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Texas, The New Hot Spot for UFOs **By Dick Moss, MUFON MN State Dir.**

The current UFO flap in Texas is a reminder that the phenomenon is unpredictable and can occur in any region at any time. One has to wonder what, all of a sudden, is so important in Texas. Although there must be a reason for regional flaps they never seem to be obvious unless they occur near a missile base or some other important installation.

Typing "Texas UFOs" into Google brings up a good number of web sites. They are a mix of sighting descriptions, positive comments, bewilderment, and the usual-and-customary rants against witnesses. Readers may recall the horrific torrent of negative comments and verbal harassments pertaining to the encounter a farmer's son had in a pig corral. I'm no sociologist but it would be interesting to know what compels such people to fancy themselves as experts about a phenomenon of which they seem to know nothing at all. Perhaps they are simply using these blogs to further their own false sense of expertise.

One object was huge enough to be estimated as at least a mile long. We know from the Valentich case that this could be true.

Mixed in with all the drivel we do find a few thoughtful comments. The agnostics have always suggested the notion that only "trained observers" can actually identify something in the sky. We have heard and read this many times but have probably never thought about the implications of a good observer versus a poor observer. Is there is such a thing as educating a person to be a trained observer? Even if so, a pair of binoculars would do a lot better. The die was cast long ago to debunk the UFO at any cost. Stan Friedman's phrase about "noisy negativists" is alive and well.

Several articles have alluded to witness Ricky Sorrells who said that friends made fun of him when he told them of his sighting of an object behind his house. He also commented that it felt good to know that others also saw something because that means that he (Sorrells) wasn't crazy. How can looking at the sky and seeing something unusual translate into being crazy?

Sorrell's description, along with others, includes some amount of detail and needs to be taken seriously, as do all reports from around the world. I recall reading that, on average, there are up to 250 UFO reports each day that are submitted to UFO investigation groups worldwide. Some objects end up being reported by several people so that the actual number of craft would be less than the number reported. But, there are probably other craft that are never seen nor



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reported. The number of objects on the ground, in the atmosphere, and sitting on the bottom of the ocean must be formidable.

Machinist Ricky Sorrells said friends made fun of him when he told them he saw a flat, metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a pasture behind his Dublin home. But he decided to come forward after reading similar accounts in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"You hear about big bass or big buck in the area, but this is a different deal," Sorrells said. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy."

Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He said he watched it through his rifle's telescopic lens and described it as very large and without seams, nuts or bolts.

An NGO Solution For UFO Study

By Billy Cox

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Maybe the way to nudge the U.S. back into the official business of investigating UFOs is to let someone other than the U.S. government handle it.

This trial balloon comes from Ted Roe, executive director of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena. Founded in 2000 by a clique of scientists and aviation experts troubled by UFOs' potential and demonstrable impact on flight safety, NARCAP has published some impressive analyses to that end, most recently of the Chicago O'Hare case in 2006, at www.narcap.org.

Unlike the more rational aviation climates in places like France, England, Peru, Paraguay and Chile, where filing UFO reports isn't a one-way ticket to the rubber room (probably because their governments make no secret of their ongoing studies), American pilots are less inclined to go on record with what they've seen. By necessity, NARCAP has established a track record of preserving pilot confidentiality, but unlike Uncle Sam, it publishes the results of its inquiries.

"Both NARCAP and the FAA's Aviation Safety Reporting System are ready to engage" the filing

and analysis of American UFO encounters, Roe says via e-mail from his home in Hawaii.

"Ideally," he continues, "the smart move in the U.S. is to set up a transparent NGO that can work in the public domain to take on and attempt resolution of, say, the top 10 percent of any cases reported in any year . . . Of course, such a group would not be able to comment credibly on the ETH (extraterrestrial hypothesis) or anything else without some very strong documentation which has eluded most efforts to date, regardless of the country."

At what point might such a study run into the U.S. military channels?

"We worked with the Committee on Gov. Reform in assisting their interrogations of the USAF regarding incursions into (defense airspace), and that entire matter went under the heading of National Security very quickly because along with the record of incursions comes the profile of vulnerability," Roe writes. "So yes, there is an issue with transparency and credibility when overlapped with security issues. It's a problem I would love to have the opportunity to resolve."

Or, more to the point: "I think Gov. would suffer a credibility issue if they tried to build a group out of thin air. Much better to empower a credible effort that is already in the public domain."

Anybody got any better ideas?

The CE4 Corner

"What the aliens said..."

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In early January, I presented a talk at the Minnesota Theosophical Society, in which I discussed the powerful effects of close encounters on the experiencer. In the second half of the talk, I looked at the overall effects of contact in a more global sense. What might be the alien agenda? Do we see any suggestions of this in the UFO/CE4 phenomenon? During the talk, one person asked me a question that repeatedly arises. Where do I get my material? While I think that I have a pretty good answer to this question, it got me to thinking once again - just exactly what IS the nature and source of our research material?

I heard this question posed most effectively from an internationally noted UFO researcher, following

publication of my article on The Indigo Hypothesis in the MUFON UFO Journal, a few years ago. He called me long distance from Australia and grilled me on whether I had a background in genetics, access to genetic testing facilities, etc. In the end, he verbally concluded that my information was based merely upon what the aliens told abductees. He then hung up the phone before I could respond. My caller's conclusion was not correct. However, it brings up the question of how information available to abduction researchers is derived.

