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Prophecies and Hypotheses - What should we expect from contact cases?

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In recent weeks, I have been the recipient of a storm of e-mails regarding the Billy Meier case. The mega-dialog began with a note from an advocate and representative of Billy Meier in the English-speaking world. In his note to a large e-mail list regarding the Billy Meier case, he stated that he believes the Meier case to be the only legitimate case of ET contact, and was critical of other UFO investigative organizations for ignoring it.

Needless to say, a significant, rather acrimonious dialog ensued, escalating until finally put to rest with a peace call from the MUFON executive director. Following the peace agreements, as it were, I received an e-mail asking some interesting questions. Since in my book, [The Cosmic Bridge](#), I state that any valid hypothesis needs to provide verifiable predictions and tests, what did I think would constitute tests of the Billy Meier case? To me, this raises a greater question - what would constitute validation tests of any contact case?

How can we validate a "Secret" experience, which only the experiencer has undergone? At its very core the contact experience seems designed to confound the scientific method? Yet to satisfy the criteria of science, we need to apply exactly that method to the alleged events of the contact.

Generally speaking, the MUFON [field investigation](#) process is designed to do exactly this. Field investigation of sightings and close encounters has evolved quite a bit in the nearly twenty years I have been involved with MUFON. From a relatively informal process, it has evolved a rather high degree of rigor. While there is probably a way to go, the intent is to maintain a very high degree of integrity in the collection of data and interactions with the witnesses/experiencers of the phenomena.

Validation Criteria

There are several areas of validation that, alone or in combination, make a sighting or encounter case credible (or otherwise). These include (but are not limited to) some of the following criteria:

1 - Consistent narratives from each witness

The narrative must pass tests of forensic interviewing. These are quite well documented in the MUFON field investigator manual, so I won't go into great detail on them here.



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2 - Corroboration from other witnesses

The best sightings involve multiple independent witnesses. In these cases, the witness accounts must agree to a high degree of detail when elicited under clean forensic interviewing techniques (a'la the MUFON FI Manual).

3 - Physical evidence

Any ground traces, physical objects, or other evidence must be carefully acquired, and associated with a solid investigation. The chain of acquisition and custody needs to be clearly documented and verified, from its origin to/through the collection and analysis process. Anything short of that casts significant doubt on the validity of the case.

4 - Photographic evidence

Photographs need to be thoroughly documented and combined with investigation results as described above. They need to be subject to the same evidence documentation and custody criteria as physical evidence. It needs to be clearly established that the photographs are/could-not-be hoaxed, requiring investigation and analysis of the camera, metadata (for digital photographs) and related information. For a photograph to be taken as legitimate evidence for an anomalous event, these criteria must all be met.

5 - In cases of contact (or abduction), where information is obtained from the entities with which/whom the experiencer has allegedly interacted, that information needs to be clearly captured during the witness interview, and/or recorded as quickly as possible. And here is where contact research gets particularly interesting.

Testing Contactee Claims

In many cases of UFO abduction, I have heard claims made supposedly by the visitors themselves. These include their location of origin (e.g. another star system, dimension, time, etc.), the nature of their mission, their purpose for being here, etc. When distinct information has been provided, it is often possible to compare that information with the best information we have to date. This suggests several hypothesis tests for the narrative.

⌚ The "Origin Test"

in many cases, a location of origin for the beings is claimed. Is it possible to verify whether or not that location exists? Are there, or could there be, planets surrounding that star? We are just beginning to be able to detect planets around other stars. Thus, as our capabilities advance, we should be able to verify

ever more clearly whether or not a life-supporting world might be present at that location.

Some potentially testable origin claims have been offered to date.

-In the Hill abduction case, Marjorie Fish's analysis of the [Hill star map](#) has suggested Zeta Reticulii as a possible location of origin.

-In the Billy Meier case, the claim is that his visitors came from a star somewhat beyond the Pleiades star cluster.

I suspect several other cases exist, which also provide similar claims.

When the claim is that "They" originate from another time or dimension, it becomes difficult to impossible to prove. Thus the "origin test" has minimal use in the more metaphysical or other-than-physical origin claims. Yet in my view, we need to document these claims thoroughly, so that as our technology advances sufficiently we might be able to test/verify them in the future.

⌚ The "Prediction Test"

Many experiencers describe being shown specific prophecies of events on Earth, to happen in the near future. When such predictions occur, are they objective forecasts of events to occur, are they metaphorically true, are they some type of warning parables, or do they have another explanation? If they are predictions, then we need to carefully record the events, locations and dates, to verify as the time comes to pass, whether or not the events occurred as predicted.

If they don't then is it clear why? Were they conditional on other actions - human or otherwise - occurring before the predicted moment? In the Judeo-Christian tradition, prophecy is generally not a specific forecast of events, but rather a warning to society - "Change your ways or else "x" will happen" (and usually "x" is rather unpleasant).

⌚ The "Technology Test"

Many experiencers also describe observing extraordinary technology, or being given specific information about science, engineering, mathematics, etc. In such cases, is it possible to verify the information? Again, it may not be possible to fully verify with present knowledge, yet it should be thoroughly documented so that in the future, if/when the capability develops, this knowledge can be verified.

