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Men in Black

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During a discussion with a man I have known for many years he confided, subject to my not ever revealing his name, that he had seen a UFO sitting in a field close to the farm house he lived in at the time. He had stopped and turned off the headlights before gazing at this craft for a short time and then left the scene while the object was still in the field. The incident had occurred many years before.

Over the years, upon mentioning flying saucers or UFOs to various people, a number of them have said the same thing, namely, that they too had seen something strange and never told anybody about it. The fear of telling the story of an event with such a "high strangeness index" seems to automatically control some peoples' decisions to not ever mention their experience to anyone and occasionally not even to their spouse or children. The UFO might be the most under-reported phenomenon ever.

One day in 1976 many people saw an object descend from a cloud and then shoot back up into it. Of the hundreds of witnesses who saw the object only a handful called police to file a report. Apparently, even when people are positive that they have seen a spacecraft they can shrug it off and never say anything about it.

But, there are people who do not soon forget their UFO experiences. Odd entities, usually wearing a black coat, have confronted UFO witnesses for decades with messages that are often difficult to understand. Their objective seems to be to nullify the publicity for at least some UFO events. From the outset some have suggested that these so-called Men in Black, or MIBs, are an important part of the UFO phenomenon.

Men-in-black are fleeting and evasive entities that often elude any mental grasp of what they are. They are almost intangible and have been a baffling component of the UFO mystery.

MIBs confront some UFO witnesses and, with their usual odd appearance, tell UFO witnesses not to talk about their sightings. These confrontations sometimes result in the witness not being able to remember what they looked like along with a strange feeling that overcame them during their encounter with these entities. At least a few people have commented that it took them a while to "settle down" after their encounter with MIBs..

The UFO literature also cites incidents in which Men in Black have actually shown up at the home of a UFO witness. Victims have recounted that they sometimes could not determine if their visitors' lips even moved during the "conversation."



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One UFO witness related that he told a strange figure that he had not, in fact, said anything about his own sighting. He found himself wanting to "please" the MIB but could not understand why. The MIB relayed to the witness that it could be harmful if he described his sighting to others. The witness mentioned that many had seen the UFO, but the MIB communicated that it was only his (the witness') possible talking about it that he (the MIB) was concerned about.

Some people who have encountered MIBs cannot even remotely remember what they looked like. A few witnesses have said that the strange entities actually use the term "UFO" in their conversations, whether verbal or telepathic. One witness said that one MIB's awkwardness was sort of comical. An interesting observation made by another witness was that MIBs must not be accustomed to our air because one of them displayed a sort of strange euphoria from possibly breathing our air. Here we see an attempt to make a connection of what may have happened to an entity in our environment. No matter how bizarre an event might be, we humans instinctively try to create a cause-and-effect scenario that makes sense to us.

Some of the available literature suggests that these strange entities are bumbling and ineffective. One man who had been approached by MIBs described them as being like kids playing monster on Halloween. Although the MIBs tried hard, they couldn't succeed in scaring this man.

Residents in Arizona were once approached by bent-over Oriental-looking entities wearing dark coats and arriving in dark sedans. They made blurred warnings to not talk about unknown objects in the sky. Not knowing what was really happening, people did not take these warnings seriously. Their message (telepathic?) to humans was that the right time had not yet come to talk about flying saucers and that it would be best to remain absolutely quiet about visitors from the skies.

Author John Keel says that UFOs and MIB encounters have been going on for such a long time, and coinciding with varied circumstances, that they must be a visible manifestation of some phenomenon native to planet Earth. This is indeed an interesting hypothesis. Accordingly, UFOs & MiBs would be from here. There would be no such thing as a visitor from another planet. Now that we know about UFOs sitting at the bottom of oceans,

deep lakes, and even rivers, this idea might appear to be at least ever-so-slightly plausible.

ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION -- 2007

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Beginning New Years Day 2007, there have been some noteworthy developments bringing the subject of UFOs and ETs more into the public eye. First, the Associated Press issued a story regarding the UFO sighting in November 2006 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. It caught national attention. The Chicago Tribune's website received more hits on this story than any other in its history. Richard Haines, PhD, issued a careful, detailed and lengthy report on the case. Multiple witnesses saw a disc-shaped object, which punched a hole through the cloud cover as it left, something conventional aircraft do not do. As Stephen Bassett wrote in UFO Magazine, O'Hare is the most important sighting in the twenty-first century so far.

On Feb. 7, Paul Chen wrote an article in The Canadian regarding the government sanction of UFO research in the People's Republic of China. China is on its way to becoming the next super power, could care less what the U.S.'s policy is on the matter, and is a prime candidate to be the Disclosure Nation.

In mid-March, former Arizona governor Fife Symington apologized for making fun of the 1997 Phoenix Lights at the time and revealed that he personally saw the large triangular craft that passed over early that evening. On March 22 articles appeared about the release of UFO files by the French Space Agency CNES. France might also elect to be the Disclosure Nation.

On April 25 the BBC News reported a major sighting over the U.K. Bright yellow discs, estimated by a commercial pilot to be twice the size of a Boeing 737, were spotted April 23.

In May, the anticipated release of the British MOD UFO files brought international coverage. A number of major countries have now announced release of such files.

With the Roswell 60th anniversary, international coverage developed for the posthumous release of the Walter Haut affidavit in which he expanded his first hand testimony regarding the events in 1947.

On July 8, the Washington Post carried a front page article by William Booth on the Roswell Festival. The article included extended references to the Paradigm Research Group, disclosure, and the truth embargo. On July 13, CNN's Larry King devoted a full program to the UFO issue with guests James Fox, Fife Symington, Stanton Friedman, Buzz Aldrin, Jesse Marcel, Jr., Julie Schuster and debunker Michael Shermer.

