just haven't taken it to the next step of looking at the political process that surrounds all things pertaining to UFOs and an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence.

SM: Do you think it's possible for somebody to have a foot in both camps?

MS: I think that's what people like Stephen Bassett and Steven Greer are doing. They do have a foot in both camps. Myself, I have much more of a political background. I do have that international politics training and so I'm looking really at the evidence I've found that there is a secret infrastructure set up to deal with this whole UFO arena. That's really what I look at and so I'm not looking at the nuts and bolts aspect as does the traditional UFO researcher and I'm really in the exopolitics arena.

SM: What evidence have you found?

MS: A lot of it comes from multiple sources. Some of the key documents that emerged from the beginning of UFO research, such as the way in which the original Project Sign report was dealt with by the US air force when the Chief of Staff General Vandenberg got a report from the Project Sign team that was conclusive in terms of the UFO phenomenon and an Extraterrestrial hypothesis and he turned round in 1948 and sent that back down saying, "I don't want a conclusive result, I want an inconclusive result". And I looked at that particular process and realised that a political process was already set up whereby there was no chance that the air force would accept a conclusive result to any investigation by its own technical experts into the UFO phenomenon. That to me suggested a political system had been set up whereby this was going to be kept out of the public arena.

General Vandenberg



And then you look at things like the Project Blue Book process where they got junior air force officers like Captain Ruppelt to deal with a phenomenon which had enormous policy implications not only for the US but for the whole planet, but dealt with by these junior officers who had very few resources. Ruppelt himself described how he couldn't even get a staff car to investigate the 1952 UFO sightings. So that to me suggests to me that there was already a cover up going on.

Then you have people such as Major Donald Keyhoe describing the official process that was covering up this information so I recognise that there was a political process in place here and that

it was worth investigating that.

SM: What reasons have you discovered or that you assume for the cover up?

MS: I think that the main reasons pertain to the impact on the general public in terms of the culture and religion. I think there's also the impact on the economic arena in terms of such industries as the energy sector which could become redundant virtually overnight. I think there's also the national security implications in terms of the extraterrestrial races having an increased ability to communicate with the general public in ways that national security agencies might find a threat to continued stability.

SM: Do you feel that those reasons are justified or do you feel that the world in general, with all those components you've just gone through, could actually deal or cope with the revelation?

MS: I think it's a really complex question. Certainly the government could do much more in terms of preparing the general public but I think that there is a real question over the preparedness of the general public to really handle the full scope of what is happening in terms of extraterrestrial races who, by all accounts, have been performing activities on the planet that are very worrying to the government.

I think these activities range from very positive encounters that many individuals have reported in terms of contactee reports, to very disturbing accounts of abductions and genetic experiments that abductees have been describing. So I think if this information was to be released without any kind of filtering process, I think there would be a lot of concern on the part of many who would be quite frightened by exactly what is happening. I think the government really has tried to deal with this in a very secret way but unfortunately they have not allowed enough information to get out to prepare the public for the truth and over time, this has taken on a characteristic of inertia where very little information is released by governments such as the US and the UK.

SM: Given what you've just said, how do you see your position? If you think that the public aren't prepared and you're trying to force this information out, let's assume hypothetically that fairly soon you're successful, arguably you could be accused of bringing on the downfall of humanity.

MS: Well, I think what happens when someone like me comes forward and releases a lot of information that's based on the testimony of a lot of very credible people such as the whistleblowers who have appeared in Steven Greer's Disclosure Project, those are the sort of people I like to focus on because I think they're the most credible and they're the ones that a lot of the general public are going to listen to, that when the public do read the kind of reports and papers that I put out, that they're introduced to the concepts.

Now of course, because there is still a lot of controversy, a lot of debate over Exopolitics, a lot of people have a degree of speculation or denial that they can indulge in where they can look at this and say, "It's very interesting" and they can work with it and sit on it for a while without it being thrust in their faces and I think that's part of the preparation process because psychologically, I think there's a vast difference between what happens when a researcher such as myself starts talking about governments having arrangements or agreements with extraterrestrials where extraterrestrials abduct citizens to where the government acknowledges that this has in fact happened.

SM: I was actually going to ask you, you mention about preparing the public and the filtering process, how do you envisage that? How do you interpret that? What would you like to see the government start doing? A slow steady trickle of a release of information?

MS: Definitely. I think something that would help tremendously would be to acknowledge the existence of, for example life on Mars. I think something along those lines would assist greatly in helping people open up to the truth about extraterrestrial existence. A graduated disclosure project like that whereby the public are slowly introduced to the idea of advanced extraterrestrial and then advanced civilizations on planets. And then eventually there would be some acknowledgement that this has been happening on Earth as well.

SM: But the moment you acknowledge that there's even macro biological life on Mars, which is likely to be the very first step, surely that already begins to affect everything on Earth. Because it's first and foremost an acknowledgement that Life

exists off this planet however tiny, however powerful a microscope you might need to look at it, Life of some sort exists off planet earth. And it's not a massive leap in the human imagination to assume from there that intelligent Life exists elsewhere. So already you've got that impact on religion right from the start.

MS: Well that's correct, yes. I think that once you do have that acknowledgement of even macro biological life on a planet like Mars, that opens the speculation as to advanced Life all over the galaxy.

SM: There is this conflict really whereby we can acknowledge the likely impact of the revelation of the announcement of intelligent life, we can foresee the possible consequences here on this planet, and yet we still want to know, we still want to find out, we still want to be told. There is that sort of juxtaposition, that conflict there. Whereas you and I and a great many other people can deal with it and process it, at the same time there's going to be a great many people, probably the majority who will struggle with it.

MS: I agree. I think this is really the challenge - that people mistakenly assume it's all about the government not disclosing the truth but I think it's also largely due to the general public not being ready for the truth. I think that there's a lot of information that's been circulated freely for many, many years about UFOs and extraterrestrial sightings and so forth and the public haven't picked this up and I don't think it's been entirely a result of government manipulation. I think the public has really shown that it's too much for it to handle and I think there really does need to be a graduated disclosure project to deal with that. I think it does reveal some kind of collective psychology at play where advanced life on other worlds really is going to be a tough sell for a lot of people to incorporate into their lives.



SM: But could I put to you in response to what you just said the fact that a frequent series of polls over the years, particularly in America that show that the majority of people certainly seem to believe and accept that there is intelligent Life elsewhere.

Steven Greer - fellow traveller on the Exopolitical road

MS: That's right. I know that the polls are very encouraging and show more and more people opening up to that. And maybe that's the result of the general media and films like "Star Wars" and television series like "Taken" and that this has really helped to open up the public to this possibility.

SM: Do you think there's a difference between somebody answering a pollster by saying, "Yes, I believe there is intelligent Life elsewhere" and the actual reality of it being presented to them. Do you think there is a difference?

MS: I think there's probably a difference in the level of commitment. A person might say in response to a poll question that yes, they believe there is Life out there and they believe that the government is covering up information about that. But if you ask them if they would like to read a book discussing this, they might answer, well, they don't have time or they have too many commitments. So I think there's a disjunct there between what their belief system is and what they're actually prepared to commit themselves to.

SM: You mentioned a few moments ago the witnesses from Steven Greer's Disclosure Project and you said you regarded them as very credible. Arguably,

the biggest criticism from nuts and bolts Ufologists directed towards you is that the witnesses seem to be lacking credibility.

MS: Well this is the big issue here. There's a question of what is an appropriate screening process for whistleblowers for example that come forward and reveal their information. Steven Greer put together a filtering process and that was very strongly criticised by the traditional nuts and bolts ufologist for not being critical enough because they were asking, "Where is the evidence substantiating the statements of these whistleblowers?"

I think the point that Steven Greer was making was because this is part of an official cover up, a lot of these witnesses aren't going to have hard evidence supporting their testimonies because this was classified information and hard evidence is not easy to access and if you do have possession of hard evidence, you may be in fact breaking the law and there still are very severe penalties in place for those who do divulge classified information.

SM: So really what you're asking of other people then is simply belief. Please believe these people; we can't prove what they're saying.

Stephen Bassett

MS: Well I think you would look at it in terms of you have a number of people here who are talking about a very similar phenomenon in terms of them being involved in classified projects or having had access to various documents or having witnessed radar sightings or that kind of evidence. When you put them together collectively, what you have is evidence of a pattern and so if you look at these witnesses collectively, you can say, "This is very credible evidence here" because here you have a number of very senior people who had very responsible positions in charge of nuclear weapons or secret aircraft. These people, who had very important responsibilities, all disclosing these stories about UFOs, cover ups by government agencies and sightings of extraterrestrial biological entities.



So you have a pattern and I think all of that together constitutes some very important evidence that people can consider.

SM: I think I remember you talking at some point in relation to these witnesses about official/unofficial tampering of their credentials. In other words, as if the government had made some attempt to cut away the legs from under these people by removing their records. As far as you are concerned, you feel that goes on?

MS: Oh definitely. I think a number of whistleblowers have spoken about it. I've interviewed a few people who have spoken about similar things themselves. I think a good example is someone like Bob Lazaar who described how he himself divulged information relating to his work on a flying saucer that had been recovered and was being reverse engineered and that was not built on Earth and how all his records had disappeared and he subsequently had a lot of difficulty proving that in fact he did work at Los Alamos and at S4 and that he did have credentials as a nuclear physicist because all his records that substantiated his degrees had been withdrawn. There were a few others who described a very similar phenomenon with themselves.

SM: Have you had any encouragement, however slight, or barely perceptible from any official authority in relation to the work that you've done, that's hardened or confirmed your opinion?

MS: I haven't had anything that I can cite as evidence one way or the other of government official support or effort to censor my work. I did have a very negative reaction from the university I had an academic affiliation with when I had an interview published by The Washington Post that the university were very disturbed by. They felt that somehow I was bringing them into some kind of disrepute and so they started a process where by my affiliation was eventually not renewed and the programme that I had been setting up was summarily terminated. Who was responsible for that? It may have been entirely a university decision or there may have been an external agency at work to make it more difficult for me to have any kind of credibility with the general public.

SM: Indeed I do remember this Dr. Salla. It was fairly recently, was it not? Last year some point?

MS: Yes, that's right.

SM: What reasons were given to you? You said before that the university was disturbed but they must have elaborated on that.

MS: When I did The Washington Post interview, I spoke to the associate director for the Centre for Global Peace where I had my affiliation and she said that the publication of the interview would not be very good for my association with the university.

SM: Their ploy was that a respected member of staff, talking about this sort of thing, would bring the university into disrepute?

MS: Not only that but I was doing a programme into which they felt I was wanting to introduce some of this extraterrestrial or Exopolitical methodology, which wasn't the case and without consulting me, they terminated the programme.

SM: How personal a blow was this?

MS: Well it was very significant because it meant I had to leave the US because the university was my sponsor and come in under another visa, another arrangement. And of course now it means in terms of working with the university I have this black mark against my name because my last university and I parted ways in a very unpleasant manner.

SM: Do you feel bitter? Angry?

MS: I feel angry at the lack of support I got from within the university. I felt there were people there who could have at least allowed me to continue doing this research despite the public interest that was there. This research was still legitimate because I was doing it in a way that I felt was in conformity with the academic training that I'd received. I felt that people weren't willing to support this in any way. It was like a red flag and they just wanted to get away from it.

SM: You have, over the course of your career within ufology sustained an incredible avalanche of criticism. It really is quite amazing actually just how much has been directed towards you at virtually every level. How do you cope with that because you seem to maintain a decorum? You don't appear to lose it if you know what I mean.

MS: I understand that there are a lot of people with a long term vested interest in ufology. People who have been working in the field for 30 years or more and

who believe that they've seen it all. They've investigated many of the outstanding cases and that they have this tremendous experience. And so when a relative newcomer such as myself comes along, and doesn't adopt the same methodology that they do, they can be very critical and dismissive. I understand that and it's like the old guard holding on to their methodology and not being prepared to consider alternatives. So I understand that I need to be circumspect in how I deal with these people because they are very well respected in the UFO community and have tremendous experience and so I need to be considerate of that while at the same time promoting the methodology that I feel is more appropriate.

SM: Have you had any contact with channelling and if so, what are your views on that method?

MS: It's one of those sources of evidence that I describe in my very first study paper on Exopolitics where I list seven sources of evidence and channelling was the seventh, and I classified it as the weakest source of evidence because there's very little to substantiate what different channellers have to say. I think it's very interesting, I think there's reason why we shouldn't dismiss it out of hand but at the same time we need to be very wary of adopting what channelled information has to say. But I think there's definitely something there that deserves investigating and it shouldn't be dismissed out of hand.

SM: What ranks at the top of that list? Is it witness testimony?

MS: Yes. I basically put the witness testimony up there. Then I put the sightings phenomenon together with contact and abductee statements. Then I include other sources like remote viewing, independent archaeology, documentary sources and then channelling.

MS: What do you think is actually going on? Do you have a sense of where these aliens may be from; do you have any idea of how many different races might be out there? Do you feel they might actually be here and walking around?

MS: Definitely, yes. I believe that the government has been aware of a number of different extraterrestrial races that have been visiting, based on a number of whistle blower testimonies. For example, Robert Dean described a NATO document that he saw in 1964 when he was working in the intelligence briefing team for the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe that he saw a document detailing at least 4 extraterrestrial races that the military were aware of, that were flying their ships, and he also described their physical characteristics. This was a 1964 NATO document and there have been other whistleblowers who have come forward to describe as many as 57 different extraterrestrial races. Others describe 60 or more so it seems that what we have here are many different ET races that some whistleblowers have been privy to in terms of documents that they have come across or information that they have received while working within the intelligence community or the military. I do believe there is a knowledge about the different ET races that are visiting and that the government agencies that are responsible for dealing with this whole area are keeping this from the general public for reasons we talked about earlier.

