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UFOs and Sound

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UFOs are usually observed to be silent as they move through our atmosphere. Most who see them do not claim to have heard any sound even when they zip away at incredible speeds.

Apparently, a compression wave was not created. It happens, however, that there is a phenomenon connected with UFOs that is sometimes referred to as a "sky quake." Since airplanes, including fighter jets, are supposed to always be moving at a velocity that will not produce a sonic boom over the continental United States, we must then assume that when one hears a compression wave "boom" in the atmosphere they are created by some other event. There are, however, people who claim that they were observing a UFO and, when it sped away, a loud compression wave was eventually heard.

Sound travels about eleven hundred feet per second. If a solid object (UFO) was ten thousand feet from an observer, and sped away at its usual mind-stretching acceleration, we would expect to hear a sonic boom after about nine seconds. This seldom occurs. Some UFOs have apparently emitted a high-pitched sound of some kind that can affect dogs, cats, horses, and cattle. Some animals with sensitive ears have tried to get away from these sounds. There have been cases in which dead animals were seen to have blood coming out of their mouths, noses, and ears which could have been caused by intense sound waves emitted by UFOs. It is almost as if these waves were purposely directed at the animals.

UFO literature describes a number of situations in which sounds were heard. In one instance, close to midnight in North Hudson Park across the Hudson from Manhattan, a man's car radio was producing static as a bright object passed over. Quick thinking and reactions by a few witnesses have also yielded taped recordings of sounds made by UFOs that happened to be close to a witness. High-pitched humming sounds are often heard to be emanating from a nearby hovering UFO, but not always.

Most who follow the phenomenon know that telepathy among the entities seems to be their mode of communication. But, abductees have reported that alien entities seemingly do have a form of communication consisting of incomprehensible sounds which make no sense to those few who hear them.

In 1967 a woman was driving into Ithaca NY when her car was stopped by the technology of a nearby humming disk-shaped object. A bright light was being beamed down onto her car when she began to hear voices which oddly did not resemble voices of either men or women. The words were jerky and broken and sounded like a strange chorus



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of several voices which supposedly named a person known to the woman and communicated the fact that her friend's brother had been involved in a bad accident miles away. If true, we can hypothesize that at least some UFO entities seem to somehow be mentally connected with people.

**Aliens might not be friendly,
warns astronomer**
***Scientists searching for alien life should get
governments and the UN involved lest we
unwittingly contact hostile
extraterrestrials, a British astronomer has
warned.***

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Do aliens exist? And would they be friendly?

The caution comes as more experts argue that the search for intelligent life should be stepped up.

Mr Marek Kukula, public astronomer at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, said: "Part of me is with the enthusiasts and I would like us to try to make proactive contact with a wiser, more peaceful civilization."

But he warned: "We might like to assume that if there is intelligent life out there it is wise and benevolent, but of course we have no evidence for this.

"Given the consequences of contact may not be what we initially hoped for, then we need governments and the UN to get involved in any discussions," he told The Sunday Times.

This week a two-day conference is being held at the Royal Society in London, titled, 'The detection of extraterrestrial life and the consequences for science and society.'

There is also an astrobiology conference in Texas in April at which new methods of detecting aliens will be discussed.

Douglas Vakoch, director of interstellar message composition at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in California, told the paper: "My personal view is that being more active is a worthy strategy. There is more serious talk of it, though not at the institute level."

Professor Simon Conway Morris, a Cambridge University evolutionary biologist, will be talking at the Royal Society on 'Predicting what extraterrestrial life will be like – and preparing for the worst.'

He thought that, given that the principles of Darwinian evolution should be universal, it was "inevitable" that intelligent life would have developed elsewhere in the universe given the right environmental conditions.

"If that is correct – and it applied to manipulative skill – then that suggests there should be alien technologies," he said.

Some scientists are puzzled as to why no messages have been sent back even though humans have been transmitting radio and television signals for the last century.

Prof Conway Morris reasoned that if he were in their shoes "I'm not sure I'd answer the telephone."

**The CE4 Corner – March/April, 2010 –
Glimpses of the extraordinary**
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In recent weeks, I've conducted several hypnosis sessions that turned out much differently than expected. I had not planned for them to be close encounter regressions, but in several, they turned out to be just that. In all of these cases, I knew that the person was interested in UFOs, as that's the context in which they found me. Even though they were not aware of being an experiencer, it is entirely unsurprising that there would be CE4 material beneath the surface. However, the work we were doing was more earthly healing work, not related to close encounters.

In such cases, when the work is not specifically UFOlogical, I can only make note of unrelated encounter material and continue with the hypnotherapy work in progress. Yet often the UFOlogical material is part of the person's healing work and we find ourselves in another close encounter regression – sometimes one that is unplanned, an unexpected glimpse into the extraordinary realm.

In a few other recent cases, it turns out the person involved may have had at most, a couple of events in their life, though such events may be a source of

mystery for them. In several such cases, it appears someone near by, or someone related to the witness, was an experiencer. The person involved was simply in the appropriate place at the appropriate time. Such sightings and encounters, where the person experiencing the event is not generally an abduction experiencer, are what I call 'collateral' experiences.

In one case of which I am aware (not a client of mine), the person abducted was the new boyfriend of a woman, who later learned she was an experiencer (though she didn't know that at the time). In this case, the Visitors appeared to be checking out her companion, an important new factor in the life of their human 'project.'

In a few other 'collateral' cases, the person has described seeing UFOs or entities. However, there was apparently no abduction involved, no missing time, etc. These sometimes turn out to be close encounters of the first kind (CE1), where an object is visible, or of the third kind (CE3), where entities are visible, rather than an abduction event. I often hear accounts of these from people attending my talks on UFOs for civic groups, etc.

In one case, a woman whom I and another field investigator interviewed watched a UFO hover over a nearby farmhouse for several hours. It was not clear whether she saw entities, but some aspects of her account suggest that indeed she did. I wonder if in cases like this, the witness observed the visitors at work, a glimpse of someone else's encounter in progress and another type of a glimpse into the realm of the extraordinary.

On a related note, I recently read the book, *The Alien Abduction Survival Guide* by Michelle LaVigne-Wedel:

([http://www.amazon.com/Alien-Abduction-Survival-Guide-Experience/dp/0970263015/ref=sr_1_1?](http://www.amazon.com/Alien-Abduction-Survival-Guide-Experience/dp/0970263015/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1267159593&sr=1-1)

[ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1267159593&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Alien-Abduction-Survival-Guide-Experience/dp/0970263015/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1267159593&sr=1-1)). In her book, Wedel describes different classes of experience similar to those I noticed in the encounter narratives described above. In her book, Wedel cites similar categories, though she defines them somewhat differently.

* Extensive experiences – these are identical to encounters described in the narrative of nearly every lifelong abductee – these are the lot of the long-term experiencer, what we think of as the classic abduction scenario.

* The 'quickie' abduction, in which the person is taken with brief interaction in the alien realm (often described as being 'processed' in a laboratory or 'assembly line' setting). This appears to be a 'routine checkup' – some form of alien 'maintenance work' on the abductee.

* The 'single event' or 'collateral' encounter, in which someone related to the experiencer, such as the abductee's boyfriend described above, undergoes abduction. I have not encountered many such narratives, yet those I have heard indicate that for most long-term experiencers, those close to them will have at least one encounter in their lives.

