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Meeting Date: September 22, 1999 7:30 p.m.
Program – Guest Speaker: Helga Morrow - "The Montauk Mystery"
PLUS: Jim Kelly Presents: "UFOs: The Best Evidence for Contact"
Location: 5635 E. McDowell Road-National Guard Armory
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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

For quite awhile now, we have searched to find a Section Director for the Sedona area. I am pleased to announce our search is over. Mr. William Hassel has accepted the position and has experience in this area. A biography of Bill Hassel follows that gives more details about this gentleman.

In the coming months, we have a great guest speaker line up that will be detailed at this month's meeting.

If you happened to be at our last meeting, you know that we had some difficulty getting started. A transformer blew and a replacement was required to get our power back on so we could have a program. Since we did not have a raffle, we are going to add some items to this month's raffle.

As long as our members support MUFON, we will continue to offer the best newsletter and speakers that we can. Please try to attend as many meetings as you can.

Alan Morey
State Director

Biography William F. Hassel, Ph.D.

Bill Hassel is an applied physicist who received his Ph.D. from Purdue University in the field of propulsion. He is now retired and living in Sedona.

Bill joined MUFON in 1976 as a Consultant in Propulsion, then became Section Director for Los Angeles County. Later he was appointed Director for Southern California, which lasted until 1991 when he left for an extended stay overseas. Upon returning, he joined the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Section and participated in several different capacities. Those included field investigations and the organizing and conducting of classes in field investigation procedures.

Last December, Bill and his wife left Los Angeles to settle in Sedona.

September Book Sale and MEGA Raffle!

We have decided to reward our local membership with two raffle packages valued at over \$40.00 per package! This is a "thank you" to all of our members that have made the MUFON bookstore a great success. There will be one drawing for each raffle package and **TWO WINNERS!**

See page 3 for more information on the book sale and MEGA raffle!



MEDIA WATCH

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; however, we are not always notified of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear, or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs you may have missed, ask at MUFON-AZ meetings to see if anyone has taped them and would be willing to share.

If you find UFO-related television or radio programs we have not listed, please call Teri Acton at 480/844-8097 and leave a message containing the title, day, time, whether TV or radio, and the channel where the program can be found.

Always be sure to check current TV listings as times and channels sometimes change!

Bufo Calvin lists TV programs of UFO & related subjects, which we try to pass along in this newsletter when we receive them in time. If you would like to receive them from Bufo Calvin directly via e-mail, e-mail him at BufoCalvin@aol.com and ask him to send you the list via e-mail.

WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS:

DREAMLAND KFYI RADIO 910 AM. SUNDAY EVENINGS, 8:00 P.M. - ART BELL HOSTS THIS INTERESTING RADIO PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS AIRED ON THE FOLLOWING STATIONS IN OTHER CITIES IN ARIZONA: GLOBE: 1240 AM; SAFFORD: 1230 AM; TUCSON: 1400 AM; KINGMAN: 1230 AM; YUMA: 560 AM; AND FLAGSTAFF: 600 AM. ART ALSO HOSTS "COAST TO COAST" WEEKNIGHTS AT 11:00 P.M. AND OFTEN FEATURES UFO RELATED GUESTS AND/OR TOPICS. A DREAMLAND REPEAT IS ALSO BROADCAST AT 8:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY'S.

SPACECRAFT NEWS WITH FRANKLIN CARTER. MONDAY'S AT 10:00 A.M. ON KFNX RADIO (1100 AM).

UFO LIVE WITH DR. DUNCAN BOWEN. TUESDAY'S AT 11:00 P.M. ON KFNX RADIO (1100 AM).

FRACTAL DIMENSIONS WITH DR. SIMEON HEIN. THURSDAY'S AT 5:00 P.M. ON KFNX RADIO (1100 AM).

MYSTERIES AROUND US KTAR RADIO (620 AM), 10:00 P.M. SUNDAY, HOSTED BY FRANK BARANOWSKI. A WELL-KNOWN HYPNOTHERAPIST SPECIALIZING IN REGRESSION.

WEEKLY TV PROGRAMS:

X FILES Sunday's at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10; Weeknights at 9:00 p.m., Channel 30, FX (cable).

AFTER MIDNIGHT Thursday's at midnight on Channel 22.