The core of abduction research is primarily based upon accounts related under hypnosis. Thus, we all understand that hypnotic regression has to be conducted very cleanly - in (as much as possible) a non-leading way. While it can provide a window into the experiencer's subconscious, and thus into their memories, it also allows for metaphorical and creative material, in addition to biographical recall. Often, it is not easy to tell the difference between such material and thus, it is necessary to treat any information derived with discernment.

Often during regressions, we hear information about the "alien agenda," either from something the aliens have said, or from observations by the experiencers themselves. When we do, it is important to understand the circumstances surrounding it. How was the information obtained? What is the context of the information? Does such information square with other things we have heard? All of these questions need to be considered before any degree of truth value can be assigned to what we have learned.

As an example, during a regression, one experiencer described being aboard a large UFO, where he was taken to an amphitheatre-style room. There he was ushered to a seat and shown a "movie" of the future of Earth. It showed apocalyptic catastrophe, in which California was submerged into the ocean, and the entire southwestern USA was in severe drought conditions. As he relived this UFO experience, at one point he exclaimed, "Oh, I get it, it's an education ship." Apocalypse scenarios, such as the one presented to this experiencer, are common. They nearly all have the theme of soon-to-come disasters. They frequently make distinct predictions about near-future events. However such scenarios are seldom consistent with each other. And in nearly every case, events fail to occur as predicted. Thus, in my view, we can not take such alien-derived scenarios literally. Yet the experiencer's

observation that the purpose of this ship appeared to be to educate (indoctrinate?) experiencers seems to be extremely valid.

Another example of unreliable alien-derived information is the alien response to the frequently asked question, "where are they from?" Nearly always, they reply with nonsense, platitudes, or blatant falsehoods. I hear experiencers tell me of responses such as The Pleiades, Andromeda, Mars, and numerous other astronomical locations - or simply, "you wouldn't understand..." Again, the responses are seldom, if ever, consistent, and are sometimes illogical (the best I've heard is a response described in one of Budd Hopkins' cases in which the alien leader said they were from "a small galaxy near Neptune").

As seen above, alien-derived information seems largely useless if we consider only its literal content. Yet we can learn a lot from the context in which alien information is given - and this, I think, is where its value lies. Why did the aliens say what they did? Who or what was present when it was given? How was it imparted - in writing, verbally, telepathically, etc.? Was it in the context of an abduction, a contact, a channeling? In short, we can learn a lot from what the aliens say, even if its truth value is zero.

We can draw the best conclusions about the encounter process from the experiencer's observations, themselves - and thus, in this way we may be able to get a more reliable picture of the alien agenda. Abductees often describe a consistent sequence of events, a consistent set of surroundings, and consistent interactions between themselves and the aliens. Assuming the hypnotic regression is clean, this information can be quite reliable. It is not derived from the aliens, but from the abductee, and is sometimes obtained in spite of the aliens. Thus, we can treat this with considerably higher truth value.

A third level of information is that from the investigator him/herself. Investigators frequently note patterns, and nearly always make contextual observations when interviewing witnesses. These form the context for the accounts which the witness relates, and afford this information a very high level of reliability.

In UFO research in general, it is necessary to have a powerful discernment filter. We need to be empathetic and accepting of what the experiencer is

going through, and seriously consider the information that comes from their interactions with the Visitors. However, acceptance does not mean belief. It is necessary to take all information, including that which is "alien-derived," in context, and when doing so, we can learn a lot. If we can more clearly understand the context of such alien "revelations," it might allow us to more clearly understand what our Visitors are doing, including the meaning of "what the aliens said..."

UFO Hunters On The History Channel

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Incidents involving UFOs and extraterrestrial life have been reported throughout history. UFO Hunters, a new series on The History Channel, follows a group of experts as they subject some of history's most intriguing UFO accounts, and the evidence surrounding them, to exhaustive scrutiny in an effort to uncover the actual facts. The series is a spinoff from the network's hit program UFO Hunters which premiered in 2005. The new HD series UFO Hunters premieres Wednesday, February 6th, 2008 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT on The History Channel.

UFO Hunters Bill Birnes, Pat Uskert, Dr. Ted Acworth, and Jeff Tomlinson are passionate about separating fact from fallacy when it comes to UFO incidents. Each brings a different background and perspective: Bill Birnes is publisher of UFO Magazine, home to one of the world's largest collections of documentation on UFO incidents. Also from UFO Magazine is investigator Pat Uskert, who became intrigued with the UFO phenomenon after he witnessed a strange metallic object floating over Venice, California. Jeff Tomlinson is the scientific intern with the UFO HUNTERS team. They are joined by Dr. Ted Acworth of MIT, a mechanical engineer and researcher who previously worked for NASA and brings the discipline of hard science to the team, assisting in the investigations of reported UFO incidents to determine if they are real.

Each week, this group travels to the site of a well-known UFO encounter to explore the event and uncover what really happened. In the course of their investigations, the UFO Hunters examine evidence such as videotapes, audiotapes, witness interviews, and files newly opened under the

Freedom of Information Act, then go on location and to the lab to interview, re-construct the events, and investigate. Their journeys take them across North America and Europe in search of the truth about these UFO sightings.