To these, I add the case of the collateral witness, the person who apparently observes someone else's encounter or sees the close passing-by of a UFO, a topic which Wedel does not address. However, in *The Cosmic Bridge* (www.thecosmicbridge.com), I examine the case of the CE1 event, where the witness sees a UFO, but apparently is not abducted. In each case, we can think of the sighting as a form of relationship. In many such cases, the witness describes some degree of bidirectional awareness – both witness and UFO observing each other. The witness often describes a psychic communion, or says that the UFO 'was here for me.'

Often, one or more witnesses can see the UFO – huge and 'in your face.' In the process of the sighting, the UFO may pass over a populated area, a time when it should be clearly seen. Yet we seldom if ever hear additional reports. Even though people are able to look up, few if any others seem to see the UFO. Yet to the witness, the object is huge and obvious.

In addition, many witnesses describe the 'Oz-Factor', a term coined by Jenny Randles in which the surroundings become eerily silent. There are no frogs, crickets, wind in the trees, or other sounds apparent. This is often the opening stage to a close encounter – perhaps an abduction. It indicates that the reality transformation is beginning, the impending presence of the visitors. While a close sighting is often the opening stage of an abduction event, for the collateral witness, there is only the UFO.

In most such cases, the witness tends to be psychic/sensitive. Thus, I speculate that in some way, they may be able to see through the veil; they can see the UFO, while others cannot. Whether their own abilities permit them to see the object, or whether for them the reality transformation is the

beginning of an abduction event, we find that they are uniquely able to get a glimpse into the phenomenal realm.

So ultimately, we find that some events are extensive, with considerable time and many interactions in the alien realm; sometimes discovered by accident. Other events appear to be relatively quick and infrequent, as if the experiencer were being 'processed' in a routine procedure of some sort. Others appear to be collateral events, either an abduction or a sighting related to someone else's encounters.

Each encounter affords a view of the phenomenal realm, a touch of the reality transformation that is the hallmark of an event of the fourth kind. Each event is yet another fleeting glimpse of the extraordinary.

Invisible Extraterrestrials? World-Leading Physicist Says "They Could Exist in Forms We Can't Conceive"

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http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2010/02/invisible-extraterrestrials-one-of-worlds-leading-physicist-says-they-could-exist-in-forms-we-cant-c.html

The intriguing remark was made by Lord Martin Rees, a leading cosmologist and astrophysicist who is the president of Britain's Royal Society and astronomer to the Queen of England. Rees, who last month hosted the National Science Academy's first conference on the possibility of alien life, said he believes the existence of extra terrestrial life may be beyond human understanding.

"They could be staring us in the face and we just don't recognize them. The problem is that we're looking for something very much like us, assuming that they at least have something like the same mathematics and technology."

"I suspect there could be life and intelligence out there in forms we can't conceive. Just as a chimpanzee can't understand quantum theory, it could be there as aspects of reality that are beyond the capacity of our brains."

During the conference entitled 'The Detection of Extra-terrestrial Life and the Consequences for Science and Society', Rees asked whether the discovery of aliens would cause terror or delight on earth, the Telegraph reported.

However, Frank Drake, the founder of SETI and Drake's Equation, told the conference that satellite TV and the "digital revolution" was making humanity invisible to aliens by cutting the transmission of TV and radio signals into space. The earth is currently surrounded by a 50 light year-wide "shell" of radiation from analogue TV, radio and radar transmissions. According to Drake, digital TV signals would look like white noise to a race of observing aliens.

Although the signals have spread far enough to reach many nearby star systems, they are rapidly vanishing in the wake of digital technology, said Drake. In the 1960s, Drake spearheaded the conversion of the Arecibo Observatory to a radio astronomy center. As a researcher, Drake was involved in the early work on pulsars. Drake also designed the Pioneer plaque with Carl Sagan in 1972, the first physical message sent into space. The plaque was designed to be understandable by extraterrestrials should they encounter it.

Milan Cirkovic of the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade, points out that the median age of terrestrial planets in the Milky Way is about 1.8 gigayears (one billion years) greater than the age of the Earth and the Solar System, which means that the median age of technological civilizations should be greater than the age of human civilization by the same amount. The vastness of this interval indicates that one or more processes must suppress observability of extraterrestrial communities.

Since at this point, there is no direct and/or widely apparent evidence that extraterrestrial life exists, it likely means one of the following:

We are (A) the first intelligent beings ever to become capable of making our presence known, and leaving our planet. At this point, there are no other life forms out there as advanced as us. Or perhaps extraterrestrial life does exist, but for some reason extraterrestrial life is so very rare and so very far away we'll never make contact anyway—making extraterrestrial life nonexistent in a practical sense at least.

Or is it (B) that many advanced civilizations have existed before us, but without exception, they have for some unknown reason, existed and/or expanded in such a way that they are completely undetectable by our instruments.

Or is it (C) There have been others, but they have all run into some sort of "cosmic roadblock" that

eventually destroys them, or at least prevents their expansion beyond a small area.

Since Earth's placement in space and time appears to be unremarkably random, proposition "A" seems fairly unlikely. Assuming humans evolved like other forms of life into our present state due to natural selection, then there's really nothing all that mystical, special or remarkable about our development as a species either. Due to the sheer numbers, there are almost certainly other planets capable of supporting at least some form of life. If that is so, then for Earthlings to be the very first species ever to make a noticeable mark on the universe, from a statistical perspective, is incredibly unlikely.

For proposition "B" to be correct would defy all logic. If potentially thousands, or even millions of advanced extraterrestrial civilizations exist in the known universe, then why would all of them, without exception, choose to expand or exist in such a way that they are completely undetectable? It's conceivable that some might, or perhaps even the majority, but for all of them to be completely undetectable civilizations does not seem likely either.

Proposition C in some ways, appears to be more likely than A or B. If "survival of the fittest" follows similar pathways on other worlds, then our own "civilized" nature could be somewhat typical of extraterrestrial civilizations that have, or do, exist. Somehow, we all get to the point where we end up killing ourselves in a natural course of technological development and thereby self-inflict our own "cosmic roadblock". Casey Kazan via The Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/space/7289507/Royal-astronomer-Aliens-may-be-staring-us-in-the-face.html>

My Advice About UFO Disclosure If The Government Is Really Serious Tuesday, February 16, 2010

<http://ufodisclosurecountdownclock.blogspot.com/2010/02/my-advice-about-ufo-disclosure-if.html>

Hello, welcome to the UFO Disclosure Countdown Clock (UDCC) - thanks for visiting today. As you can see by the title of this post - I'd like to offer an unsolicited opinion about UFO Disclosure by the Government. USA government, or world government - whoever decides such issues. My first opinion is that the first 'soft disclosures' about UFO files by numerous countries over the

last few years has at least begun to loosen the strings about the UFO information available. And, I call all these 'soft disclosures' - because while governments have released files that would suggest something solid is within the Earth's atmosphere that perplexed and interested the military from a security standpoint - no country has then admitted an on-going concern or even a strong interest in the whole phenomena after releasing the data and files.

As you probably know, such files include radar data confirming pilot sightings and such ----- but -----also include the 'high strangeness' like cases that seem to suggest that the UFO phenomena is something 'bigger' than just crafts in our skies. Indeed, the result is that the line is left blurred, probably on purpose by the governments, to suggest that ALL UFO phenomena may be 'qualitative' in some manner. Additionally, none of the soft disclosure is followed by 'real discussion' by the government and the people on the implications to them or Earth if 'we are not alone'. Soft disclosure folks.