ROSWELL Premieres October 6 Wednesday's, 8:00 p.m., WB Channel 6 (cable) or Channel 61 (antenna) See article on page 7 of this newsletter

Calendar

Pima County Chapter: Meetings held at Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot, Tucson. Call George Parks at 520/742-6651 for more information.

Pinal County Chapter: Meetings held every second Saturday of each month at Meghans Restaurant, located at 1202 E. Florence (opposite of K-Mart corner) at 1:00 p.m. Contact Ken Kerber for more information 520/797-2157.

Yuma County Chapter: Meetings are quarterly. Call Richard King for more information 520/747-7787.

Maricopa County Chapter: Wednesday, September 22, 1999; usual place and time. Admission \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

Experiencer's Meeting: On hiatus until September 27, 1999. For information, call Dr. Ruth Hover at 480/837-0446.

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ARIZONA SIGHTINGS LIST

Don't forget to get your updated copy of "Arizona Sightings 1899-1998," a wonderful compilation by our own Dimitri "Jim" Ossipov. For many years, Dimitri has worked on this comprehensive list, and it's a great addition to everyone's UFO library. The Sightings List can be purchased at the monthly meeting, or you can call Tom Taylor at 967-6265 to order your copy today!



ARTICLE SUBMISSION

If you have any articles or letters you would like to submit for your newsletter, please call Teri Acton at 480/844-8097. Suggestions/articles can also be e-mailed to teri.acton@asu.edu. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

MUFON MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Orders are being taken for your MUFON Membership Badges. These are the 1-3" x 3" blue badges with 3 lines and white print listing your name on the first line, "Arizona MUFON" on the second line, and a title or phrase such as "The Truth is Out There" on the third line. The cost is \$4.50 each, unless we have enough orders to get a price break, and then they'll be less. See the sign-up sheet in the front lobby at the meeting. You can also fax your order to Ruth and Hany at 602/837-0094 or send the order via mail to: Ruth and Hany Hover, 16714 E. Gunsight, #155, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. For additional information, please contact the Hovers at 480-837-0446.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Advertise in the MUFON-AZ Newsletter!! Ads up to three lines long are \$5.00; business card sized ads are \$10.00 (we can reproduce your business card as the ad). Call Ruth Hover for prices on larger ads. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.

MUFON AZ

Presents

THE MEGA RAFFLE!

**TWO RAFFLE PRIZE PACKAGES
VALUED AT OVER \$40.00 PER
PACKAGE TO BE GIVEN AWAY
AT SEPTEMBER MEETING!**

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FIRST PACKAGE

Hardbound edition of "Alien Agenda," by Jim Marrs
"UFOs are Real!" Videotape
"Invaders from Mars," the original 50s masterpiece
"Men in Black," the big hit movie of alien invasion
Alien in a Bottle Keychain
Alien Doll

SECOND PACKAGE

Hardbound edition of "Left at East Gate," by Larry Warren
"Invaders from Mars," the original 50s masterpiece
"Men in Black," the big hit movie of alien invasion
Alien in a Bottle Keychain
Alien Doll

I am going to profile a different kind of book this month for sale. "Mysteries of the Deep" is a collection of "amazing phenomena in our World's waterways." I can testify to the fascinating and terrifying aspect of this book since I have always been interested in strong and unusual aspects having to do with the oceans and lakes of our world. I have this book in my own collection, and I give it a strong recommendation. These stories are from the files of "Fate Magazine" and have been compiled and edited by Frank Spaeth. We have secured only 8 copies. The price will be \$7.00 per copy. Don't miss this sale!

Jim Kelly
Maricopa County Section Director

DR. KEVIN RANDLE TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER MUFON MEETING

The Arizona Chapter of the MUTUAL UFO NETWORK is proud to have this former Air Force Captain and Intelligence Officer lecture at the **October 27th** meeting. Kevin is the noted author of such books as: **UFO Crash at Roswell; The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell; Project Moondust; Project Bluebook Exposed; The October Scenario; A History of UFO Crashes; The UFO Case Book; The Randle Report: UFOs in the '90s; and Conspiracy of Silence.**

Dr. Randle recently received his Ph.D. in Psychology and also is the host of his own radio program. Kevin has been called "The Sam Spade of Ufology" for his incisive investigations into both new and classic case studies in the UFO field. Dr. Randle is also considered an expert in the Roswell incident that has captivated the world for generations.

