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## From the Editor's Desk

Your Editor is away from her desk for the, resting up from an auto accident! She's feeling better every day, but has left the bulk of forming this issue up to Your Producer, Debby. This means her report on the October Meeting will appear in an upcoming issue. Carolyn can be reached at her address, shown above.

## Why is this issue a little late?

Long-time readers will know that we publish for the local monthly meeting. November's meeting is on the 30th, our speaker John Alexander.

We don't plan to publish a December issue because the December "meeting," a pot-luck dinner, will be on December 11 at the club house. Call Maria Rowlette at 293-9543 for more information.

Despite the lack of a December issue, subscribers will not miss an issue because subscriptions are by the issue, *not* by the month. We've even decided to change the issue date to the date of its being published rather than the month, to be more accurate. Of course, if the Martians turn up in December, in time for Christmas, we'll probably go to press.

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## CRESTONE II - THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES!

By Debby Stark

In November, 1987, Tom Adams and several of his friends decided to investigate what was happening in the San Luis Valley and how past strange events (like the February 1967 mutilation of "Snippy" [actually, Lady] the horse) were affecting the residents of the area. As it turns out, the valley has been very much affected and continues to be a hotspot of activity.

The Valley is famous for its farming. Potatoes, cattle, sheep, goats, horses and pigs can be found in abundance. The area also offers terrific scenic beauty as it is surrounded by mountains, particularly the Sangre de Cristos on the east. That's what thing I was looking forward to when Gail Staehlin, Gene Nieri and I headed north from Albuquerque at noon on November 5. Actually, I couldn't believe that the big names (who shall remain nameless) would leave their cozy homes to travel to the Rocky Mountains just as a winter storm was churning over the area (not surprisingly, the weather was cool but beautiful). I recognized only a few of the names of the others who were more likely to attend, but I figured they would be representative of the actual foot soldiers who do much of the work when it comes to UFO investigations.

We arrived in Crestone about 5 hours after leaving Albuquerque, only taking one unexpected detour through El Rito, a place I want to visit again. We were briefly lost again upon our arrival in Crestone, which is hard to explain as there is only one road in and out of the tiny town in the foothills of the mountains. But with help we found the condominium community and were shown to our spacious quarters.

After unpacking and freshening up, we headed for Condo #3 to attend an informal get together. There were about 15 in attendance (almost 30 would eventually turn up). I reacquainted myself with people I had met at the Ozark Conference earlier this year, and



Gail, Gene and I began networking immediately. It was fun but not much more than that got done. We did see two "celebrities": Steven Greer, M.D., Director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, arrived later in the evening, and I believe author Tracy Torme was already there. There were rumors that others were on their way, and Tom figured we would start Crestone II at, say, 10 a.m. the next morning.

On Saturday morning I got up before sunrise, bundled up and headed outside to see the scenery. We had gotten hints of the presence of deer the night before, and I saw some sleeping in the field north of the condo community. Around 8:30 a.m. we discovered that the meeting had been postponed until 1 pm, not a pleasing thought, though it indicated that the organizers had had one heck of a night. The rest of us wanted to get started!

Instead we treated ourselves to breakfast at the Roadkill Cafe (thanks, Gene!) and then drove around the area looking for scenic camera shots. We found them. Too bad for those who slept in. No UFOs or mutilated cattle though.

A little after 1 most everyone was gathered in a smoke-free Condo #4. Tom introduced himself and then we all took a turn, telling who we were and where we were from. Steven Greer had probably traveled the farthest, from North Carolina, but there were also representatives of California and Texas, though naturally the largest contingent was from around Colorado.

Informally, Greer asked if anyone had experienced anything odd in the night. He said that though his condo door was locked and his traveling companion swore it wasn't her, they heard a pop or bang sound and then someone walking around in the living room area. They had also witnessed strange light formations on their way to the meeting, south of Fairplay. No one else could say the same.