On September 18, Dana Millbank devoted his page 2 column in the Washington Post to the X-Conference 2008 press conference at the National Press Club.

On October 26, the Coalition for Freedom of Information announced that a 2003 FOIA lawsuit against NASA had been settled and that NASA will be required to do specific document searches it had refused to do.

Two major presidential contenders spoke out about UFOs: In October, Dennis Kucinich publicly admitting that he had seen one, and Gov. Bill Richardson called on the U.S. government to release information on UFOs. The injection of the UFO/ET subject into the Presidential race generated considerable press coverage which is still going on. On Jan. 2, 2008, the Wall Street Journal published a front-page article on the Kucinich sighting. The tone was completely serious.

On November 9, 2007, Larry King devoted another full show to the UFO/ET issue. Guests included James Fox, Col. Charles Halt, Fife Symington, Sgt. Jim Penniston, Nick Pop John Callahan, and designated debunker James McGaha. This program was prelude to the noteworthy Disclosure press conference which was held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on November 12. A panel of former high-ranking government, military and aviation officials from seven countries recounted their personal encounter experiences. Their reports are worth an extended article, so will not be recounted in this one.

Throughout October and November Senator Hillary Clinton's Democratic adversaries made repeated demands for her husband to speed up the release of documents from the Clinton Presidential Library. Wolf Blitzer on CNN mentioned that the first requests are related to UFOs.

Stay tuned!

[Much of the above is from the January/February 2008 issue of UFO Magazine.]

On December 1, the Los Angeles Times addressed the UFO issue in an editorial. Also in December, three high ranking Japanese officials including the Minister of State for Defense Shigeru Ishiba, Education and Science Minister Kisaburo Tokai, and Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobutaka Machimura announced that they personally believe UFOs exist. Defense Minister Ishiba stated that he was looking at how Japan's military could respond to aliens under the pacifist Constitution. He said that there are no grounds for us to deny that there are unidentified flying objects [UFOs] and some life-form that controls them. Credit: Geo. Filer, "Filer's Files #4" for Jan. 24, 2008.

Also in 2007, something of possible importance happened with a US satellite: The Clementine captured an image that some believe to be a tower on our moon. The image includes smudged areas that some believe to have been efforts to censor the image. (See "Filer's Files #4" for Jan. 24, 2008.) The Japanese Salene-Kaguya explorer satellite should provide High Definition video of this area of the moon at 70 Latitude and 137 Longitude. It is hoped that such images will be released by JAXA (Japanese Space Agency).

Finally, from xzone@xzonerradio.com:

Folks seem less shy about reporting UFOs

Stephensville, Texas, Jan. 21: A spate of recent UFO sightings in Texas looks to be part of a growing trend of Americans reporting possible flying saucer incidents.

The Houston Chronicle said Monday that UFO investigators are convinced that people are more comfortable these days with the idea of making a report when they see something unusual. Ken Cherry, who leads the Texas chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, told the Chronicle that the latest sighting of a huge object gliding over Stephensville, Texas, drew several reports from witnesses despite the area's conservative, Bible-Belt nature.

"Scores and scores of people have seen it, and they are pretty vocal about it," Cherry said. "They don't mind talking to me about it at length." Cherry told the newspapers the reports and publicity illustrate a trend toward witnesses telling others what they

saw regardless of any personal concerns about the reaction of neighbors, employers and public officials. [End of quote from Xzone]

This seems consistent with MUFON Minnesota's recent experience. For example, an entire family told us about their three very interesting sightings in the Brainard area, two of which were CE3s (apparently closer than 500 feet).

The Paradigm Research Group has been archiving mainstream media articles on UFOs/ETs on its website. Last year 467 articles were listed. This is two and one half times the 186 articles for 2006. This represents a substantial increase in media coverage. We can hope that this increase continues. MUFON, which possesses a wealth of information on UFOs and ETs, is in a position to foster interest in these subjects, and to delineate the issues raised by the apparent presence of intelligent aliens in the vicinity of earth. It looks quite likely that interest in UFOs/ETs will increase, which could cause a concomitant increase in MUFON's membership.

Messages from the Gods: Crop Circles By Paul Dale Roberts, HPI Ghostwriter & Cerealogist

I have been to Stonehenge in England, with my ex-wife Patricia. As I stood there in awe, I could faintly hear my ex-wife say..."those are just a bunch of rocks, I don't understand the fascination, come on, let's go shopping in London!" While I surveyed the countryside to Bath on the following day, I was looking for crop circles. Crop circles have a universal language of geometry. I believe that the ancient sites of England and leylines have something to do with the crop circle phenomenon. Somehow these crop circles are changing our perspective of life and our consciousness.

Crop circles have been seen since the 7th century, before two guys appeared before BBC and made claim that they created the crop circles with sticks and rope. Could these two men that make this claim have created over 10,000 reported crop circles in 26 countries? Crop circles that are so geometrically complex, that you have to be a mathematician with a genius level of intelligence to create them? For example there is a double helix of DNA strand type of crop circle, that would be impossible for humans to create. With a closer look the grain stems are arranged in a concentric

manner. When entering a crop circle, knives, watches have been magnetized, people have felt tickling sensations on parts of their bodies and it appears that dogs, cats and other animals avoid entering a crop circle.