Don't miss this exciting presentation as Dr. Randle discusses his latest book **The Alien Abduction Enigma** as well as **The Randle Report: UFOs in the '90s."**

When: October 27th, 1999 7:30 p.m.

\$10.00 donation at the door for non-members.

\$8.00 donation at the door for members.

There will be a book signing following the meeting!

For more information, please call Jim Kelly at 480/945-5582 or Alan Morey at 480/425-9976.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) Bulletin Newsletters, 1973-1979. Approximately 60 issues. Issues are either quarterly or monthly, depending on year. Make offer. If interested, please call Tom (480) 967-6265

Current UFO Cases and Sightings: Local and Worldwide

Courtesy of the
National UFO Reporting Center

Golden Valley, Arizona
8/12/99

The objects seen were three points of light in a triangular formation at an extreme altitude which appeared directly overhead and moved in tight formation to the northeast at great speed.

We were having an all night party for the perseid meteor shower when we saw these objects. There were 7 people total but 4 of them left before the event took place. We live just outside the Phoenix metro area near the Superstition Mountains. It is fairly dark at our location and is good for stargazing. I am an amateur astronomer and a professional musician. I very often observe several satellites crossing overhead during the early evening after sunset and have become familiar with their appearance in relation to the stars around them.

At approx. 2:30 am I was lying down in a lounge chair looking at the sky directly overhead. My wife and a friend were inside the house. I then saw three points of light appear out of nowhere directly above me at what I believe to be the same altitude as the satellites I regularly observe. The lights were bluish white in color and steady with no flashing or flickering. They were in a precise triangular formation. It is difficult to estimate the size of the formation except to say that they would fit within the shape of a fist held at arms length. When they first appeared they were stationary for a few seconds but then started moving toward the northeast of my location at the same speed as some of the satellites which move very quickly across the sky. The triangle was equilateral in shape, all sides being the same length. After it started to move I immediately checked to see if it was a solid object or three separate objects. Since I could see stars behind the formation as it moved, I have to assume that they were separate objects. The triangle was pointed in the direction in which it was moving and stayed in tight formation as it moved. About 20 sec. into the event my wife and a friend came back outside and I pointed out the formation to them. They also observed the formation and watched it as it moved to the northeast and disappeared

over the horizon which took another 15 sec. or so.

In my opinion, the two most significant things about this event were; >First< They appeared out of nowhere as if someone had clicked on a light switch. I have no doubt that this took place because I was looking directly at the position when they appeared. There was nothing there except the stars before they appeared. >Second< They moved very quickly across the sky very similar to the satellites which I have observed. My wife thought it could be a formation of military jets in formation. But I have observed jets at high altitude in the past and they definitely do not move as fast as these objects did.

After the event happened, I tried posting a report on the Skywatch Int'l discussion page but was unsuccessful due to the fact that I wasn't officially subscribed. I have since posted this report on the CSETI discussion page of which I am a member. It wasn't until this morning that I realized that I could report this to NUFORC. I should also like to mention that just prior to the event I was trying out some of the CSETI contact methods. I can't say for sure whether this initiated the event but thought that it should be mentioned. I am convinced that what I and my wife and friend observed was at the very least unusual and worthy of reporting.

-Name Withheld

**Meridian, Idaho
8/5/99**

A white light, typical of visible orbiting satellites, moved erratically on a westerly course in the pre-dawn sky.

The object appeared almost overhead, about 80 degrees above horizon, heading generally west-southwest. It appeared to be a satellite (of which I have observed hundreds over the years), similar in speed, tracking and intensity of light (which was steady, non-blinking), until making several sudden, major course changes, which included coming to what appeared to be a complete stop. There is an all-night service station/convenience store about 100 yards directly west of my location that is brightly lighted all night. The object was bright enough to be easily seen, even over the lights from the C-store coming from the same general direction. I observed no strobes, beacons, or sounds coming from the object or its general direction that might identify it as an aircraft. Boise's Gowen Field is about 8 miles east south-east of my location and there is a lot of military and

commercial traffic arriving and departing nearly all day and late into the night.