SM: Do you feel that the government has any control over this?

MS: I think that's part of the problem. They probably believe they have very little ability to control the ET races that are visiting, that they are not sure exactly what the extraterrestrials that are here are doing and what they are up to and their long term motivation. So I think there's a lot of uncertainty there with the

government and that helps account for why they have been so slow to release a lot of information.

SM: What do you see as the way forward for exopolitics?

MS: I think the way forward is to have better ways of analysing the whistleblower testimonies that are emerging. Steven Greer started the ball rolling in assembling those large numbers of whistleblowers that came forward and gave testimony and what really needs to be done is to come up with more systematic criteria for analysing the whistleblower testimonies describing the UFOs and extraterrestrials when there isn't sufficient hard evidence to substantiate that. That's where I think there really needs to be a lot of hard work done in Exopolitics because that's where we're going to get a lot of the information. The same thing needs to be done with contactees and or abductees. Dr. John Mack had started to do something similar. So we really need to develop pretty rigorous social science criteria to investigate and analyse the testimony of these people. This is critical since we can use this whistleblower/witness testimony to develop a coherent picture of the secret government infrastructure created to deal with UFOs/EBEs, and the extraterrestrials themselves in terms of their motivations and activities here on Earth.

SM: That seems to be an acknowledgement on your side that witness testimony could really be a bit stronger or needs to be able to stand up to more rigorous scrutiny.

MS: I think we need to be more rigorous in terms of how we substantiate it. It doesn't need to be done purely on the basis of hard evidence which is what the nuts and bolts people do. But I think we could do a much better job in terms of cross referencing what different whistleblowers have said and sort out what inconsistencies might apparently be there.

We also need to look at the way national security agencies interfere with the evidence, and seek to discredit whistleblowers and witnesses in ways that lead to them being dismissed by nuts and bolts researchers. This unfortunately introduces a conspiracy element that nuts and bolts researchers want to steer clear off, but it's nevertheless necessary to do since that is what the evidence points to as taking place.

In short, we won't understand what's really going on until we better understand how the different government agencies interfere with the evidence and the credibility of witnesses.

SM: Dr. Salla, thank you

Dr. Salla's web site can be found at <http://www.exopolitics.org/>



Various comments and response to the Peter Jennings Special on UFOs

Dennis G. Balthaser

The anticipation is over and all of us that seriously research the subject of Ufology now have our own views of how the ABC special played out. I noticed that for the first 12 hours after the show aired on February 24th on ABC, most comments on the various Internet lists were less than complimentary about the show.

Sweeps weeks are important to the TV networks and I believe airing a show about UFOs with someone as well known as Peter Jennings was not a coincidence. ABC was looking for big numbers in the ratings, which they didn't get. UFO shows are popular with the general public, if for no other reason than the majority of the public believe UFOs exist. Unfortunately, the general public is unaware of all that is taking place with this subject, by many researchers on a daily basis, and when a show such as the Peter Jennings show last night is aired, the opportunity is there to inform the public objectively, and honestly and I didn't sense that happening during the two hour show. Several times I thought the show was headed in the right direction, only to have it fall flat by comments from those that will never believe or agree to accept the facts.

The animation used was to me, done well and I had heard that all animations were confirmed with witnesses to assure they were as accurate as possible, so for that I compliment ABC. The sad thing for this two-hour show is the fact that the animations were better than the script that was used.

Living in Roswell as I do, and continuing to be a "staunch" supporter of the Roswell Incident as a researcher, I was particularly disappointed in ABC's presentation of the Roswell Incident. Stanton Friedman, nuclear physicist, and the

original civilian researcher of the incident was not given adequate time. Stan was not able to mention MJ-12, the blacked out government documents he's obtained, or any of his years of devotion to the subject, while Karl Pflock, ex-CIA employee and debunker was allotted too much time. There was no fairness in this segment. The Mogul balloon theory has been dismissed as a cause for several years, but that was conveniently omitted, and in fact given as the cause of the Roswell Incident. The crash site shown was finally shown as the real crash site on the Foster ranch, which was re-assuring to see. The carnival atmosphere for the anniversary of the Roswell Incident each year I suppose is necessary for attracting visitors to Roswell, but not necessary for a serious attempt at explaining UFOs in a TV documentary.

In the discussion about Project Blue Book nothing was mentioned about Roswell not even being included, or the fact that hundreds of cases in Blue Book are still not resolved. The Blue Book was then, and still is nothing more than a public relations "stunt" to pacify the public, which will continue, as proven by the four excuses given for Roswell in the past 50 plus years.

Prior to the show being televised I had read that an interview segment with Harvard professor and author Dr. John Mack, had been omitted from the show, however a professor (Dr Clancy), from Harvard was allowed to cast her views against what Dr. Mack and Budd Hopkins have devoted so much time and effort to. Fair---I don't think so.

The law enforcement officer's, commercial pilots and certain retired military personnel were given an opportunity to share their experiences fairly openly, and their combined comments were to me some of the strongest evidence of proof that something mysterious is flying around in our skies, that no one thus far has been able to explain. Hopefully the military or government will come down on Jennings for airing those portions in the show, so he might finally know there is a lot more to this, than he reported last night.

SETI representatives were allotted way too much time during the show trying to convince themselves that a civilization hundreds, perhaps thousands of years ahead of us in technology would be using something as primitive as radio signals to contact us. Seth Shostak of SETI was presented as "the knowledgeable one" on UFOs, with hardly anyone realizing that Stanton Friedman destroyed his thinking and comments recently on a nationally broadcast radio show debate. Did anyone hear the SETI people say anything of scientific value? I didn't.

On the abduction segment in the program, no mention of Barney and Betty Hill was given, and those experiencers that did share their ordeals were immediately put down as being victims of sleep paralysis.

The astronomer who blatantly stated that "eye witness testimony was a low form of evidence", woke me up from the boredom I was watching. Is it any wonder that most of those that experience something choose to not come forward? Thank goodness our judicial system doesn't work like that.

One of the few highlights of the show to me was near the end when physicist Michio Kaku, explained how time travel can be possible with worm holes and bending time, asking the scientist and astronomers not to be so quick to reject the possibility of travel in the universe. Perhaps it's time for them to quit looking into their telescope's and start looking at the sky from their backyard, like thousands of witnesses have.

For me and many others that take the subject of Ufology serious, the anticipation for the Jennings special fell extremely short. It was probably entertaining to the general public, but certainly won't change many views about it. For us that devote hours of time and resources to researching this subject nothing new was presented, and in fact some of the same biased opinions were continued. Did it help us understand what our place in the universe is---No. Did it reveal the cover-up used by the military and government for 58 years ---No. Did a two-hour special cover the most important aspects of the 58 years---No? Did it give credit to the pilots, military, and law enforcement officers that shared their experiences--No? Did it give serious respected researchers such as Stanton Friedman and Bud Hopkins a fair review---No?

In closing I want to thank Mr. Jennings and ABC for giving me the opportunity to continue doing my research and in some small way through my web site, editorials, TV and radio interviews and an occasional lecture, I'll be able to share my research with the public in a manner that allows them to reach their own conclusions. I don't anticipate a follow-up by Jennings or ABC. They had their chance and "blew it."

Dennis G. Balthaser

From Dr. Michael Salla

Aloha All, below is a review of the Peter Jennings's Show. I think Peter Jennings's main achievement was to present the UFO phenomenon as a topic worth exploring by the mainstream media. The show itself veered off, after a promising start, to present a rather murky inconclusive assessment of the Roswell incident, the abduction phenomenon, and of the capability of extraterrestrial vehicles/UFOs to visit the Earth from distant locations.

The handling of the abduction phenomenon stood out as the most distorted part of the program. We have an artist, Bud Hopkins, using hypnosis on abductees as the standard bearer for this kind of research. In contrast to Hopkins there are two Harvard University professors who basically reduce the whole phenomenon to subjects projecting unconscious traumas into their dream life to create a warped set of memories concerning hypothetical alien abductions. Why did the Jennings's special cut out its interview with Dr John Mack, a former Harvard professor, and solely run the Hopkin's interview? Perhaps, Jennings's and the producers didn't want the audience too disturbed by the abduction phenomenon and just present the idea so that it could be easily knocked down by the Harvard team. Mack may have confused the viewers that some psychiatrists at Harvard actually have different assessments of the abduction phenomenon.

The most disappointing part of the show was the complete absence of whistleblower testimony concerning a government cover up and of classified projects involving the reverse engineering of extraterrestrial vehicles and of secret interactions with extraterrestrial biological entities. Never mind that many of these whistleblowers are very credible and that Dr Steven Greer has assembled quite a collection to substantiate that this phenomenon is both real and subject to a government cover up.

At the very least, the Jennings's special will spark other mainstream networks to look more closely at this phenomenon. Perhaps not so much out of conviction, but at very least to gain a market share of the 80 million or so 'believers' whose advertising dollar attracts the network's attention. Market capitalism has done what many UFO researchers have failed to do, bring the UFO

phenomenon to the attention of mainstream America.

Lan Fleming:

Generally, I agree with your assessment of the program. I could tell trouble was coming when I started hearing propaganda buzzwords like "true believers insist...". One of the lowest points was when Jennings referred to Stan Friedman as a 'Roswell promoter.' Why wasn't Phlock referred to as a Mogul balloon promoter' and Seth Shostak as a 'SETI promoter'? There was way too much Seth and Art Bell, and not enough substance.

Another low point was when they had those people from Harvard explaining away abductions, and left Mack's interview on the cutting room floor. After reading the earlier discussion on this list about Mack being left out, I was hoping the optimists were right that the program just wouldn't have enough time to cover abductions. But the optimists were wrong. They did cover it and did it badly. Personally, I'm not intensely interested in the alien abduction phenomenon, but I can't stand these blatantly one-sided propaganda treatments.

On the plus side, they did at least give some credible witnesses a chance to speak in complete sentences. I suspect that a lot of people in the audience would give a lot more credit to the police officers, whose word can put you in jail, than to the proclamations of scientists who exhibited no real knowledge of the subject.

Michio Kaku was another high point. It took some guts for him to differ with the other scientists on the program and say "let the investigation begin." The question that a less credulous person than Jennings would have asked is: why has it not begun yet?

Overall, I think the program was a non-event that will have no real impact on the public's and the scientific community's perceptions of the UFO issue one way or the other.

Whitley Streiber:

The Scum Rises: Peter Jennings on UFOs

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The much heralded ABC special on UFOs has come and gone. Predictably, it was more of the same, a large number of lies sprinkled with a few truths. At least it wasn't as relentlessly negative as such programs have generally been in the past.

But people like Peter Jennings and his producers are cursed with the belief that they can understand—or already do understand—what they are looking at. The reality is that the UFO phenomenon is the most complex event in history, and a cursory examination of its surface by a few overworked and ill-informed television producers is not going to succeed in any way whatsoever to come to any truth about it.

They are filled with belief in their own competence, however. The result is that their efforts become an exercise in hubris. They end up making judgements based on inadequate information because they believe that what they have gathered is sufficient. But it is not sufficient, it only fulfills their expectations and serves their assumptions. That's always where they stop, and it's never enough.

Jennings was somewhat open to the notion that some UFOs might be actual unknowns, and he actually told the truth, for once, about the Condon Report: it was indeed a publicity stunt.

But the characterization of the Roswell Incident as a hoax and the people attempting to investigate it as cultists was a grotesque lie, and, I think, an intentional one. It is classic disinformation—tell a little truth so that your lie will be swallowed along with it. Of course, how could anything more be expected from a man like Jennings? He's a prostitute to the establishment, nothing more or less, and it is in the interest of the establishment to conceal the reality of Roswell.

Something went wrong there. It went very wrong. And it is somebody's fault, and, to this day, that somebody is terrified that the public will discover that we had a truly magnificent chance at Roswell, and our side blew it.

In 1988, my uncle told me that he had personally been aware of and involved with the management of the debris that had been brought from Roswell to Wright Field in 1947. My uncle Edward Strieber was an honorable man, indeed, a very honorable man. He spent his career in the Air Force, mostly working in areas that were extremely classified. He was in a position to know what he was talking about, and, as I say, he was an honorable man.

Not only that, he introduced me to his commanding officer and old friend, General Arthur Exon, who could not have been more frank. He stated, and this is a direct quote: "Everyone from the White House on down knew that what we had found was not of this of this world within 24 hours of our finding it."

And he, also, was an honorable man who spent a sterling career in service to his country.

So who am I to believe, two honorable soldiers, or a man like Peter Jennings, in love with his own silly assumptions and willing to lie for profit?

Give me the soldiers, please. What they told me about Roswell was true. Therefore, the honest and honorable people involved in the Roswell case are the researchers like Stanton Friedman. The ones who 'debunk' it are professional liars or ignorant fools, pure and simple.

This gets me to the way the abductees were treated. I just cannot imagine why Budd Hopkins keeps exposing himself to people like Jennings. What this man has given up for the abductees is, essentially, everything. Jennings sneered that he is an artist, not a scientist. What he should have said was the truth: that this artist, out of the decency in his heart, gave up his career and, essentially, his life for people who were hurting, because science in its arrogance and stupidity would not help them.