People have heard twilling sounds coming out of crop circles. Before crop circles are formed, people report the appearance of UFOs, such as a tube of light, or small bouncing lights. It appears that the military is quite interested in crop circles, because the military has asked farmers to immediately harvest their grain even if it's ripe or not, so other people will not see the created crop circle. Are we being visited by the Circle Gods who leave their messages in fields of grain? When hoaxers try to replicate crop circles, they can't even get a circular precision down right, let alone complex symbols. The plants should be destroyed by the circle creations, but yet they survive. Closer inspection we see intricate designs that have been called the wreath, bird nest, cane hut, dorsal fin and the teardrop. One crop circle looks like our solar system in every detail, except that the Earth is missing. The complex Julia Set crop circle was created in broad daylight with witnesses around Stonehenge and it must have taken 1.17 minutes per circle to be created. Other circles are in 3D. People claim that UFOs appear anywhere from 6 to 36 hours before there are appearances of crop circles.

The Circle Gods are trying to relay a message to humankind, they send down their silver colored spheres the size of tennis balls or beach balls to create these messages in the grain. Indigenous cultures have legends that discuss what the message could mean, it could mean that we are evolving into a more spiritual being. The Mayans claim that the world changes in 2012. The world as we know it will end in 2012. Perhaps after 2012, we will be more on a spiritual level on a spiritual quest of transformation. The Aboriginal people have legends of 'dream time', when people could walk from this reality into other dimensions. It is claimed that this is a lost science.

Perhaps we will regain this knowledge and learn to change the molecular structure of things, including ourselves. We will be on the next level of awareness, we are entering the time of Homo Superious. Perhaps the reason why crop circles are mostly seen in England, is because the Circle Gods want us to connect the dots, that ancient sites are connected to modern day crop circles. That our legends of fairy circles were also the enigma of what

crop circles are today. On Milk Hill the Circle Gods left us a message in post-Augustan Latin and obscure Knights Templar based alphabet that read on this hillside..."I oppose acts of craft and cunning." Perhaps they were talking about our 2 guys that claimed to have made all of crop circles with sticks and rope. Or perhaps they are talking about mankind in general.

I believe the Circle Gods have been around since the age of mankind. Mankind may have recycled itself 5 times over and we are heading for the 6th level of change over. The reason why I say we may be recycling is from ancient transcripts. It appears that mankind was at a level of technology, that was as developed as our own technology and they may have even exceeded us with technology.

In 200 AD, the Chinese had an earthquake detection device. 1040 AD the Chinese had a flame thrower. Batteries were discovered that were 2000 years old in Baghdad. In ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, there are images of light bulbs. The Ark of the Covenant seemed to be radioactive. When a slave touched the Arc, he died immediately. Perhaps this was radiation poisoning? Was the Arc a weapon of some sort and also a communication device to God? Chi-Kung of Chinese legend was known to travel the skies in an aerial carriage. King Solomon flew around Central Asia. The 4,700 year old Babylonian Epic of Etana describes flying into outer space and looking back at the Earth. The description is accurate. Have you heard about the flying Vimanas of India? There were three type of flying Vimanas. There were:

1. the Vimana that could take you place to place,
2. 2. flying Vimanas that took you from country to country,
3. 3. flying Vimanas that took you from planet to planet.

If ancient technology from India, Egypt, China, Atlantis, Lemuria/Mu existed, then what became of this advanced civilization? It appears that there may have been a nuclear war. Mu and Atlantis sunk into the ocean, Sodom and Gomorra was obliterated into nothingness and tektites - hardened glass is found in the Egyptian desert that may indicate a nuclear war of some sort. There are even vitrified forts in Scotland and Iran that seem to indicate the ancients were ready and prepared for nuclear war.

The world is in dire straights. With the threat of terrorism, crime, global warming, wars and the rumors of wars, new diseases arising, we are facing the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. It is time for the Circle Gods to step in perhaps once again and set us on the right course towards elusive harmony and bliss, before we destroy ourselves. Since the Circle Gods know that we have a tendency of destroying ourselves when we reach that peak of technical perfection, it was easy to lay down the prophesy to the Mayans that the world as we know it will end in 2012.

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March/April, 2008, False Memories, Screen Memories and Cryptocritters

I had an interesting piece of correspondence some time ago, dialoging via e-mail with an experimenter. The man had described how, over the years, he had seen a number of what I call "cryptocritters." His description at first reminded me of such mystery creatures as "Bigfoot," "Nessie," "Rods," etc. Yet his particular memories could best be described as caricatures of common animals, such as cats, dogs, etc. In this case, the man described seeing strange "cats," and as a result, throughout his life he had felt fear whenever cats would be near him.

As he described these memories, I wondered if his "cat" memories might be screen memories masking abduction events. Thus, I asked him more questions along these lines. As we got to talking further, I eventually described what I had learned about the screen-memory process. At that point, he responded, sounding slightly indignant (Note: One can't gauge another's emotional response via e-

mail, but that's the tone I got from his words). He said that his memories were real, but that he recalled substituting the memories of cats from later experiences he had had in veterinary work.

From his comments, I wondered if he thought I was suggesting that his memories were implanted false memories, rather than phenomenon-associated screen memories. That evening, as the gears turned in my mind, I realized that there might be a fair amount of confusion between these two phenomena. So, what are they? How are they similar, and how are they different?

First, let's consider screen memories. These are memories, typically substituted by the experiencer of a powerful event, usually to soften its emotional impact. They usually overlay the actual memory. When an experiencer's memory of an event contains logical paradoxes – things that don't make sense – I suspect that such a phenomenon may be at work. Like many phenomena of the mind, they seem to be nature's way of helping a person to survive, or at in this case to deal with powerful experiences.

Screen memories do not appear to be actual changes in a person's memory. The memory of the event is actually there, but the mind alters the interpretation of what the person recalls. It substitutes something like a harmless squirrel, deer or cat for a potentially malevolent alien. Usually, the characteristics of the alien are still present, but the person's mind simply decides that the creature was a "harmless animal" (to quote one experiencer).