However, there is seldom anything flying in the area between about midnight and 7:00 a.m. I am a private pilot with several hundred hours of PIC time logged and recognize how both military and general aviation aircraft are typically lighted. The light given off by the object was silvery-white, not incandescent or florescent, and of the intensity I have observed from satellites over the years. It diminished only when the object passed behind a thin stratus cloud layer in the west, which was the remnant of some small, localized thunderstorms that had been in the area the previous afternoon and evening. The object remained visible through the clouds for several seconds. It made at least 5 course changes of as much as 70 degrees during period of observation, but its overall progress of travel remained generally westerly. The object faded from view upon passing behind more dense area of cloud layer and was lost.

CIA Said To Rue Its Longtime UFO Cover-Up

By Robert Scott Martin
Staff writer, www.space.com

Not only has the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency admitted its role in trying to correct public opinion about UFOs over the last half century, it now believes the policy caused "major problems" in dealing with the public.

In an internal report entitled "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90," agency historian Gerald K. Haines portrayed the CIA as consistently and deliberately working to suppress reports of unidentified aerial phenomena since modern UFO sightings began with the Kenneth Arnold case of 1947.

Still, even in a paper filled with covert attempts on the part of both the CIA and the Air Force to "persuade the public that UFOs were not extraordinary," Haines himself continued the suppressive policy, perhaps unconsciously, by writing that the CIA "paid only limited and peripheral attention to the phenomena" since the early 1950s.

This tension in the report, written at the request of CIA Director R. James Woolsey in 1997, is a telling reflection of the government agency's troubled broader relationship with UFO sightings and literature. Haines' history is studded with depiction's of the CIA not

only repressing UFO reports and reviewing recommendations that agents monitor UFO clubs for subversive activities, but also trying to hide its own interest in the matter.

Indeed, the struggle to "carefully restrict" and "forbid" any public awareness of CIA involvement in UFO investigations eclipses the actual investigations as the major thrust of the agency's UFO efforts. Even though the agency had accepted the Air Force's conclusion that there was only "a remote possibility" that UFOs were interplanetary aircraft as early as 1952, investigations of the "massive buildup of sightings" went on, just in case.

Concealment of CIA Interest

However, after 1953, when negative findings from a civilian panel motivated the CIA to "put the entire issue of UFOs on the back burner" entirely, Haines said the agency became almost exclusively concerned with covering up its own involvement in the world of unidentified flying objects.

This aggressive policy of public non-involvement was important to the CIA for many reasons. First, a number of agency officials and study groups over the years urged the CIA to "conceal its interest" because such attention would seem to officially sanction to the existence of UFOs. Although the agency itself, like the Air Force, believed the chance of flying saucers posing a direct threat was minimal, the fear that even unfounded public belief in the phenomenon, if encouraged by government interest, could be enough to "touch off mass hysteria and panic.

Particularly in the 1950s, the Cold War heightened this somewhat obsessive concern with hiding any evidence of the CIA's involvement, said Haines. Although the agency's UFO study group did not see any security threat emerging directly out of flying saucers themselves, even if they actually existed, the CIA was deeply worried by the possibility that Soviet agents could use UFOs as "a possible psychological warfare tool" or cloak a more Earthly attack with false UFO reports.

Tantalizingly, Haines also noted that at least one CIA Director, Walter Bedell Smith, "wanted to know what use could be made of the UFO phenomenon in connection with US psychological warfare efforts." The report does not mention whether the agency followed up on this opportunity to manipulate UFO reports in a more sophisticated manner for its own purposes.

As the 1950s wore on, the CIA became even less interested in UFOs in themselves and more concerned with covering up its own early involvement with the phenomenon. In

1955, only the possibility that the Soviets would eventually develop a flying saucer of their own kept the investigations from ending completely.

Meanwhile, ironically, the CIA had built its own "unidentified flying object," the U-2 surveillance aircraft, and sightings of these planes needed to be kept out of the media. According to Haines, Air Force investigators were "careful not to reveal the true cause" of U-2 sightings. However, having no other means of explaining the encounters, it is likely the field agents were forced either to lie or retreat into a suspicious silence.

The Return of the Repressed

Haines argues that this suspicious silence was not a good strategy for the agency, but the established need for secrecy left the CIA with little choice while fervor over the government's role in "covering up" UFO information grew. Even though the agency itself "had a declining interest in UFO cases" by the late 1950s, it was still spending considerable resources looking out for "the more sensational UFO reports and flaps" in order to suppress them.