In addition, the investigators need to establish whether the experiencer had been exposed to the advanced knowledge prior to the event? While someone with an eighth-grade education may not have formal training in quantum physics, perhaps they have a deeper understanding or exposure to it than even the experiencer, his/herself knew.

Subjective Considerations

Many other logical tests could be probably applied to a specific experiencer narrative. But in the end, the account is often largely subjective. It is the story of what the person has experienced. And assuming that the experiencer is telling the truth as he/she believes it, then for them it is true - regardless of whether or not it is objectively verifiable. In such cases, the account probably needs to be taken at face value, added to the massive body of data already present and left at that. Even then, it is valuable as statistical or correlative material for future researchers.

Applying the Tests

So how can we apply these tests to the case of [Billy Meier](#), or any other contact claims? Fortunately, Meier case and similar Pleiadean/Plejaren contact cases, as well, offer some testable claims.

1) The Meier case is the only legitimate case of contact.

This claim is potentially easy to test. If any other cases of contact or abduction turn out to be true, then at least part of the case is falsified. Since I work with experiences on a regular basis, I see some cases that are rather clearly supported by evidence. This alone would suggest to me that the "exclusivity claim" is false, casting doubt on the whole Meier scenario.

2) The visitors come from a world just beyond the Pleiades star cluster.

If this is true there should be a star system at that location which would include at least one habitable world. As long as the claims state that this world is a physical place, then at least in this aspect, the Meier case provides a scientifically testable prediction. Otherwise, it ceases to be within the realm of science and becomes metaphysical - essentially a form of religion.

3) Specific predictions in contact prophecies.

Assuming the prophecies are thoroughly documented, and include events to occur in the relatively near future, it should be possible to track these and verify whether they actually come topass.

While I am not very familiar with the Meier prophecies, presumably others are, and could provide validation tracking of any predictions.

These are just a few potential ways to validate/falsify contact scenarios. They provide a few ways to determine whether we are being visited, by whom, for what reason, and from what origin. It is a quick look into a realm of contact, a study of prophecies and hypotheses.

THE DISCLOSURE MOVEMENT AND A BREAKAWAY CIVILIZATION?

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If, as Richard Dolan says, there is a highly secret group which is exploiting the high technology harvested from extraterrestrial alien craft, a group amounting to a "breakaway civilization", wouldn't the CIA, the NSA, the FBI, etc., be trying to bring this group "to heel"? Can the U.S. afford to let a "breakaway group" keep exclusive hold on such technology?

Or does this alleged group possess so much power and technology, and is also so well protected by high security clearances, that it is for all practical purposes, invulnerable?

There: You have a conspiracy theory to end all conspiracy theories!

I became a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) around 1951 when I saw a UFO myself. It wasn't a very impressive sighting - a small round, black dot with fuzzy edges almost directly overhead in a clear, blue sky - but surprisingly, it faded into nothing after 1 or 2 seconds, as if it were dissolving into thin air! An equally strange feature of the sighting was that I looked directly overhead in the first place. The fact that I did this is virtually inexplicable to me. It suggests some kind of mental influence.

The parents of a close friend told me of their sighting one evening of a blue sphere with a yellow halo, sailing along through the evening sky; this sighting was much more impressive than mine. This couple, now deceased, were intelligent and reliable by all accounts.

Over my 60-plus years of interest in this subject, I have now read and heard directly from many witnesses, including family and friends, many

credible reports of UFOs, a large percentage of which are obviously physical flying craft. I lost count after thirty of the number of these witnesses who have reported seeing intelligent occupants of these craft. I believe there is overwhelming evidence that Earth is being visited by Extraterrestrial Beings. Some will say, "So what?!!"

Most of you are aware of the movement underway by a large number of people who have followed the UFO controversy and believe there is overwhelming evidence that Earth is being visited by ETs and who are demanding that the government disclose its knowledge of these beings and, to the extent commensurate with national security, disclose useful parts of the ET technology. This is, of course, known as the "Disclosure Movement".

Giving some urgency to such disclosure are considerations involving global pollution (discussed later in this article) and the following article from NASA:

NASA asks for funding to hunt asteroids (Excerpts)

Experts say it's just a matter of time before a killer asteroid comes hurtling toward us – but NASA is making progress on plans to grab a space rock and test technologies that could someday save the world.

The space agency's Asteroid Retrieval Mission aims to net an asteroid by the mid-2020s so that scientists can run experiments on it...

There are [more than a million near-Earth asteroids out there](#), and experts estimate that about 20,000 of them have the potential to cause a city-sized catastrophe. Over the past 20 years, astronomers at NASA and other institutions have been making progress on cataloging the larger asteroids – but what if they find one that could pose a threat?

The Asteroid Retrieval Mission has come under sharp criticism from Congress and other quarters, on the grounds that the moon or Mars would be a more fitting target for exploration. In response, NASA has said the mission would serve as a warm-up for missions to Mars and its moons in the 2030s. Even as the debate continues, the space agency is committing more money to asteroid exploration.

On Thursday, NASA announced that [18 projects would receive a total of \\$4.9 million](#) to work on

asteroid mission studies. Some of the studies, such as [Altius Space Machines'](#) "Kraken Asteroid Boulder Retrieval System," would test prototype equipment for snagging a space rock. Other studies would focus on potential secondary payloads, such as the [Planetary Society's](#) LIFE on ARM experiment...