If the experiencer is up to it (and his/her comfort level is crucial) I sometimes ask the person to recall or visualize the eyes of the critter. More often than not, the eyes are dark, have no pupils, etc. If the eyes are solid black (like those of a gray), then we might wonder if the person has an abduction screen memory. If the eyes are some other color, then the memory is most likely something unrelated (note, this is an inexact rule of thumb. The universe throws many weird things at us and we have only begun to scratch the surface). Often, in hypnosis, when the person again looks at the "critter" previously described, he/she often sees a gray, and describes it with the usual terms.

In contrast to the screen memory is the "false" memory. In this phenomenon, a memory is somehow, actually altered within a person's mind.

It is not a mask for another memory, but an actual change in the memory of the event. This is something of which CE4 researchers do need to be careful - keeping questions and instructions during hypnotic regressions as generic as possible to avoid affecting a person's memory. Memory is a plastic process and, as the pioneering hypnotist and Physician, Ernst L. Rossi stated in his book, *The Psychobiology of Mind Body Healing*, "Every access is a reframe." Each time a memory is accessed it is potentially changed.

Rather than being a screen for something else, the proverbial "false memory" is an actual modification of the information stored within a person's mind/brain. Skeptics claim that false memories, implanted by well-meaning but overenthusiastic UFO researchers, are responsible for many/most of experiencers' abduction memories. I treat that argument with a huge volume of skepticism. However, I think that it really is an open question, how much of a role the plasticity of memory plays in the accounts of UFO abduction. I suspect the role is far more subtle than UFO skeptics claim.

In my experience with hypnotic regression work, most abductees are extremely certain of what they have experienced, and greatly resist any challenges to the accounts they are reliving. Yet memory is plastic, and over time, with each access, it can tend to shift in subtle ways - a caveat for all UFO researchers to beware of.

In contrast, far from being false, a screen memory appears to be an interpretational cover for a (possibly) accurately remembered event. In summary, while the names sound similar, the two phenomena are actually very different things. Yet I frequently hear the two terms interchanged. Like so many aspects of the phenomenon, this can become a point of confusion and misunderstanding. In my view, understanding the difference between these phenomena, and the mechanism of each, is yet another key to our understanding of the UFO/CE4 phenomenon. It is another aspect of the complex relationship between the experiencer and the Visitors (and researchers). And, like so many other aspects of UFO and anomaly studies, it can teach us much. Cryptocritters, false memories and screen memories - all of these are potential clues to the mystery that is the close encounter phenomenon.

Religious Activism and UFOs

by Ed Komarek, February 27, 2008

http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne_ed_komar_o8o2_26_religious_activism_a.htm

Both secular and religious people have been drawn to exopolitics and the UFO/ET field in general. I think the reason religious people seem to be ahead of the curb of say the environmentalists, is that those that really study religious teachings can see that the same sort of thing that was happening thousands of years ago and recorded in religious texts is still happening today. Truly religious people understand that religion must keep up with modern day advances in knowledge and truth and so these modern ideas pose no threat to their religion.

Modern thinkers and activists can see that the people thousands of years ago were involved in extraterrestrial reality and that this reality shaped the religious thinking that continues to this day. The only difference was that thousands of years ago people were less sophisticated and had to use their limited means to try to understand fantastic things. For those with open minds it can be seen that heaven meant outer space and Gods and demons were terms the people used to try to differentiate between those ET races that were benevolent and helpful and those that were not.

Open minded religious thinkers and activists don't cling to the past when confronted by modern day knowledge and reality but instead incorporate new understanding and knowledge into their religion. Today so much more is known about soul reality and extraterrestrial reality that it is a shame that so many religious people remain in denial of facts that now support their faith. Of course new truths are problematic for many because they seem to be in conflict with archaic truth expressed in ancient religious texts. The real truth is that truth is truth and will always be truth, but perceptions do change with the times. So there really is no conflict as far as truth is concerned only how truth is perceived.

So it would seem that religious people that can differentiate between truth and perception have a leg up and are ahead of the curve when it comes to understanding extraterrestrial realities. Still the truth can be harsh and disconcerting to those who strongly adhere to belief and faith when faced with evidence that require a change of perception and perspective.

New truths or new perspectives are opening up in modern times that are very exciting and enlightening and are enhancing religion to a point where old out-moded religious perspectives and established institutions seem quaint and primitive. Religion is very much alive and flourishing in modern times and those activists that can make the grade are leading the others, if abet reluctantly, into the religions of the 21 century.

Religion concerns itself with ethics and values and the life of the soul in and out of its mortal habitation. So much work has been done studying out of body experiences, past life experiences, extraterrestrial reality and soul reality. We can now begin to see that eternal life and mortal life is so much more than can possibly still be imagined. It just boggles the mind and the more one knows the more one realizes how much one really does not know.

The perspective that is coming into view is one of vast complexity and wonder. Many very diverse and similar life forms move between corporal realities and eternal reality. The manner of individual choices and movement seems to be just as vast as there are individuals. These truths may be disconcerting to religions of the west where reincarnation was suppressed by the orthodox to the point of murdering millions of free thinkers, or heretics. Those that believed in a personal relationship with God and reincarnation were exterminated in the west but not so for the eastern religions which have embraced reincarnation, self development and personal responsibility.

The modern religious perspective now coming into view is that individuals move into corporal realities and put on bodies and then lose them just as a person puts on and takes off a suit of clothes. The reason souls incarnate into bodies is for the same reasons that virtual realities are being designed today even though in primitive form.

A body is needed to negotiate and interact with a virtual world for both entertainment as well as education purposes. When one lives and finishes a life one moves on. From both a modern understanding of eternal overall reality and extraterrestrial corporal realities it can be seen that not only does a individual incarnate just on earth but elsewhere as well and in both primitive and advanced stellar societies depending on what needs to be learned.