Ultimately, this policy backfired by highlighting the CIA's role in investigation -- or the ominous cover-up thereof -- only to "add fuel to the growing mystery surrounding UFOs." UFO researchers blamed the agency for starting the UFO flap of the 1950s for psychological warfare purposes, and the idea proved so persuasive that even CIA Director Stansfield Turner asked his staff whether the agency was "in UFOs" after reading a 1979 New York Times Article.

At the end, Haines concluded, the tactics of silence and repression were a failure. "The UFO issue probably will not go away soon, no matter what the agency does or says. The belief that we are not alone in the universe is too emotionally appealing and the distrust of our government is too pervasive to make the issue amenable to traditional scientific studies of rational explanation and evidence."

Indeed, much of that "distrust" was the CIA's own doing, and the benefits appear to have been limited. Despite the agency's best efforts to keep UFO reports out of the media, according to Haines, "an extraordinary 95 percent of all Americans have at least heard or read something about UFOs, and 57 percent believe they are real."

X-Files Version of History is Backed by CIA Report

By Michael Smith

August 17 - THE CIA has released a secret history of its investigations into UFO sightings, revealing that there was more truth in the popular television series *The X-Files* than is often believed.

The highly critical report describes often bitter debates between real-life X-Files investigators who believed that "the truth is out there" and their skeptical bosses. It records tales of bumbling undercover agents whose activities fueled a widespread belief that the government was covering up what the agency described as "extra-terrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

The problem was eventually passed to the agency's physics and electronics division where in true X-Files style just one analyst investigated UFO phenomena. But the Fifties equivalent of Fox Mulder was constantly undermined by his boss, described by the CIA history as "a non-believer in UFOs", who tried but failed to declare the project "inactive."

While the CIA investigations eventually concluded that all the sightings could be explained, the report concludes that "misguided" attempts to keep them secret led to widespread belief of a government cover-up.

The report, written by Gerald K Haines, the official CIA historian, was commissioned by the then CIA director James Woolsey in 1993 in the wake of renewed claims of a CIA-led cover-up. It calls for the first time on documents that the agency hid from UFO enthusiasts who obtained thousands of more mundane files under the Freedom of Information Act. The report, completed in 1997, has been released at the request of the British academic journal *Intelligence and National Security* and is published in its summer issue this month.

US intelligence began investigating UFO sightings in 1947 when a pilot claimed to have seen nine discs traveling at more than 1,000 mph in Washington State. The claim was backed up by additional sightings including reports from military and civilian pilots and air traffic controllers.

The first investigation, Operation Saucer, was carried out by US air intelligence which initially feared that the objects might be Soviet bombers. But some officers became convinced that UFOs existed and in a top-secret report concluded many of the sightings were "interplanetary". Air force chiefs had the report rewritten to conclude that "although visits from outer space are deemed possible, they are believed to be very unlikely."

The CIA initially dismissed the investigations as "midsummer madness". But an agency committee decided they could be used by Moscow either to create mass hysteria or to overload the air warning system, making it unable to distinguish between UFOs and Soviet bombers.

In 1955, claims by two elderly sisters to have had contact with UFOs attracted widespread publicity. A CIA agent describing himself as an air force officer spoke to them and reported that he appeared to have stumbled upon a scene from *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Analysis of a "code" which the women believed aliens were using to make contact with them while they listened to their favorite radio program was morse code from a US radio station.

But when UFO enthusiasts heard of the "air force" officer's visit they became immediately suspicious that he was a member of the CIA trying to cover up the affair. One enthusiast pursued the CIA conspiracy theory and was visited by another CIA officer, who claimed to be in the air force and even wore an air force uniform. The ruse failed, making the conspiracy theorists even more suspicious.

The refusal to release 57 documents on the investigation in the Seventies, to protect sources, also fueled the cover-up theory, Haines concluded.

ASTRONOMERS STILL BAFFLED BY SPACE LIGHT

Source: Associated Press *The Wire*

Date: August 18, 1999

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A mysterious celestial object detected three years ago in the northern sky is baffling scientists who have been unable to figure out its makeup or how far it is from Earth.

It's rare for astronomers to find an unexplainable object, but it's even more unusual for it to remain undefined for more than a week, said S. George Djorgovski, a California Institute of Technology astronomer who helped discover the object.