The premiere episode of the new HD series UFO Hunters examines an incident that took place two weeks before the now-famous report of a UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico. UFO Hunters: The Ufo Before Roswell travels back to June 21st, 1947, when Harold Dahl was boating with crew and dog off the coast of Maury Island, Washington, in Puget Sound. They noticed several odd-shaped aircraft dotting the sky. One suddenly began spewing white-hot fragments over the water and onto the beach. The fiery falling debris killed Dahl's dog and broke his son's arm. He told the harbor patrol, who in turn reported the incident to the military. A few weeks later, two Air Force intelligence officers from Hamilton Field, California arrived in Tacoma. After conducting interviews, and collecting most of the remaining wreckage, the officers departed McChord Field in the early hours of August 1st. Shortly afterward, the airplane lost communication, and people reported seeing flames in the sky. Two people died in the crash, two others made their way through the darkness to a farmhouse. UFO Hunters has located the crash scene and along with an archeologist, comb the debris field, gathering and analyzing the evidence. UFO Hunters: THE UFO BEFORE ROSWELL premieres Wed., Feb. 6th at 10:00pm ET/PT.

The following incidents reported by individuals are investigated in the series:

- June 1947 - A group of people out boating notice odd-shaped aircraft in the sky overhead - when fiery debris from the objects suddenly rains down on them. U.S. military sent in later to collect evidence are involved in a plane crash. Not long after the boating incident, an unusual aircraft accident is reported in Roswell, New Mexico, raising further questions.

- September 1961 - A couple driving on a rural New Hampshire road allege they were abducted, examined, and returned to their car by their captors. Under hypnosis they reveal details of their abduction and the woman draws a map of an unknown solar system. Years later, astronomers discover a solar system closely matching it.

- 1980 - A pilot flying his small plane spots an object just below the surface of the water off Catalina Island. He reports that a bright light emanating from the object enveloped his plane and froze his controls, after which he lost consciousness.

- August 2007 - Two sleepy villages in eastern Mexico, Valles and Xilitla, report debris falling from the sky, and a 10-foot-diameter fireball was seen to fly back and forth through the sky as if being maneuvered, before crashing to the ground.

- Since the 1980s, over 7,000 sightings of strange objects in the sky have been reported in the Hudson Valley region of upstate New York, and the source of a powerful beam of light emanating from the center of a local cemetery has yet to be determined.

Other episodes of UFO Hunters will investigate reports of man-made aircraft and spacecraft encountering UFOs while flying, incidents of police encounters with UFOs, various stone formations around the world, such as Stonehenge, that many experts feel are powerful clues into the extraterrestrial world, and a look at the efforts of modern organizations like SETI and NASA, and what they are doing to investigate the presence of extraterrestrial life in the universe

The official minisite, <http://www.history.com/ufohunters> will include videos of reported UFO sightings as well as an ongoing web series. Viewers can share their own encounters on the UFO Hunters Sightings Map Experience, an interactive application utilizing Google Map technology, to pinpoint personal experiences around the globe. Viewers will be able to browse world-wide encounters as well as add their own stories, photos and videos for others to view and rate. Experts from the series will participate in online chats, and the site will serve as a forum for UFO discussions.

The new HD series UFO Hunters is produced by Motion Picture Production, Incorporated, for The History Channel. Executive Producer for The History Channel is Dolores Gavin. Executive producer is Jon Alon Walz. Co-executive producers are Alan LaGarde and Jeff Tober. Supervising producers are Dave Pavoni and Tracy Chaplin. Producers are Autumn Humphreys and Chad Horning.

The History Channel(R) is a leading cable television network featuring compelling original, non-fiction

specials and series that bring history to life in a powerful and entertaining manner across multiple platforms. The network provides an inviting place where people experience history in new and exciting ways enabling them to connect their lives today to the great lives and events of the past that provide a blueprint for the future. The History Channel has earned four Peabody Awards, three Primetime Emmy(R) Awards, ten News & Documentary Emmy(R) Awards and received the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the network's Save Our History(R) campaign dedicated to historic preservation and history education. The History Channel reaches more than 95 million Nielsen subscribers. The website is located at: <http://www.history.com/>.

Intelligent extraterrestrial life: The other inconvenient truth?
By Dom Armentano, guest columnist
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Unlikely as it seems, the UFO phenomenon has infiltrated presidential politics. During the recent presidential debates, Democratic candidates Dennis Kucinich and Bill Richardson were both asked publicly about their views on unidentified flying objects.

Gov. Richardson even went so far as to demand increased governmental disclosure on the UFO topic.

In addition, correspondence recently released under the Freedom of Information Act indicates that former President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and their Office of Science and Technology were all involved in Laurance Rockefeller's unsuccessful "disclosure initiative" (1993-1996) to open up secret government UFO files.

All of this demonstrates that despite the "giggle" factor, UFOs are a legitimate public policy concern.

The most astonishing news story of all time would be the confirmation of intelligent extraterrestrial life. Such a discovery would have multi-faceted social, religious, scientific and economic ramifications that can only be described as out-of-this-world. As an example, try to imagine the price of crude oil or the gyrations of the stock market just

one day after such a revelation. The existence of off-the-planet intelligence could change what most people believe about almost everything.

Yet in some ways an even more significant story, perhaps even more significant than the discovery of extraterrestrial life itself, would be the revelation that certain elements of the U.S. government may have known about — and covered up — that discovery (even from elected officials without a “need to know”) for more than 50 years.

Now, that story, a deliberate half-century of deception to cover an inconvenient truth, likely would shake this nation to its very political foundations. That outrageous disclosure could change almost everything, too.

Yet outrageous as it may seem, many who have studied the UFO phenomenon now conclude that starting with Roswell in July 1947, elements of the U.S. government may have systematically lied to the American people (and to elected officials) concerning the actual nature of the UFO phenomenon. The evidence for that deception is substantial and is to be found in thoroughly documented books, dozens of declassified “top secret” documents, and many sworn testimonials from key military-intelligence community insiders.

If true, why the extreme secrecy and deception?