Greer also brought up the first topic for the meeting. He asked the basically, "what would you do if you were asked to arrange for the world to learn that aliens had arrived? (Were you listening, Ed?)

It was almost immediately assumed that The Government knows all and one of the chores we would have was explaining why They hadn't told us. Another chore would be coping with the breakdown of society (religion, the economy, etc.). This allowed those in the group (and there were a wide variety of opinions represented) to bring up typical conspiracy theories and these were hashed out.

As this line of discussion began to wind down, Tracy Torme took on the role of Devil's Advocate, pointing out that though "I'm on your side..." there was no evidence of anything out there. (I must mention that no one in my range of hearing ever called him to account for the changes made to *Fire in the Sky*.) We came to the conclusion that even though people like

Steven Greer see so much, for some people (not necessarily Tracy) there would never be enough evidence. Even Greer said that when his group had UFO experiences, it seemed the video cameras would break down.

Kalani and Katuska Hanohano were drawn to Colorado and now live away from population centers. They explained that they have been through so much that they don't trust the government--but don't care what it's doing. In effect, they're fed up with silly stuff and are returning to and investigating basic material. They have befriended long-time investigators and come across a wealth of information. They played a video tape of an 8-mm film made of Snippy the horse, possibly the only film in existence (though there was a veritable Man in Black on the film looking over the horse; he seemed to be holding a movie camera, too).

John and Barbara Altshuler missed this film but were promised copies. It is particularly important to John because, as a pathologist and hematologist (and not incidentally Linda Howe's medical expert), he had taken an interest in the case of Snippy (Lady) when it first came to light. He told us about how, after a night of UFO sightings, he came across the corpse and took samples. The samples disappeared in a mysterious fashion that made him cautious of it all for quite a few years. In 1989, though, he came back into the investigative field in a quiet way and ever since has lent his expertise to researchers.

He is among those eager to find a freshly mutilated animal to inspect carefully. He explained that, despite the fact that few studies have been done on how predators kill, the cases he has been called in on can't be often attributed to "natural causes." There are at least two things that set them apart. Of course, there is the absence of blood. He told us how he personally knows that a cow can contain upwards of 30 gallons of blood--and that in classic mutilation cases it's just not there (there is some coagulated blood in the tiny vessels, but even the presence of that and its condition is odd). Then, too, the edges of the cuts are hard, almost like plastic. They don't strike him as being laser cut, but heat must play a part. In another personal story, he let us know how difficult it is to get flesh off a bone, and yet mutilated animals will have white bone in evidence on an animal that was seen alive the day before.

Needless to say, we learned a lot from John. Fortunately, Gail, Gene and I had an even better chance than some as John and his wife shared our condo and turned up to eat with us Sunday morning. They didn't mind giving mini anatomy lessons over breakfast. I got the feeling that he was relieved to be among people who didn't look at him as though he might be a nut despite his praiseworthy career (for example, he set up the blood coagulation lab at Yale and was a pioneer in such studies).



Among the questions he fielded Saturday evening was one asking why he thought certain parts always seemed to be taken from mutilated animals. As John thought about this, Steven Greer (an emergency room physician) speculated that it was a way of taking samples to see what was happening to the environment. The cells making up the structure of reproductive organs renew themselves more rapidly than those in other parts of the body, and they could indicate any number of things to researchers (particularly those interested in DNA studies). While John agreed with this, he thought a better indicator was bone tissue and less of this seems to be taken, though it doesn't take a lot to a trained (human) investigator. Greer's speculation reminded me of what Ed Dames said (with less medical terminology) about base line samples being taken from the animals.

In any event, John Altshuler had no idea why whatever it was (and he refused to say it was ETs) needs all that blood.