"It's fairly uncommon to stumble on something you don't have a clue about," he said Tuesday. "It certainly hasn't happened to me, and I've been doing this for many years."

Djorgovski and his team at Caltech's Palomar Observatory detected the object, a pinpoint of light, during a digital survey of the northern sky. Usually, astronomers are able to determine the object's composition and distance by breaking down its light into a spectrum and analyzing it.

But the mystery object's spectrum does not fit any of the known patterns. Scientists are unsure whether the object is inside our Milky Way galaxy or at the edge of the universe.

Repeated photographs revealed no changes in its appearance. That ruled out the possibility that it's an exploding star or supernova.

Some astronomers believe the object may be a new class of quasar, sources of energy found in the center of galaxies and believed to be powered by matter falling into massive black holes.

Djorgovski challenged fellow astronomers to help explain his discovery at the June meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Chicago, but nobody has produced an adequate explanation.

"We probably have looked at the spectra of several thousand quasars, and this just doesn't seem to fit," said David Crampton,

an astronomer with the National Research Council of Canada. "It didn't ring any bells."

The next step will be to analyze the object's infrared spectrum, something Djorgovski hopes to do next month at the Keck Observatory in Hawaii. Researchers also hope that the Hubble Space Telescope might someday be pointed at the object, which is located in the constellation Serpens.

The Digital Palomar Sky Survey, which has collected information on more than 50 million galaxies and about 2 billion stars, is about two-thirds complete. The DPSS and other sweeping surveys like it are likely to create more mysteries.

The Leadership Crisis in Ufology

J. Burkes, MD (Md1jb3@pol.net) writes:

There are few leaders in the UFO/truth Movement, mostly celebrities.

In the paper "Role of a Power Structure Analysis in Ufology" I put forward the proposition that the ET presence threatens all terrestrial power, military, economic and religious. If true then the de-facto secrecy campaign and the ridicule of UFO witnesses is, the logical results of elite forces acting to maintain the status quo. I proposed the creation of a mass movement to work for disclosure. A campaign that hopefully will represent the interests of the majority of people on this planet, rather than those of elite groups primarily focused on defending hegemony by denying what appears to be an extraterrestrial presence. The risks of creating such movements are numerous; perhaps the most daunting is its susceptibility to co-optation by corrupt leaders. Those who would eagerly use "the power of the people" for selfish purposes.

This certainly has been the familiar pattern of the radical left and right movements of the 20th Century. Whether fascist or communist, the sad legacy of charismatic leaders has been monstrous wars and savage political purges resulting in the death of millions of innocents. In order to minimize the damage done by corrupt leaders, such a proposed campaign will need to incorporate strong spiritual values into its program. This

became even clearer to me after the draft of the "power structure analysis" was first circulated on the Internet in the Fall of 1998. I soon received a number of replies that emphasized the spiritual issues posed by allegations of ET spacecraft visiting Earth. One letter in particular asked the question is our involvement with this issue "to serve others," or is it "to have others serve us."

As applied to the leadership crisis in Ufology the absence of an ethic "to serve others" leads to a host of problems. A number of observers have complained about the back stabbing and egoism exhibited by prominent investigators. To a certain extent such attitudes are driven by the market forces in the cottage industry environment created by Ufology. Here the ethic of "have others serve us" is manifest.

Those UFO experts who are compelled to work "the meat and potatoes" circuit of Expos and book signing sessions, are all struggling within a rather small marketplace. In a field rife with uncertainty, they, the "experts" must appear to the "ones who really know." Otherwise why would anyone bother to listen to them and buy their wares. Since an essential part of sales must be appearing to "stand on the cutting edge," UFO leaders must constantly come up with new and exciting information about, and solutions to, this mystery. The need to appear better than one's fellows, and to attack the competition, feeds the tendency towards shameless personal attacks.

There are however more profound sources for the egoism, which cuts a destructive path across Ufology. In my opinion more potent than economic competition are the psychosocial factors. Let's face it, Ufology has been relegated to the fringe by the powers that be. For any self-respecting professional to profess an interest in subject so marginal, is to risk loss of social standing. Very powerful emotions experienced during normal child development may come into play here.

Our susceptibility to shame starts off during childhood. During early emotional development, frustration about one's relatively helpless condition, coexists side

by side with the growing need to be accepted by other children. Being "small" and not being able to do what the "big kids" do is a constant theme throughout childhood. Teasing and being excluded by older children is a harsh lesson we all must experience.