Those in control may have lied because they feared panic in the streets, the Orson Welles and “War of the Worlds” scenario. They may have lied because they could not understand or control the phenomenon, and governments can never admit such helplessness. They may have lied to study and exploit the technology for commercial or military purposes.

Ultimately, they may have lied because it was determined that UFOs may represent a serious threat, perhaps even a military threat, to the nation.

This last reason seems the most reasonable and the most ominous. Decades of reports from competent observers, many confirmed by radar, establish that some UFOs can fly soundlessly, stop on a dime, accelerate at breathtaking speeds and outdistance jets or missiles sent to intercept them. Moreover, there are disturbing reports of UFOs that may have interfered with the electronics of automobiles, airplanes, power stations, and even with the launch readiness of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It would only be reasonable, then, for those in the military and intelligence community to treat UFOs as serious business and classify the information at the highest possible level.

Yet systemic public deception for decades poses a grave long-term threat for any constitutional republic. In the final analysis, the existence of legitimate government depends upon an intelligent, well-informed citizenry.

Heavily censored information, billion-dollar “black budgets” and super-secret “black projects” (UFOs are likely a very black project) ultimately make open government and representative democracy a joke and a sham.

As foreign governments increasingly open their own UFO files and as the secret inevitably leaks out here, Americans deserve (and can handle) the truth about UFOs.

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**Strange Brew: NASA, UFOs and
Lawsuits By Leonard David
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Consider it as an eccentric mix of NASA, lawsuits and investigative “truth-seekers” delving into UFOs.

Under a settlement of a lawsuit against the space agency, NASA is diving into hundreds of documents in several locations to provide copies of what they find to Leslie Kean, an investigative journalist with the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI).

Kean has been seeking documents about the crash of an unknown object in Pennsylvania that occurred in 1965, now over forty years ago. During that time period, witnesses eyed a fireball in the evening sky, reportedly a controlled, albeit crash-landing, followed by a systematic military recovery of a spacecraft-like object. All of this adds-up to

fueling a great UFO story and controversial cover-up saga.

NASA has entered into a mutual agreement with Kean to conduct an additional search for responsive agency records, foregoing a more formal court process. The space agency negotiated re-looking at records between the years of 1962 and 1967.

NASA has also agreed to seek any agency records that explain, describe, mention, name, reference or discuss such items as Kecksburg, Pennsylvania; December 9 or 10, 1965; Cosmos 96 - an errant Russian Venus lander that crashed to Earth after launching; "fragology"; UFOs; and/or Richard M. Schulherr, a purported official of Project Moondust - an effort that dispatched recovery teams into crash sites of fallen space objects.

**France to publish UFO archive online
CNES has collected statements and
documents for almost 30 years
Reuters, Dec. 29, 2006**

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16392923/>

PARIS - The French space agency said it will publish its archive of UFO sightings and other phenomena online, but will keep the names of those who reported them off the site to protect them from pestering by space fanatics.

Jacques Arnould, an official at the National Space Studies Centre, said the French database of around 1,600 incidents would go live in late January or mid-February.

He said the CNES had been collecting statements and documents for almost 30 years to archive and study them.

"Often they are made to the Gendarmerie, which provides an official witness statement ... and some come from airline pilots," he said by telephone.

Given the success of films about visitations from outer space like "E.T.", "Close Encounters of The Third Kind" and "Independence Day", the CNES archive is likely to prove a hit.

It consists of around 6,000 reports, many relating to the same incident, filed by the public and airline professionals. Their names would not be published to protect their privacy, Arnould said.

Advances in technology over the past three decades had prompted the decision to put the archive online, he said, adding it would likely be available via the CNES Web site:

<http://www.cnes.fr/web/455-cnes-en.php>

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Air Force's UFO reversal doesn't fly

By ANGELA K. BROWN

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FORT WORTH, Texas — Fighter jets were training nearby the night dozens of Stephenville-area residents reported seeing a UFO this month, Air Force Reserve officials said

Wednesday, backtracking on earlier statements.

The announcement did little to satisfy residents of Texas dairy country who swear that what they saw in the sky Jan. 8 was no airplane. Some said it bolstered their claims, because several people reported seeing at least two fighter jets chasing an object.

"This supports our story that there was UFO activity in that area," said Kenneth Cherry, Texas director of the Mutual UFO Network, which took more than 50 reports from locals at a meeting last weekend. "I find it curious that it took them two weeks to 'fess up.'"

Officials at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth initially said none of their planes had been in the area. On Wednesday, they said 10 F-16s were there that day. The officials said they wanted to set the record straight "in the interest of public awareness."

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the base, declined to comment on the nature of the training or say whether it also took place on other days.

Lewis said earlier that residents might have seen an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes and reflections from the setting sun. He said Wednesday that he should not have speculated about the reported sightings.

From well-respected business owners to a county constable, several dozen people said they saw a flying object that was larger, quieter, faster and

lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said its lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane.

"I guarantee that what we saw was not a civilian aircraft," Steve Allen, a pilot and freight-company owner, said Wednesday.

The planes' training area includes Stephenville's Erath County, but Allen said it does not include the airspace where he saw the object. Also, Jan. 8 was not the only day sightings were reported.

Anne Frazor, who owns a fabric store in Stephenville, about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, said many in town have seen military aircraft zoom overhead, but that wasn't what she saw Jan. 8.