The reality of Budd Hopkins is this: he is old, he is ill, he is broke. That is his reward for a lifetime of extremely courageous service to humanity. If he is a cultist, then where are the Rolls Royces, where are the doting followers? And for that matter, if I am simply sitting back and making a fortune off my books, then where is that fortune?

I am not as poor as Budd, it's true, but I give back at every level of my life. I have supported this website for years, and this website does good, it does a world of good. If nothing else, it serves as an antidote to the lies and propaganda spread by the arrogant garbage that have taken the high ground in this so-called free society of ours.

There is a horror behind all of this: it is that, because of the way that people like Jennings characterize the abduction phenomenon as the product of fringe cultism and delusional thinking, the visitors remain free to do with us what they will.

And that, bottom line, I suspect, was the purpose of this program. True, they paid lip service to UFO reality. But when it came to the important stuff, they spread disinformation of a kind that is devastatingly harmful to mankind.

We need to face some facts: the abduction phenomenon is real, it is invasive, and there is nothing whatsoever that anybody can do about it. That, incidentally, is the great secret: the reason the government lies and uses things like laughter and skilled disinformation like the Jennings special to dismiss the phenomenon is that the reality behind it is terrifying and they are helpless.

I often ask the disclosure proponents if they actually expect the president to go on TV and say that UFOs are real, and that we can do nothing to control their access to our airspace. From there, it is just a short step to the abduction evidence, which involves an abundance of physical traces like implants which defy medical explanation, and a wealth of anecdotal reportage that is at once exceedingly strange, exceedingly provocative, and, frankly, suggests the presence of a great and hidden danger in our world that we cannot control.

The Jennings special took it all to another level of propaganda. They admitted a certain amount of truth in order that their poison pill of lies would be swallowed with it. For a journalist, there can be no more despicable act.

I believe in the soul. I believe in an afterlife. I also believe that it is incumbent upon us all to live to the highest ethical standards in this life, or face in the next the consequences of not having done so.

All I have to say more is this: I am certainly glad that I don't have Peter Jennings' soul. When I die, I will go to God with these realities imprinted on my being: I never lied; I always strove to lift myself and all whom I encountered to the best moral state we could achieve; I took the road less travelled, knowing that it would be hard. I did so because I was given the chance to, and I saw a chance to help my fellow man, and so I took the chance.

So, here is my response to Mr. Jennings and the dirty little men who lurk in his shadow, whispering their lies to him: First, Roswell really happened, and it is the key to everything, because the Air Force made a world-historical mistake there that has led to our being in the state we are in now: isolated on this earth, swimming in ignorance, and denied what is the birthright of every intelligent species, which is access to the great cosmos. Second, the most important aspect of the whole UFO phenomenon is abduction. As ugly as it is, it is also our only point of contact with the outside. And there is a message being sent from them to us. It has nothing to do with radio telescopes and the adolescent tomfoolery of SETI, and everything to do with the hearts, minds and bodies—and the souls—of the abductees.

You want a communication from the 'aliens,' SETI? You want a dose of the truth, Mr. Jennings? Just ask us. We are that communication, and we are that truth.

"Seeing Is Believing," Naught

by Alfred Lehmborg
www.alienview.net

I saw Peter Jennings on a high-school trip to Sacramento when I was a kid in 1965 or thereabouts. A local-news guy in the California Capital, I think (who cares?), it was pretty obvious, even to a teen-aged, predictable, and oblivious moi, that he was one of "fair-haired lot" on his way up.

Hustled onto buses to see him from our sleepy little town of Elk Grove, I wondered what the big deal was. Verily, when he finished his talk, I still didn't know. All I heard then was "yadda yadda, blah blah-blah blah... blah."

That's all I heard for two hours last night, too, 40 years later: well travelled, safe, and predicable "yadda" with oppressive overdoses of the conventional "blah." Such was his ballyhooed ABC program on the subject of UFOs.

Flatly, Jennings took the easy way out, reader, fell back on the outmoded and invalidated "conventional wisdoms" exacerbating the cultural hole that we are in, and wiggled his ass for a mainstream as corrupt as it is canted... as irrelevant as it is fraudulent.

What did I expect?

I had no expectations. Like many, though, I had hopes.

It all seemed to be coming together. An unusual prime-time news special from the vaunted establishment taken in conjunction with a likely "discovery" of life on Mars, seemed serendipitous... at the very least. Are we, perhaps, being prepared for the more expansive future... I'd wondered.

No. Be not fooled...

And there will be kinder assessments than mine providing puerile protestations on the validity of ABCs little exercise of manipulative self-affirmation for the status quo. These will celebrate the "loss leader" admissions that ABC duplicitously injected so they could pretend that they were balanced, on balance...

They were not. These loss-leaders only serve to support the big lie. And ABC told the big lie, Sir and Madam! They contrived the lie of Omission, folks... baldly, bluntly, and with malice aforethought.

Examples?

I was grossly disappointed with the obvious bias shown in several segments, especially the Roswell and Abduction subjects. These were badly handled, poorly chosen, and explicated incompetently with prejudice.

Jennings did no homework. ABC talked extensively, for months, with the ufological principals... Richard Hall, Dr. Swords, Jerry Clark et al... they could make their own comparisons to Dr. Shirmer, Mr. McGaha, Dr. Shostak... and this is forgetting that the latter have ever had their HATS handed to them in debate with the former. Jennings and ABC stacked the deck, dealt from the bottom, and changed games in the middle of the play over a huge pot! They implied equity between these conflicting groups, where there IS none!

Then, given a back stepping reliance on 19th Century philosophies/physics, there was ABCs treatment of interstellar travel. Ludicrous, reader! We could travel between stars right NOW if we wanted to. Not a NOD to that.

Moreover, consider the unchallenged nonsense of the SETI "Cultists." Guilty of every conceit and mal-intellectualism they would attribute to a rank "believer," they are studiously blind to that which they would only pretend to seek! ET can be
anywhere reader, except here!

Additionally, one would think ABC could mention that Stanton Friedman is a bona fide scientist, a physicist with many degrees and honors respectably investigating, for over three freaking decades, the very subject of the program on which he is wrongly vilified! Outraged astonishment!

That Jesse Marcel Jr., who saw saucer parts as a boy, is now a medical doctor, just back from active duty in Iraq as a flight surgeon!

That Jesse Marcel Sr., the saucer finder, was the ranking Intelligence Officer of the only atomic bombing group in the world! Obviously, not a credulous dummy!

There was no mention of the literally thousands of physical trace cases, or of the blacked out FOIA documents obfuscating more of the truth, or "radar/visual" sightings... persons watching physical evidence actually being made...

Moreover, indicating that Hynek was the only scientist fighting the battle was patently preposterous... if it was not the very soul of duplicity, too. Dr. James McDonald (et sig al) did far more than Hynek ever did on his _best_ day...

Why continue ad nauseum. The reader gets the point.

Reader, two of the finest men in the current ufological struggle were made out plainly to be money-grubbing sensationalists and opportunists. They chumped Stanton Friedman in this fashion... and made Peter Davenport look like a freaking nut-ball! More Outrage!

Yes, this Peter Jennings/ABC journalistic apostasy was a complete, if subtle, Hack-Job! It employed all the old discredited prejudices, subtly made out like ufologists operate, doggedly, on conflicted faith and are, most likely, mentally ill, misinformed, or misinforming... ..while Skeptibunkies, on the other hand, are hard nosed realists with the conviction of "real" science behind them! What nonsense this?

All in all, ufologists were given no, hoped for, "hand" at all, except for the back of one...Outrage beyond incredulity!

This program was an opportunity to begin to relearn a trust in government and the media, but the baffled ufological fence-sitter was in no way encouraged to ask difficult questions of Government, Institution, or Agency on this subject. He or she were informed and inculcated otherwise, again by the hijacked mainstream, that ET is a long-shot, credible evidence of interaction does not exist , and ET

can't get here anyway, largely because we can't get there... oh, and all is right with the world... our arrogant hubris is intact. Human Beings remain the centre of the universe and the jewel in God's crown...

Crap!

I was completely disgusted with this canted partisan display. No points for Jennings, at all... who should just follow Dan Rather into some journalistic elephant's graveyard and let his tiny tusks bleach in the sun.

I'm not done. I'm just getting started. ABC doesn't know who they trifle with. We're righteous piranha and they're dead in the ufological water. Breaking out of the preceding metaphor, We don't need them... it's them needs us! As it stands, Peter Jennings and ABC are beneath my concern, my consideration and my contempt.

The definitive special about alien life ...has yet to be made.

by Will Bueche

John E. Mack Institute

Peter Jennings' report on UFOs was awaited with much excitement by people such as myself who have an interest in the subject of alien contact - excitement which was only partially tempered by the unfortunate news that the final interview given by Harvard's Dr. John Mack, a leading authority on the subject of alien contact, would not be presented in the finished program. Still, the potential for a powerful program remained, due to the high quality work which Peter Jennings Productions are known for. I duly tuned in the broadcast this evening.

It seems that the best of what Peter Jennings Productions (and the filmmakers at Springs Media) delivered was a strong 20 or 30 minute introduction to the UFO subject, and then (much later in the program) an all-too-brief couple of minutes of modern perspectives on how alien visitation could be possible (from internationally recognized authority in theoretical physics Dr. Michio Kaku).

The first segment persuasively argued that early investigations of flying saucers on the part of the Air Force or government were so weak as to be considered a squandered opportunity for knowledge. But from that segment on, the program seemed rather uninspired.

If the program had taken the lead of modern scientists such as Dr. Michio Kaku or Brian Greene this program could have been a grand statement about the current theories and ideas about ufos/alien encounters, and how we might investigate them if we apply this modern knowledge. I refer to knowledge which - as anyone who has looked into alien encounters would appreciate - involves theoretical physics' insights into the structure of reality as well as theories of consciousness

or, to put it more simply, theories of how perception of reality is affected by different states of consciousness.

Instead, modernity was given a couple minutes of limelight (in the form of Dr. Kaku explaining how modern physics believes that seemingly vast distances between worlds could be crossed in an instant) followed by people who are rereading theories of the 1970s - including present day researchers who are parroting theories from that era (the people from SETI, Harvard's Dr. McNally, and - to be entirely fair - even some "pro" ufo folks).

If only Jennings' program had been as fascinated by contemporary theories as they were by the early days of the UFO era. It was evidently not to be, and therefore this special was itself an opportunity squandered.

Sadly, the definitive special about alien life has yet to be made.

Viewers Respond

Reaction to the Peter Jennings Special, sampled from the web:

"...thank god for the Dr. Kaku segment; as he said, I believe most of our skeptics are only thinking 100 years in the future; not 1 million. The arrogance [of some scientists who] think we know the way the universe works is amazing to me - especially because science has been revised and proven wrong so many times in the past. Considering the age of the universe, why would we assume that any race near us would be as young as we are? And using radio waves for god's sake?"

"John Mack, whose interview was cut, was sorely missed here as plenty of abduction stuff was offered up, only to be coolly dismissed by pretty Dr. Clancy, with little or no rebuttal or debate presented."

"...the 'experts' have that haughtiness that indicates they think they know what is going on in the universe. Well, nobody knows. I'm inclined to think that what actually is going on is so bizarre that any one of us would be hard pressed to believe it [unless it] were it presented to us in a way we would understand -- an unlikely prospect in itself. There's likely more to it than we can imagine."

"I was left with the feeling that [Jennings] wants the audience to give the topics serious consideration, and that scientists should give it serious study."

"It seems as if a number of the Scientists, Psychologists, Psychiatrists and others interviewed for these and similar topic shows pound the drum of the fallibility of memory and the concept that the mind is weak storage device because everything is filtered through perception and that the information within is prone to be rewritten and edited over time. To some extent I believe that most would agree this is true, but I hardly believe this means that memory should never be trusted. After all, some folks put these little PhDs, MDs, and other markers of learned knowledge behind their names, which I would assume, means they don't doubt their own experience, suggest that we should trust their memory, and what they say should somehow hold some weight because of the memory of their past educational experience, which is somehow immune to be rewritten or edited. Is that faulty logic? Are these two different concepts?"

"It's easy to tell the smart people from the dumb people. Compare some of those skeptics on the show with their smirks and blank eyes to the bright light of Michio Kaku's eyes and his clear passion for learning and physics. I think there are really two kinds of people in the world - those who are fascinated by the universe and what it might contain, and those who want to just plain contain it within a predetermined idea structure."

BUDD HOPKINS

VICTOR's Stream List:

During the past year Jennings' producers interviewed me a number of times, and because I sensed what they had in mind, I made, as a preemptive strike, a number of careful, highly specific observations about the UFO abduction phenomenon.

All of these crucial points "recorded by ABC on videotape" were designed to underline the physical reality of UFO abductions and to demonstrate the implausibility of current skeptical explanations. To its shame, ABC suppressed ALL of these observations.

I knew, of course, that the skeptics' favorite explanation du jour is impossibly simple: abduction reports, they believe, are all due to misperceived "sleep paralysis." Ranking as a distant second is another erroneous belief: abduction reports, they say, "ONLY emerge under hypnosis," and since hypnosis is "totally unreliable," all abduction reports must be discarded.

In the light of these tediously familiar errors and misstatements, I made certain in my taped interviews to explain the following:

"In the first two decades of our research, ALL of the central abduction cases involved people who were outside their houses when they were taken. NONE

were lying paralyzed in their bedrooms. They were driving cars, walking, fishing, hunting and even, in one famous case, driving a tractor on a farm. "Sleep paralysis" as a blanket explanation of UFO abductions is therefore, ipso facto, a ludicrous non-starter. Nevertheless ALL of my insistent statements on this point were systematically eliminated by the producers.