Religious activists and secular activists find themselves drifting together in the field of exopolitics unified by a common goal to understand exopolitical truths and to end the insidious UFO/ET cover of extraterrestrial reality by established interests. Both religious and secular realize that this cover up is extremely destructive to humanity and to the environment. Religious and secular activists realize that the cover up favours unfriendly or demonic extraterrestrial races and impedes the more ethically advanced races being able to help us.

Religious people see these less ethical races as satanic, the losers in a battle in heaven long ago and secular activists see these less ethical races more ecologically as predatory races in conflict with more cooperative races in the universal drama of nature and evolution. Both religious and secular understand that these less ethical races collaborate or even maybe control world governments and the mass media, pushing us all into an Orwellian world of suffering and slavery.

Still the scriptures hold out hope for the oppressed and say that this fall into destruction will fall back onto the destroyers of the earth and their best laid plans will come to naught. Finally in the end times the more ethical races will appear when mankind has had its fill of violence, suffering and the predatory ETs and will lead the way to a new heaven and a new earth. We activists realize regardless of background or religion that the secret, deceptive UFO/ET cover up is inherently destructive and must be ended as soon as possible for the good of all humanity.

(Note: This article is one of a series of articles addressing different factions within society as to the need to understand extraterrestrial realities and ending the UFO/ET cover up.)

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Trained Observers – What makes a qualified UFO witness?

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What makes someone a qualified observer? This question came to mind as I was watching the Larry King Live broadcast on CNN, on Friday evening Jan 18th. The show was about the recent sightings in Texas. They were interviewing several of the witnesses to the UFO flyover, a large boomerang

shaped object, which the primary witness estimated to be "a mile wide."

There were several experts on the panel, including Stanton Friedman and James Fox, the producer of Out of the Blue. The panelists all had interesting things to say about the UFO phenomenon. The best of these came from Fox, who stated that there is a large quantity of unexplained phenomena, well documented and backed up by a large database of physical evidence. Clearly there is an unexplained phenomenon present. While Stanton Friedman made the claim – perhaps with good evidence – that extraterrestrial beings are visiting us, Fox simply stated that the phenomenon is unexplained. I found that Fox's argument was as close to airtight as we can get.

In the second half of the broadcast, they trotted out their obligatory skeptic, an astronomer named James McGaha. McGaha repeated the age-old argument that there is no evidence of alien visitation. In the face of the arguments from Fox and Friedman, citing the vast physical trace and physical evidence database, McGaha simply dug in his heels and repeated the same thing. Then he got the chance to dialog directly with the witnesses. And this is where the questions really arose in my mind.

McGaha made the claim, multiple times, that the witnesses simply misidentified a formation of aircraft passing overhead. However, the witnesses stated that this was, indeed, a solid object. They were unable to see stars between the lights, evidence that this was a single superstructure, rather than a formation of independent aircraft. To this, McGaha asked them whether they were trained or qualified observers. Unfortunately, the witnesses said "no," instead of the response which (in 20/20 hindsight) they might have used, what makes a qualified observer? What are the qualifications to be a credible UFO witness?

In response to the comment that there is a database of thousands of cases of pilot sightings, McGaha stated that pilots are not trained observers, either. Thus, we need to ask, what are the requirements to be a qualified observer? To the best of my knowledge, there is no qualification certificate available qualifying one as a "trained observer." To the best of my knowledge, pilots, law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, all are trained to objectively evaluate a situation and determine the correct action. This indicates that each needs to be

a level headed observer, who would not jump to conclusions.

Furthermore, what are the qualifications of an astronomer, to be a qualified observer? When working with astronomical phenomena, probably they are many. Astronomers, especially those who spend hours looking through telescopes or otherwise personally observing the heavens, I would assume to be very adept at identifying astronomical phenomena, with a minimum of bias. However, when it comes to other phenomena, is an astronomer any more qualified an observer than the average person? For example, if an astronomer sees a rare bird or a strange weather phenomenon, is he/she any more able to describe it, simply from being an astronomer?, probably not. Thus, we need to challenge McGaha to identify what he believes the requirements and/or qualifications are for a trained/qualified observer.

To be fair, when in the midst of a UFO sighting, especially a close encounter, it is extremely difficult to remain level headed, objective and scientific. In my article What to do, I attempt to address some of these concerns, suggesting ways in which a UFO witness can be as objective as possible. Yet, I must remain realistic. Would I remain as collected as I suggest in my article? I will have to wait until I have a close-up UFO sighting [I have not had one yet] to answer that.

UFO sightings usually occur when we least expect them, allowing us no time to prepare our instruments and/or collect our thoughts before observing. Thus, any observations we might make are at best impromptu. Still, there are things we can do to try to remain objective in the face of the unknown. Try to observe the surroundings, as well as the object. Where possible, confirm with anyone else present, that they saw the object, obtaining their contact information for later follow-up. Also try to note the time and date (both before and after the sighting), the weather conditions, the size and motion of the object, etc. Then, as soon as you can, write down and/or sketch whatever you can remember of your sighting. In summary, the more we can note about the sighting and its circumstances, the better we can objectively understand the events of the encounter.

While few if any of us are card-carrying "trained observers," I believe that we can do as much as possible to ensure the integrity of the information and/or evidence associated with a UFO encounter. I

believe that taking these steps will make any of us trained and qualified observers, a de-facto corps of scientific observers ready to greet any visitors from the unknown.