"I couldn't begin to say what it was, but to me it wasn't planes," Frazor said. Since the reported sightings two weeks ago, the 17,000-resident city is having fun with the international publicity. Some high-schoolers made T-shirts depicting a flying saucer beaming up a cow with the messages: "Stephenville: the new Roswell" and "They're here for the milk!" Several stores put new messages on their marquees, including "Aliens welcome."

The U.S. Air Force says it has not investigated UFO sightings since 1969, when it ended Project Blue Book, which examined more than 12,600 reported UFO sightings, including 700 that were never explained. Copyright © 2008 The Seattle Times Company.

What makes an Extraterrestrial Ethical versus Manipulative?

**by Peter Tremblay, The Canadian Blog,
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A composite of John Lash's www.Metahistory.org and Dr Michael Salla's published research in the Exopolitics Journal presents critical insights on how to broadly distinguish between Ethical and Manipulative Extraterrestrials. Dr. Salla specifically outlines a typology of Ethical versus Manipulative Extraterrestrials, based upon cross-referenced testimonies and documentation.

With this in mind, a central identified characteristic of Ethical Extraterrestrials is vital respect for human free will. This includes a rejection of

abductions or other apparent other invasive forms contacts.

These other invasive forms of contacts reportedly include medical experiments, or techniques of telepathic mind control, where human subjects are induced into a psychological states of worship and ensuing mental slavery to the prerogatives of Manipulative Extraterrestrials.

This apparent manipulation also apparently includes some abductees apparently believing their abduction is somehow serving a "greater universal good" that is arguably consistent with some kind of advanced mind control techniques, that the ancient Gnostics were concerned about.

Ethical Extraterrestrials are "ethical" because they approach humans cosmologically as equal, and seek to visit Earth as respectful guests. Apparent Ethical Humans not from Earth, for example, have been documented by Dr Michael Salla as seeking to blend in with human populations, and in the process, have sought to inspire progressive social change among humans, like a "celestial peace corps". This includes a mutualistic respect for human rights, social justice, environmental stewardship toward inspiring humanity to embrace a higher consciousness.

Ethical Extraterrestrial have also been characterized as refusing to prematurely share technology with any humans that could be exploited for oppressive military or other purposes.

Manipulative Extraterrestrials, in contrast, have reportedly sought to share military and other technology that could be used to advance joint oppressive objectives between Earthbound human elites and such off-world entities. Manipulative Extraterrestrials either seek to use deceptive advances of "friendship" or "alliances" to encourage religious, or other forms of worship (and/or psychological dependence), or have reportedly used outright coercion, against human free will (and also against the free will of other sentient beings in our universe).

John Lash cites that the spirit of our universe was in fact, characterized by a coming together of sentient beings associated with a cosmic God, that sought to embrace and affirm free will in our universe. Manipulative Extraterrestrials in contrast, seek to undermine the free will of humanity, (and other sentient beings in our universe) through the

creation of what Jacques Vallee, referred to as “control systems”. This includes both indirect and direct “control systems”. Such mechanisms of an indirect control system include Manipulative Extraterrestrials that seek to inspire organized religions, linked to an Extraterrestrial created “impostor God(s), and other such elite driven ideologies that operate as indirect control systems. Direct control system include institutions for the use of outright force, like militaries.

John Lash, specifically indicates in www.Metahistory.org that “Archons as Manipulative Extraterrestrials are predatory, unlike a wide range of non-human and other-dimensional beings, that also had been know to the Gnostics, as beings who are benevolent or neutral toward humanity.”

Dr. Lash illuminates Gnostic research insights, that Christian elites who are and have been under the apparent influence of “Archons”, have sought to conceal. According to Dr. Lash, Gnostics sought to help warn humanity about Manipulative Extraterrestrials as a ‘demonic consciousnesses’ “from the sky”, that posed a great threat to human free will, and ensuing spiritual awakening.

John Lash, presents Gnostics as specifically illuminating Manipulative Extraterrestrials as lower-dimensional but technologically advanced intelligent beings, that seek to take advantage of “error” in human consciousness, in a manner that can be used to exploit humanity, through the co-operation their elites. The nature of humans as beings of “free will” can de-evolve into a path of “error”, and that requires critical self-awareness so as to avoid and to correct, before that “error” can be exploited toward an agenda of oppression.

Dr. Lash reveals Gnostic accounts of Manipulative Extraterrestrials, as ego-driven entities which seek to exploit the ego-driven tendencies of human elites, and in other humans.

This exploitative approach apparently includes techniques of flattering human contactees with invocations of vaunting alleged affinities to religious icons or religious prophecies (that have in turn been historically inspired through Extraterrestrial-contrived gods, in association with socially controlling alien doctrines).

Whereas Dr. Lash presents Manipulative Extraterrestrials as “Archons”, he presents Ethical

Extraterrestrials as entities that are “Aeonic” with higher dimensional consciousnesses.

Ethical Extraterrestrials seek to help humanity empower themselves in a context of existential self-determination. Ethical Extraterrestrial apparently seek to inspire humans to free themselves from coercive elite-driven power structures, and to inspire the members of humanity to respectively realize their own potential to consensually live in peace with each other.

Whereas Ethical Extraterrestrial would abhor any worship from humans looking upon them as “superior beings”, Manipulative Extraterrestrials seek to inspire such worship that can be used to control humans through what John Lash refers to as the “doctrine of the aliens”. Through organized religion, Manipulative Extraterrestrials seek to pacify humans into a state of dumbed-down obedience, to a god in the sky that operates through various inter-related elite controlled systems, presided by colluding hierarchies with various associations to the clergy of respective organized religions.