"There are great ways for the public to help with our work to identify potentially hazardous asteroids," Jason Kessler, program executive for the Asteroid Grand Challenge, said in a [NASA news release](#). "By tapping into the innovative spirit of people around the world, new public-private partnerships can help make Earth a safer place, and perhaps even provide valuable information about the asteroid that astronauts will visit."

Extraterrestrial beings are likely to have technology that could solve the hazardous asteroid problem. They are also likely to have discovered energy sources that would solve our carbon emission problem and problems with other pollutants. A new example of the carbon emission problem is given in an article in the June 28, 2014 issue of *SCIENCE NEWS*. The article summarizes a group of studies, coordinated by public health researcher Samuel Myers of Harvard, which indicate that nutrients in food crops such as wheat, rice, peas and soybeans may drop as much as 10% when grown in atmospheres containing levels of carbon dioxide over 500 ppm, levels that are expected to be reached by 2050.

Rudy Schild, PhD, Harvard expert on black holes, theorizes that the power for many alien crafts is a source of quantum uncertainty, directed by the alien's minds. This is, I believe, just another description of "Zero Point Energy", which is the energy residing in all of space. At present we don't know how to harvest this energy, but Schild believes the aliens do. If I understand Roger Kvande correctly, he believes this also. Alien technology could solve all of our energy shortage problems and allow solving our pollution problems to boot.

About a dozen years ago, one member of our local MUFON group attended a special "by invitation only" meeting sponsored by a man claiming to speak for the nameless group alleged to have control of the alien information. He stated that the members of the group were divided over whether to disclose some of the information or not. Further, he said that the members which were in favor of

disclosure had decided to begin gradual disclosure by putting some of the information into the mass media, with a target of full disclosure by a certain date. This date has come and gone without full disclosure, but the increase of programs in the media about UFOs and extraterrestrials has been fairly steady over the years since then. These programs can be seen as preparing people for eventual full disclosure.

The alleged "breakaway group" and the U.S. government both have strong reasons for not disclosing or confirming the alien presence, or they would have done so already. These reasons have been surmised and discussed many times, and include keeping dangerous technology out of the "wrong" hands, preventing panic and having to admit that the government has misled and lied to its citizens. Only when the reasons for disclosure outweigh the reasons for secrecy in the minds of the people controlling the alien secrets, will full disclosure begin to take place. There are some signs that time may be approaching. For example, the June 27, 2014 issue of the Wall Street Journal carried a near half page article on Abduction by aliens, and seemed to give it serious treatment, even though one of the methods cited for detecting alien material is dowsing.

In the most recent issue of the MUFON Journal, Executive Director Jan Harzan states that with the recent MUFON "Hangar 1" television series, the flood gates have opened and military and government witnesses are coming forward in substantial numbers. Eventual disclosure is, IMHO, inevitable.

National UFO Alert: Seven States Report 265 May Cases

Roger Marsh, 06/06/2013

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/roger-marsh/national-ufo-alert-seven- b_3393067.html

The National UFO ALERT Rating System has been updated for June 2013, with California, Texas, Florida, Arizona, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania moving to a UFO Alert 3 as the highest reporting states during the month of May 2013, filed with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

California was the leading high-reporting state in May with 67 cases, up from 47 April cases, 59 March cases, 53 February cases and 63 January cases.

Those states in a UFO Alert 4 category with 13 or more reports include: Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Washington, Colorado, Indiana and Minnesota.

All other states move to a UFO Alert 5 category with lower numbers of UFO activity. The Watch States - with 10 or more cases - are Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina and Maryland.

MUFON released May statistics June 1, where the total number of reported UFO sightings is listed by state. These statistics are used to rate states. The entire country was moved back to the lowest alert level - UFO Alert 5.

California takes the lead with 67 cases; Texas, 39; Florida, 39; Arizona, 33; New York, 31; Ohio, 29; and Pennsylvania, 27.

Those states with 13 or more reports, the next reporting tier level, are a UFO Alert 4 status: Michigan, 18; Illinois, 16; Missouri, 16; Washington, 15; Colorado, 14; Indiana, 14; and Minnesota, 14.

Our Watch States this month are - with 10 reports or more: Virginia, 12; New Jersey, 12; North Carolina, 12; and Maryland, 10.

The sphere remains the most-reported UFO shape with 187 May reports, up from 144 April reports, 124 March reports; 124 February reports; and 172 January reports. Other shape reports include: Circle, 117; Triangle, 92; Star-like, 90; Other, 88; Unknown, 81; Disc, 77; Fireball, 72; Oval, 59; Flash, 37; Cylinder, 34; Boomerang, 22; Diamond, 21; Cigar, 20; Chevron, 16; Bullet/Missile, 13; Blimp, 11; Egg, 8; Cone, 7; Teardrop, 7; Cross, 3; and Saturn-like, 2.

The object's distance from the witness includes: Less than 100 feet, 100 cases; 101 to 500 feet, 88 cases; 501 feet to one mile, 148 cases; over one mile, 166 cases; unknown, 232; and no value stated, 25. In addition, there were "19 landings, hovering, or takeoffs reported and 1 entity observed."