Another of the fascinating people in attendance was Christopher O'Brian, who has become known in UFO research for the articles he writes for the monthly *Crestone Eagle*. He told us how he has seen everything from weird lights and mutilated animals to tiny airplanes. The next day, Sunday, as moderator of the open house meeting for local residents, he told how he had moved to the area earlier that year, heard about the mutilations and figured (as only a self-confident young man can, I thought), that he'd figure it out, see the pattern, and that would be that. He found a pattern and the phenomenon seemed to follow it—until it reversed himself, leaving him frustrated and confused. His friend Tom Adams, having studied it much longer, assured him that the only consistent thing about animal mutilations is its *inconsistency*.

Other interesting people: Chip Knight, of Manitou Springs, CO, told me how he has been correlating various geological and magnetic maps with reports of odd events and has had some success. Watch out for vortexes!

Our own Gene Nieri held listeners spellbound as he casually told how he has gone back to those basic sources, newspapers and magazines in this case, to find some interesting incidents in the six to nine months following the Corona crash. If "nothing happened," why were other such unusual things going on? Mere coincidence?

David Perkins, a journalist, also looked for patterns. He wondered about the prevalence of mutilations down wind of environmental assaults (such as chemical spills or nuclear accidents). He found some, and then seemed to find that a lot more was going on than met the eye in small communities. Poltergeists, Big Foots (Feet?), and even some evidence that someone was putting on a show for him.

Steven Greer had some fascinating experiences

outside of Mexico City. Again his cameras failed (they were all right before and after the events and that strangeness is being investigated), but audio equipment worked. He says he had connections with certain TV networks to broadcast UFO-related news when he has proof...

Good questions were asked: Are mutilations a kind of diversion? Is the FBI interested? What is *really* going on? Why does so much of it seem to be going on in the San Luis Valley?

While Gail, Gene and I didn't see anything out of the ordinary (unless one counts deer grazing in front yards and lenticular clouds gracing the mountains Sunday morning), we met quite a few people we hope to keep in touch with and to let you read more about.

## HOW TO SAMPLE A MUTILATED ANIMAL

Dr. Altshuler has received some strange things in the mail and made it clear to us that he would prefer not to have them arrive in an unsavory condition. One of the attendees at Crestone II sheepishly admitted that, yes, raw was not a good way to send a sample in—"but you should have smelled the car!"

The doctor told us that a good sample is one that not only contains part of the cut out area of flesh but some "normal" flesh as well so comparisons can be made. The best preservative to use is formaldehyde, which can be obtained inexpensively from a hospital or perhaps hospital supply company. Alcohol is better than nothing, but formaldehyde is cheap and lasts forever.

Other good ideas would be to have a scalpel or other sharp knife, gloves, bottles and labels handy as well as a camera or sketchpad to document where you take the sample from.

If you find a strangely mutilated animal that matches the criteria (no blood, no signs of struggle, alive the day before, etc.) call NM Chief Field Investigator Peter Limone, at 884-2199.

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## REPORT FROM THE FIELD

By Peter Limone, State Director of Investigations

### My Recent Minivacation

I visited Chaco Canyon National Historic Park on September 9th and 10th. As some of you may know, it is one of the alleged sites for PSI TECH's "big event."

While there I spoke with some of the rangers and they told me that they were forewarned about the possibility of UFOers flocking to their park in late August for the event. They also revealed that nothing unusual has happened yet.

I was also told of an unusual light that has been seen passing north to south through the canyon. The light was not accompanied by any sound and when seen through binoculars the light could not be clearly defined. The light has been observed for the past five years but has not been seen yet this year. Hopefully, if it is seen again this year I will be notified.

Also while in Chaco Canyon I met Park Ranger G. B. Cornucopia. On his weekends off, Mr. Cornucopia holds astronomy classes at Chaco Canyon in which he takes the group to astronomically important sites in the canyon and then at night the unpolluted skies are yours for observation.

The sessions begin on Friday evenings and conclude on Sunday. For anyone who has not been to Chaco Canyon, be prepared to spend three days in a secluded paradise - that is, if you enjoy camping out or living out of an RV. The park does have running water and toilets, but no showers, so remember your sponge bathing supplies.