I believe that every individual must carry these concerns over into adulthood. The social sentiments of the mainstream culture are such, that to simply profess an interest in UFOs, often triggers smirking from friends and coworkers. Much is at stake psychologically. To become a leader in Ufology ups the ante considerably and the risks of social ridicule are nearly certain.

In order to stand against the currents of the dominant culture that dismisses Ufology as terminally kooky, an individual must surely have a strong sense of self. I believe it requires a determined and hopefully healthy ego, to openly defy conventional wisdom. This force of conviction flowing from ego, in its most extreme form, can become transformed into a sense of self righteousness. This tendency to become self-righteous, unfortunately in many ufologists, results in self-aggrandizement and egoism.

Economic sacrifice and even hardship are often the rewards of trying to "make it" as a professional ufologist. The difficult economic conditions make for frustration, anger, and perhaps even bitterness in some individuals. If a ufologist can't receive payment in real money, then perhaps a salary in "ego dollars" might suffice. Real dollars are of course the preferred compensation. In the UFO field unfortunately there are few enough to go around. Thus many researchers I suspect demand ego gratification as a substitute for financial reward. The personal attacks rampant in the field, are in my opinion the products of those who seek ego gratification at expense of others. Infighting and the mud slinging which abound in Ufology, should therefore be viewed as the logical outcome of a group of researchers who have been marginalized by a larger society. They sadly vent their frustrations on one another.

This analysis is rather preliminary, but I hope it provides a framework for a more detailed investigation of the psychosocial causes of the leadership crisis in Ufology. My concerns are more than theoretical. It is my sincere hope that we can create a mass movement to work towards disclosure of the ET presence. To do so will require a great number of enlightened leaders. Individuals who are able to work together cooperatively and hopefully minimize the destructive effects of egoism. Here again there is much room for exploring the spiritual/ ethical dimension. I ask again whether we struggle to serve others, or do we attempt to compel others to serve us? It is my hope that this future crusade will be based on the high principle of altruism combined with honesty and humility. A tall order no doubt! Only time will tell whether Ufology is up to the challenge.

"Truth comes in three phases. First it is ridiculed, then it is violently opposed, and then it is self-evident."

As always I look forward to receiving feedback on this draft position paper.

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New Fall Television Series

ROSWELL

Premieres October 6
Article Courtesy of TV Guide

Executive Producer: David Nutter (*The X-Files*)

Stars: Jason Behr, Shiri Appleby, Katherine Heigl, Brendan Fehr, Majandra Delfino, Colin Hanks, Nick Wechsler, and William Sadler.

Premise: Star-crossed teen romance. Literally. When Max (Behr) mysteriously cures Liz (Appleby) of a gunshot wound, she learns his secret: He, his sister (Heigl) and best friend (Fehr) are orphaned aliens from the alleged 1947 spaceship crash in New Mexico. As their attraction grows, so does danger, with the local sheriff (Sadler) determined to find the truth that's out there. It will be hard to keep things hush-hush. Liz has already clued in her dizzy best friend (Delfino), and others are getting curious, including Liz's boyfriend (Wechsler), who is also the sheriff's son. Based on the *Roswell High* book series by Melinda Metz.

They Say: "It's really a cross between *The X-Files* and *My So-Called Life* - two shows which, of course, we know a little about," says executive producer David Nutter (*The X-Files*). He teams with *Life* veteran Jason Katims, who says the show is about "taking any kind of love story that would happen between teens and sort of ratcheting up the obstacles coming between them, because they're different life-forms." Nutter believes "that for a long time, science-fiction shows really haven't been able to touch upon the heart and the emotions. And sci-fi fans really have their hearts on their sleeves... We're all suckers for a good love story. I think that's something that will go on long after the teen craze has come down to earth."

TV Guide says: Like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, this show transcends any genre, with clever writing, suspenseful plotting and unexpectedly evocative performances by its charismatic young leads. Like a really fun B movie, *Roswell* is this season's most instantly addictive guilty pleasure. **Wednesday's, 8:00 p.m., WB Channel 6 (cable), Channel 61 (antenna), beginning October 6.**

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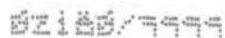
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