Next, we have to ask ourselves as a people if we REALLY want to know as a culture this information (that is not to suggest that some really really want this out for various reasons). And I say that because of a REAL national poll about just this information - done only 5 years ago - that would strongly suggest that Americans are not ready - as you can see from this link -

<http://etobserver.blogspot.com/2005/08/how-would-humans-react-if-et-landed.html>. I specifically want to draw your attention to the answer of the question as to what folks thought UFO were -- only 32% of the sample gave an 'alien' type answer (25% alien crafts, 7% dimensional travelers) - indeed a larger % thought they were hallucinations, government projects and mis-identifications (with a huge unknown %).

So, at this point - more believe the UFO's to be not alien in nature. Perhaps that is wishful thinking considering how the poll - a reputable poll by Roper - paid for by Robert Bigelow - really had concerning findings about what might happen if the government announced an alien presence. As seen below:

"when asked how they think OTHERS would react to the same news: 25% most people would totally freak out and panic; 10% act irrationally and become dangerous to others; 14% begin to act very strangely; 36% most people would be very concerned; 13% most people would handle the information in a calm and rational way"

Seriously, folks - this is real data. Folks EXPECT others to freak out. And in another question only 32% said they were ready to handle the information of an advanced extraterrestrial civilization. That number in and of itself - is worrisome. And, is a real reason for the incredible slowness of the media to force the issue onto the government in any way. Politicians see no advantage to rocking the government boat (one of them may fall out if they do).

So, what to do. The first step, other than soft disclosure (which with the numbers above - should be left to other more advanced thinking countries than the USA) would be for the world to be told that the meteorites DID indeed have indications of life (that came from Mars). LIFE, must be established in the WORLDS mind as NOT being an attribute associated ONLY with Earth. This simple declaration should first put the religions of the world on notice that God will have descriptions of life beyond our Earth centered view.

Next, IF the government has information related to SETI that has been sat upon for the above reasons - THAT would need to be released too. This would give the Earth's population the idea that 'intelligent life' -- 'was out there'. (And, by being 'out there' as opposed to 'here' - would allow further understanding of the population of the 'real possibilities'.) My advice would be to allow the two above positions of information to be known for at least a couple years - before real disclosure.

In the meantime - while letting SETI and 'life' information to slowly trickle into the brains of humans - it might not be a bad idea for the focus to start talking about 'portals' -- if the government believes them to be the means of arrival for alien visitors. (They can do that by letting the media focus on the minor teleportation our physicists have had success with.) As I think, 'come and go' aliens - are better - than - 'we are watching you' and are here, aliens.

Perhaps a decade with the above understandings would soften the reaction of the population to UFO Disclosure. To do so without a softening in attitudes, would be irresponsible. Even if I'm one of the 32% that would be able to handle it.

I welcome your comments (obviously, if the government has been in cover up mode the breaking of trust and black budgets become the number one concern of politicians - safety and abductions would also be a major issue too). I also

talk UFO's and similar stuff at my new blog - here's a sample - <http://barfstew.blogspot.com/2010/02/is-12-21-12-next-y2k-why-i-am-not.html>

1981 LEXINGTON/EDDYVILLE, NEBRASKA CASE By William I. McNeff MNMUFON Asst. State Dir.

The witness is the husband of a niece of mine and I have known him personally for years, and believe him to be very reliable. He had told me about one of his sightings perhaps ten years ago, but at that time I was too busy to write extensive notes. At a family gathering in August, he again told me about this sighting and I asked him to write his account down and email it to me. The witness had recorded his observations in a notebook soon after the sightings. He rewrote his account for me based on this notebook and his memory. My relative's account follows. Three of his friends witnessed these objects also. I have replaced their names with their initials: RR, RJ and J.

Prime Witness Account

For about two weeks RR, RU, J and I heard on the radio station KQ 106 reports of U.F.O. activity around Kearney, Lexington and North Platte, which are cities of Nebraska. The most reported observations were a bright multicolor object near Lexington. This bright light was reported being seen every night at 9 o'clock pm to the southwest. We read the Kearney Hub newspaper which had an article about this object in Lexington and in another news paper an object landing at or hovering at North Platte's Air field which radar did not detect but witnesses called it in to police station. Other reports in the one of the papers and radio stations were of objects that made red streaks, even in the day time, right down main streets of Lexington and North Platte. We even listened to a guy calling in to the radio, chasing one by Kearney near Cotton Mill Park west of Kearney.

2. I said "Let's go and investigate this thing tomorrow night and see what the fuss is all about. Maybe if we are lucky we will high jack one and beam up all our friends and beer and destroy all the communist nations and explore the universe." They laughed but I just smiled. We agreed to meet at the fraternity at 7 o'clock pm and leave by 7:30 pm.

3. [On September 15, 1981] RR arrived as always late at 7:45 pm and drove. We reached the Krazy

Dick's convenience store at 8:36 pm, which is south of the Lexington I-80 interchange. We got some snacks and pop and met a Nebraska State Trooper. RR went over to talk to him about this object that was being reported in the newspaper and radio station. He told us it was in the south west sky about foot or so above the horizon and to get a good look to go past Johnson Lake and find a high hill. "You cannot miss it because it turns different colors." Then he pointed the direction and height of the light and asked if we had seen it yet. RR said "No, but we are curious to see it." Then for some strange reason the trooper got mad and stormed off. I do not know if RU (who did not believe any of this) made a face or gesture. RR said "I know a hill where you can see Johnson Lake and the city of Lexington."

4. We arrived on top of this hill and there was an un-harvested corn field to the north of us and pasture land in all the other directions. You could see somewhat Johnson Lake to the northwest for it was dusk and the tall corn blocked full view. It was 9:10pm when we arrived on this hill and started viewing. We saw nothing. I said "RR if you had any sense of time we would had seen it. The State Patrolman said it was out there right now and he was pointing out where to look and how high it was hovering." Then we decided to leave and as we got in the car I saw a light that was as bright as Venus but only 12 inches up from the horizon. [This would be 12 inches on a ruler held at arm's length. -WIM] I said it is moving or bobbing. We got gathered together and this light was changing colors from red to yellow, than green and finally blue. RU said it is Venus setting. I said look out of your corner of your eye and see the action. J freaked out when she discovered what I was seeing. RR said he could see it but, RU could not -- we figure he had contacts in. It was bobbing like a bobber on wavy water and then it would circle two to four times and repeat the cycle. But if you looked directly at it, it would be stationary. RU said he heard a U.F.O. expert that gave a lecture at Kearney State College that this object is Venus and the atmospheric pressure was changing causing Venus to turn colors and make it appear moving around. I said "No, because Venus sets more to the north and not to the southwest. Don't you think a State Patrolman knows the difference between Venus and this light?" He said "I do not see it moving or changing color." We all argued with him and I said we need to get closer. [I believe at that point they well have been seeing Venus, but I have not yet been able to tie down the position the planet would have been in at that time. -WIM]

5. We headed back to I-80 and RU said "Go straight through Lexington to Bone Road to a hill that overlooks Lexington and surrounding area where you can see for miles all around." I kept my eyes on the light in the back seat driver's side and lost it in the trees going around Johnson Lake. I said "RU's plan sounds good to me, for I lost it."