â€ Second, I indicated that there are many abduction reports involving two, three, six or more people who were taken simultaneously and whose highly detailed recollections are virtually identical. This fact alone eliminates not only "sleep paralysis" but "fantasy-proneness" or any other idiosyncratic psychological aberrations as triggering causes. My descriptions of these many cases of multiple abductions were likewise completely suppressed by the producers

â€ Third, I showed the interviewers many photos of, again, virtually identical scoop marks, consistent straight-line scars and ground landing traces at abduction sites, and other physical sequelae. ALL of these vivid photographic examples of physical evidence were suppressed by the producers.

â€ Fourth, I was not alone in making these points. My colleague Dr. David Jacobs was asked by ABC to carry out a hypnotic regression for the camera, but since the woman he chose had been abducted in the daytime while driving a car, the case did not fit ABC's "sleep paralysis" agenda and was thus not only suppressed, but Dr. Jacobs' many hours of taped interviews were also scrapped.

â€ Fifth, I made it very clear that perhaps 30% of all the abduction reports collected by researchers are recalled WITHOUT THE AID OF HYPNOSIS, a fact which renders the issue of hypnosis moot. This point was also suppressed by the producers whose only goal, it appeared, was to eliminate any data that contradicted their transparently false debunking hypotheses.

Despite my having presented â€ and reiterated â€ the points above, the producers chose to trot out on camera two debunking scientists (whose experiments with a mere handful of subjects have yet to be taken seriously by the psychological community) to buttress the untenable "sleep paralysis" theory, the false "no physical evidence" claim, and the demonstrably untrue "its all hypnosis" assertion.

The smug presentations of these two would-be experts were accompanied by the producers' lurid "reenactments" of "sleep paralysis" phenomena, complete with flashing lights and spooky music. The taped testimony of a serious mental health professional like Dr. John Mack was likewise suppressed, along with my statement that over the years eight psychiatrists and numerous other mental health professionals had come to me about their own UFO abductions.

The producers' obvious goal was to conceal the fact that within the mental health community there are many professionals who look with amusement on the "sleep paralysis" theory, and who accept the physical reality of UFO abductions.

So what can one say about such a deliberately dishonest presentation as Peter Jennings's "Seeing is Believing" take on abductions? Perhaps one can only shrug and warn, yet again, that the incurious members of the press and the many blinkered, conservative scientists had better collectively pull their heads up out of the sand and join us in our work.

Whatever one's personal attitude toward the UFO abduction phenomenon, science insists that an extraordinary phenomenon demands an extraordinary investigation.

What ABC served up on Thursday night was, instead, an extraordinary whitewash of the abduction phenomenon, and a brutal suppression of the evidence for what may well be the most portentous event in human history.

Peter Jennings and his staff should be ashamed.



CRYPTOZOOLOGY CORNER

Strange, terrifying creature seen in Garden pond



Interview conducted with Mrs. Gladys Ectoplasm on April 30th 2005

SM: Thank you for talking to us Mrs. Ectoplasm. Tell us what happened if you will.

GE: Well, I was in the back garden at my home in Crewe, just 5 minutes from the beach, and I heard a commotion coming from the pond. I was down at the far end of the garden near the marijuana patch. We've a lovely crop this year you know, beautiful flowers, very pretty. My son James asks me to look after them for him. I must say I needed some convincing because I had heard that marijuana was illegal and could send you into a crazed frenzy but James said it was fine and that the government didn't mind if you used it for medical purposes and as James has an in growing toe nail, apparently the doctor said it was OK for him to use it.

Anyway, I digress. I turned round and walked back to the house and as I came up to the pond, I saw this enormous fish lying in the pond.

SM: How big was it?

GE: Oh I'd say about 30 feet long.

SM: How big is your pond?

GE: About 6 feet long.

SM: I see. How was the fish able to fit into the pond?

GE: Well it just seemed to.

SM: Oh very good. Well, do go on.

GE: I stood there looking at it for a moment or two and then I thought I was being very rude as I hadn't offered it a cup of tea so I rushed back into the house and put the kettle on. When I came back out and walked towards it, it took one look at what I was carrying and said, "No thanks dear. Coffee only for me."



Mrs. Ectoplasm and her son James in her garden tending to the medicinal remedy for his in growing toe nail.

SM: You're a little loopy, aren't you?

GE: Well, I'm English dear and that explains a lot you know. I suppose you want to see this fish?

SM: (Wearily) Oh go on then.

We troop round to the back garden. There is no large fish in the pond. She stoops beside the steps into the house and produces a goldfish bowl, inside which is a goldfish.

SM: And this is it, is it Mrs E? It's hardly 30 feet long is it?

GE: It's relative dear.

SM: Relative to what?

GE: No, it's a relative. That's Gavin, our youngest.

SM: Mrs. E. you have completely wasted my time and my newspaper's time by calling me down here with this ridiculous story.

GE: Not to worry. Fancy a joint?

SM: Don't mind if I do, thanks!

ALTERNATIVES

By

Kithra

In light of the Kyoto Treaty just having come into force, and all the recent scientific evidence for global warming, I was reminded of two seemingly unconnected events from 1977. The first was the screening an Anglia TV documentary in June called "Alternative 3" and the second was a strange incident from November that occurred in the South of England. But I'll deal with the last one first as I had personal experience of it.

That November afternoon I was watching the TV news programme when the broadcasting company for Southern England was taken over by unknown perpetrators who delivered a most unusual message that purportedly came from outer space. It began at around 5:10 pm on 26th November 1977 and was transmitted via five different aerials for about five and a half minutes. The Independent Broadcasting Authority detected none of the interference; nor did any of the engineers hear it. Viewers in the area bounded by London, Oxford, Reading, Newbury, Andover, Southampton, and Winchester all received the broadcasts. The text can still be read on the net, and here is what it said:

<http://www.cyberspaceorbit.com/takeoverstar.html>

"This is the voice of GRAMAHA, the representative of the Asta Galactic Command, speaking to you. For many years now you have seen us as lights in the skies. We speak to you now in peace and wisdom as we have done to your brothers and sisters all over this, your planet earth.

"We come to warn you of the destiny of your race and your worlds so that you may communicate to your fellow beings the course you must take to avoid the disasters which threaten your worlds, and the beings on our worlds around you. This is in order that you may share in the great awakening, as the planet passes into the new Age of Aquarius. The new age can be a time of great peace and evolution for your race, but only if your rulers are made aware of the evil forces that overshadow their judgments.

"Be still now and listen, for your chance may not come again. For many years your scientists, governments and generals have not heeded our warnings; they have continued to experiment with the evil forces of what you call nuclear energy. Atomic bombs can destroy the earth, and the beings of your sister worlds, in a moment. The wastes from atomic power systems will poison your planet for many thousands of your years to come.

"We, who have followed the path of evolution for far longer than you, have long since realized this - that atomic energy is always directed against life. It has had no peaceful application. Its use, and research into its use, must be ceased at once, or you all risk destruction. All weapons of evil must be removed.

The time of conflict is now past. The race of which you are a part may proceed to the highest planes of evolution if you show yourselves worthy to do this. You have but a short time to learn to live together in peace and goodwill. "Small groups all over the planet are learning this, and exist to pass on the light of the

dawning new age to you all. You are free to accept or reject their teachings, but only those who learn to live in peace will pass to the higher realms of spiritual evolution.

"Hear now the voice of GRAMAHA, the representative of the Asta Galactic Command, speaking to you. Be aware also that there are many false prophets and guides operating in your world. They will suck the energy from you - the energy you call money and will put it to evil ends giving you worthless dross in return.

"Your inner divine self will protect you from this. You must learn to be sensitive to the voice within that can tell you what is truth, and what is confusion, chaos and untruth. Learn to listen to the voice of truth which is within you and you will lead yourselves on to the path of evolution.

"This is our message to our dear friends. We have watched you growing for many years as you too have watched our lights in your skies. You know now that we are here, and that there are more beings on and around your earth than your scientists admit.

"We are deeply concerned about you and your path towards the light and will do all we can to help you. Have no fear, seek only to know yourselves, and live in harmony with the ways of your planet earth. We of the Asta Galactic Command thank you for your attention. We are now leaving the planes of your existence. May you be blessed by the supreme love and truth of the cosmos."



Map of Southern England

Picture Credit: <http://www.onevillage.org/wsklocator.jpg>

At the time we all thought it might have been a student prank and the police had told the press that they had taken it seriously. However, nobody was caught, and nobody owned up to having done it. One interesting aside is that the area in which the broadcast was heard has at least two or three nuclear installations - the AWRE (Atomic Weapons Research Establishment) at Aldermaston, the power station at Didcot, and the Rutherford laboratories at Oxford. And having thought

about it since, had it been a real extraterrestrial message why was it only heard in a very small part of the UK and not on a worldwide scale?

Another suggestion that seems to point towards it being a hoax was pointed out to me by a friend, who states: *"it mentions moving into the Age of Aquarius - a concept strongly rooted in new age thought in the 60s, 70s, even 80s. Nowadays all you hear about is Ascension instead though I think the change in ages is still in process. It also speaks of evil nuclear weapons and poison atomic waste. I've heard it said that ETs have the technology to remove pollution and probably neutralize radiation. In any case though it smacks of intervention, which I don't think they would do in a mass way, only on an individual basis through consciousness raising but not thru trying to dictate some particular course of action. That's how us humans think and act!"* And I have to say that I would agree with that idea. Also, from my own memory, (which may have lapsed with time), there was just a blank screen while the message was being heard. How strange that an advanced civilization could interrupt the programming but wasn't able to bring us pictures as well as sound!

The other strange event from that year was in June 1977 when Anglia TV broadcast a programme called: "Alternative 3" as part of their science strand. It was supposedly to have been transmitted on 1st April as an April Fool Joke, but was actually held over another couple of months so that it could be simultaneously shown in not only the UK but also Australia, Canada, Finland, Greece, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, and Yugoslavia. However, whether that is in fact true I wasn't able to substantiate, especially as Yugoslavia was still under the yoke of Tito at that time. But what is certain is that it was never shown in the USA. After it was seen there was outrage amongst the viewers.

Back at that period of British history it was well known that many of the UK's most eminent scientists in their field were leaving England to work in America, and this became known as the Brain Drain. The public believed it was due to better pay, better conditions, and better facilities being found abroad. At the same time the press was also full of stories about scientists of one type or another that were either committing suicide or dying in very mysterious circumstances.

The writers of the programme were David Ambrose, Christopher Miles, and Leslie Watkins. And the name of one of the protagonists in the cast was Bob Grodin, supposedly a pseudonym for a real American astronaut. The basic premise of the storyline was that global warming would make Earth uninhabitable, that there had been a landing on Mars in the early 1962, that there was other intelligent life in the universe, and that secret bases had been built on both Mars and the Moon. It then went on to relate how some of the best physicists, chemists and biologists had been given jobs abroad only to vanish from the face of the Earth. They had been spirited away to the secret bases in a conspiracy perpetrated by the collusion of the UK, USA and Russian governments. Meanwhile 'ordinary' people were also disappearing, and these had been sent to the Moon to act as slave labour for the scientists that were now living on Mars.

Was there any truth behind this? Well, according to one report the Jason Society held a conference in 1957 at which eminent scientists had stated their belief the world would self-destruct around the year 2,000. They thought this would be the outcome of overpopulation and environmental degradation. Therefore three recommendations were made, known as Alternatives 1, 2, and 3:

Alternative 1 was to end all pollution and blast two large holes in the ozone layer to allow so much ultra-violet light to reach earth that the population would die off due to skin cancer.

Alternative 2 was to dig underground cities for the privileged and influential to move into, and leave the poor and uneducated to die on the surface.

Alternative 3 was the build spaceships to take the upper echelons of society to the Moon and Mars; again leaving the rest to die.

When the programme was over, and callers began to swamp the Anglia TV switchboards they were told it was a hoax, postponed from 1st April, and that all the people on the screen had been actors. The press also treated it in the same vein, even comparing it to the Orson Well's "War of the Worlds" radio play in the 1930's.

If you're looking for a more 'sensationalist' view on Alternative 3 you might enjoy the transcript of a UFO Lecture given by Capt. Bill Robertson to a group of UFO enthusiasts in Germany during 1990. He not only talks of Alternative 3 but UFOs in general, including tying it all in with the New World Order. You can read it all here:

http://www.freezone.org/cbr/e_cbrufo.htm

However, that isn't the end of the story. The following year a book was written by Leslie Watkins, (already a writer of thriller books), again entitled: "Alternative 3." Both David Ambrose and Christopher Miles were credited with co-authorship because, although they didn't write the book, they had written the TV programme so they were added for copyright purposes. The purpose of the book was to expand on the topics covered in the original TV broadcast, but again it was not intended to read as factual. These days it isn't easy to buy a copy but it is still available from Amazon in the UK:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/search-handle-form/ref=sr_sp_go_as/202-9807200-3125420

And a great deal of the text can be found here:

<http://ufos.about.com/library/weekly/aa050399.htm>
UFOs / Aliens

Scroll to the end of the page and you can then download it in 4 separate parts:

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All of those involved with the TV programme claimed that it was fiction. Nevertheless, the real issue is whether any of it was based on fact. In the book "Alien Agenda" by Jim Marrs some of Leslie Watkins' correspondence on the subject is quoted, and this is what he had to say (p. 259):

"This original TV version, which I expanded immensely for the book, was actually a hoax which had been scheduled for transmission on April Fool's Day. Because of certain problems in finding the right network slot, the transmission was delayed."

