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LAST ISSUE; INTERNET BEST SOURCE

EDITOR'S LAST HURRAH !

What got me into this enigmatic UFO odyssey anyway? Why continue a search for answers that ostracize you from nonbelievers, and even from some conservative friends? Part of the answer is that it has been an odyssey that challenges your knowledge, your understanding, and even your most basic beliefs?

I think my first challenge came as a teenager when I couldn't accept a premise that the Bible and Science had no relationship to each other, and one couldn't be used to validate the other. The first Flying Saucer reports in the late 1940s, and some of my experiences as an Air Force (radar) Weapons Controller in the 1950s and 60s, convinced me of the reality of the UFO phenomenon. My university career in the 1970s and 80s exposed me to new ideas about history, science and the whole question of perception and reality. After retirement from my second career, I felt free enough to stick my neck out and accept the position of state director for the Mutual UFO Network. It has been a rough ride ever since.

Along the way, I could have done without the wild phone calls, especially the psychic that called well after midnight to tell me I was on the verge of a fatal heart attack (but he says he

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UFO NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES AND TV DOCUMENTARIES DECLINE AS UFO SOURCES ON INTERNET EXPAND

UFO zealots and the mildly curious alike are seeing their old, reliable sources of UFO information disappear. Within the last year or so about three dozen UFO newsletters have folded. Commercial publications also seem to be disappearing. Even the TV UFO specials seem to be fewer and further between and established UFO organizations are fighting declining membership.

There are probably multiple causes for declining UFO publications, from cyclical interest patterns to the inevitable financial problems (often a result of declining interest). On the other hand, the internet is rapidly becoming an easily accessible tool and thousands are finding it a vastly superior way of obtaining both current and historical UFO data. Dying publications are being reincarnated as internet home pages and new organizations with aggressive home pages are growing.

Home pages are really cover sheets for files of documents located at that internet address, plus Links (click-activated internet addresses) to still other, related home pages. These provide a web of quick access routes to

almost any type of specialized UFO information you can think of.

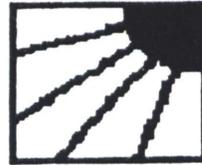
Currently, internet users have to have access to a moderately powerful home computer (a minimum \$1,000 investment), plus a telephone line to a local provider whose commercial computer does the work of directing your outgoing messages and collecting your incoming information (\$20 to \$30 a month). Within a year we should be able to buy, for about \$500, specialized internet access devices which will use your TV screen to display data. Some national providers are also planning to use 800 numbers plus an access password, for a monthly fee, which would allow rural users internet access without making long distance calls.

Serious UFO researchers, gossipers, and those seeking free entertainment can find a wealth of UFO information, plus the ability to quickly exchange comments and data about UFOs, on the internet. The serious question of validating the data you find is, of course, of more concern to some of the above than to others. Beyond the problem of misguiding

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IDENTIFIED HEAVENLY OBJECTS

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December's evening sky still provides time to see the planets **Jupiter** and **Saturn**. Saturn remains visible in the southern sky well into the next year, but you have only a few weeks to catch Jupiter in the southwestern sky. You will also have a chance to catch the elusive **Mercury** very low in the southwestern sky at mid-December. In the morning sky, you will find the incredibly bright **Venus** in the east and the red planet **Mars** high in the southern sky.

The evening sky is again dominated by the stars and constellations of the "Winter Sky." These are some of

the brightest stars you will see all year.

By early December, the stars of the constellations **Orion**, **Taurus**, **Auriga**, **Gemini**, and **Canis Major** and **Minor** are rising about 9:00 PM.

Within Orion are the bright bluish-white **Rigel** and the reddish-orange **Betelgeuse**. When you observe these two stars at the same time you can differentiate the two colors.

In Taurus you will find two open star clusters, the **Hyades** and the **Pleades**. The Pleades are often mistaken for the "Little Dipper," but they are a totally different group of stars. In Japan, the Pleades are called

"Subaru", thus the official emblem on that make of Japanese car. The bright star **Aldebaran** also lies within **Taurus**.

The stars **Capella**, **Castor & Pollux**, **Procyon** and **Sirius** lie within the constellations **Auriga**, **Gemini**, **Canis Minor** and **Canis Major** respectively. **Sirius**, in **Canis Major**, is the brightest star in the night sky.