What Did Reagan Know About UFOs? by Douglas Bower

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Reagan seemed more enthralled with UFOs than all the U.S. Presidents, including Nixon. Reporter Billy Cox noted the many mentions of extraterrestrials in Reagan's speeches and commented, "Ronald Reagan's abiding fascination with extraterrestrials." One of Reagan's daughters also commented on her father's obsession with UFOs and life on other planets. The source of his fascination is often thought to be the "few" sightings he claimed to have had.

In September 1981, Reagan received a letter from an UFO research group director, Major Ret. Colman VonKeviczky. This man had made a second career of sending plaintiff pleas to not only the Presidents of the United States but to the U.N. Secretary Generals. When a new president was elected or a new Secretary General came on the scene they all heard from Major Ret. Colman VonKeviczky.

What VonKeviczky wanted was to get the figures of power and authority in governments to recognize that UFOs, "...represented an intergalactic task force that will destroy earth unless world leaders band together to end their hostile actions against UFOs." http://www.presidentialufo.com/reagan_ufo_story.htm

He was relentless. As a true believer of what he said he sent letter and packages with materials outlining the dangers and with demands than plans be drawn up for a defense against the alien threat. In the September 1981 letter, more than 17 documents were sent to Reagan outlining the immediate threat to the world from the aliens. This was his third letter to Reagan.

While his previous letters were not answered, his third one was. A distinguished Army officer who gathered many high ranking positions and metals including Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans; National Security Defense Group Director; and the

Chief of the Policy Branch of SHAPE in Belgium, Major General Robert Schweitzer, answered it. Schweitzer was the Chief Military Advisor of the White House and National Security Council.

Part of Schweitzer 's answer to VonKeviczky read as so:

"The President is well aware of the threat you document so clearly and is doing all in his power to restore the national defense margin of safety as quickly and prudently as possible." [Ibid]

Well, VonKeviczky didn't need a flying saucer to fly like the wind to the Associated Press with "an admission" of the alien threat by the Reagan administration. The AP almost put it out on the wire but didn't once they called and talked with Schweitzer. Had Schweitzer put the word "UFO" in between "the" and "threat" they would have run with the story. You've just got to ask what Schweitzer was really thinking? Was his song and dance he offered to the AP the real deal, was it a stupid slip, or did he really mean "the UFO threat" in the context of VonKeviczky's persistent screed?

The Chief Military Advisor of the White House and National Security Council, Major General Robert Schweitzer, was let go on 10/26/81.

Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) program

Though Reagan was credited with this program and its "possible use" against space invaders, it was concept decades in the making and one has to ask the question, how come? Generals Douglas MacArthur and John A. McDavid both made comments for public consumption of the possible invasion of interplanetary beings. McDavid said an Air Force approved speech at Milliken University, Decatur, Illinois:

"Before long, people may be forced to realize and accept as a fact that this earth is only an infinitesimal grain of sand in an infinite universe," declared McDavid. "The human is one of many forms of life with which God is concerned and others are superior to us. And if this is true, our meeting with other types of existence in other places in the universe quite likely will increase the potential element of conflict rather than reduce it." [Ibid]

Why would a brigadier general have to have an Air Force approved speech unless he was treading on

Top-Secret grounds and had to walk a very thin line in what he said? And, why if UFOs don't exist, they are just balloons and swamp gas, would he have to walk a very thin line and get Air Force approval?

A career State Department diplomat, Michael Michaud, wrote of Nixon 's worry about an alien invasion:

"Aliens from other solar systems are a potential threat to us, and we are a potential threat to them. Scientists and others have often postulated that extraterrestrial societies more advanced than ours would be less warlike. Regrettably, the stereotypes of the benevolent, super intelligent alien may be as unrealistic as the stereotype of the bug-eyed monster carrying off shapely human females. Even if a species had achieved true peace within its own ranks, it would still be worried about us, and would take the measures it felt were necessary to protect itself. This includes the possibility (not the inevitability) of military action . . . Our basic interest will be to protect ourselves from any possible threat to Earth 's security..." [Ibid]

There is some speculation that "Reagan 's " SDI had a two-fold purpose: To defend against the Soviets and extraterrestrials. Here are some of the sources:

In a June 1995 Bay Area Lecture Dr. Steven Greer announces information leaked to him from the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado shows that the Air Force tracks an average of 500 "fastwalkers" (term used for UFOs) entering the earth atmosphere every year.

New York Times Pulitzer prize winning author Howard Blum reports that NORAD deep-space radars track many UFOs.

Two Aerospace engineers working on the AeroJet 's DSP spy satellite claim UFOs are detected coming from deep space two or three times a month.

Author Whitley Strieber, in his book Breakthrough, stated that he had seen part of a document which revealed that the EG&G Corporation is involved in developing defense weapons against extraterrestrials.

Two further sources have told Greer that rogue units within Unacknowledged Special Access Programs, have directed black budget funds to develop SDI weapons to down UFOs. Further the

sources have stated that they have been successful in shoot downs.

It must be said that there are other Ufologists who do not agree with these sources.

A Close Encounter of the Spielberg Kind

When Steven Spielberg 's movie, ET, came out, Spielberg did a private showing for Ronald and Nancy Reagan in the White House. There were guests invited for this private screening totally about 35 other persons. Apparently, the Reagan 's loved the movie indicated by Nancy 's tears and Ronald 's enthusiasm.

After the movie ended, the President leaned over to Spielberg and in a hushed tone said, "You know, there aren't six people in this room who know how true this really is."

http://www.presidentialufo.com/reagan_spielberg.htm

Spielberg told a TV producer of Reagan 's comment while being interviewed for a documentary.