The most interesting UFO reports do not necessarily come from high reporting states - but those states with higher numbers do account for some of the most interesting evidence to study. While UFO sightings seem to pop up randomly around the country, this list is meant to offer a small insight into where Americans are filing reports.

Alien Abductees Over the Moon To Find a Close-Encounter Group Those Who Believe They've Met ET Share Stories, Quiche; Space Residues By Matthew Dalton, June 26, 2014

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/alien-abductees-over-the-moon-to-find-a-close-encounter-group-1403836409>

HASTINGS, England—Telling your family and friends that you've been abducted by aliens is hard. Even harder is revealing to them you may actually be part extraterrestrial.

A team of self-described alien investigators recently delivered that second bit of news to Adam Chatterton, 34 years old, a normal-looking Englishman. Using a technique known as "dowsing," the team says it identified residues on Mr. Chatterton suggesting he may have otherworldly origins.

Mr. Chatterton, who manages a riding stable, took the revelation in stride. "It wasn't that much of a shock," he said, adding that he suspected as much for some time.

The tests on Mr. Chatterton were arranged by Joanne Summerscales, founder of the Anomalous Mind Management, Abductee, Contactee, Helpline Project, or AMMACH. The British group provides counseling and support to people who have had the troubling experience of believing they have had contact with aliens.

Mr. Chatterton and around 40 others convened last month in this seaside town for AMMACH's annual conference, which aims to encourage close encounters with people who claim to have had close encounters. Admission was £45, or about \$75, including a light lunch of quiche and salad.

This year's conference may come at a particularly important time. Ms. Summerscales and others at the meeting say our intergalactic neighbors may be close to revealing themselves to the public at large, an event that would have important implications in many areas.

"It changes everything about everything," Ms. Summerscales said. "So it's quite big."

Scientists say it is certainly possible that intelligent life exists somewhere in the universe, even probable depending on the number of Earth-like planets out

there and a few other conditions. But the odds that aliens hit Earth out of the vast cosmic dartboard and had the technological capability to make the trip are extremely low, they say.

Such arguments carry little weight with many people. A Reuters Ipsos poll of 23,000 adults across the world in 2010 found that 20% not only believe aliens exist but say they even walk among us disguised as people.



In the three years since founding her group, Ms. Summerscales, who doesn't recall being abducted herself, says she has been in touch with around 1,500 people who say they have had contact with aliens. People like Mike Smith, who in a speech at the conference said that he had been contacted and abducted multiple times by otherworldly entities—perhaps aliens, perhaps creatures from another dimension.

"I don't want to be a nutter who's been abducted," said Mr. Smith, 64, a traveling musician, "but I am."

Many at the conference rejected the "nutter" label. Geoffrey Crockford, a retired occupational hygienist who is a member of the team that tested Mr. Chatterton, said his team's discoveries show aliens have visited and continue to visit the Earth.

The group spends much of its time hopscotching around Europe, identifying supposed alien burial and spacecraft landing sites. They use metal dowsing rods, which are held parallel and then swing into a crossed position, they say, in the presence of elements, such as iridium, supposedly left behind by extraterrestrials. Iridium is a rare

element in the Earth's crust, but is often found in meteorites.

What do the aliens want? It is unclear, but they probably mean no harm, Mr. Crockford said at the conference. He suspects they abide by some sort of cosmic convention that forbids harming other intelligent life.

"The one thing we're worried about is they found out what we're doing, and that would blow their cover," Mr. Crockford said. "Then they might react to that."

A reporter asked him whether it was possible that aliens read The Wall Street Journal. "Probably not," Mr. Crockford said.

Reports of alien abduction in the U.K. and elsewhere have become more frequent and complex since the 1960s, when an American couple's alleged encounter with a spacecraft in New Hampshire became one of the first widely publicized abduction stories.

"What you find is that they're all trying to outdo each other," said David Clarke, a journalism professor at Sheffield Hallam University who has studied reports of alien abduction but doesn't believe in them. "Not only do you have to be abducted, you've got to have had hybrid babies with them as well."

Take Simon Parkes, for example: a driving instructor and Labour Party town councilor in Whitby, who told Ms. Summerscales in a videotaped interview several years ago that he was taken by an alien he called the Cat Queen, who later bore him a child named Zarka. Also, his real mother is a green alien with eight fingers, he said.

Many discussions about alien abduction come down to two questions: Are they making it up? And if not, are they crazy? But Mr. Parkes said in an interview that he rarely hears such questions.

"The interesting thing is, I announced all this, and then I was elected," Mr. Parkes said. "I'm the man who fixes the streetlights when they're not working."

The U.K. Ministry of Defence was for a while an object of scrutiny for the alien obsessed. The military had a classified program starting in the 1950s that monitored UFO reports, but the task of

responding to the public's inquiries became too onerous. The government closed it during budget cuts in 2009, at which point the entire program consisted of one person behind a desk.

"The Ministry of Defence has no expertise or role in respect of UFO/flying saucer matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life-forms, about which it remains totally open-minded," the UFO desk officer wrote in one of many declassified documents now in the U.K. National Archives that appear to contain no evidence of alien contact with humans.