For more information on the next scheduled classes, write: Superintendent, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Star Rt. 4, Box 6500, Bloomfield, NM 87413. Mr. Cornucopia does take groups.

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### FROM OUT OF THE BLUE!

Editor:

Kudos to you for your always informative and visually appealing newsletter. The courtesy copy each month is greatly appreciated. Though I receive the publications of several other state groups, yours I consider required reading.

Some of your members might be unaware that NM MUFON News Producer Debby Stark does double duty for the international organization. Over

the past 14 months, she has completed 23 abduction-related transcripts, totalling over 700 pages, for MUFON's Abduction Transcription Project.

Debby is a transcriptionist I can always count on to handle the most difficult audiotaped sessions, to accurately record the discussions, and to return the assignments on time. She is, in short, one of MUFON's most valued members. The New Mexico chapter is indeed fortunate to have someone of her dedication and obvious skills.

New Mexico members who share Debby Stark's enthusiasm to find some genuine answers in this, the most important project we have ever engaged in, are invited to write to me for more information.

As MUFON's former Deputy Director, it is truly gratifying to witness how far your state organization has come in a few short years. Regardless of individual responsibilities, your members should know that their efforts are for the good of humanity. Unsung heroes? You bet you are!

Dan Wright, Transcription Project

*(for information on how to get in touch with Dan to join the Transcription Project, he can be reached at 117 W. South St., Morrice, MI 48857)*

Dear MUFON EDITOR:

After attending my first meeting in October, I was impressed with the membership size and participation. I enjoyed the discussion during and after the meeting.

After taking home a copy of NM MUFON NEWS (issue #10, OCT. 1993), I decided that I should look into getting back issues of this fine newsletter. I have enclosed a check which, I think, should cover the cost of back issues and shipping. I will be attending the next meeting should you need more compensation. Thank you for your time!

Chris Board, Albuquerque

*(Your check paid for a back issues plus one more issue, thanks!)*

Dear Editor,

This doesn't pertain to UFOs but it's just as uncanny. There's a woman here in Phoenix who Psychically fills teeth. She did two for me and it really works! I had one tooth that hurt me badly whenever I drank anything cold. Now it doesn't bother me a bit. This last tooth she did over the phone. (You don't have to be with her personally.) She also teaches this technique. She also heals eyes, ears and bones. Anyway, it sure beats going



to a dentist. She does distant healing, too. You don't have to be with her. Over the phone works just as good.

Her name and address are: Susan Weber, PO Box 31813, Phoenix, AZ 85046.

If you have any teeth that need work done on, she's the one to see.

Sincerely

Cosette Willoughby, Phoenix

*(We suggest you write Ms Weber for details before availing yourself of her services. No fee was mentioned in the letter, but no doubt the psychic might appreciate it.)*

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## PSYCHIC VERIFIES MARTIANS... AND OCTOBER NEW MEXICO QUAKE

report by Mary Sodeman, Lubbock, TX

Gene Napol, a healer and psychic from San Diego, CA, appeared to an audience of approximately 20 at the Savage Auditorium in New Mexico on October 1. Following are some of the questions that were posed:

Q: What can you tell us about what is going on in New Mexico regarding UFO's and ET's?

NAPOL: They are pulling out. (Much laughter from the audience.) I work very much with the Pleiadeans, and my understanding at this time is that the beings from other dimensions are stepping back a little bit to observe and see if what they have been teaching is going to have any effect. So they are just hovering around the planet right now. They are not really putting any energy in, but just standing back to see if mankind is going to work with what has been given to him. You have about a month to activate as much as you can activate.

Q: Are you talking about mankind in general?

NAPOL: Yes, mankind as the world. See, even the people in Albuquerque know a lot. There is a lot of information running around here, just running around. I mean, they are not doing anything. They [the interdimensional beings] are waiting to see if you are going to do anything. If nothing is done, then most of them are going to pull out. There is a way station here that will remain. It is kind of for recharging. But the energy of Albuquerque will shift greatly. And in the shifting, there will be the possibility of an earthquake—a natural one with the shifting of the energy here in Albuquerque.