To better enjoy the night sky, I recommend you find yourself a star map. The magazines *Astronomy* and *Sky & Telescope* both contain monthly star maps. You can also identify some stars and their constellations by using the IHO Finder chart below.

The **Geminid Meteor Shower** peaks on the night of December 13th. This, along with the **Perseids**, is considered the best of the annual meteor showers. Remember, there is usually

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IDENTIFIED HEAVENLY OBJECTS FINDER

A listed planet or star can be located on or near a listed date by using the azimuth (Az) and elevation (El) shown for that object. Azimuth and elevation are computed from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but are generally accurate for all of Louisiana. A negative elevation, highlighted by italic print, indicates the object is below the horizon. The magnitude (Mag.), or brightness, of each object is given after its name; the smaller, or lower, the number, the brighter the object. The constellation to which a star belongs is printed after the star name and magnitude.

0500 CST

Moon (Mag. -12.50)	Az 024; El -67
Mars (Mag. 1.81)	Az 146; El 60
Aldebaran (Mag. 0.85) <i>Taurus</i>	Az 284; El 09
Arcturus (Mag. -0.04) <i>Bootes</i>	Az 089; El 39
Betelgeuse (Mag. 0.50) <i>Orion</i>	Az 266; El 21
Capella (Mag. 0.08) <i>Auriga</i>	Az 309; El 29
Pollux (Mag. 1.14) <i>Gemini</i>	Az 277; El 54
Procyon (Mag. 0.38) <i>Canis Minor</i>	Az 247; El 42
Regulus (Mag. 1.35) <i>Leo</i>	Az 198; El 71
Rigel (Mag. 0.12) <i>Orion</i>	Az 258; El 05
Spica (Mag. 0.98) <i>Virgio</i>	Az 128; El 31
Sirius (Mag. -1.46) <i>Canis Major</i>	Az 237; El 18

15 DEC 96

31 DEC 96

15 JAN 97

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2100 CST

Moon (Mag. -12.50)	Az 248; El 21
Saturn (Mag. 1.84)	Az 235; El 42
Adara (Mag. 1.50) <i>Canis Major</i>	Az 127; El 04
Aldebaran (Mag. 0.85) <i>Taurus</i>	Az 110; El 59
Betelgeuse (Mag. 0.50) <i>Orion</i>	Az 106; El 38
Canopus (Mag. -0.72) <i>Carina</i>	Az 149; El -06
Capella (Mag. 0.08) <i>Auriga</i>	Az 052; El 55
Deneb (Mag. 1.25) <i>Cygnus</i>	Az 311; El 22
Pollox (Mag. 1.14) <i>Gemini</i>	Az 070; El 24
Procyon (Mag. 0.38) <i>Canis Minor</i>	Az 093; El 15
Regulus (Mag. 1.35) <i>Leo</i>	Az 067; El -12
Rigel (Mag. 0.12) <i>Orion</i>	Az 129; El 36
Sirius (Mag. -1.46) <i>Canis Major</i>	Az 119; El 14

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Az 183; El 61	Az 139; El 34	Az 164; El 46
Az 167; El 62	Az 094; El -34	Az 164; El 46
Az 292; El -03	Az 300; El -14	Az 311; El -25
Az 098; El 52	Az 110; El 64	Az 141; El 76
Az 283; El 40	Az 288; El 29	Az 294; El 15
Az 313; El 18	Az 318; El 10	Az 325; El 01
Az 283; El 40	Az 288; El 29	Az 294; El 15
Az 258; El 29	Az 266; El 17	Az 274; El 03
Az 232; El 63	Az 249; El 52	Az 261; El 38
Az 266; El -08	Az 273; El -20	Az 282; El -34
Az 144; El 41	Az 161; El 46	Az 185; El 48
Az 247; El 06	Az 254; El -05	Az 262; El -19
Az 071; El -30	Az 032; El -69	Az 075; El -48
Az 247; El 30	Az 258; El 08	Az 265; El 07
Az 136; El 14	Az 146; El 21	Az 161; El 28
Az 134; El 71	Az 179; El 76	Az 230; El 70
Az 119; El 51	Az 137; El 60	Az 171; El 67
Az 156; El -01	Az 164; El 04	Az 173; El 06
Az 044; El 65	Az 025; El 72	Az 345; El 74
Az 316; El 12	Az 322; El 04	Az 330; El -03
Az 076; El 27	Az 081; El 49	Az 082; El 63
Az 101; El 28	Az 111; El 40	Az 126; El 52
Az 076; El 00	Az 083; El 12	Az 091; El 26
Az 145; El 45	Az 164; El 50	Az 190; El 51
Az 130; El 15	Az 142; El 53	Az 160; El 40