6. Bone Road got its name from the dirt being off white color and very dusty. We got to the hill about 5 miles outside of Lexington at 9:30 pm. We could not see the light to the west and scanning the sky we spotted another multicolored object to the north east. This one was bobbing and circling only at a much faster pace. You could look at it directly and see the motion, at which J got scared and hid in the car on the floor board. RU said "It is a farm yard light which the light was very low to the horizon." I replied "No, it was slightly higher, about 2 inches off the horizon and the distance looks like it is 20 or 30 miles away," and I pointed to a farm house to the north with a light about 2 miles away and said "See the difference."

RU began to be puzzled and confused. Then he said "Betelgeuse is the star!" I said "How can it be, for it is below the star horizon." It was making the same color patterns as before and this light is the same one as the western one. It had must have moved. Then I got a funny feeling and turned and looked over my shoulder and saw the first one barely above the ground. It too was bouncing like crazy and circling. J screamed "Get in the car and let's get out of here." RR, who was her fiancé,, told her to be quiet and sit still. Then the objects stood still and began to change colors from yellow to red than to green and blue. They were headed to meet above us and as they came closer the yellow seem to be in front and as it turned away the back was blue. RU said it is like the rainbow. They seemed to be about 5 miles away and were as big and bright as a full moon. We were all in awe and fear and I said "My wish may come true." Our heads were looking almost straight up for they had to be at least a mile apart and in full view of our eye sight. I would guess about a half a mile high. They were bright white lights and round. We made some moaning and groaning noises and I said "What a way to go!" and "Take no hostages!" When they got to the closest point, about one eight of a mile or about 6 inches apart, the area around us lit up twice as bright as a full moon and then they shot back to their original positions. Then the westward one disappeared. The northern one held still like a star. We looked at each other and realized we were on our knees and we were confused how we got into

this position. [This incident is suggestive of possible missing time. -WIM] J was screaming and lying under the dashboard. I told the guys "I think they knew we were here and fled." I said "Let's head for the northern one, for it has to be 20 miles or so northeast." RU, familiar with the area said "It has to be by Ansley, Nebraska."

7. We hit Highway 40 about 10 miles east of Eddyville and headed east. Got between Eddyville and Sumner and dart-like things, I called them, began streaking all over the northern hemisphere. All directions up from the horizon above the horizon to down straight across east to west and west to east and they had a red streak constantly following the object. I was screaming "Pull over, pull over." RU saw some and said "It's a meteorite shower. I said "The hell you say -- when a meteorite comes up from the horizon and straight across the sky and has a tail that stays the same length about 3 to 6 inches and it is red!" I had a few cuss words to get the urgency to pull over and finally we turned off on a road.

8. We had alfalfa fields between the highway and railroad tracks, with clear vision of the horizon with a view to the west, south, and east. The north had hills and the Big Dipper was southwest west or over my shoulder, looking straight ahead at Taurus constellation. These little dart things reminded me of the fighter jet exhaust or afterburners we saw one evening before this event. I believe they were slightly smaller than a fighter jet, but every time they sped up 3 to 6 inch red streaks would appear. Otherwise they were white small round objects and had the brightness and size of Jupiter. If one could imagine using peripheral vision at the whole northern hemisphere one could see what appeared to be hundreds of objects streaking all over. A freaky and random thing! We were all amazed at the sight. I remember looking again over my shoulder feeling the west object must be coming but it never again appeared. I saw a steel Quonset, which would have blocked my vision of it, and the Big Dipper slightly north of the Quonset. The object could have been behind that building but this was my gut feeling only and none of the dart objects were in that area or southern hemisphere. I said to the guys, because J was hiding in the car, "I am going to stop that car I spotted west bound to witness this." I took off running to the highway about 100 yards or so and they began to yell at me to look. I got in the middle of the highway to stop the car and it swerved away as I jumped back and it kept going.

9. I then turned around and saw the most awesome site. They were forming a formation around the big object. This object or light was twice as big as the little objects. First formation was a perfect octagon and in the center was the big object. Then the rest, like a magnet drawing things to it, formed a perfect circle around the octagon. If one again could imagine you could see a line or stop sign shape and a perfect circle and dead in the center a big object or light. This formation covered north northeast quadrant or in the constellation Orion. Your vision looking at would cover three quarters of it; to give you an idea how vast this formation was. The thing that bugs me is trying to put in a box or having a ceiling which it did not. I cannot explain the magnitude of the range but simply using the Boy Scout method in measuring trees by using a stick and lining the top of the tree and using your thumb to mark the bottom and laying it sideways and have someone line up next to the tree and count the steps, depending how wide the steps are is the length of the tree. Measuring it my mind and sticking a tape measure straight out in front me it would be 2 feet across. Or 1 foot to the center. Laying it down and having a person at 20 miles away or directly under it start walking and counting the paces one can see the vastness of it. I say 20 miles because the location RU guessed was Ansley, Nebraska. My calculations, though I am poor at math, are 1.2 miles per inch. Taking 24 divided by 20 equals 1.2 miles per inch. This is my educated guess. Knowing this I measured at the time by using fingers from the center to the octagon as being 6 inches and 6 inches from the octagon to the circle. This is recorded in my first written account. The bottom of the circle was about 12 inches from the ground. RU said it covers Orion. Now my imagination was turning to astrology and the Bible, for this is an omen of something to happen. This is a message. "It is a sign," I told them. Of course, RU said "It is the devil." RR said nothing. I said "Did you count how many objects are in the circle?" No response. "24," I said! "8 to make the octagon and one big in the middle and they are in the constellation Orion?" The total was 33 in all and spaced 6 inches apart from each other. RR said "It might be you and you have us in a mass hallucination." I said "How in the hell would I think of this?" They laughed.

10. Now if you see a 24 hour clock, like in the military, the top is 12 am and the bottom 12pm or zero hundred at the top and twelve hundred hours on the bottom. Then the next event happened. The ten hundred hour object in the circle broke ranks and the object from the octagon at the eight

hundred hour point chased the renegade. It looked like a dog fight and every time they accelerated the red streak would follow. They went around in circles in all kinds of directions but in an area or box about five inches square and about two or three inches from the ground. This was bizarre because there was no depth, it was just two dimensional. Then after a few seconds the one in the circle streaked out toward the horizon or fell straight out into space or toward the horizon. Then the other returned to its position in the octagon and they all stayed still for a few seconds and then darted off in all directions. The main object stayed still like a star.

11. By this time it was 3:00 am and we wanted to go to Ansley. But RR needed gas so we headed to his parent's farm down the road. About 3:30am we arrived at his parent's house and woke them up and got binoculars out see this object. We all saw that it rotated in a clock wise fashion and had a short tail that sparked like a comets tail. When the tail faced you it was yellow and as it moved away it turned red then green and away from you it was blue and the pattern ran in reverse as it turned back. When I got the binoculars and looked at it, the thing or light broke away and the same time everyone yelled "It is breaking apart and something is entering it!" Which it did and the dart thing entered and it closed. It was like a cup of water and one swirls the center which opens but still stays intact and afterwards gels together again.

12. There was a hog farmer in the area, which one of my friends talked to, and he saw the formation and everything and said he never would speak of it again and would kill my friend if his name got out. His hogs were acting up about 10pm and went to the farrowing house to see if an animal got in. He saw the streaks of light and the formation and the dog fight.