Q: What sort of positive action is expected [of mankind]?

NAPOL: The words I get immediately are "overall general restructuring on one's belief structures, as much as possible." Change your belief structures about what you see happening in the world.

Q: A shift of consciousness?

NAPOL: That can only happen if people change their beliefs. When you put the word out, saying really look at a change in belief structure, it has nothing to do with your concern about them or anybody's belief in them. It is just about changing the belief structure: *asking to see what is underneath what is appearing in front.*

Q: I think that is what everyone is wondering.

NAPOL: But see, they have to ask for the truth. They have to ask to see it. If they do not, then the shift will take place. It is just like simply saying, "I would like to see what is underneath what I see."

Q: To see the truth under the illusion?

NAPOL: Right! Just those words will make a difference.

Q: Gene, the earthquake--will that be located under the Rio Grande River? [This question is because a Albuquerque MUFON member recently had an intuitive premonition of an earthquake occurring under the Rio Grande River.]

NAPOL: Nearby. Fifty miles away.

Q: South?

NAPOL: Yes. Actually, southeast. Can it go southeast? I not directional. I heard "southeast."

Q: Do we have some guests from Mars--from long ago?

NAPOL: Yes. Two sets.

Q: Are you talking timewise, or groups, or women children?

NAPOL: Two cultures. There are about 18 different cultures resident on Mars. There are two different cultures here.

Q: Is this part of the thing we have a month to do?

NAPOL: Right.

Q: We need to accept this?

NAPOL: Right.

Q: When is the news going to come out?

NAPOL: It hasn't been decided.

Q: Will these earth changes result in some kind of ultimate good?

NAPOL: Every change is good, so the answer is yes. The intent of it is to allow mankind to begin to see the truth and to see where his part is in the activity of life. Most of the time, he doesn't want to see that, so it is forcing people to become more responsible and not allow the destructions to just go around them. So indeed, it is good, no matter what the appearance. You are not going to sit back anymore, and that is good.



*(When your editor, Carolyn, heard about the predicted earthquake, she decided to consult an expert in the field.)*

Dear Carolyn,

Our source of information for New Mexico earthquakes continues to be Prof. Alan Sanford at New Mexico Tech, Socorro. I talked with him this morning, and he confirms that there is essentially no activity going on at present. The strongest earthquakes in our state since 1935 occurred in the Bernardo swarm which began in Nov. 1989 and lasted for about a year. Since then, activity has tapered down to the level of about one M2 earthquake per year. This is quiet!

I have enclosed a copy of an old article on earthquakes in New Mexico (*Earthquake History of New Mexico*, by Carl A. Von Hake, Environmental Data Service, NOAA, Boulder, CO). If you really want to dig in further, the best complete list is "Seismicity Map of the State of New Mexico" by Stover, Reagor, and Algermissen, US Geological Survey MF-1660, 1983, for sale by the USGS in Denver. (Call me if you want more information.) Al Sanford has published some reports also, but their data are included in this map.

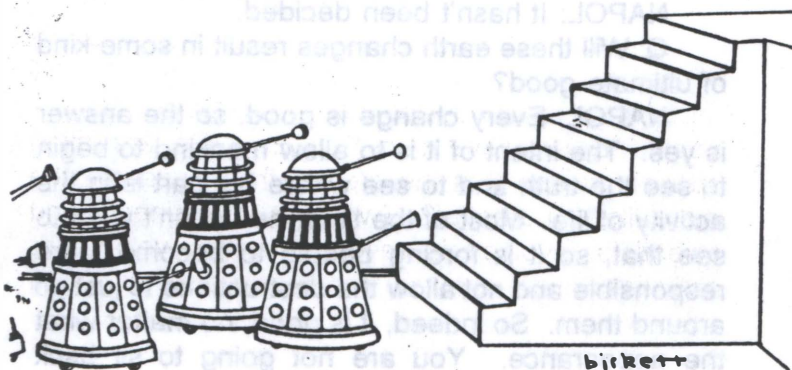
There are no indications of impending activity, and no credible ways to predict earthquakes yet. About all I can say is that whatever rumors you may have heard are just that--rumors. Thanks for the newsletter on Ed Dames. I fear that his work will prove to be only as accurate and credible as his sources, and so take it with a lot of salt until proven.