Colin Woodford, a retired British Airways ground-crew worker attending the conference, doubts the government released all its UFO files. "They're just putting out some froth," he said.

As the meeting ended, Nigel Hughes, a member of Mr. Crockford's team, announced a special attraction: "a pair of trousers from a well-documented U.F.O. encounter."

The pants belonged to a man who reported being dragged along the ground in Scotland by an alien spacecraft in 1979.

"We're very fortunate," Mr. Hughes said.

Soon, Mr. Crockford was waving his dowsing rods over the torn black pants, as a crowd looked on. The results were inconclusive.

Astronomers Detect Mysterious Signal 240 Million Light-Years From Earth by Janet Fang, June 25, 2014

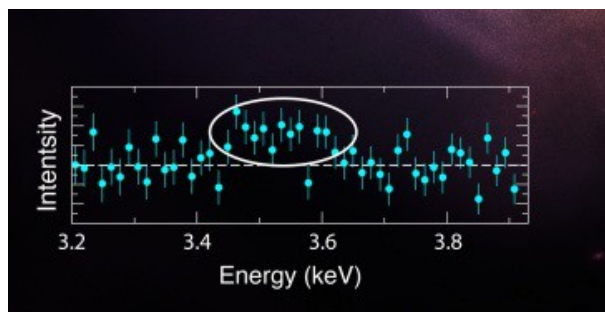
<http://www.iflscience.com/space/astronomers-detect-mysterious-signal-240-million-light-years-earth>

Astronomers have detected a mysterious signal in X-ray data from a study of galaxy clusters, and they think the X-rays could have been produced by the decay of sterile neutrinos, a type of particle proposed as a candidate for dark matter.

Dark matter constitutes 85 percent of the matter in the universe, though it doesn't emit or absorb light like protons, neutrons, and electrons -- the "normal" matter that make up the planets and stars. That's why scientists use indirect methods to search for invisible dark matter clues; its gravitational influence on the movements and appearance of objects like galaxies can be detected.

The mysterious X-ray signal was revealed in a new study of the Perseus galaxy cluster using [NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory](#) and 73 clusters with [ESA's XMM-Newton](#). Perseus is one of the most massive objects in the universe, containing thousands of galaxies in a cloud of superheated hydrogen gas. At over 10 million degrees Celsius, that gas is hot enough to emit X-rays. The [image of Perseus](#) above combines 17 days' worth of data taken over a decade.

The new findings consist of an unidentified X-ray emission line: a spike in intensity at a very specific wavelength of X-ray light. In this case, it was centered on about 3.56 kiloelectron volts (keV). The emission line could be a signature from the decay of these hypothetical sterile neutrinos, which are predicted to interact with normal matter only via gravity.



"If this strange signal had been caused by a known element present in the gas, it should have left other signals in the X-ray light at other well-known wavelengths, but none of these were recorded," [Esra Bulbul of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics](#) says in an [ESA news release](#).

She adds in a [NASA release](#): "We know that the dark matter explanation is a long shot, but the pay-off would be huge if we're right." However uncertainties abound: The detection of the emission line pushed the sensitivity capabilities of both observatories, and it's possible that normal matter in the cluster could have produced the emission line.

The [work](#) is described in *The Astrophysical Journal* this month, although Bulbul's team posted a [preprint](#) on arXiv, the publicly accessible database. A week after it appeared on the online forum, a team led by [Alexey Boyarsky of Leiden University](#) in the Netherlands placed a [paper](#) there reporting evidence for an emission line at the same energy in XMM-Newton observations of the galaxy M31 and the outskirts of the Perseus cluster --

strengthening the evidence that the emission line is real.

Their next step is to combine data from Chandra with JAXA's Suzaku to see if they can find the same X-ray signal. Here's a different view of Perseus, combining data from Chandra in the inner regions of the cluster and XMM data in the outer regions.

Grand Canyon mystery runs deep **by James Bishop Jr.**

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/viewpoint/s/articles/2011108grand-canyon-mystery.html>

One never knows what might fall out of a dusty, wooden library-research drawer in the Old Western town of Flagstaff. When a 90-year-old yellowed clipping appeared one day at my feet, an implausible new mystery entered my life. To this day, as if it wished someone would find it, that yellowed news story raises questions that still beg for answers.

What a reminder it was, in this age of informational overkill, about how little we really know about where we came from and who we truly are. Well, at least we know all we ought to know about the Grand Canyon, the natural marvel people have been studying since Teddy Roosevelt's fabled days there early in the 20th century.

Although nary an expert has proved beyond a reasonable doubt just how the Canyon was formed, many do suspect that people have lived in it for thousands of years and concede that little is known of those years.

Who were those dwellers? Why did they vanish? Was it drought, religious battles, shattered trade arrangements?

One clue has emerged from some recent research involving split-twig figurines recovered in 1963 from a limestone cavern in the Canyon. Revealed was a radiocarbon date of 2145 B.C., plus or minus 100 years, or at least 3,600 years before Columbus reportedly discovered America.

Those numbers truly stunned this pilgrim, who was taught in good New England schools to believe that civilized life began in North America when the Europeans landed at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts around 1620.