13. I am sure there are others out there that had to have seen this event, but they are afraid like the newspaper reported. " [END OF WITNESS ACCOUNT]

A few days ago, my relative called the only other witness whose location is known to him, and asked him about what he had seen that night. His friend claimed to remember very little from that night; he said it was as if his friend did not want to remember!

Royal astronomer: 'Aliens may be staring us in the face'

By Heidi Blake, 22 Feb 2010

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/space/7289507/Royal-astronomer-Aliens-may-be-staring-us-in-the-face.html>

Aliens may be "staring us in the face" in a form humans are unable to recognize, the Queen's astronomer has said.

Lord Martin Rees, president of the Royal Society and astronomer to the Queen, said the existence of extra terrestrial life may be beyond human understanding.

He made the remarks shortly after hosting the national science academy's first conference on the possibility of alien life.

"They could be staring us in the face and we just don't recognize them. The problem is that we're looking for something very much like us, assuming that they at least have something like the same mathematics and technology," he said.

"I suspect there could be life and intelligence out there in forms we can't conceive. Just as a chimpanzee can't understand quantum theory, it could be there as aspects of reality that are beyond the capacity of our brains."

Lord Rees used the conference in January, entitled The Detection of Extra-terrestrial Life and the Consequences for Science and Society, to ask whether the discovery of aliens would cause terror or delight on earth.

He told Prospect magazine that improved telescopes made the chance of finding extra-terrestrial life "better than ever".

But Dr Frank Drake, the world's leading "ET hunter", told the conference that satellite TV and the "digital revolution" was making humanity invisible to aliens by cutting the transmission of TV and radio signals into space.

At present, the Earth is surrounded by a 50 light year-wide "shell" of radiation from analogue TV, radio and radar transmissions. But although the signals have spread far enough to reach many nearby star systems, they are rapidly vanishing in the wake of digital technology, according to Dr Drake.

The scientist, who founded the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence organization in the United States, said digital TV signals would look like noise to a race of observing aliens.

Mars Needs Placentas?

By Jason Gammon, < boyinthemachine@aol.com >
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If you are familiar with my use of 'intelligent speculation' then you should be able to follow where I going with the following line of thought.

According to abduction researchers, an established aspect of the abduction phenomenon involves the forced implantation of a fetus into the uterus of a female abductee and the later removal of such fetus weeks, even months later.

Many people have remained mystified, operating under the assumption that the aliens somehow need to treat female abductees as hosts for these fetuses, yet remaining perplexed as to the reasons why.

I think I might have stumbled upon the reason.

As you can tell from my attempt at a humorous post title, the reason may be that the aliens require that the placenta be at least partially developed.

The placenta acts as a buffer, protecting both mother and baby from one another and allowing the baby to uptake nutrients, eliminate wastes, and uptake oxygen.

I propose the following:

If abductees are to be believed, the reasons for the forced implantation and later removal of the fetus may be that the visitors require the placenta to be at least partially developed.

According to abductees, after these fetuses are extracted they are then grown in artificial wombs or artificial uteruses.

The technology of the artificial uterus would be interfaced to the placenta, allowing the placenta to continue playing the function it normally forms as well as acting as a buffer, this time between the technology of the artificial uterus and the developing fetus.

And yes, if anyone is interested, artificial uteruses is a technology that is being currently developed. According to estimates, artificial uteruses could arrive sometime this century.

Many might even be surprised that the concept of an artificial uterus dates back to 1924.

Why Not Artificial Wombs? <http://tinyurl.com/yg8z6pv>

Below is seemingly interesting French article that I am unable to translate. <http://tinyurl.com/yzm98fx>

I am open to the opinions of others on this topic.

Guest Speaker at April 10, 2010 MUFON MN meeting:

Ken W. Storch presents: "Proof beyond a Reasonable Doubt, aka, A Cop's Case for an Arrest Warrant on Flying Saucers"

Ken has been involved with MUFON and investigating UFO cases for 35 years and has been featured on several UFO documentaries including History Channel's UFO Files and UFO Hunters. Some of his investigations include cattle mutilation cases, Dulce, NM, and the Cash/Landrum case.

He also served as a Law Enforcement officer for 31 years and will address the implications that investigating flying saucers have on anyone involved in that field. During his presentation, Ken will explain why he prefers the term "flying saucer" to UFO and some of the problems they present; such as problems for the government, problems for the press, and problems for us. He will also explain what he discovered that prompted two FBI agents to appear at the police station where he was working in an attempt to intimidate him. One of his recent cases, which he will discuss in detail, involves several high strangeness events in an Amish community in Missouri.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Ken joined the United States Air Force after graduation. He was given a top secret crypto clearance and assigned to the Strategic Air Command. During his time at Offutt AFB (S.A.C. Headquarters) he was exposed to a UFO incident that propelled him on his 35 year research program, which continues today.

After the Air Force and college, Ken joined the Jefferson County Colorado Sheriff's Department and became a member of the S.W.A. T. team. He

attended several FBI S.W.A.T. schools and also learned combat rappelling and high risk entry from helicopters. After transferring to the Aurora Police Department Ken became involved in deep undercover assignments and numerous homicide investigations, which earned him several citations including City of Aurora Officer of the Year.

Using his unique criminal investigative techniques, Ken continues to research and examine the UFO phenomenon. His law enforcement approach to this issue is dynamic and aggressive. Ken was a featured speaker at the 2006 MUFON International Symposium with his presentation "911 UFO: UFOs and Police Officers." The following is the abstract from that presentation:

The crux of this UFO problem has embroiled law enforcement in an unwanted liaison. The very nature of strange objects in the sky and on the ground causes cops to get the call and get involved. It is one of the aspects of the mystery that should show skeptics and the community as a whole that there is truly something to this problem. Storch would be the first one to denounce this problem as an illusion, or a hoax, if the law enforcement community was not involved. Cops worldwide from hundreds of jurisdictions have responded to calls for help or cops themselves have been an eyewitness to an event. It continues to happen, almost on a daily basis, and for the cop that is unlucky enough to get the call or have the experience.....well it is not a career enhancing situation. Law enforcement, unlike certain other aspects of government, cannot ignore or pretend it does not exist when the community calls for help. They are obligated to at least investigate and help in finding answers. It is these investigations over the past century that have led Storch to believe that we are being subjected to alien visitation.

Ken will be the guest speaker at the April 10, 2010 MUFON MN meeting held at the New Brighton Family Service Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Room 224, 1:30 – 5:00 pm. Admission: \$10 for MUFON members and \$12 for non-members. For more information on MUFON MN: www.mnmufon.org or 320-297-0205.

Announcement from MUFON HQ

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January 12, 2010

Effective March 1st, 2010, I am relinquishing my position as MUFON International Director to take on a different position within the organization. The reasons for my relinquishing the position are many but the overlying issue is that I simply no longer have the time to dedicate to the job. It may come as a surprise to you, but my transitioning out of the International Director role has been two years in the making. In 2006, I committed to a three year term as the International Director until 2009, but when no suitable candidate was found, I agreed to stay on for one more year. In 2008, the MUFON Board of Directors approved the role of a MUFON Business Manager to separate the duties of leadership from those of running MUFON's nonprofit business operations. I gave the board notice in December 2009, but I offered to stay on until the 2010 Symposium in July so a suitable candidate could be found. Fortunately, a candidate search was not necessary as one of the existing MUFON Board members offered to become the new International Director and was unanimously voted into office. I will be occupying the role of MUFON Business Manager which will be far less demanding of my time.