Continuing with his letter, Watkins wrote, "I initially took the view that the basic premise was so way-out That no one would regard it as non-fiction. Immediately after publication, I realized I was totally wrong. In fact the amazing mountains of letters from virtually all parts of the world – including vast numbers from highly intelligent people in positions of authority – convinced me that I had accidentally trespassed into a range of top-secret truths So, summing up, the book is fiction based on fact. But I now feel that I inadvertently got very close to a secret truth."

Marrs also quotes Linda Moulton Howe on the subject; in which she says (p. 260):
"I was curious, and I had a discussion with a BBC producer about it. I was told that the programme began as a BBC documentary on the so-called British 'brain drain' of the 1970s. You might remember that a large number of British scientists were leaving, reportedly for better-paying jobs in America. I was told that the programme never came off because the BBC could not locate any of the scientists once they left Britain. It was all very odd. It was like they disappeared."

However, according to an interview in the Fortean Times with one of the books commissioning editors of Sphere Books, the publishers of the book, the whole thing – TV programme and book – were a hoax. You can read the interview here:

http://www.forteanimes.com/articles/121_a3.shtml

Another very well-known writer, William (Bill) Cooper, (who died in extremely mysterious circumstances), also used the ideas of Alternative 3 in many of his conspiracy theories, especially in his book "Behold a Pale Horse." You can read some of the excerpts here:

<http://www.maths.qmw.ac.uk/~ade/sldocs/secretgovt.html>

"You should also know that Bob Grodin is a friend of Leslie Watkins, and it is Bob Grodin's name that Watkins uses as the alias of the astronaut cited in *Alternative 003*.

..... Alternative 3 is a reality. It is not science fiction. "Bob Grodin" was used in place of the astronaut's identity. (The real Bob Grodin is a friend of Leslie Watkins and is a part of the Kennedy assassination cover-up.) It was also stated that the astronaut committed suicide in 1978. This cannot be validated by any source, and I believe that several so-called facts in the book are really disinformation. I firmly believe that this disinformation is a result of pressure put upon the authors and is meant to nullify the effect upon the populace of the British TV exposé "Alternative 3." I can say that the book *Alternative 003* is at least 70% true from my own knowledge and the knowledge of my sources. I believe that the disinformation was an attempt to compromise the British TV exposé with information that could be proven false, just as the "Eisenhower Briefing Document," which was released here in the United States under the contingency plan Majestic Twelve, can also be proven false."



Bill Cooper

Picture Credit: <http://www.crystalinks.com/billcooper.jpg>

For a more in-depth look at what might lie behind Alternative 3 there is a very good article that includes the following quote: "All men who have travelled to the Moon have given indications of knowing about Alternative 3 and of the reasons which precipitated it." The whole of it can be read here:

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/ufo/alt-3.htm>

So what are we to make of Alternative 3 – fact or fiction? Well, perhaps we should leave the last word to the author, Leslie Watkins. In the book entitled: "The Lost Journals of Nikola Tesla" by Tim Swartz, Leslie Watkins is quoted as saying, (p.119): *"Documentary evidence provided by many of these correspondents decided me to write a serious and completely non-fiction sequel. Unfortunately, a chest containing the bulk of the letters was among the items which were mysteriously lost in transit some four years ago when I moved from London, England, to Sydney, Australia, before I moved on to settle in New Zealand. For some time after Alternative 3 was originally published, I have reason to suppose that my home telephone was being tapped and my contacts who were experienced in such matters were convinced that certain intelligence agencies considered that I probably knew too much."*

The TV programme and the book are now almost 30 years old, and yet the controversy surrounding them still persists. They seem to have burrowed deep into the British psyche for those who either saw the show or read the book. Will the mystery ever be solved? Somehow I very much doubt it and the two sides of the argument, fact or fiction, will remain entrenched unless, one day, we really do get Disclosure.

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Mystery boom heard in London

By our reporter on the spot **Dam Acne** (yes, he's back!)

The mysterious booms that rocked much of downtown Camden Town in London (population 185) Saturday night, March 5, 2005, may remain forever a mystery.

About 8:20 p.m., 999 dispatchers started getting a mass of calls reporting the booms, said Shorn Inclined, the hazardous materials coordinator for the Camden Town Conglomerate of Lesbian and Gay Collectives.

The calls concerned an area downtown between Glade and Cherry Streets, from Brookstown Avenue to the south and East Hedgehog Street to the north, he said."

Inclined said he had not ruled out as of yesterday whether a small earthquake or sonic booms might have caused the noises, but by the end of the day he did not have a valid answer."

"There may not be enough earth-measuring equipment in the area to determine whether a small earthquake occurred, said Tyler Clark, the chief geologist at the London earthquake monitoring service. "That's because London has never had an earthquake. But hey, who gives a shit? It's not our money we're spending on this twaddle."

"This is likely to go down in the history books as a mystery,' Clark said."

"Saturday's booms were about the tenth event he has had from the Camden Town area in the past five years, Clark said."

"These are not anything new,' he said, 'They've happened to our village for a long time."

"It may be possible that the noises were a sonic boom, which is more likely to make the kind of explosive sound reported than an earthquake, Clark said."

"But a sonic boom could not have come from a plane leaving or landing at Heathrow Airport because the plane would be going too slow, said Dave Slow, the air traffic manager at the airport."

"Heathrow air traffic controllers do not track anything else above its air space of 30 feet (10 meters), Slow said."

"City public utilities officials considered the possibility that a methane explosion in a nearby sewer could have caused the booms but ruled out the possibility."

If the explosion had happened, there's got to be a release of pressure elsewhere,' said Ron Holeintheground, the deputy director of the City-County Utilities Division.

There have been no such reports, which could include such things as blown manhole covers."

However, Shoshi Toshi who owns an Indian takeaway in Pong Street in Camden had this to say to your reporter;

"The booms are not a mystery to us. Ever since we opened 5 years ago, they have been taking place regularly outside our shop. It's the customers responding to our extra strong curries. We're well known for them which is why idiots, sorry customers come from far and wide to taste them. To put it impolitely, they are just very loud farts. I'm sorry that other residents have been disconcerted by them and that Heathrow airport has been alerted. But they are perfectly safe explosions and in fact, we run a sweepstake on them. We have a decibel reader attached to the wall outside and each month award a prize to the loudest. For the last two months, a Mr. Jack Knackered has won, hands down.

A police spokesman had this to say to your reporter.

"Well f**k me!"





UFO RECOGNITION **PART 2**

UFO Lighting

By William F. Hamilton

UFOs sighted at night are either lighted or unlighted. All commercial aircraft carry specific lights of certain colors permitted by FAA regulations. Military aircraft also carry specific lights usually of the same colors, but also may be flying unlighted over military operating areas.

UFOs sometimes mimic aircraft lighting, but, more often than not, have a lighting pattern that does not conform to FAA-regulated lighting and thereby unusual lights can act as a marker of a possible UFO. One exception to all the standard lights used by aircraft is aircraft used for commercial enterprises. Light airplanes, helicopters, and blimps will carry lighted signs or extra lights to advertise a commercial product.

First, let us look at what the FAA requires of conventional aircraft in terms of color and position of lights:

Sec. 23.1385 Position light system installation.

(b) Left and right position lights. Left and right position lights must consist of a red and a green light spaced laterally as far apart as practicable and installed on the airplane such that, with the airplane in the normal flying position, the red light is on the left side and the green light is on the right side.

(c) Rear position light. The rear position light must be a white light mounted as far aft as practicable on the tail or on each wing tip. Each position light color must have the applicable International Commission on Illumination chromaticity coordinates as follows:

(a) Aviation red--
"y" is not greater than 0.335; and "z" is not greater than 0.002.

(b) Aviation green--
"x" is not greater than 0.440-0.320 y; "x" is not greater than y -0.170; and "y" is not less than 0.390-0.170 x.

(c) Aviation white--
"x" is not less than 0.300 and not greater than 0.540; "y" is not less than "x -0.040" or "y₀ -0.010," whichever is the smaller; and "y" is not greater than "x+0.020" nor "0.636-0.400 x";
Where "y₀" is the "y" coordinate of the Planckian radiator for the value of "x" considered.

Sec. 23.1401 Anti-collision light system.

(a) General. The airplane must have an anti-collision light system that:

(1) Consists of one or more approved anti-collision lights located so that their light will not impair the flight crewmembers' vision or detract from the conspicuity of the position lights; and

(2) Meets the requirements of paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section.

(b) Field of coverage. The system must consist of enough lights to illuminate the vital areas around the airplane, considering the physical configuration and flight characteristics of the airplane. The field of coverage must extend in each direction within at least 75 degrees above and 75 degrees below the horizontal plane of the airplane, except that there may be solid angles of obstructed visibility totaling not more than 0.5 steradians.

(c) Flashing characteristics. The arrangement of the system, that is, the number of light sources, beam width, speed of rotation, and other characteristics, must give an effective flash frequency of not less than 40, nor more than 100, cycles per minute. The effective flash frequency is the frequency at which the airplane's complete anti-collision light system is observed from a distance, and applies to each sector of light including any overlaps that exist when the system consists of more than one light source. In overlaps, flash frequencies may exceed 100, but not 180, cycles per minute.

(d) Color. Each anti-collision light must be either aviation red or aviation white and must meet the applicable requirements of Sec. 23.1397.

I have seen unidentified aerial objects using strobes similar to the anti-collision lights but with varying flash frequencies. UFOs may be using such strobing lights to mimic aircraft anti-collision lights. Internally lighted blimps have also been mistaken for UFOs as several UFOs seen at night appear to be lighted in a similar manner.

The only colors mentioned above are aviation red, green, and white. UFOs have been seen with red, white, green, orange, blue, and neon lighting in various numbers, positions, and configurations.

Here is one description taken from a sighting in Ohio in July: "The security guard said that the UFO had a solid yellowish orange non-blinking light around the exterior of it, best described as a circle with neon lighting all around it. There were also two additional lights on the back of the object."

Another report says: According to the witness, "I was on Route 3 near Lowell and had just pulled onto 495 heading south. It was around 1 a.m. I was alone in the car and (on) the highway. I had just passed Exit 30 (the Ayer/ Leominster turnoff). Then the lights hit me from behind. Blue lights. Very round, very close to the ground. At first I thought it was a state trooper, but then the lights were gone."

Another UFO had various color lights: Warwick estimated that the UFO was "20 meters up, lights were blue, red, yellow and orange. It was ten minutes in view," adding that he felt "scared, excited, overwhelmed, maybe a bit disappointed

because they didn't stay to chat." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of UFO Network Australasia for this news story.)

Here is a report with various shapes and colors of lights:

MONTERREY - On November 14, 1999, a green Flying Triangle was spotted over downtown Monterrey at 6:30 PM. Manuel Hernandez age 35 of Monterrey claims to have witnessed a UFO. He has been watching the night sky for several weeks and spotted four UFOs. The biggest had a triangle form and also has bright green lights. The location of this UFO was near the Saddle Hill. The other UFOs had a saucer shape with flashing red and blue lights. Thanks to World Wide UFO Reporting Center.

Many have wondered why UFOs would not travel in stealth mode and not display lights at all. Just a cursory examination of UFO sightings show that most UFOs exhibit eye-catching lights of many colors as if they are intending to be seen. There have been reports of witnesses signaling lighted UFOs with a flashlight or spotlight and receiving a return signal from the UFO. Colors and position of lights on aerial objects is an indicator of UFO recognition so the next time you see unusual lights please make a record and drawing of what you observed including color, position, and number of lights.

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(Always Telling the Truth, Means Never Having to Remember Anything)



Threats to Roswell Witnesses---WHY?

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I've always been curious why some military, and particularly some civilian witnesses to the 1947 Roswell Incident were threatened about talking about their experiences. After all, if it was just a weather balloon, or a Mogul balloon, or anthropomorphic crash test dummies that were involved in the Roswell Incident, why would it be necessary to threaten individuals about discussing it? Discussions about threats from witnesses goes back to the 1970's when the research on Roswell began. I'm continuing to get statements today from children of individuals that were at the Roswell Army Airfield in 1947 as civilian employees, about threats their parents received, and how they handled those threats. As a researcher of the Roswell Incident, the threats are one of the things that have kept me interested in the Incident, and have convinced me there was more to the Roswell Incident than what we've been told.

I have found that the threats varied from individual to individual too, with some of them being direct and to the point, while others were less personal, but still threats. It appears that the more you knew the more intense were the threats.

Some of threats that we know about include:

Maj. Jesse Marcel, the 509th Bomb Wing Intelligence Officer, who after returning from General Ramey's office told his wife and son, Jesse Jr., "They were not to speak about what they had seen, when he stopped at the house on the way back to the base from the debris field a few nights earlier."

Sheriff George Wilcox's granddaughter in an interview done in 1991 stated that, "When the incident happened, the military police came to the jailhouse and told her grandparents (George and his wife Inez), that if they ever talked about it, not only would they be killed, but the entire family would be killed." Sheriff Wilcox never ran for Sheriff again, although his wife did and was defeated.