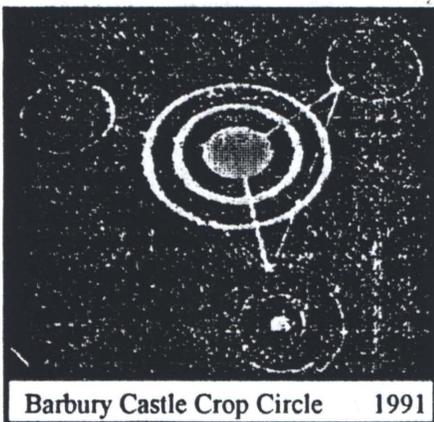
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a meteor activity increase for several days leading up to, and then a decrease leading away from, the peak date.

Remember to keep an eye out for **Comet Hale-Bopp**. If it lives up to current predictions, it will be the brightest comet in many years. Hale-Bopp should be at its brightest in April, 1977. Some of you may have become involved in the wild speculation resulting from wild, unfounded assumptions about a new photo of Hale-Bopp. It shows a bright object at the comet's edge. The rumors started from comments on the Art Bell radio show and included everything from a spaceship hiding behind the comet to an object four times the size of Earth following the comet. Actually it was a diffraction spike (an optical anomaly roughly similar to a lens flare in a camera) caused by a relatively bright star near the comet.

The Moon phases are: Dec 3 - Last Quarter; Dec 10 - New Moon; Dec 17 - First Quarter; Dec 24 - Full Moon.

It has been a pleasure doing this column over the years and hopefully some of you found it informative and interesting. My invitation to please call me if you have an astronomical question remains open. I can be contacted at the Freeport McMoRan Daily Living Science Center, 409 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062; Tel. 504-468-7229.



Barbury Castle Crop Circle 1991

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cured me with psychic surgery), the panicking fanatics who I think had serious problems before the aliens were around to blame their problems on, and the gullible who buy into everything they hear without question.

On the other hand, I am greatly indebted to interested friends and associates, helpful media, law enforcement and university officials, and especially those experiencers, researchers and scientists who allowed me to listen in on, and even participate in, their deliberations and activities.

I have far more questions and fewer answers than when I began, but I have a far greater appreciation of this old world and everything in it. This newsletter ends one phase of my odyssey with a feeble attempt to summarize some of the data I have plowed through. I hope it opens the next phase of this odyssey by giving me more time and freedom to ask still more questions.

About six months ago I was asked to write a very brief summary of my beliefs about the UFO phenomenon for publication. I am still seeking answers, but the following tells a little about what my widely varied academic training and career experiences tells me about UFOs.

PUTTING THE UFO PHENOMENON INTO PERSPECTIVE

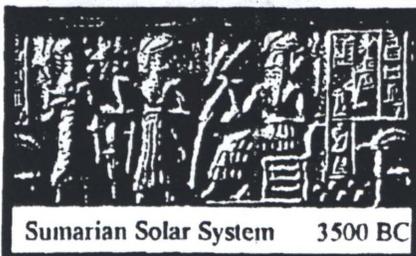
Cave paintings, ancient and medieval art and literature, church and state archives, military and maritime logs, early scientific reports and an abundance of well documented historical and modern anomalies all argue strongly that UFO-like incidents have fascinated man and influenced his beliefs and behavior from the beginnings of history to today. A variety of modern scientific and technological evaluations show at least some of the modern UFO incidents have involved physical craft and/or beings, and some incidents have left undeniable physical evidence and occasionally an artifact; but, other evaluations show much of the reported UFO phenomenon is mental, or psychic, in nature, ranging from normal and healthy to illusionary and psychotic experiences.

We know almost nothing about life beyond our planet; less about alleged intelligent consciousness in other dimensions; and probably even less about the human mind and consciousness. Perceived reality is a very individual and personal com-

modity! It defines, shapes and interprets every bit of energy sensed by our physical body; and colors, energizes and encodes every bit of energy we send toward others. Although a UFO experience may have been triggered by some outside source, the observed (perceived) phenomena, and especially any so-called psychic experiences, are more likely to have been edited and shaped by the percipient's mind and sense of reality than by any alleged outside entity. Thus, a psychic experience may have great meaning for the percipient, but it is probably irrelevant for most others.