Specifically, according to Lash, Gnostics taught that Archons as Manipulative Extraterrestrials envy us and feed on our fear. “Above all, they attempt to keep us from claiming and evolving our “inner light,” the gift of divine intelligence within.” Manipulative Extraterrestrials, apparently, and pivotally use organized religion to keep humanity in a state of dogma- induced fear, and off-world obeisance that would prevent an empowering inner-spiritual awakening.

Various researchers, including Dr. Lash, arguably imply that recognizing the difference between Ethical and Manipulative Extraterrestrials can be critically facilitated when individuals embrace a higher consciousness. This includes embracing critical thought and empathy in the spirit of the Gnostics, while at the same time rejecting blind apparent off-world focused religions, doctrines, dogmas, ego-centricity, greed, exploitation, oppression, elitism, including elite orchestrated belief systems, racisms, sexism, and other such debilitating ideologies and social control systems - which we observe to be following in our society to date.

Such control systems also includes the dominant impact of the idea of “religious salvation”, and the redeemer-messiah focus. Such a construct

according to Dr. Lash's research on the Gnostics, was psychologically contrived by Manipulative Extraterrestrials to spiritually disempower humanity under the "stupor" of an "impostor" God or gods.

At Least NORAD Is Tracking Santa Claus

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<http://tinyurl.com/34yy9v>

In light of this week's government-level UFO banter in Tokyo, it's kinda fitting that the 100th Monkey Effect was conceived in Japan.

You remember that one, right? Scientists studying simian behavior on Koshima Island in the 1950s supposedly noticed how an 18-month old female monkey started rinsing off sweet potatoes in a stream before eating them.

She teaches a few adults to emulate her; more join in. Next thing you know, the numbers indulging this new activity reach a critical mass of, say, 100, and — bingo — the entire population is washing its sweet potatoes.

But it doesn't stop there. Suddenly, without coming into physical contact with each other, monkey colonies on remote islands begin adopting the same behaviors. Depending on what you read, it's either the observational basis for a paradigm shift or a bunch of hokum from New Age fact-fudgers.

Either way, De Void couldn't help thinking about the 100th Monkey Effect when Reuters covered a Japanese exchange on UFOs on Tuesday.

Setting the stage was last month's milestone press conference in Washington, D.C. That's when pilots and retired military officials from nations whose governments sponsor UFO research (France, England, Chile and Peru, among others) called on the U.S. to join them in their official studies.

So, the other day, Japanese lawmaker Ryuji Yamane, of the opposition Democratic Party, challenged his government in kind.

"This is an issue that the nation is interested in. It is a defense issue, and a confirmation operation needs to take place," Yamane said. "But the government does not even try to collect information necessary for confirmation."

That prompted a headline-making statement from Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobutaka Machimura. "I definitely believe they exist," he said to laughter from the peanut gallery. Which obliged Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda to weigh in as well, saying "I have yet to confirm" that UFOs exist.

On Thursday, Japanese Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba retorted, "There are no grounds for us to deny that there are unidentified flying objects and some life-form that controls them."

But he wondered if a military response to UFO violations of Japan's airspace would be justified in the absence of hostile intent. "Would that be mobilization for an act of defense? That would not be the case if they say, 'Everyone on Earth, let us be friends,'" Ishiba told Kyodo News. "Or what can we do when we can't figure out what they're saying?"

So the dialogue gets under way in Japan. For a few minutes, anyway.

Meanwhile, back in the States, the 100th Monkey Effect is profound. Responding to calls for more UFO transparency, the North American Aerospace Defense Command will be tracking Santa Claus in real time at www.noradsanta.org.

On that sad note, De Void is signing off. This exercise in futility will resume on the other side of Christmas.

Wikipedia UFO Entries & CSICOP/CSI

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I've been recently trying to edit a very slanted article on the ETH over on Wikipedia which failed to present such arguments in favor of the ETH. When I tried to insert some of Kaku's arguments and others by Bernard Haisch, one of the CSICOP debunkers came in and deleted them all - while leaving detailed arguments against untouched. He also censored my mention of opinion polls showing high levels of support for the reality of UFOs amongst the best educated (and the least amongst the poorly educated), and also a decent level of support for the ETH shown in 1970s polls of technical readers of Optical Spectra and Industrial Research/Development journals. And he censored a lot of historical material I documented showing clear discussion of the ETH even back in 1947 during the big U.S. flying saucer wave. Just one example, as noted in Ted Bloecher's review of the

newspaper articles, is that a Pentagon spokesman on July 8, 1947, felt it necessary to specifically deny that they were explained by "space ships". The article had previously tried to claim that there was no discussion along these lines.

Here's my point. Wikipedia has an absolutely huge readership, orders of magnitude higher than UFOUpDates - sorry Errol 8-) - or our individual websites. Part of process of getting this to be a subject of proper public debate is getting our side out there to be widely read...

Whether we like it or not, there is a propaganda war going on. The debunkers try to control the debate through continuous ridicule and also censorship of favorable material then claim there is "no evidence". So, if we want to get the other side of this debate out there - which doesn't mean slanting articles only one way in our favor, but presenting both sides to the debate in a balanced way, then we have to confront these bozos on the major battlegrounds.

Unfortunately Wikipedia's ground rules enable idiots to distort controversial articles their way and censor opposing views. One can protest this, but it is very hard for one person to stop it. They just keep doing it, and also play tag team. I just don't have the time or energy to constantly fight with them

One way to counter this is to gang up on them. One person fighting them is treated as a kook or ignored, but they will have a hard time repeatedly censoring material if a large group of us insist on it being in there. Again, the point isn't to create articles slanted only our way, but to create well-researched and cited encyclopedia articles for the mass public that give a balanced presentation.