UFOs and censorship — why Cato Institute dumped me Dom Armentano, guest columnist, Monday, February 25, 2008

<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2008/feb/25/dom-armentano-ufos-and-censorship-why-cato-institu/>

On Jan. 10, just one day after my article on UFO secrecy appeared in this newspaper and on this Web site ("Intelligent Extraterrestrial life: The Other Inconvenient truth?" Jan. 9), I was unceremoniously dropped as a Cato Institute adjunct scholar, a position I'd held for more than 20 years.

First some background. I'm a Ph.D. economist with a national reputation in the antitrust area. I've written books, journal articles, and many dozens of op-ed articles over the years on a variety of public-policy issues. My association with the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington, D. C. goes back many decades. Yet they cut me away in a heartbeat because I dared call for more government disclosure on the UFO phenomenon.

I really didn't believe that calling for more disclosure was all that controversial. After all, John Podesta, former chief of staff under Bill Clinton, has called for more government disclosure on the UFO subject. Former astronaut Ed Mitchell has

repeatedly called for more disclosure, as has Gov. Bill Richardson, D-N.M. Former Canadian Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer has stated that our government knows that UFOs are interplanetary machines and that the secrecy should end. Given these bold assertions by "insiders," I thought that I was in safe company; apparently I was wrong.

Actually the most classic call for disclosure came 48 years ago from former CIA Director Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter. As reported in The New York Times of Feb. 28, 1960, Hillenkoetter (in a letter to Congress) argued that "it is time that the truth (about UFOs) be brought out in open Congressional Hearings." He went on to say that "through official SECRECY and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense ..." and, further, that the Air Force "has silenced its personnel" in order "to hide the facts."

If a former CIA director could say that, why couldn't I?

The most recent attempt to "chill" serious media interest in UFO secrecy occurred in Stephenville, Texas. Stephenville currently is a hotbed of UFO activity, and much of the newspaper reporting has been done by the Empire Tribune's Angelia Joiner. Ms. Joiner filed some of the first stories, talked to many witnesses of the phenomenon, and even appeared on a CNN Larry King special in January.

Yet despite a worldwide interest in the sightings, Ms. Joiner recently was fired by the Empire Tribune for, among other things, openly questioning the U.S. Air Force's improbable explanation of the sightings.

So much for courage and truth.

None of this intimidation and media censorship is new. I first became interested in UFO secrecy when CBS aired an Armstrong Circle Theater episode on UFOs on Jan. 22, 1958. On that program, an Air Force spokesman recited the standard mantra that UFOs were all nonsense and that the government wasn't hiding anything.

Also on the program was Donald E. Keyhoe, executive director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the leading critic of an Air Force cover-up. At one point during the live broadcast, Keyhoe broke away from his pre-approved remarks and said, "And now I'm going to

reveal something that has never been disclosed before ..." but then his microphone suddenly went dead. The live TV audience saw his lips moving (me included) but his audio had been terminated by CBS and the U. S. Air Force under a prior agreement. Keyhoe intended to tell the American public that NICAP had proof that UFOs were real machines under intelligent control but he never got the chance. He'd been censored by those who claimed that they had nothing to hide.

In this presidential year of "hope," let us all hope that someone, somewhere will finally be honest with the American people about unidentified flying objects. Censorship and intimidation have no place in a free and democratic society. We (they) continue this policy at our peril.

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**The Quantum Key - Theory of Everything
Primer - Re: uniting Physics
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My book is a basic primer for this topic for the everyday person. The Quantum Key shows the connection from the virtual photon potential of the quantum mechanical vacuum all the way to gravity at the planetary scale and it is more simple than you think.

It is part 1 of 3...2nd will focus on consciousness in relation to the 1st book and the 3rd will focus on the physical body in relation to the 1st and 2nd.

I'm not just some arm chair theorist, I have a lot of hands on experience building non-equilibrium thermodynamic systems that output more than is input by me. That implies there is other input, which is true and comes from the active vacuum of local space time. I am also involved with the most advanced consciousness technology ever developed.

I have seen over a dozen "UFO's" that defy conventional logic. I have had several episodes of missing time and one was 10 hours long... I walked out my front door in the 9th grade and woke up 10 hours later 2 stories up fully dressed in my bed, etc...

Much of this influenced what is in my book The Quantum Key. It even includes a chapter on superluminal travel.

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**MUFON Investigation Of Drone Photos
& CARET Documents
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Fri, 11 Jan 2008**

MUFON's Special Team Operations - VERITAS (STOV Team) has conducted a special investigation of the Drone Photos and CARET Documents. Although our investigation is ongoing, a preliminary report has been posted to the MUFON web site at:

<http://www.mufon.com/documents/Drones-CARET.ppt>

If you have further information on this case, please feel free to email me at: jcarrion@mufon.com

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Minnesota Sighting Reports

Sighting City/Town: Herman, MN
Sighting Date/Time: Feb. 18, 2008, 11:55P.M.

I was coming home late from a meeting and went to go check my Livestock. I just hung up the cell phone with my neighbor. As I walked to the barn the whole side of the barn was illuminated with the brightest light I have ever seen. I ran to a spot where I could see it better. It was flying parallel to the earth. It pulsed 3 to 4 time light that looked like a welders arc. It was there for maybe three seconds and a fire ball trail or gold fragments and then was gone. I did not see it crash to the ground and was heading in a northeast direction. I thought it looked like a grain bin but could not tell because the illumination was so intense. After that my neighbor also encountered it as he also seen the flashes or pulsation of light and called me immediately. We talked for a while and we both contacted local sheriff's office. They had also received other calls from the Wheaton area 12 miles away. Also in town police seen the light as well. Please call me as I am really wondering what it was

that I saw. I have never seen nothing like this before. I have seen hundreds of falling stars but never nothing like this.