After Frank Joyce of the KGFL radio station in Roswell, sent Public Information Officer Walter Hauts' press release to the United Press bureau, he received a call from a gentleman that identified himself as an officer at the Pentagon. Joyce stated that, "This man said some very bad things about what would happen to me...he was really pretty nasty." KGFL radio was notified that if they ever broadcast an interview that they had done with "Mack" Brazel, their FCC (Federal Communication Commission) license would be in jeopardy.

Ranch foreman, "Mack" Brazel, who discovered the debris on the Foster ranch where he was the foreman, was taken into custody at the Roswell Army Airfield base for several days after coming to the Sheriff's office with pieces of the debris. According to Mack Brazel's son Bill Jr., "the military had asked his Dad to take an oath never to talk about it, and he went to his grave never telling anyone anything after being interrogated." Changing his story at the radio station after being interrogated and being able to open a meat locker in Alamogordo, New Mexico a short time later on a ranch foreman's salary in 1947, also raises speculation as to what all was involved in his interrogation along with the threats.

Frankie Rowe has been interviewed and written about in books about her Dad, Dan Dwyer's involvement as a city of Roswell Firefighter in 1947. Miss Rowe recalled that military personnel came by their house and she was told, "If she talked about this again, they could be taken out in the desert, and no one would ever find them again."

Joseph Montoya was the Lt. Governor of New Mexico in 1947 and apparently viewed both the crashed craft debris and bodies in the hangar at the base. When Ruben Anaya asked Montoya about the events he had just experienced at the hangar, he was told to forget it. "It's too dangerous", Montoya said. "The FBI will do away with you."

Some of the military personnel involved that were sworn to secrecy according to interviews they have done over the years included "Pappy" Henderson, one of the top pilots with the 509th Bomb Wing; Edwin Easley, provost marshal for the 509th; Sheridan Cavitt and Bill Rickett, Counter Intelligence Officers.

Probably one of the most publicized threats made against a civilian were those made to Glenn Dennis, the mortician at Ballard Funeral Home. Glenn told Stanton Friedman in an interview in 1989 that, "Upon arriving at the base medical facility with an injured airman, he was met inside the infirmary by an MP (Military Policeman), who wanted to know who Glenn was, where he was from and what business he had there?" Glenn then met a nurse he knew, who asked him, "how did you get in here" and she told him, "My God, you're going to get killed." Shortly after that a big red-headed Captain asked the MPs what Glenn was doing there and ordered them to remove him from the building which they did, following him back to the funeral home. Glenn told researchers, Schmitt and Randle that when the Captain threatened him; he replied to the Captain "he could go to hell because he was a civilian". The Captain responded by saying, "Don't kid yourself young man, somebody will be picking your bones out of the sand."

Most of the above accounts of being threatened most likely are accurate accounts, as the witnesses making the statements had no reason to embellish their experience. As for the military and certain civilians, there is no doubt that many were sworn to secrecy at the time of the incident, and many kept that oath until they went to the grave. In a few cases, because individuals have not been found to substantiate the experiences as told by the witnesses, we must continue to search for information on those individuals. The threats however speak for

themselves, that something of extreme importance took place in Roswell in 1947 that apparently had nothing to do with balloons or crash test dummies.

Recently I've been fortunate enough to receive information about other civilian personnel that were at Roswell Army Airfield in 1947, and I have questioned the siblings of those individuals, about the threats they received and how they handled them.

One such case involved a woman who worked at the base in 1947, as the only civilian in the communication department, in conjunction with Mountain States Bell Telephone Company. I located her son in Albuquerque, New Mexico in December 2004, and asked him if she had told the family anything before passing away in 1997, here in Roswell. His reply was, "As a matter of fact no---I don't know what pressure they used, but they told her not to talk about it to anyone--- and she DID NOT, until the day she died." I responded, "So she was told not to talk about it", and he said, "She was definitely." She told us, "She couldn't tell us about anything---she was instructed not to."

Another situation involved a man who was the city manager of Roswell from 1946-1964, a WW II veteran with a high security clearance, who retired from the National Guard as a Major General. His son still lives here in Roswell and recently told me, "His Dad and then base commander Col. Blanchard were friends." He had told the son's mother and grandmother, "He had seen something he could not talk about" and as in other cases did not, until his death in 1982.

There were many more threats that I don't have room to list here, but this list that I've shared with you provides a wide diversity of the type threats both military and civilians received, due to their involvement in the 1947 Roswell Incident, and my question remains --- Why?

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India chosen nation for extraterrestrial visitation. Aliens to share secrets with our leaders.

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Word has reached your correspondent that the alien race that has recently been visiting our country and showing itself near the Himalayas has made contact with the government and wishes to share with it all of its advanced technology. This will propel India into the 19th century and mark us out as one of the leading nations in the universe. Some of the products they proffer are;

A strange box with a screen on it that you plug into electricity. You need a metal pole to go with it and when it is working properly, you can see images from all round the heavens. Your correspondent has been very fortunate and has been taken into the confidence of government officials who have shown him how it works. The pictures were moving ones and showed human like creatures talking in a sort of English. A girl called Tracy was a bit of strumpet and a big deal was made of Ken and a lady called Deirdre getting married, again. They said things like "barm cake" and "M62". This is strange English.

A very marvellous device that enables you to talk to anyone anywhere. It is like a telephone but you can carry it about away from the house. It is small and you can turn it on and off. Very wondrous. Our alien friends say it is very advanced and a highly secretive device.

Another thing they are going to give us, and I have seen the prototype, is a short tubular device into which one end you place batteries and when you move the switch to turn it on, like magic a beam of light emits from the other end so you can light up the dark. When you see it you will think you suddenly have magical powers.

But the best device of all, and very complicated in its circuitry, is a thin plate of glass like material which is dull on the back but shiny and clear on the front. When you look at the front, you can see strange, disturbing images of ugly, unkempt people having a bad hair day. My contact in the government tells me the aliens call this a "mirror" and that it will help our nation develop its first bomb, code named "grenade". We are very excited about this as it will terrify our enemies and make India once again a nation to fear.

But this is a reciprocal agreement and we must exchange with the aliens and barter. In return for what they offer us, they want to be allowed to do something called "abductions" where they invite an Indian national on to their craft for a friendly medical examination. They will tell the government the names of these people so they won't need vaccinations later under our health programme. They also want to examine some of our cattle from time to time. It seems a fair exchange. (continued on page 140).

The abductee who looks forward to being taken

Lisette Larkins is an internationally best selling author and takes pride of place at Hampton Roads publishing. Her success is no fluke. Her books are quite outstanding. If I say, "They even trapped me" I don't mean that in any negative sense. Lisette could be labelled a New Age author if you're intent on sticking her in a pigeon hole but there's much to her than that. Her books propagate a way of behaving, of rescuing yourself from the mundane and the lack of control in your life and of encouraging you to take back jurisdiction over what you do and feel, as well as responsibility for the decisions you make. The emphasis is on self empowerment.

It's an enticing mix of "They're here to help us" with just enough of the nuts and bolts to at least keep the attention of a died in the wool exponent of "firm evidence". A clever mix.

And to counter the claim that she's bonkers, in her first book, *Talking to Extraterrestrial*, there's even a declaration about her state of mind by her psychiatrist. She's covered all the angles.

This interview was recorded on February 17th 2005.



SM: I read with enormous interest, "Talking to Extraterrestrials" and the book caused me no end of trouble and confusion really. It was very, very well written

and yet I didn't want to believe it. And yet I found I had to, if you know what I mean, because you'd written it so well. What kind of reactions are you getting to the three books you've written?

LL: There are all kinds of reactions. I've got lots and lots of really wonderful mail, whether emails to my web site or mails from prisoners in prison. I don't even know how they get my books. I guess family members send them to them. So I've got a lot of different kinds of correspondences, people from different age ranges, teenagers, older people. On the other hand, I've got some of the best hate mail I've ever read and that's been valuable too because it makes me realise that I don't need approval, I'm just offering one other way to look at the world. It's OK with me if people think it's ridiculous. I of course enjoy hearing from people who have found it of value. That's very affirming but by the same token, I grew up in a family where we didn't talk about this kind of thing. I didn't talk about this as a child and didn't consider whether these things were really possible. Like many people, I went to school and there wasn't a class on other worldly communications. I have five siblings and two parents and even today they're not quite sure what to make of all this. And my parents are British on top of it all.

Having spent 3 weeks in a psychiatric hospital after I had these experiences, during which time I really understood how crazy it seems to people, nothing surprises me now. Any kind of reaction cannot possibly surprise me.

SM: Yes, I remember from the book it was a very stressful time for you and there was doubt about whether you would get custody of your son.

LL: I actually lost custody for several months and I was devastated. It's interesting because people from all over the world are having some kind of other worldly experience and many of them have their whole world turn upside-down like mine was initially. There is a process to this business of meeting our otherworldly neighbours. It's like passing through the eye of a needle. There are physical challenges, emotional, psychological, there are many different kinds of challenges that people go through when we start opening to this kind of contact. When I went through it 20 years ago, it was devastating for me. My life did turn upside down. My husband divorced me, I lost custody of my child, I thought maybe I was crazy. I actually got to the point where I said, "You know what? It's OK, I'm just going to go ahead and take some kind of medication. That's not the worst thing in the world."

So I agreed with my then husband that I would admit myself to the psychiatric hospital to see what kind of drug would help me with these illusions. Sometimes it can be a very difficult process but what I came to find out is that it's only as difficult as we think it has to be. Really, this is just such a natural part of our evolution where we're getting to know our neighbours better. At the end of the day, it's all about *relationships*.

In my second book I've used the term "metamorph" to describe a human who is being more comfortable and learning to thrive as a result of these other worldly connections rather than living an illusion and believing they are being victimised. Society has taught us to believe that what's difficult, or what we don't understand, suggests victimization. When it comes to UFO literature, generally, we're racists. There's often more comfort in trying to chronicle and label our universal neighbours. What do they look like? What do you call them? Where are they from? So we get lost in the minutia, instead of contemplating what those relationships might mean to us; what the manner and quality of those we've met

might say about ourselves. Remember, like attracts like. That's a hard pill for the ufologists to swallow.

I'm at the point where the constant need to "chronicle and identify" is boring to me. When you get to a certain level of awareness, you realise none of us are from any one place, nor can our behaviours and motives be determined by our physical description. So it really becomes almost impossible to identify someone with a name or a colour because even we humans vary in our personalities, and we do this thing called shape shifting. We do that when we die in one life and then come back. We call that reincarnation. What is that but shape shifting?

But as we evolve and grow, we recognise that we can do that in the moment, when we grasp and utilise this thing called "matter." This is precisely how these enlightened beings function. They can shift shape right in front of our eyes. So in one moment they can be 4 feet tall and gray and people say, "Oh my gosh, those are the evil grays who do the abductions." And in the next moment you might see them shape shift and be 12 feet tall and orange. So I have let go of this need to meet people's expectations where I chronicle and label, and attribute a personality type to a skin tone. In this realm it's called prejudice.

I challenge contactees world-wide to outgrow this habit we all have of attributing an attribute to the way somebody looks. I just can't buy into that argument that says, "Well if they're the so-called 'grays' and they are abducting you then you're being brainwashed and yet you have a positive feeling about it." I have come to understand that like here, even out there, there are all kinds of people. There are all kinds of beings experiencing all kinds of different levels of spiritual growth. Everybody's at a different stage. So that doesn't worry me anymore and what becomes important is not trying to identify what is the spiritual growth of the person that I'm encountering, because now I understand that Quantum physics says that like attracts like and who we are is what we get.

So then, the focus, instead of being out there and how can I protect myself and surround myself to keep them away from me, becomes more on me and who am I. What is my personality, what are my words, my thoughts and my expressions? Then I start recognising that who I am will determine who I get, whether in this world or another.

SM: So your own personality shapes who you see on the other side, in the shape of ETs. Is that what you're saying?

LL: Yes. How can it be any other way? But it's not limited to the physical shape of the other. This includes the entire breadth of the way we *perceive* another! When you consider this concept within the realm of UFO phenomena, all of sudden everyone's aghast. We see the world through our own kaleidoscope. In addition, one of the myths in the UFO literature says that if one is experiencing intense trauma that turns your life upside down then surely there's indication you're being victimised. If you're crying and pulling out your hair and you're in a nut house, it would seem it's not working for you. But let me tell you this story. I have a dog, a yellow Labrador retriever and in her particular level of growth, how do I make her understand that when I took her recently to the vet and she had surgery, she had a little lump on her eye lid, she was absolutely traumatised. She remembers being on a table, she remembers knives coming at her, she remembers needles and then when I took her back a week later to get her sutures removed, and as she encounters the other dogs in the waiting room she warns them. As the vet came out in his white lab coat, imagine she would say, "Run for your life, here comes the whites."

So how do we explain to beings of a different kind, and dogs see the world in a different way to the way we do, that this is OK? First of all, many of these procedures that we have misidentified as victimising procedures we've called to ourselves for reasons of our own health maintenance, in many cases like my own dog has. At some level her soul has called that to her.

SM: Are you now talking about general life experience or about abductions?

LL: Both. I'm using it as a metaphor for ET encounter experiences. We have one strike against us whenever we talk about relationships with other worldly beings and that strike against us is that we even have different words to describe the experience. We even call them abductions. It suggests kidnapping so we're already working backwards. So let's just let that go for a moment and assume we haven't been kidnapped, maybe our soul is very much in agreement with these contacts and our worldly social paradigm has disallowed me to embrace it. I'm experiencing traumatic amnesia. I can't remember all the aspects of it and further, I can't even remember the soul agreements I made on the other side before I incarnated. People who are having these relationships with ETs have made these decisions long before this life. These are important and in many cases familial relationships that we are continuing in a conscious state.