I am proud to announce that the new MUFON International Director is my long term good friend and colleague, **Clifford Clift**. Clifford will be featured in the MUFON Journal so that the MUFON membership can become acquainted with him and his professional background. I am completely confident that Clifford is the best man for the job and I know that MUFON could not be in better hands.

It has been my pleasure to serve MUFON as the International Director these last three years and I know that going forward, MUFON will still be on the cutting edge of UFO investigation.

If you would like to congratulate Cliff or introduce yourself to him, please direct all correspondence to: cclift@what-wire.com.

If you want to keep up with my independent research, stay tuned to my personal blog at <http://followthemagicthread.blogspot.com> where I will continue my fight for the truth and exposing those who have no intention of revealing the truth.

Churchill demanded UFO briefing:

Secret files

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<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5igO8PSoIDY7YVNhtotiwWopQ4Olg>

LONDON — Hundreds of UFO sightings by Britons, including one who developed a skin condition after a supernatural encounter, emerged in files out Thursday which also show Winston Churchill's interest in the issue.

The most unusual of the newly declassified Ministry of Defence files tells how a man in Ebbw Vale, south Wales, claimed his car was surrounded for five minutes by a "tube of light" in 1997. The man, who reported the incident to police, was sick the next day and also developed a mysterious skin condition.

"First sighting seemed like a massive star moving towards the car," the previously top secret police report said. "Having stopped the car and switched the lights off, the light encircled the car, remaining for perhaps five minutes. (The man) was able to walk through the light which was very bright. There was no sound, no aircraft or helicopter noise, and besides feeling ill (he) was very frightened."

The newly released files span 6,000 pages and cover the period 1994 to 2000. They were released alongside another file dating back to 1952 which showed then British prime minister Winston Churchill requesting a briefing on UFOs from his secretary of state for air.

"What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience," he wrote.

In the reply, Churchill was told that alleged UFO sightings could be explained by earthly phenomena such as optical illusions, mistaken identification of planes, birds and balloons and deliberate hoaxes.

The more recent files detailed reams of other UFO spottings. A policeman said he saw one flying over Chelsea Football Club's Stamford Bridge ground in southwest London in 1999, while a man in Birmingham, central England, saw a blue triangle hovering over his garden late one night in 1997. That alleged alien craft flew off quickly, leaving behind a "silky-white" substance on nearby treetops which the man collected in a jam jar.

One UFOlogist, David Clarke of Sheffield Hallam University in northern England, said the latest files showed how the shape of reported flying saucers had changed in recent decades. This could be linked to sci-fi television shows and films like "The X Files" and "Independence Day", he said.

"One interpretation could be that the latest advances in technology may be influencing what people see in the sky," he said.

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Seven Tips to Better UFO Photos and Videos

by Malcolm J. Brenner, B.A.,

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<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/tips.php>

Recently, another writer on this site was complaining about the poor quality of recent UFO photos.

To begin with, qualifications:

My first camera, a Ansco Cadet, was made so long ago that you can only get the film from Croatia. I won't say what year that was, but my age and the ASA (now ISO) of Kodachrome were both the same –10.

During six years running a photo lab in Seattle, Wash., I saw every kind of problem and made every mistake you can make processing film. Our specialty was optically enlarging 35mm and smaller negatives into 2x3-foot posters with modified off-the-shelf darkroom and graphics arts equipment.

One of my retail customers was the late (and eccentric) cryptozoologist Jon Beckjord. During that time, only one man brought me UFO photos to analyze – but more about that later.

I didn't come here to boast, however, but to bemoan the sorry state of UFO photography. Although I am seeing more UFO photos and videos than ever, thanks to cell phones and the Internet, neither their quality nor their information content is what it used to be.

Daily, it seems, we are treated to new views of a glowing blob or blobs (blobettes? Blobules?) that dance(s) against a black velvet background while the autofocus camera, unprogrammed for such an obscure subject, helplessly focuses in and out, in and out.

Partly this decline is due to the very technology that has made cameras small enough to fit in a shirt pocket or a cellular phone, the digital imaging chip. Although they are convenient, the low resolution of many of these chips makes reliable image interpretation a challenge, if not an arcane (and occasionally arbitrary) “black art.”

However, equally often, as the devious HAL 9000 supercomputer complained, “This sort of thing has cropped up before... and it has always been due to human error.”

Let me therefore enumerate seven simple, but not always cheap, ways you, the photographer, can improve your odds of getting that one-in-a-million shot where, as Arthur C. Clarke sarcastically remarked, “...(Y)ou can read the Martian license plates.”

1) GET A TRIPOD! Yes, I know they’re a drag to lug around, but at least keep one in the trunk of your car! I’ve seen so many swaying, wobbling videos of something – something – tantalizing out there that I’m on a permanent Dramamine drip. Is the object moving, or is it the camera operator? Or both?

Even the near-ubiquitous employment of image stabilization systems can’t keep up with the enormous magnification of modern ultra-zoom lenses, but keep yours switched on anyway!

Lacking a tripod, learn to think like a sniper. Try to rest the camera on something solid – a wall, a windowsill, a balcony railing. Or brace yourself against a doorway, elbows on the trunk of a car, leaning up against a tree. This can be very effective, even with a long, heavy telephoto lens!

2) Focus manually, or at least learn how to shut off the autofocus system. Many recent videos and photos show fuzzy, glowing objects at night. Sometimes the camera operator zooms back to reveal details of the landscape with varying degrees of success.

The autofocus modules in most cameras were designed to focus on typical subjects under normal daylight or indoor lighting conditions, not on points of light at night at a distance. Therefore, they hunt and seek.

Most cameras have some way to defeat autofocus, the problem is interpreting it from the supposedly “universal” symbols used by camera makers! Often there’s an auto-manual focus switch. Manual focus

might be indicated by a hand icon. A couple of jagged peaks, like mountains, indicates far focus. . The numeral 8 on its side, always indicates infinity focus on a lens. And that’s far as in “To the moon, Alice, to the moon!”

3) Shoot 35 mm film in old, manual-everything cameras.

Think about it – modern digital cameras, and even modern film cameras, rely on printed circuit boards and electric micromotors. What is one well-known characteristic of a close encounter of the second kind? Two words: electrical interference! Whatever the UFO phenomenon is, it reliably appears to garble radio signals and stop spark-ignition engines in their tracks. Even DC devices like flashlights may be affected.

We may take a lesson from the fact that diesel engines, which rely for ignition on compression, not a spark, have reportedly kept on running.

Old, all-metal, manually-focused, hand-wound, mechanical-shutter film cameras are not only durable; equipped with the right optics – which can frequently be had for pennies on the original dollar – they are powerful image-gathering tools.

With a decent lens, a frame of fine grain 200 speed 35mm color film, when properly scanned, can record the equivalent of a 15 or 20 megapixel imaging chip! And it holds better detail in highlights and shadows. Getting that performance in a digital camera would set you back several grand – and you wouldn’t want your abductors getting their slimy tentacles on our advanced Earth technology, would you?

4) Take the filter off the lens! If you don’t keep a filter over the lens, why don’t you? It prevents dirt, dust, fingerprints and all kinds of other crud from soiling the front element of your lens, which has been polished to gem-like perfection and coated with multiple layers of rare, anti-reflective coatings.