So I encourage people here to become Wikipedia editors. The level of knowledge here on UFOs is much, much higher than the usual poorly informed, overly-opinionated, pseudo skeptic college science student types who tend to haunt Wikipedia, thinking they already know it all. Most people edit using screen names, so you don't have to expose who you are. You are not supposed to cite original research, but there is nothing to stopping others from citing your own research. Jerry Clark's UFO histories, e.g., are often cited in UFO-related articles. So Jerry can't cite his own books, but I sure can. And Jerry could cite Bruce Maccabee's work, or Richard Hall's, or other original source material, and vice versa, etc., etc.

A New Magazine - Alien Worlds **Stuart Miller, Stuart.4@gmail.com Jan 3, 2008**

A new glossy magazine called Alien Worlds is being launched on to UK newsstands on February 8th. It is edited by Stuart Miller who used to publish UFO Review, the Internet ezine.

It will be on sale at WH Smiths and Borders as well as a wide array of other outlets, and will also be on sale internationally. You will also be able to get it by subscription, regardless of where you live.

The web site is <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

There you will find details about issue 1 and how to subscribe. You will also find the news service that was previously at UFO Review, as well as other articles of interest.

On the site at the moment there is a guest article especially written for us by Stan Friedman entitled Flying Saucers and Science – An Overview. It is about the background and circumstances that has led to Stan writing his new book which will be published in June of 2008.

"Alien Worlds" will not only deal with the UFO/UAP subject but will also cover SETI and astrobiology, and the origins and development of life here on planet Earth. Please join us.

Local Writer Releases New UFO Book **For 2007 By Jason Saine, 2007/12/19** **Source: The Lincolnton Tribune - North** **Carolina, USA** <http://tinyurl.com/ywpgdq>

LINCOLNTON- George Fawcett, a local author and a veteran UFO investigator and researcher for 67 years has released a revised and enlarged version of his book, UFO Repetitions - A Challenge to Scientific Investigations.

Fawcett has investigated over 1,200 UFO sighting reports and has read over 700 books and 1,000 magazine articles on the subject since 1944. He has had published over 100 UFO investigative and research articles he has written in Flying Saucers Magazine, Search, Fate, Saga, Argosy, True, Flying Saucer Review, National Enquirer, UFO Magazine, UFO Universe Magazine, MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings. In 1975 Fawcett authored the highly

illustrated book, Quarter Century of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee.

His illustrated UFO lectures have been well received by almost 600 different colleges and universities, service clubs, military and scientific organizations, technical and special interest groups in United States and overseas.

Fawcett has been a guest on dozens of radio and TV shows and also featured in many books and magazine and newspaper interviews. Dozens of Fawcett's articles were listed in the 1969 Library of Congress book UFOs and Related Subjects: An Annotated Bibliography, published under contract with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. George was a consultant to the movie, UFOs - Target Earth produced by Centrum Films in Atlanta, Georgia in 1974.

Fawcett served as the founder and chief advisor to the New England UFO Study Group (1957), the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Two-State UFO Study Group (1965), the Florida UFO Study Group (1968), the Tar Heel UFO Study Group (1973) and the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina, Inc. (1989).

Fawcett is the owner of a large 'Sauceriana Collection' consisting of over 15,000 items. From 1976 to 1984 George helped organize seven consecutive UFO symposiums for the state unit of the worldwide MUFON, Inc. and co-hosted by the Tar Heel UFO Study Group in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

From 1979 to 1982 George taught a 30 hour (3 credit hours) accredited collegiate UFO course titled, "UFOs: A New Frontier of Science" at the Lincoln County Campus of Gaston College.

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The book cost is \$10.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling for each copy. The books can be autographed if requested.

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The US UFO Magazine have made issue #141 available on-line at:

<http://www.ufomag.com/sample/UFO22.12.pdf>

On page 39 of the file (page 37 of the magazine) is part of a lengthy article about Nick Pope. Within the article is the following editorial remark:

"Nick revealed that because of the complex issue of justifiable military secrecy with respect to certain weapon capabilities, to this day he still cannot discuss some material that is still classified.

For example, Project Condign, a highly classified study into UFOs undertaken by a defense contractor but sponsored by defense intelligence, remained classified to the public for years. Pope originally helped set up study, but couldn't discuss it or even acknowledge its existence publicly until MoD declassified it and then released it."

This would seem to indicate that Nick had knowledge of the production of the Condign Report prior to its release under FoIA in May 2006. Is that correct, Nick, or is it an error by the author?

In the same section, reference is made to the term 'UAP', suggesting that it was coined exclusively for the production of the Condign report. I have seen similar claims by Nick elsewhere, but I have come across the term sporadically in much earlier documents from the MoD, the earliest which I have come across was dated 27th November 1964 and can be viewed at: <http://www.uk-ufo.org/downloads/1964%20UAP.gif>

I am sure that as the wholesale release of DAS and DI55 files progresses, many more examples of the use of the term 'UAP' will emerge. Would you care to expand on that, Nick?

There are a number of other items in the article which could merit comment, but they have mostly been raised before, or are too trivial to spend bandwidth on.

International UFO Congress Now World's Largest UFO Convention

http://www.pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=61988&Itemid=9

The International UFO Congress (<http://www.ufocongress.com/>), a leading organization for the research and documentation of UFO and related information, today announced the extension of their 17th Annual UFO Conference and Film Festival to eight days and nine nights, making it the largest UFO convention in the world. The annual convention featuring 40 speakers and 35 exhibitors from around the globe will be held at the new Aquarius Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada from February 23 through March 1, 2008.