SM: Why then do you think our memory is erased from that? From what we did before?

LL: First of all, there is some agreement when we come here that we don't remember everything. We'd go nuts. If I remembered every lifetime vividly, it would be very, very difficult. I couldn't get to the business that I came here to do. And of course we do remember many things like if somebody is afraid of heights, perhaps in another life they fell off a cliff. So we do retain certain memories but as far as how to remember the active agreements that we have, if there's been a mutual agreement to forget some things and with other things, the culture has contributed to that. On the other hand, as we grow in spiritual development, we agree to remember our other lives and soul agreements because we're no longer upset by what else and who else we've "been." We grow up and the truth of what's so no longer holds us hostage.

I think there is also a shift as we evolve as a species. As a group we're agreeing to remember more because now we can handle it, collectively speaking. It's like you can't teach a 3 year old physics. Let her first learn how to tie her shoes and how to speak and write. But as spiritual beings, we are fully empowered capable spiritual beings. The problem is, we've forgotten that we're universal beings, capable of very sophisticated, otherworldly relationships. But with the new millennium, as a species we are now growing faster and faster and the veil of forgetfulness is falling away.

Which is why 20 years ago, at least in the States, we didn't have a show like "John Edward Crossing Over". We didn't have shows like that on television that were syndicated. Now, we have a hit show called "The Medium." We are accepting this more, we are accepting that other kinds of so-called paranormal things can happen and they're on television. So we're growing, we're growing up, we're becoming more aware and the more we can tolerate the memories of who we are - including being family members with ETs - then we'll remember them and the nature of our relationship to them.

The other question that people love to ask is, "Now wait a minute. Are you saying that every experience is good? Surely some people have been truly victimised by the mean old aliens." There are all kinds of beings on this planet, on this level

and other levels, and other dimensions. So there are all kinds of relationships. There are all kinds of experiences. If people insist they've been victimised, I'm not suggesting that they haven't but there is another way to look at all experience. In many cases, there's trauma but there's no inherent victimisation going on. For example, some people here on Earth have had some really bad marriages. Some people have been victimised, some have been abused. I'm not suggesting that those kinds of things don't happen. What I am saying is that at the end of the day, we are learning that, metaphysically speaking, we have some level of responsibility in the manner and quality of ALL our relationships.

If I'm responsible for all my relationships, then what kind of relationship does that leave out? Does that mean I only mean the relationships in Los Angeles and not the ones in New York? Or just the ones in Texas and not the ones in the UK? No, it means all our relationships on Earth and off Earth. Whether we're talking about relationships with our parents, our children, our co-workers, our in-laws – or ETs. Spiritual law applies to other worldly relationships as well. It's pure naiveté to leave those out. So if somebody wants to pretend and insist that they have nothing whatsoever to do with the quality and nature of their other worldly relationships, then go for it. But they're living a lie.

SM: I was very struck by how you have turned what for most abductees is a very terrifying experience into a positive one. That is a theme that runs all the way through, that it is a very positive, enlightening experience. I can't remember if you mentioned this in *Calling on Extraterrestrials* but initially it must have been a very terrifying experience. How did you turn it round into something positive?

LL: It really is as simple as considering a different idea about it. So when I was in the active stages of trauma, my world turned upside down. I was having lights through the ceiling; it felt like I was being electrocuted, I had the whole gamut. I started seeing not just ETs but I started to see the spirit world. Overnight I developed this second site and I thought I was losing my mind. I was developing some really weird behaviours. My husband would come home and I would be in the closet crying, terrified. For several years, I had no other visual. In other words I saw the lights and felt the electromagnetic energies but I didn't actually see any ET faces. It was like this for years and years and it was because my trauma was so intense, I couldn't go to the next step.

It was after I got out of the psychiatric hospital and I continued with some psychotherapy, and fully submitted to a battery of tests and was told that I was of sound mind. This helped me to continue with my emotional healing. I had a team of clinicians at that point, evaluating me for about a 5 or 6 year period because I had surrendered to the possibility that perhaps I was nuts. After all, I didn't want a crazy woman to raise my child. I figured that if I could take drugs to stop the hallucinations so that my son is not raised by a crackpot, then let me do that. But as it turns out, the cultural illusion of our supposed universal isolation is what is most nuts.

If I was of sound mind, then it begged the question, "What was that?" And here's the interesting thing and this is a symbol for all of life. I shifted from terror to curiosity. Questioning one's own sanity has got to be the most scary thing I've ever experienced. When I made that shift, I said, "I want to know. I'm not crazy, I want to know. Show me what that was." All of a sudden I made a shift and the ET contacts started up, again, wherein they had stopped for a two-year period. The moment I asked to be shown the truth of my experiences, I was shown the way.

You see, our attitude determines our experience at many levels. I was ready to know more, I had grown up a little bit both emotionally and spiritually and I was ready to know the truth of my experiences. So they started up again – the lights through the ceiling, but this time instead of bracing myself and screaming, I adopted a different stance. “Oh, OK. Let me relax into this.” Because I wanted to know what was behind those lights. My eyes closed involuntarily, I felt this tremendous surge of movement as though I was on a rollercoaster, my stomach leaped and at some point later my eyes opened and I was on some kind of a craft. I was floating through the air, this portal opens, no one’s touching me, and I see about a half a dozen of these four foot tall, gray-skinned ETs. And we started communicating and I was so joyous because I instantaneously understood. “This is what this is? This is what this is about? Alien abduction?” But you know what? In a moment I realised that this wasn’t the truth about what this experience was about because instead of trauma as I beheld them, I felt explosions of love. What is that about? That doesn’t jibe with what is said in the UFO literature.

So all of a sudden, we’re communicating telepathically and it took me some time before I realised our mouths weren’t moving. How was I able, without taking any workshop or seminar, how was I able to do that thing? I realised we must be these amazing spiritual beings and we have these abilities that we’ve suppressed. But when we get around, and meet our family members from other areas of the Universe (who are more evolved than we are), it does something to us. It can trigger spiritual growth, or it can trigger the onset of the huge cultural lie. Our ET encounters can serve to remind us of who we are in relation to them.

SM: At the point that you’re talking about now, you experienced enlightenment, so to speak...

LL: No. I don’t feel I’ve had enlightenment.

SM: Sorry, perhaps I phrased that badly. What I meant was, a realization at last as to what was going on with you. I understand that you might say that you needed to go through what you went through before to get to the point that you’ve arrived at, at this point in the narrative, but what you were put through, what you experienced was very traumatic for you. A lot of people who perhaps undergo or experience a similar journey would be resentful at the other end of it. I mean, look what you were put through. There was a question mark over your sanity - your personal life was put into crisis because of this. OK, some years later you have had something extremely positive come out of it, but look what it did to you at that point.

LL: I understand the question. It’s a wonderful question. As kindly as I can. Let me say that the question speaks to a lack of understanding to the way things are in the Universe, including on planet Earth. Have we forgotten the dynamics that determine even our relationships and experiences in this realm? How many of us can look back and know that the worst single thing to have happened to us, whether it was a horrible marriage, a horrible job, a firing, something that left us upside down, that when we look back in 5 or 10 years, we know that there was some hugely important reason that we had to go through that. With hindsight, we recognise that there was some Divine plan in all of it. The problem is, we keep forgetting, we, our souls, are *bringing* us to experiences, circumstances and events that help our souls to grow. Nothing has been *done* to us. We have assumed victimization when there’s trauma. If it’s difficult, then somehow it’s been done to us. But that manner of thinking is not for the spiritual initiate. Wake up. Be courageous enough to see one’s soul calling all of life’s events and experiences to help the soul to grow.

I don't care if you're talking about a bad marriage, a bad job or a bad alien encounter, there's a myth that says, "Look at who did what to you." You know what? It's a big lie. The problem is we still haven't gotten a hang of that idea with this life, with these relationships, with these experiences, so it's almost impossible to have this conversation about the nature of ET relationships until we first discuss this myth. Get out of the illusion. Whatever is going on with your day to day world right now, you have something to do with. Your soul brought you there, your soul has called it to you. Stop pretending that you're just a feather in the wind, blowing around based on somebody else's will of you.

The same goes for other-worldly experiences. No alien group put me through anything. First of all, I was the one who processed my experiences as trauma. If in my case there was no inherent harm happening then who is responsible for changing the context of the way in which I perceive my experiences?

OK, let's take a victim of rape or murder or something horrendous that we can all agree is very difficult. We agree that they're really being victimised. What about that? Look, I myself have had some really difficult experiences. As a child, I experienced very, very difficult sexual abuse. But you know what? It's not about being at blame. I'm not suggesting that I'm to blame or that anyone's to blame. It's just what happened. Somehow and some way, my soul has brought me to all kinds of different experiences. To pretend that I only have something to do with the "good" stuff, and not the difficult stuff is naivety in the extreme.

There is, at the end of the day, a kind of balancing act with the soul that goes on with the soul's growth. We're not living just one life. We're not even living just one life at a time. The soul is going through so many different expressions and what we experience is all Divinely ordained and planned so that we can balance out our other lives - experiences that we have perpetrated on others so that we can know how that feels. The key is, how do we respond and act as we're going through these growth opportunities? To continue the myth that "abductees" or anyone else are victims doesn't serve us. Yes, there are difficult situations. Yes, nobody's going to go up to the children who were victims of the tsunami and say, "You are at fault. All your family died. Get over it." That's not the point. The point is everything turns out OK in the end. If it's not OK, it's not the end. And our job is to show up day after day and to help ourselves and to help each other that it's all going to be OK, that we are empowered, that we have some say in our relationships and if we don't like what we're getting, then it's our responsibility to change what we're getting.

And we can, through our own consciousness and through our own awareness. And that's the beauty of it. If somebody said to me, "Look, I've got these terrible aliens coming into my bedroom, I hate them, I don't want them" I would say fine. I'm not trying to convince anyone to have a relationship they don't want. But you cannot convince me that your soul had nothing to do with it. You did have something to do with it at some level or you wouldn't be having that experience. You may not understand it but you can quickly change the quality and manner of it by recognising your part in it. That's how you can most quickly change anything.

SM: I consider you to be in a good place. You are in a fabulous place to be. You accept, you don't blame and the underlying message of course is self empowerment. You're urging people to take control themselves and to stop being victims. But you are, I want to use the word "lucky" but you aren't lucky because you've done this yourself by hard effort, but you are fortunate to be in the place that you're at with all this, with all that you've gone through. To be able to look

back on it and to take and hold the view that you hold must have taken a lot of hard work.

LL: It does but I would be misrepresenting myself if I didn't tell you that all of us, me included, constantly have growth challenges. I'm not just now floating through life. My soul, like everyone's soul, constantly calls events, circumstances and relationships to myself to challenge my soul to grow.

So every month there's another challenge in my face that I have brought to myself so that I can grow from. So what I do in those moments when I forget and I'm in that illusion and I'm whining, "Woe is me. This sucks. This is awful" - the trick is, this time I don't stay in that place for 5 years or even a year. I now stay in that place for two weeks or a day. I have now decided to find a way to constantly keep myself empowered. Thriving in this world requires constant brain washing in reverse.

I don't care if you're watching the news or you're reading but as a society we are constantly in this brain washing environment that says, "We are everything but empowered spiritual beings." So it helps me set up a situation for myself where I counter that constant brain washing. It's like if you're in a building that has really stale air. You keep going outside for fresh air, for a break, and then you come back in and do another 10 minutes. What I do is, I'm always reading something, listening to something, being somewhere that inspires me, constantly finding ways to be constantly inspired whether it's taking a walk every day or something else. It's really important to take those steps. When we get sucked into the myth, into the illusion, it's such a paradox. We will stay in the misery longer when we live the illusion that we have no choice, we can't do it, we can't get out of it, we can't change it. Then, we will stay there for a long time. So I do whatever I need to do to remind myself, "Oh that's right. I almost forgot that I'm an empowered spiritual being capable of changing my life. Isn't that funny, I almost forgot." I have a sense of humour towards myself. I laugh at myself.

SM: One point about your first book, *Talking To Extraterrestrials* that struck a chord with me was this. I come from what I would call a nuts and bolts ufological background. Very different to your plane and approach and of course on that side of the fence, we're constantly searching for proof, physical proof etc. And always at the back of our minds is the question, "When will we be told the truth. When will the government who must know something about this finally deign to tell us what is going on?" Your first book made a very interesting point which was that we're not going to be told by our governments but instead we're going to be told by ETs themselves. They are side stepping the government, going right round their backs, and I remember on more than one occasion you quoting them in the book as saying "We don't have contact with those elements (black projects) within the American government anymore. And the fact that they're taking it straight to the people I found very interesting and innovative.

LL: Let's clarify one thing. I don't pretend to be in contact with every group of other worldly beings any more than I could pretend to know every person on the planet. So I'm talking to one particular ET group. There are lots and lots of different groups from all kinds of places travelling all kinds of different directions. The group I'm dealing with right now, that's what they said they are doing so let's make that point.