If you’re shooting into any kind of light source, whether it’s the sun coming up at midnight or a suspected runaway paper lantern, a filter will produce a secondary or “ghost” image of the highlights. The apparent brightness of this secondary image depends on how good the filter is, which is usually a direct function of price. Even expensive filters do it a little; cheap filters do it a lot.

This happened to the above-mentioned UFO enthusiast. He brought me an amateur's negative with mysterious "lights in the night sky" for enlargement and analysis. I noticed that the pattern and location of car headlights in the foreground inversely corresponded to the UFO's above, which meant they were a reflection. I demonstrated it to the client on the print with a straightedge and grease pencil. When he still didn't believe me, I told him to ask the photographer one question: was there a filter on the lens at the time the photo was taken? The photographer said "Yes," and we didn't hear much from the client after that.

5) Freeze time. By that, I mean choose a fast shutter speed to stop the subject's movement and your own. On many point-and-shoot camera, both digital and film, this can be done by setting the mode dial or menu panel to the little "running man" figure, also known as "sports" or "action" mode. This tells the camera to select the fastest possible shutter speed for the lighting at the expense of more overall sharpness and less noise.

If you're hand-holding a manual camera, choose a shutter speed at least the same fraction of a second as the focal length of the lens you're using, i.e. 1/250 sec. is the slowest speed with a 200mm (or equivalent) lens, etc.

The advantage is you'll get a clearer, more detailed image.

6) If you're shooting digital, get a better camera. Convenience and image quality are often a tradeoff. In general, physically larger imaging chips produce higher quality image files than small ones, but large chips also require larger optics, bigger batteries and bodies. The best camera in the world is useless if you leave it at home.

7) Shoot the invisible. You can capture images in the invisible spectrum – infra-red and ultraviolet – with the proper equipment. Regular high-speed color or B&W film is also sensitive to ultraviolet, which often appears in photos taken at high altitudes as a prevalent bluish haze. A UV cutoff filter for visible light is required, which blacks out an SLR viewfinder, so an external viewfinder is a good idea.

Infrared film is available in B&W and so-called "false color" slide film, which is used for reconnaissance, scientific and agricultural imaging. Since it's also sensitive to blue light, it must be used with an orange, deep red or IR cutoff filter. Regular

light meters don't measure these frequencies of light, so exposure tests are in order.

If all that sounds like too much trouble, try a digital forensic camera, like the Fuji IS-1 or a modified Finepix S3 Pro, which will shoot both infrared and UV photos in autofocus and autoexposure!

However, no amount of technical savvy or technology can replace an inquiring, skeptical attitude. UFOlogy is riddled with attitudes and opinions that transcend belief and verge on becoming religion. I see profound disappointment and anger in some writers because "disclosure" (whatever that means) is not forthcoming from the new administration. It seems obvious to me that whatever contact is taking place or will take place is happening on the terms of what Whitley Streiber calls "the Visitors," not on our terms. To wait indefinitely is difficult; to invent fanciful scenarios and point to every speck of dust or blurred bird as evidence of extraterrestrial visitation is worse than unproductive, it is counter-productive. Only discrimination, rationality and the thorough application of science will bring us any closer to a solution to the UFO mystery. We have no assurance, however, that our beliefs lead us anywhere at all.

[Infrared Camera - Thermal imaging cameras capture high definition temperature profiles of objects at distances from a few inches to hundreds of feet. The thermal images rapidly identify defects in electronics and power grids, heat leaks in windows and doors, water leaks and mold problems, and hot spots in machinery. You can make an infrared Filter for most digital cameras.

Check to see if your camera is sensitive to infrared light by turning your camera on and pointing it at a TV remote controller. Press the remote controller channel changer and you should see a blinking light in your camera. If you can see a blinking light, all is good. Your camera can pick up infrared signals. Follow the instructions using a dark filter from blackened 35mm film. – Ibid.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMpgeFoYbBI>]

**Venezuela's Curious Phenomenon
reported in the Scientific American 1876
Filer's Files 2010 - #9
George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Region
Director, February 24, 2010**

MARACAIBO -- The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of interest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities: During the night of the 24th of October last, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house. The occupants completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomiting, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips.

It is to be noted that the brilliant lights was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell. The next morning, the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores. The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the phenomenon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured.

The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time. No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned. The trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the house. This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms. I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, it is hoped that in no case will the injuries

prove fatal. - Warner Cowgill, U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela, November 17, 1886

First Contact - Rich Dolan

http://www.keyholepublishing.com/First_Contact.html#

New TV Show?!!

Those of you who know me well are aware that I don't like to "jump-the-gun" when announcing information to you.

However, with the launch of the First Contact TV fan page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Contact-TV/360893055076?ref=ts#/pages/First-Contact-TV/360893055076?ref=ts> and Youtube <http://www.youtube.com/firstcontacttv>, along with rumors already making the rounds, well, I think it's time to tell you that -- yes -- I am involved in a television project. The fact is, we are seriously involved in talking with various networks about carrying us. I know for certain that it is generating a great deal of interest.

The interest expressed by all of you since we first rolled out information less than two weeks ago, and the support we have received from a quick-growing fan list has been extraordinary. I promise to keep all of you posted on our progress. Our goal now is to get that greenlight, and get back on the road in search of the truth! Thanks for extending your wishes for our success. I speak for the entire First Contact team when I say it means a lot knowing you are behind us!

About the Show

The show has evolved greatly over the past several months to become what it is today. First Contact is the creation of John D'Auria, a Philadelphia-based film producer, who wanted to develop a series that would delve into mysteries concerning the UFO phenomenon in a serious, intelligent, relevant, and entertaining manner. Having produced for Discovery Communications, John knew the key to achieving this would be in finding the right personalities, with the right chemistry to bring the material to the screen. Putting together the right team, then, was at the top of the list. The four team members onboard for this journey are myself (team leader), Jaime Windon (photojournalist), Mike "Lucky" Lukowiak (paranormal investigator), and Rob Simone (UFO investigator).

Those of you who were fans of my previous show, Sci Fi Investigates, will find the show to be familiar

in structure. What I find unique about First Contact is the chemistry of the team members. Our rapport is excellent, and everyone has something important to contribute. Moreover, I intend to make sure that our investigations are genuine -- not just TV productions that look like investigations.

Having had prior experience at this, I can tell you it is inherently difficult to do genuine investigations on a regular basis for TV. In addition to interviewing people and gathering all sorts of information, you have to be mindful of production schedules, costs, and a thousand unexpected events that inevitably pop up. However it is not impossible. I am determined to make sure that First Contact succeeds in generating fresh material, investigated in a sophisticated, genuine and engaging manner. Every member of our team feels the same way.

During October 2009, John D'Auria and crew followed Jaime, Lucky, and me as we traveled to Washington, D.C. to investigate fascinating UFO cases from 1952 and 2002, as well as some interesting photographs taken by a Washington D.C. photographer. We then drove up to Montauk, Long Island, to meet with Rob Simone. In Montauk, the four of us looked into reports of UFOs, and investigated rumors surrounding the abandoned Camp Hero military base. I must admit that I was skeptical going into Montauk. In UFO lore, the area is known for "The Montauk Project," and the controversial claim of secret government projects involving time travel. What we did find, I must say, was the area is indeed a very strange place. I want to go back there and continue what we started.