Yours sincerely,

John S. Derr

USGS, Albuquerque

*[Carolyn has the Von Hake report mentioned above if readers are interested. In the event that the October earthquake was actually a metaphysical one and you felt it, feel free to let us know!]*



*'Well, this certainly buggers our plan to conquer the Universe.'*

-PUNCH

## A CHALLENGE TO SETI SPECIALISTS

by Stanton T. Friedman

*(Editor's note: Friedman generously sent us this article and gave us permission to print it. The first part was way back in issue #4, available from NM MUFON News for \$1)*

### Part II

2. Why do SETI Specialists assume that radio is the ultimate means of communication, when we have only had this knowledge for roughly 100 years, and aliens could be millions of years ahead of us?

3. Why is it that SETI Specialists make proclamation as to how aliens would behave when, as physical science professionals, they have not training, experience, or special insights as to how Earthlings, no less aliens, would behave? One might consult psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, judges, but radio astronomers??? Why, for example, would an advanced civilization give its secrets to a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare?

4. Why is it that SETI Specialists take every opportunity to attack the notion of UFOs without referring to the evidence related to that problem and acting as though the tabloids were the only source of data? There are at least five large-scale scientific studies, eight Ph.D. theses, and many dozens of published papers about flying saucers by professional scientists. The 11 anti-UFO books don't even mention the largest study done of the US Air Force. It would appear as though the basic rules are: A. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up; B. What the public doesn't know we won't tell them; and C. If one can't attack the data, one ought to attack the people. Surely all scientists are supposed to draw their conclusions from the evidence rather than ignoring the evidence and making pronouncements...

5. Why is it that the SETI Specialists don't understand that there are very clearcut national security aspects of the entire UFO problem including the possibility of duplicating the technology and the concerns with the impact of any public statement about UFO reality? Many extraordinary scientific investigations were conducted IN SECRET during the development of the atomic bomb, the proximity fuse, radar, the SR-71, etc. There is overwhelming evidence of a Cosmic Watergate, including covering up the recovery of at least two crashed saucers in 1947, and possibly encounters between aliens and political leaders. According to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tim Weiner, the



annual US Black Budget (NOT under Congressional oversight) is running \$34 billion. The NSA and the CIA have openly admitted withholding over 150 UFO documents even from a Federal Court Judge with a high-level security clearance. An official Air Force document states that UFO reports which would effect National Security are NOT PART OF THE BLUE BOOK system.

6. If the SETI Specialists were truly interested in the SETI, why don't they examine the best UFO data instead of ignoring it? Without it they certainly have no evidence to support their many assumptions about ET life. For example, it is *assumed* that there is life all over the place, that some of this life is more advanced than we are, and that ET life is stuck at the technology level represented by radio and is trying to attract our attention. Technological progress almost always comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. To repeat, the future is NOT an extrapolation from the past any more than lasers are just better light bulbs, or microintegrated circuits are just small vacuum tubes.

7. Why is the assumption so frequently made that aliens won't know we are here until they pick up our radio, TV, and/or radar signals? A half solar system-wide radio telescope could resolve the planets in nearby solar systems. They could have traveled here a million years ago. Why not assume that every library in the local neighborhood lists Earth as a developing planet? Columbus didn't wait for a smoke signal before setting off westward.