The broad accumulation of phenomena now lumped under the UFO umbrella undoubtedly results from an equally broad range of causes; thus, accurate analysis is likely only on a case by case basis. Nevertheless, considering all of the above, I believe:

- 1) Mankind is being influenced by one or more extraterrestrial intelligences, some of which are physical in nature.
- 2) Psychic revelations, like magic illusions, will become more important as we learn to understand and control the natural laws that govern them.
- 3) Emotion is a highly valued human asset; but analysis of UFO incidents must be based on logical analysis of carefully documented scientific evidence.
- 4) It is foolish to judge an incident as either true or false, real or imaginary, until a judgment is necessary and the proof is beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 5) This old world is a much more complex and exciting place than most of us dare admit.



Sumarian Solar System 3500 BC

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individuals, there are some who deliberately enter false information, forged documents and even some who impersonate reputable researchers. The greatest probability of this happening is obviously in the "chat" or "news" groups, but even some respectful organizations have recently been forced to withdraw false information from their home pages. *Let the surfer beware !!!*

Home page sponsors have other serious problems. UFO organizations rely heavily on membership dues and journal subscriptions to pay expenses. Information that was formerly available only to journal subscribers is now free on the internet and some organizations are finding themselves in a financial crunch. Advertisements are crammed everywhere on the internet, but the income goes to the providers. UFO organizations must find new and better ways of selling themselves to potential new members, journal subscribers and contributors. When members fail to support an organization, its journal and home page, and the information available through them, is likely to disappear.

Organizations also quickly learn that keeping a home page interesting and up-to-date is as hard, and takes as much time and effort, as publishing a newsletter or journal. Some home pages haven't been updated in months and there is a constant turnover of those still on the internet.

In fact, the whole internet is still in a state of giant flux, changing constantly. It's up to you to find the home pages, or chat groups, that interest you and go from there.

When you are ready to begin "surfing the internet" for UFO information, you might start with some of the following home page addresses. Almost all of them will provide links to other related home pages.

UFO ORGANIZATIONS

<http://www.rutgers.edu/~mcgrew/>
MUFON — *Mutual UFO Network*: MUFON is the oldest and largest UFO organization. It is active in all 50 states and more than 50 foreign countries. MUFON relies on volunteers, from adolescents to

Ph.D.s, to conduct a multidisciplinary, grassroots approach to resolving the UFO mystery. It is the primary organization with Field Investigators to investigate and document incidents. The monthly *MUFON UFO Journal* is its regular publication. MUFON's home page address will shortly change to MUFON.org.

<http://www.cufos.org/index.html>

J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies: CUFOS is an international group of scientists, academics, investigators and volunteers dedicated to the examination and analysis of the UFO phenomenon. It does extensive research into current and historical incidents, and its publications are known for their intellectual professionalism. The quarterly *International UFO Reporter (IUR)* is its regular publication.

<http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocr/>

National UFO Reporting Center: NUFORC was the original site set up to accept nationwide telephone reports of UFO incidents. It is dedicated to the collection and dissemination of objective UFO information. The NUFORC hotline is 206-722-3000.

[http://www.title14.com/ufofc/index/](http://www.title14.com/ufofc/index.shtml)

UFO Filter Center: The UFOFC has been scientifically investigating UFOs in the Midwest and publishing well documented reports since 1973, and in the process helping develop investigative tools and techniques. Its latest program is the *Lunascan Project*, an ongoing search for, and investigation of, anomalies on and near the Moon. The program uses a 16-inch telescope, with video monitors and recorders, at the UFOFC and involves professional and amateur astronomers. The Lunascan Project home page can be accessed through the UFOFC address above or at <http://www.title14.com/Lunascan/>. Members of UFOFC and the Lunascan Project are updated through newsletters and internet E-mail.

<http://www.isur.com/>

International Society for UFO Research: ISUR was recently founded by a group of experienced UFO researchers in the Southeast who

wanted to provide the public access to timely, credible UFO information and an open forum for the exchange of ideas. Its Board of Directors and investigators are committed to scientific research, education and dissemination of UFO information. Their goal is to provide a system where an investigator's report can be electronically filed from his home and the public can have access to it on the internet that same day.