While we intend to focus mostly on the UFO phenomenon, we have a team well equipped to study other elements of the paranormal. Lucky -- along with being an excellent photo analyst -- is an experienced ghost hunter and cryptozoologist. Both he and Jaime have excellent technical skills which I've already found invaluable in performing photo and video analysis in the field. Rob Simone has a long history of dealing with unexplained phenomenon and leading edge, alternative concepts through his radio show and his own field investigations -- experience that gives him unique access to many interesting leads for future investigation.

Other key people involved in the show are Scott White (FX Specialist), David J. Bonner (Coordinating Producer, Field Ops), Bob Terrio

(Second Unit Director), and "RV Bob," (our driver and Italian chef).

Our show will never shy away from investigating a truly interesting claim of phenomenon. In 15 years of studying the UFO mystery, I have found that this world is a far, far stranger place than I had ever imagined. My hope is that Jaime, Lucky, Rob, and I will be looking into many of them for all of you.

Once again, I want to thank you all for your support and interest in First Contact. We hope to pass news of our progress on to you very soon. Meanwhile, I encourage you to become a fan of the show on our Facebook page, and visit us on Youtube. Help us make this show a reality!



Prehistoric UFO and ET images found in remote cave in India

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A group of anthropologists working with hill tribes in a remote area of India have made a startling discovery: Intricate prehistoric cave paintings depicting aliens and UFO type craft (see photo above).

The images were found in the Hoshangabad district of the state of Madhya Pradesh only 70 kilometers from the local administrative centre of Raisen. The caves are hidden deep within dense jungle.

A clear image of what might be an alien or ET in a space suit can be seen in one cave painting along with a classical flying saucer shaped UFO that appears to be either beaming something down or beaming something up, in what might be an ancient UFO abduction scenario. A force-field or trail of some sort is seen at the rear of the UFO.

Also visible is another object that might depict a wormhole, explaining how aliens were able to reach Earth. This image may lead UFO enthusiasts to conclude that the images might have been drawn with the involvement of aliens themselves.

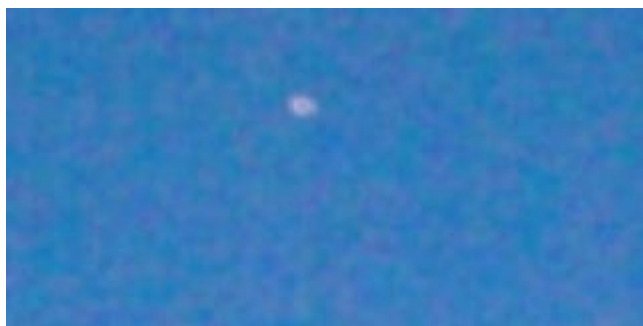
Local Archaeologist, Mr Wassim Khan, has personally seen the images. He claims that the objects and creatures seen in them are totally anomalous and out of character when compared to other, already discovered, examples of prehistoric cave art depicting ancient life in the area. As such he believes that they might suggest beings from other planets have been interacting with humans since prehistoric times: Adding weight to the 'ancient astronaut theory' which postulates that human civilization was established with the assistance of benevolent space-faring aliens.

Source: Rajasthan Times

<http://www.rajasthanpatrika.com/news/national/31012010/national-news/75929.html>

UFO Reports in Minnesota

Minnesota White Sphere - Plymouth -- We have snow and ice hanging over the edge of our roof, ready to fall, so I was looking up after taking the trash can to the curb on February 19, 2010. I saw a UFO half the size of a pencil held at arm's length. It was NW to SE of the airport, and didn't make any sound. The object was a white sphere without blinking lights or wings. I watched the object until it went behind the neighbor's house and lost it. This was taken with my cell camera, which is a Samsung highlight with a 3.0 mp camera.



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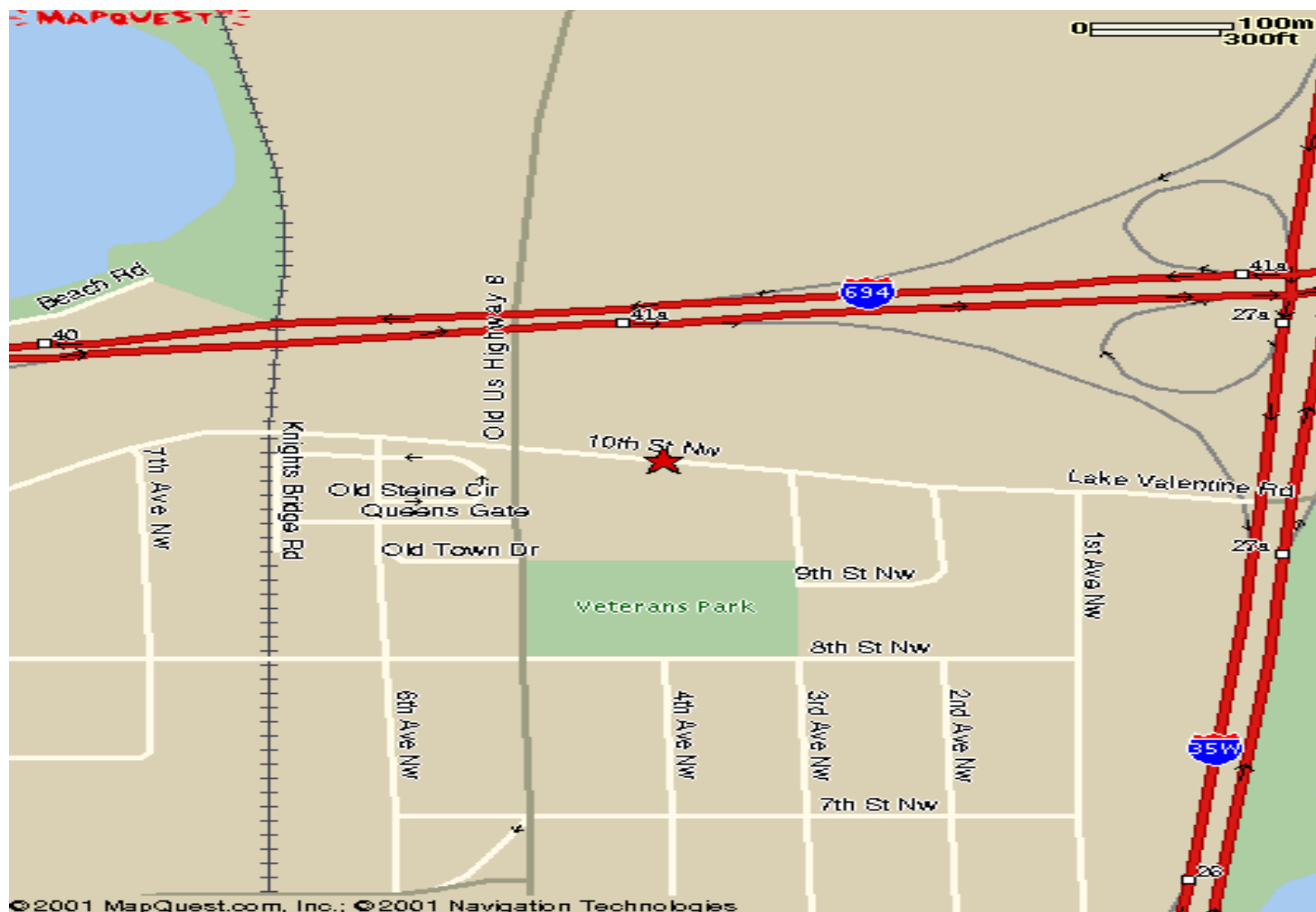
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