Speaking of unanswered questions and puzzles, why are so many of the Grand Canyon's buttes and promontories, in the words of author John C. Van Dyke, named for "blinking little divinities of India and Egypt"?

Anyone poring over a topographical map of the Canyon will notice that many of the bizarre rock formations have Egyptian and East Indian names. Specifically, there are various rock formations with names such as Tower of Ra, Horus Temple, Osiris Temple and Isis Temple. In the Haunted Canyon area, one finds the Cheops Pyramid, Manu Temple and Shiva Temple.

When I launched some queries about the reasons for these ancient Egyptian and East Indian names, National Park Service representatives replied that one of the early explorers, Clarence Edward Dutton, simply loved Egyptian and Hindu names.

Why, then, is one entire area near these names designated by the National Park Service as a forbidden zone? No hikes are allowed without a permit in the many caves found there, and no permits are granted.

"Technically, all the caves in the Canyon are dangerous and are thus restricted, off-limits," I was told by Janet Balsam, chief of cultural resources at the park.

How many caves exist?

Mysteriously, no inventory has ever been created -- at least not one for the general public.

Why?

A Hopi Indian legend provides another clue. According to the Hopis' oral history, passed on to me by some elders, a young man, eons ago, half-Hopi and half-Anglo, wandered down a secret trail into the Grand Canyon.

Entering a colossal cave, he told of seeing urns made of copper and gold and a stone idol sitting cross-legged and cradling a lily in each hand. The walls were carved and etched with the faces and bodies of short people, some wearing helmets; some were nude, some partly dressed.

Is that cave and its contents merely a fanciful tall tale? Or could it be that, many thousands of years

ago, the Grand Canyon did have visitors from Egypt and Asia?

Is it possible that the standard textbook story, that humans first settled the Southwest by pouring down from Alaska about 12,000 years ago, is the truly fanciful tall tale?

Rumors flew in the 1990s that a major discovery at the Grand Canyon had been covered up. Much to the dismay of park officials, nosy reporters, television crews and foreign tourists kept asking about an immense hand-hewn cave filled with artifacts and riches from Egypt and Asia.

They'd heard that many of the walls were engraved with hieroglyphics of the prehistoric people of North America, revealing who they were and from whence they had come.

Try though they have, park officials have had little luck burying the story of a certain Smithsonian expedition in 1909 allegedly led by G.E. Kinkaid and Professor S.A. Jordan. What those explorers claimed to have discovered was a great underground citadel featuring many passageways like the spokes of a wheel, some as long as football fields.

Walking through the pas-sageways, they came upon ancient weapons of war, sharp-edge copper instruments and hundreds of mummies stacked a dozen high.

If their discovery struck the editors of the Arizona Gazette as the wildest fancy of a fictionist, it didn't prevent them from running a detailed account on April 5, 1909. A subsequent account, with all the same details, was included in Joseph Miller's book, "Arizona Cavalcade," in 1962.

In that newspaper interview back in 1909, Kinkaid and Jordan told of finding tiers of mummies in the cavern, each occupying a separate rock-hewn shelf. At the head of each, they found copper cups and pieces of broken swords.

After examining some of the mummies, they determined them all to be male, leading them to conclude that the room they were in may have been a warriors' burial site. In another room, perhaps the main dining hall, they found urns and water vessels marked with fine designs, signifying to them "a latter stage of civilization."

In the 1909 Gazette interview, Kinkaid told the editors that, when they arrived in Yuma after the discovery, he'd shipped a number of relics to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., for evaluation. Kinkaid reported that two theories existed about the origin of the Grand Canyon mummies.

One is that they came from Asia, another that the racial cradle was in the Upper Nile region. A third postulated that Egyptians originated in India.

Were these relics ever sent? If they were, Smithsonian officials have said that they never received them.

If they did receive the details of the discovery, why would such a distinguished institution hide behind a cloud of denials?

Arizona-based anthropologist Warren Cremer has a theory: "The Smithsonian is, no doubt, educated in the prevailing isolationist dogma that no Europeans came to America before Columbus in 1492, so officials there probably genuinely believe that the finding of prehistoric Egyptian artifacts just couldn't be true. It's time for the stonewalling to end."

"Poppycock," Balsam, the Grand Canyon Park official, told me. "A couple of people with a wild imagination can get away with a lot. There is no limit to their imaginations. We regard the tale of Egyptians in Grand Canyon as an April Fool's joke." To David Childress, author of "Lost Cities of North and Central America," the finding of the mummies all those years ago confirms oceanic contact from what is now the Mideast and substantiates stories that today's tribal people didn't all cross to the Southwest by the Bering Straits.

Some came by boat from the Caribbean - and into the Grand Canyon.

Let the mystery be!

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Indian politician ridiculed for World UFO Day Facebook post

by Jason McClellan, July 2, 2014

<http://www.openminds.tv/indian-politician-ridiculed-world-ufo-day-facebook-post/28770>

Arun Jaitley, India's finance minister, met with criticism on Wednesday, July 2 immediately after posting a message to his Facebook page in support of [World UFO Day](#).