Furthermore, what if we've all got it backwards? Supposing people who are desperately curious about UFO phenomena, people who have even seen a craft once 10 or 15 years ago, people who have had any kind of random dream about any kind of ET, alien, UFO anything, people who are awakened in the night by an

explosion of light and wondered whether that was some kind of encounter experience. What if millions of people around the world are awakening to their status as this metamorphed being – a metamorph - this universal being who can walk between worlds. Well I've got major news for you. YOU are the leaders. Why are you assuming that the government knows more about ETs than you do? You're the leader, you are out in front of the pack. Take your place and go get more information from the beings that you're dealing with and YOU tell the world about them. Stop waiting for the ones in spiritual kindergarten to lead you by the hand. You are the ones having these experiences even at a very minor level. A person who's had a sighting? That's a knock on the door. Your emotions, your emotional reaction, your psychological response, your physical response, what is that saying to others – and the ETs themselves? The governments of the world are not our highest teachers nor our best leaders about anything and everything UFO and ET. It's laughable to me at this point. It's so much fun. There are people who are gnashing their teeth, angry and frustrated because the government won't tell us what they know. You know what? Who cares what they know. Believe me, it's not as much as most "regular" contactees know. Yes, OK fine they've had experiments, they've had whatever. It doesn't even matter what they've done or what they are doing, or who've they seen.

The point is, we're big kids now. We're all grown up. We do not need Uncle Sam or anybody else to make the introduction for us. Don't you get it? That's the whole point. That's what governments want you to believe. They want you to believe that they are the intermediaries just like religions want you to believe that they are the intermediaries between you and god. You don't need any intermediaries, you don't need any more reports, any more disclosures, you have all the information at your fingertips which is that these relationships are possible. Go out and see the universe and meet your neighbours.

SM: A very, very positive statement. I just want to step back a bit to a point you mentioned in the book when you went into hospital. You mentioned that the events that were happening to you stopped the moment you went into hospital and didn't start up again for two years. Do you think that was a realization on the part of ETs that you were in trouble and that you needed help here and that the best way to help you was to back off?

LL: It was a joint decision and I should say that at this point in my life, when the contact first started, I started seeing these coloured flashes of light. Today, I'm very much aware that they know everything I'm thinking, never mind if I'm about to kill myself. At this point in my life, if I think something or if I'm in a room with somebody and they say something, I see these coloured flashes of light – white, blue, red, and it took me years to decode all this because imagine waking up and there's flashes of lights and you don't know what's going on.

Many people believe that there are angels and now I understand that if you pray and say, "Please help me" that somehow, they hear our prayer. But all of a sudden, if you're talking about physical, extraterrestrial beings, well that's just impossible. Evolution is evolution, growth is growth. It's not such a stretch to imagine that other worldly physical beings, who have by the way a very strong grasp of telepathy and technology, have the same abilities as angels. They know everything. You know why? Because all information is available to everyone, everywhere. It's all there in the ether. Even psychics have proven this. The information is just there. If you want to know it you can find it, you can just glean it.

In answer to your specific question, yes, when I went into the psychiatric hospital, I was put in the SP ward, the suicide prevention ward because I had

communicated that I wanted to kill myself. I was suicidal at that point, which was also part of the reason why I lost custody of my son. So yes, we had a mutual agreement at the level of the soul, let's put all this on hold until I remember a little bit more. Get yourself out of your illusion and then we'll talk again.

SM: Given the way that ETs are gradually approaching more and more people, how do you see the situation developing in the future, say in 20 or 30 years time. What do you foresee in that time span?

LL: I think it's a really individual situation. People say, "When will the ETs make themselves known on a mass scale? I chuckle at this question. I was in New York last year and I was on the streets of Manhattan. I looked up and there was a huge craft, making itself known to the whole of New York City. And the funny thing was that one of the people I was with has always said, "Gosh, I wish I was like you, I wish I could see this kind of stuff. We all three looked up and there was the craft and in a moment it blinked and was gone. There were millions of people all over, it was rush hour, and 6:00pm on a week night and nobody else that I could see noticed it.

So you've got some things going on here. First of all, depending on where we are in our awareness, some people can look up and not see it. They look right through it and actually do not see it. We already have lots and lots of good examples even in our own history books. The story of Magellan's ship for example. There have been lots of stories that say that when the native peoples were approached by the five ships that anchored in the Bay, they looked out to sea but because they were of a canoe culture and had never seen a ship and didn't know what they were, they looked right through them. They couldn't see them. No ship imprinted itself on their retina. It wasn't until they became accustomed to the idea of such a thing when they were pointed out more closely that the ships on the horizon materialised. And guess what some of them did? They ran screaming into the woods terrified, traumatised. Now, was there any inherent victimisation going on?

So whether you're talking about 1540 or 2004 in New York City, some people look up and see them and some people look up and don't see them. And even those that look up and see them, like one of those who was with me said, "Oh my gosh, I'm having a UFO sighting" and in 10 minutes he had talked himself out of it. After a whole year, today, he says, "What sighting?"

SM: I've been meaning to ask you this because as we've discussed, you are in a different place to most, but does the incident that you've just described frustrate the hell out of you?

LL: Not at all. And that took some maturing on my part. If you had asked me this question when I was in a psychiatric hospital when everyone was coming at me with clip boards and vials of drugs, it was a very threatening place to be.

But then I grew up a little and what came from that was not judgement but compassion. I remember a time when I was younger, and I don't mean that much earlier than when I started having my own contact, being in a grocery store and standing in line and picking up one of those cheap tabloids. And on the cover it said, "Woman abducted by Aliens. Says she was on a Spacecraft." I remember chuckling to myself and saying, "What a crackpot." We all grow in our different times and places. So the point is, I now understand. If it was 25 years ago, I would have had the same reaction. So how can I judge? It's just all a matter of the timing as to when we move our souls into this greater awareness. That's all it is by the way. It's just greater awareness. I no longer want to beat people up

because they either find it ridiculous, they need more proof, they think I'm insane, they think I need to be saved. Whatever. There are so many different kinds of reactions and responses to me in the same way that there are different kinds of reactions and responses to UFOs hanging above a gas station in the middle of the city. It's uncanny. The reaction depends on the soul doing the beholding. So how can I take it personally? It's not about me; it's about where you are in your own growth. YOUR growth, not mine, will determine your reactions and perceptions.

SM: How much further on your personal journey do you feel you have to go or is this something that will carry on until you pass from this world to the next?

LL: Opportunities challenging our spiritual growth never stop my darling and for all of us, for me, my understanding is we're always challenging ourselves constantly. Yes, we rest, there are times when we rest and it seems like absolutely nothing is happening. I am not growing, I am certain of it sometimes but truly we are all growing. If you get out of a bad marriage you may not want to date for a few years. That's a metaphor for how we're all really growing as fast as we can, given our situation and we challenge ourselves as we see fit, and it's really hard to judge each other. Yes, I understand that I will always be challenging myself to grow. I have challenges and growth opportunities like everybody else does.

SM: Is there a danger that you can leave everybody behind, so to speak, everybody that's important to you in your life. You just get so far down the road that they're trailing behind you?

LL: I think that question is better asked of somebody who has reached enlightenment and I have not. But I have heard that in fact it's the opposite. The closer we come to enlightenment, the closer we move towards people. We feel more connection, we feel more in love with each other, we feel more at peace. So it's quite the opposite which is why I love the idea of moving towards enlightenment, and I'm so far away I may never get there. But I love that idea. We're all circling with those same issues. We're all struggling with not judging the heck out of each other and finding peace in our relationships. So yes, it's one of my goals and I have certain practices and tools that I use that I feel are moving me in that direction. I don't know whether I'll ever get there in this life but the fun is in trying.

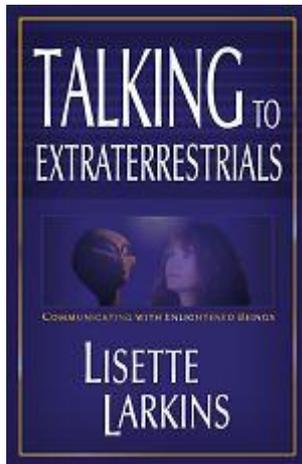
SM: I think you will. You are obviously a very determined and very capable lady.

LL: I think everyone of us is determined and capable. Look at the kind of world we're living in right now. There are so many challenges to remembering that we are universal beings because if you really look around and listen to the news, it would seem that we have absolutely no power to enact change on this planet. It seems that governments are out of control running things so we're all so courageous to have agreed to come here at this particular time. We knew when we were being born. We knew what was going to be going down as we became adults.

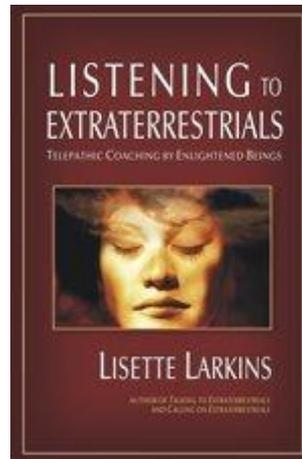
This is one of the most challenging places to be in the greater universe! Why do you think there are so many UFOs around? This is the place! We are it! We are the children of the universe who have agreed to come here at this place and time, on the threshold of remembering who we are as universal beings. The only way we're going to do that is if we stop thinking we're going to be taking direction from our governments or any other parental authority figure. We are the ones who are empowered; we are the ones who will have the relationships, and from

those other worldly relationships, we are further inspired to know our grandeur. So it's kind of a big giant snowball. It's really hard to stay stuck in your mess when you have a UFO sighting. It's really hard to stay stuck in your trauma when you are wakened by an explosion of light and you see a little gray being floating through the room. If that's all happening, if that's all possible, then there really must be something quite extraordinary going on and I want to play.

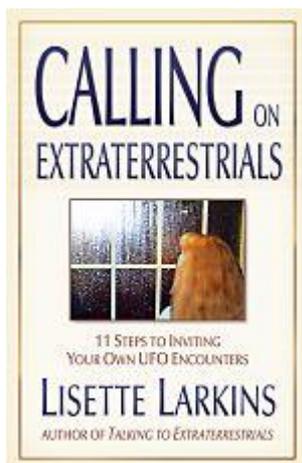
SM: Lisette, it's been a pleasure, thank you.



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DID A UFO CRASH IN RURAL SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IN 1941?

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Genealogical research uncovered unexpected coincidences between my Father's history and a Missouri legend of an alleged 1941 UFO crash and retrieval. In an attempt to dismiss this connection, I chose to investigate the incident further. Personal research only adds to the intrigue.

Although verbal family history indicates my father was associated with Parks Air College and worked at the Sikeston Missouri Institute of Aeronautics in 1941, written verification is unattainable. Parks Air College merged with St. Louis University in 1946 without transferring any existing records and the National Personnel Records Centre in St. Louis indicates a fire destroyed personnel records for that time. The following information seemed insignificant at the time; nonetheless, a further unusual coincidence later emerges. Although no record trail exists, in 1942 my father went to Chicago for advanced aircraft training. During this time, according to verbal family history, he was engrossed in Einstein's work.

In the course of genealogical research, an Internet query returned an abstract by Ryan Wood of www.majesticdocuments.com entitled "The First Roswell". The

abstract tells of an interview with Charlotte Mann and references two signed affidavits that support Ms. Mann's recollections. Based on Ms. Mann's letter to UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield, the abstract indicates Ms. Mann's grandfather--Reverend William Huffman--was a Cape Girardeau Baptist minister. On a spring evening in 1941, the Reverend received a call for assistance due to an accident. Upon arrival to the crash site, the Reverend found it was evident something extraordinary had happened. Reverend Huffman indicated the local military personnel on site swore all to secrecy because the object was of unknown origin. It was, according to the respected Baptist Reverend, a crashed space ship. Some researchers speculate Chicago received the alleged UFO wreckage and the country's top scientists, like Einstein, worked on backward engineering the craft. The abstract suggests the UFO retrieval personnel would have been the 309th of the Sikeston Missouri Institute of Aeronautics.

After reading "The First Roswell", I looked at my genealogical research material and the picture of my father in uniform. With a magnifying glass, the patch on the uniform sleeve revealed the 309th. Unsettling, I thought. Equipped with yet another coincidence of time and space, I embarked on my quest.

Since learning of the 1941 incident, personal investigation reiterates existing memoirs. Although apprehensive to speak of the subject, two Sikeston residents emerge that recall talk of the 1941 incident. Although the two had no contact with each other, each recalls the crash site at the same unpublished location. Researchers reference the alleged site as outside of Cape Girardeau. I thought it significant that both seniors speak of the same unpublished location outside of Cape Girardeau.

An added unsettling piece of the puzzle is the same story told by two residents from different towns. Each recalls talk of an individual who claimed to have transported the remains ("little people") of a downed space ship. The term UFO, unidentified flying object, was not in the 1941 lingo.

Another relative of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics employee indicates the family never discussed any type of unusual crash. Secrecy, according to statements, was very much a part of Missouri Institute of Aeronautics. The relative did relate the following story. An Army Air Force plane stopped at the base. It was a large plane model that had not previously or since been seen on the field. Everyone on the base was warned not to go anywhere near the sizeable craft. Guards were posted to enforce the security.

Reverend Huffman told his family the fire department was on site when he arrived. With yet one more twist of fate, the Sikeston Fire Department reveals a flooded basement damaged the 1941 records and the Fire Department subsequently destroyed the damaged 1941 records.

The history of the 62nd Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment offered the following statement in regard to the May 1, 1944 dissolution and replacement of

the 309th. I quote, "This new designation, while involving no fundamental changes in mission, organization, or policy, did necessitate a complete re-working of all station records". Re-working of records? Also of interest is the May 8, 1941 Sikeston Herald with two and one half columns blacked-out.

Were you, a family member, or any one you know associated with the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics in 1941?

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That's it for this month people. My sincere and grateful thanks to all those who contributed to this issue. We'll be back in early May.