Sighting City/Town: Hugo, MN
Sighting Time: 6P.M., Duration: 5 min
Sighting Date: unsure, winter time
Sighting Year: 1980-1981

I was walking with my best friend across Egg Lake, in Hugo Minnesota (winter time, lake was frozen over) on a clear night. It was a weekend I know because I was going over to spend the night which we did almost every weekend. One of my neighbors, saw us out on the lake and walked out to see what we were doing, being that it was dark and we were alone. We were just standing there talking when I mentioned how clear the sky was and how bright the stars were. As we were looking up into the sky we all noticed 3 abnormally bright, what appeared to be stars. They seemed way too close to be stars though. They were in a horizontal line evenly spaced from each other. I remember saying "is that the 3 wise men"? But we knew something was different as they seemed very close to the earth, not like distant stars.

As we talked about the 3 lights (stars), the 2 on the outside started moving slowly back and forth as they moved farther apart from the center light. At that point we knew they were not stars! We all just stood there frozen. I remember saying "do you see what I'm seeing"? The other 2 said "yes"! As we watched the lights which seemed like forever I am estimating that the whole incident only lasted about 4-5 minutes. The two lights on the outside kept moving faster and faster back and forth to the point that you could barely see them. Then in a split second all three lights shot up and literally disappeared. If my memory serves the light in the center almost seemed to dim a bit while the other 2 lights were moving frantically back and forth. I should also say that the two lights that were moving, were moving in unison. As they moved faster the area (distance) that they were moving back and forth got smaller and smaller the faster they moved.

After the lights shot off into the sky we all just ran. I have told people about this incident over the years but have never know how to "report" it. I don't know what we saw, but I know it was real and I'm

glad I wasn't alone when it happened. As a child growing up in Hugo there were other instances that myself and friends witnessed "lights" or sightings in the woods that we could not make any sense of. This instant stands out because there was no mistaking what we saw or any explanation for it either.

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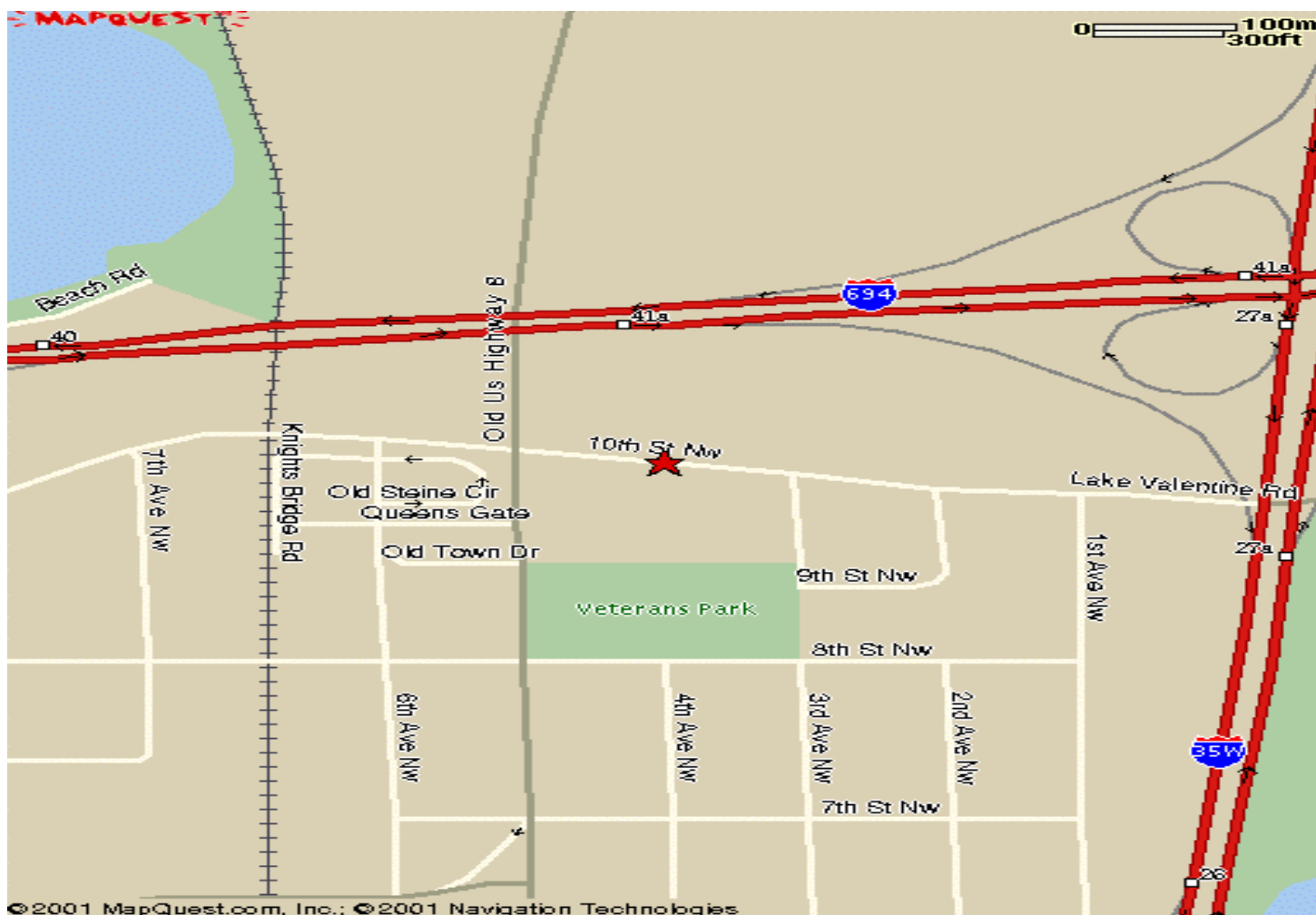
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