Jaitley, a key member of Indian prime minister Narendra Modi's staff, posted, "This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the existence of UFO's and with that intelligent beings from outer space." According to *Reuters*, this post was deleted half an hour after *Reuters* contacted Jaitley's staff for a statement. This Facebook account is reportedly "one of the main forums in which he publishes official information." So when followers of the account saw a post about World UFO Day, [Jaitley](#) was immediately ridiculed.

Some Facebook users voiced their disapproval and frustration by leaving comments on the post. One user wrote, "Sir instead of talking on outer space, please confine your discussion on the hardship faced by common men . . . People are confused and scared about the undefined miseries which are going to be heaped upon them in the names of restoring fiscal health of the country." Another user commented, "Sir FM, today we the people of India are celebrating the price hike day instead of UFO day."

It appears that people are, understandably, more concerned with the earthly issues that are currently affecting their lives. Still, it is unfortunate that a politician who supports raising awareness about UFOs is attacked for voicing such support. This goes to show that, although things have slightly improved in recent years, there is still a tremendous stigma attached to UFOs that hinders the progress of serious study into these unidentified objects seen all over the world on a regular basis.

Terry Hansen, Noted Journalist & Author of 'The Missing Times' Has Died
Frank Warren, The UFO Chronicles, 6-26-14
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2014/06/UFO-NEWS-terry-hansen-noted-journalist-author-of.html>

[The Missing Times – News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-up](#)

It's with great sadness that we report the passing of Terry Hansen, journalist, researcher and author of one of the most influential books re Ufology, "The Missing Times / News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-up."

Terry's wife Jessica conveyed to Robert Hastings, that he died "quietly, in his sleep, Friday late evening or Saturday early morning. He had a massive coronary and the doctor said he felt no pain at all. It was instant."

She eloquently added:

"He was the most honest person with the greatest sense of integrity I have ever known. My first impression of Terry was one of nobility of spirit and he never let me down. He had a lot of wonderful adventures the last few years of his life and I am so grateful for that."

Our condolences to Jessica and the Hansen family, may he rest in peace.

Minnesota UFO Reports

CMS INVESTIGATIONAL REPORT#57189

FINAL DATE: 6/21/2014

Investigator: SUE BIRTTNEN

Date of Event: 6/10/1966

Time of Event (Local Time): 11:15pm

Duration of Event: 20 MINS

State (USA): MN

County (USA): St. Louis

City (Nearest): Duluth

Detailed Description of Event:

I was on my way to work as a us air force aircraft control & warning operator stationed at duluth air force base. i was going in to work the midnight shift from downtown duluth. i was riding down a back road to the east side of the main hwy. i was driving north to work when i saw brightness in my rear view mirror. i was driving on the road alone. i was driving with the car windows open there was no sound. the light around me got brighter and i looked out of the front passenger window i saw it

flying over me about 200 to 300ft above me it appeared round and completely the color of the brightest moonlight and as large as football field. it was moving about 5 to 10 mph faster than i was driving. i had full view riding down the road for what seemed about 5 to 7 minutes. i was of course shocked because i knew what i was seeing. i was not nervous or afraid just not believing what i was seeing. it went straight ahead rapidly. it just disappeared. when i got inside the building where i worked a young Lt. was hysterically talking about seeing a ufo on the way to work. he was being escorted away from the weapons section back on to elevator i had just gotten off of talking about a ufo. i decided not to say anything to anyone. later in life i told my brothers about it and my son. i have been watching your program for years and decided to see if you are just television or real. well that is basically all that occurred for me on that day. i later heard around the job that a ufo had crashed in lake superior. thank you.

SYNOPSIS: On approximately 6/10/66 the witness was on his way to work at the Duluth Air Force Base when he saw very bright lights all around him. He looked up and saw a UFO about 200-300 feet above him. It appeared round and a very bright moon color, and was the size of a football field. He writes "I was shocked because I knew what I was seeing." It flew ahead of him and disappeared. When he got to work there was a young LT who was almost hysterical telling everyone he had just seen a UFO on his way to work. So the witness decided to keep quiet. Over the years he did tell his brother and his son.

INVESTIGATION: The sighting shows up on the www.Nuforc.org database. Apparently, the UFO buzzed a NW727 and circled the airplane and came close to the wings. The passengers were terrified. Radar tracked the object as it went out into the atmosphere or it entered the Lake Superior..

INTERVIEW: The witness states he was watching Hangar 1 and thought he would make a sighting report and see what would happen. He was very happy to hear that we found a detailed report on Nuforc and that Mike Knox would be calling him due to his work at the Duluth Base. He was also pleased with the quick response from Mufon.

CONCLUSION: Based on the witness's remarks and the Nuforc report I conclude the object to be an unknown UAV.

National UFO Reporting Center Sighting Report
Occurred : 6/17/2014 23:00
Location: North Mankato, MN
Shape: Light
Duration:15 seconds
Glowing red orb seen for 15 seconds.

On June 17 at about 11:00 or 12:00 in North Mankato, Minnesota, I witnessed a red glowing orb hovering in a tree about 100 or 150 feet from my house.

I was looking eastward and it was on the west side of the tree. I witnessed it for about 15 seconds, it was standing still and pulsed brighter two times, then it quickly flew from the tree southward leaving a red trail of light about 10 or 20 feet long and disappeared all together.