The new marquee event of the UFO convention (<http://www.ufocongress.com/>) will be a live interview segment called "Conversations with Rob Simone." Simone, an acclaimed radio talk show host and ufologist, will be talking with noted Area 51 microbiologist Dr. Dan Burisch in front of an audience in a late-night talk show setting. The event will be the first of its kind in this new format that encourages audience participation; something the UFO Congress plans to make a mainstay of the convention for years to come.

Another new event at this year's convention will be a keynote presentation and banquet with renowned UFO researchers Philip Mantle and Spyros Mellaris of the UK. The experts will be discussing the authenticity of the infamous Alien Autopsy Film as well as other current worldwide UFO phenomena.

"We're very excited about all the new events and the opportunities they create for people of all interests to come together," said Conference Organizer Nicole Irvine. "Along with the various conference packages, we're expecting record attendance numbers and, as always, to have fun educating people about the latest UFO research from around the world."

In addition to the six-day, seven-night "Traditional Package," the UFO Congress is offering a two-day, two-night "Weekend Package" and an eight-day, nine-night "Full Package," giving visitors several options to accommodate their needs. Individual passes and a la carte ticketing is also available for people seeking to attend specific events only.

Convention mainstays such as the Speaker Cocktail Party and the EBE Awards Banquet will also be a part of the extended conference, with two extra nights of viewing being added to the Film Festival. The Jerry Phippen Radio Show will be broadcasting live from the UFO Conference, covering each day's events and presentations along with a daily wrap-up.

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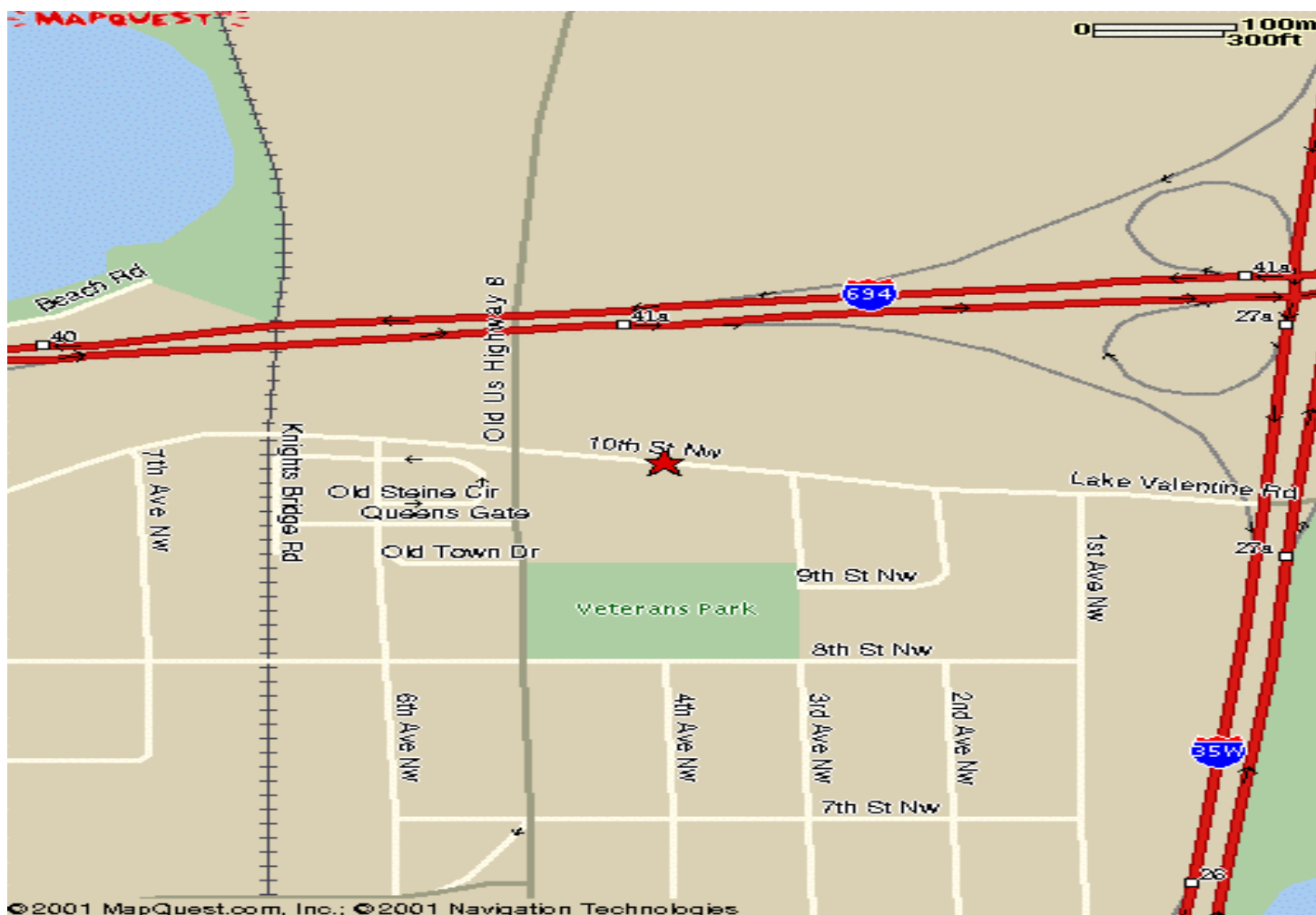
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