8. Why is it that SETI Specialists don't understand that at the end of the 2nd World War it was perfectly obvious to any visiting alien intelligence agent that soon (less than 100 years) Earthlings (this primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare—we had only killed 50 million [human] Earthlings during the war) would be traipsing around to nearby stars? Three new technologies: rockets, atom bombs, radar... set the pace. It is probably not a coincidence that the crashed saucers were recovered in the only location on Earth (New Mexico) where one could monitor all three?

During any one century, because the process from no space travel to deep space travel takes such a short time, there is not very likely to be more than one local civilization bursting forth. Of course, we would be of interest to them. Every new frontier for us has been a new place to do battle. Their purpose might well be to make sure we don't bother them out there until we get our act together here and can qualify for admission to the Cosmic Kindergarten, or at least to the Cosmic Preschool...

9. Why is it that SETI Specialists seem to assume that aliens would want to deal with them? They don't speak for the planet any more than ham radio operators speak for their country. If their budget is even \$10 million per year, how does that stack up against \$1 trillion/year for military purposes?

10. Why is it that SETI Specialists so often try to stress how big and old the universe is? After all, the sphere centered at the Sun and having a radius of only 54 light years includes 1,000 stars, of which 46 are quite similar to the sun. Some of these are at least a billion years older than the sun. If my car were stolen in Fredericton, New Brunswick, it wouldn't make any sense to suggest that the thief might be any one of 5 billion Earthlings when it is very much more likely to be one of less than 1 million New Brunswickers. Note, too, that for example, Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are only a few light weeks apart and that inhabitants on a planet around either could directly observe planets around the other.

11. Why is it that the SETI Specialists focus on the Drake equation, which supposedly tells us how many inhabited planets exist, through it takes no account of the two processes most important for distributing intelligent life on Earth, namely migration and colonization?

12. Why are proclamations made by SETI Specialists that aliens can't possibly be humanoid, as described by witnesses, when these proclamations are based upon the assumption that wherever there is life it developed indigenously there, independent of all other life? Funny how the laws of physics and biology might even suggest that there are favored similarities for how things evolve. One notes there aren't many three-legged mammals on Earth, or three-eyed ones. There may well be advantages to some particular configurations. Colonization and migration would lead to spreading particular features. Proclamations without data are not science. The reports from all over Planet Earth indicate humanoids are visiting. This, of course, does NOT mean all aliens are humanoid. Presumably the ammonia breathers visit Jupiter.

13. Are the SETI Specialists really unaware that opinion polls have consistently shown that most people DO believe that SOME UFOs are alien spacecraft and that the greater the education, the more likely the belief? Two polls of engineers and scientists involved in research and development activities even showed that two thirds of them believed *some* UFOs are alien spacecraft. The best reason for a large budget for a variety of SETI efforts would indeed be that the plant is being



visited, or is there a difficulty in admitting that the SETI Specialists have been way off base for decades and that they are not being sought by the alien visitors?

14. Why do SETI Specialists, who should know better or at least should do their homework, pronounce that it would be impossible for anyone to withstand the enormous accelerations so often observed of UFOs? They quote no data for their pronouncements and seem blissfully unaware of the vast amount of data obtained by NASA and others showing that properly trained and constrained humans can withstand truly enormous accelerations under appropriate conditions such as 14 Gs for two minutes (from zero to 36,000 miles per hour in two minutes, measured data), or 30 Gs for one second. Dr. Stapp's rocket sled reached over 600 miles per hour and he withstood 43 Gs when slowing down. Data should take precedence over proclamations.

15. Finally, there seem to be no signs that either SETI leaders or UFO debunkers are willing to note the false reasoning of their own kind which provides a scientifically unhealthy and dogmatic, almost cult-like atmosphere with charismatic leadership and party lines. Scientists and other professionals have a serious obligation to study the data relevant to the problem at hand rather than to make pronouncements. Does the end (presumably public rejection of flying saucer visitations and great support for long-term radiotelescope searches) really justify the means of misrepresentation based on ignorance? Ufologists are, in contrast, very critical of each other.

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