It was hard to tell the size of the object as it was illuminated, but i would guess it could have been the size of a golf ball at the smallest and no larger than a basketball.

These are the google maps coordinates exactly where it was 44.17xxxx, -94.03xxxx

((NUFORC Note: We spoke with the source of the report, and he sounded eloquent and sober-minded, in our opinion. We suspect his is a good, and reliable, witness.))

Minnesota UFO Events

July 7: Lakes Area Paranormal - Guest Marc D'Antonio, MUFON chief photo analyst, (founder of FX Models special effects company, astronomer, author, experienter, the list could go on forever!) will join us to chat about his personal experiences with aliens, USOs, the best and worst cases he's worked on, the movies he's provided models for, the differences between film and digital cameras, problems with IR and night vision cameras (from the analyst's viewpoint)... It will be an informative night! (Marc will be joining us from CT via Skype.)

Meetings are held at the American Legion (Banquet Room), 17 2nd Ave N, Waite Park, MN. 7 - 9+ pm CDT. Admission is \$4 per person, coffee and cookies served.

July 12: MUFON MN meets at the New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St. NW, New

Brighton, MN. Room 224. Meetings are from 2 - 5 pm with the room opening at 1 for social time before the meeting. Admission is \$3 for MUFON members and \$5 for non-members.

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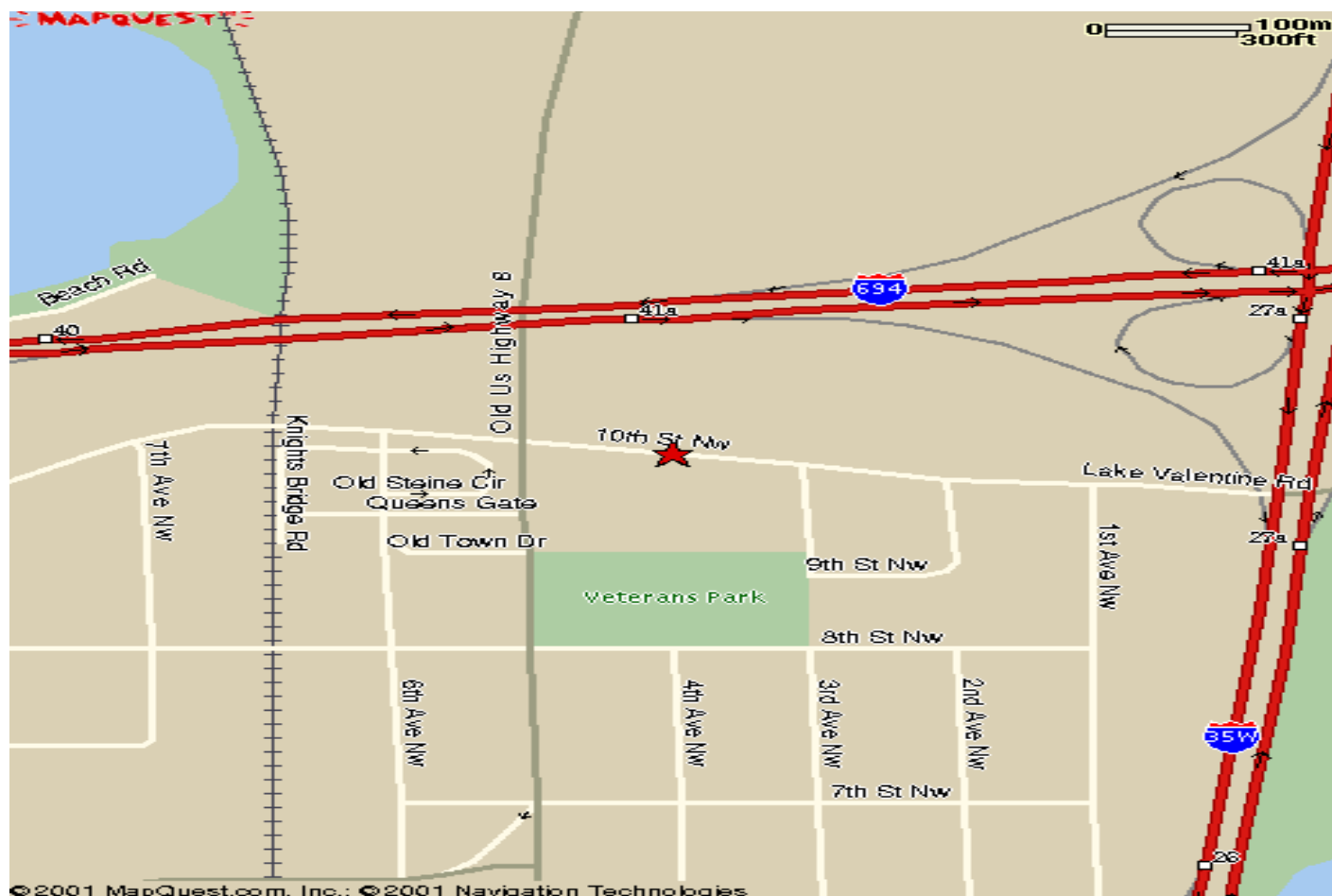
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