<http://www.wic.net/colonel/ufopage.htm> *Skywatch International*:

A new organization in the Southwest with an interesting home page, SI emphasizes the investigation and retrieval of evidence relating to UFOs and the alien presence. The organization is guided by its founder, Col. S. Wilson, CAF, USAF(Ret).

[http://www.interlog.com/~epona/](http://www.interlog.com/~epona/mufonont.htm)

MUFON Ontario: <http://www.freenet.mb.ca/iphome/u/ufo/index.htm> *Ufology Research of Manitoba*

<http://ume.med.ucalgary.ca/~watanabe/ufo.htm> *Alberta UFO*

Research Association:

<http://www.renaisssoft.com/ufobc/index.htm> *UFO*BC*: Four of Canada's active organizations. They are particularly helpful in researching Canadian UFO incidents.

<http://www.bufora.org.uk/> *British*

UFO Research Association: BUFORA is Great Britain's foremost UFO research organization and is both a great window to Europe's UFO activities and a mirror that reflects their attitudes about U.S. UFOlogy.

UFO Organizations in other countries: Links for direct connections to UFO organizations in many other countries are found in the Link files of the above home pages.

ASTRONOMY AND UFOs

<http://www.atm.dal.ca/~andromed/>
Mike Boschat's Astronomy Page:

MB's home page is basically a directory of over 600 astronomy links. Go to "Hubble" and look at some of the

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Space Telescope's fantastic pictures.

<http://www.dma.be/p/infoster/negepl/spacec.htm> *Planetary Science Spacecraft*: A listing of selected spacecraft of interest to planetary science. The file contains pictures, videos with sound, and hypertext links to files on the objects named.

<http://www.skypub.com> *SKY On Line*: A complete astronomy reference file sponsored by Sky Publishing Corporation, publishers of *Sky & Telescope*, *CCD Astronomy*, *Sky Watch '97*, and *Sky Publishing Catalog*.

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http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/NASA_homepage.html
The NASA Homepage.

<http://www.seti-inst.edu> *The SETI Institute*: Information about research in the general field of *Life in the Universe* with emphasis on the *Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)*. Links to other science and education web sites.

<http://ernie.bgsu.edu/~jzawodn/ufo/>
The World-Wide Web Virtual Library: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs): The UFO index from a distributed collection of topical indices containing references to on-line information in a variety of fields world-wide.

<http://www.planetarymysteries.com>
Planetary Mysteries: Dedicated to the research of new paradigms in science and art, breakthroughs that are bringing new understandings of our past. Links to specific areas of interest and to the researchers.

<http://www.iufog.org/index.htm>
Internet UFO Group Project: IUFOG is a part of the 2-1/2 year intensive research effort into the 1947 UFO wave. It contains links to more than 65 UFO organization home pages.

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/>
The Enterprise Mission: Richard

Hoagland's research group with various files and links relating to his investigations of Mars and the Moon.

<http://www.cydonia.org/intro.html>
The CyZone: This site is dedicated to the study of Mars and the anomalies on the Cydonian plain.

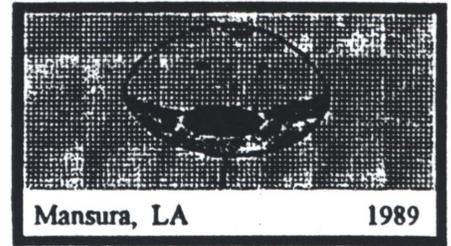
<http://www.title14.com/Lunascan/>
Lunascan Project: UFOFC's ongoing search for, and investigation of, anomalies on and near the Moon.

<http://www.artbell.com/> *The Art Bell Web Page*. Stories and transcripts from the popular radio program plus related information. The latest UFO/alien rumors and reports, but be aware that some of his guests have proven less than reliable.

[http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/](http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/framemst.html)
framemst.html UFO Folklore: A variety of comments, thoughts, news updates, and unique viewpoints on the UFO phenomenon, from ancient UFOs to great quotes and FOIA documents. Check out *Ancient UFOs* at <http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/oldufof/ancient.htm>

<http://www.he.net/~cosmat/stetson2.htm> *UFOs and the Bible*: An essay on the possible relationship between ancient scripture and modern UFO incidents.

<http://wheel.ucdavis.edu/%7Ebtcarrol/skeptic/dictcont.htm>
The Skeptics Dictionary: Occult, paranormal, supernatural and pseudo-scientific terms are defined with references whereby readers may arm themselves against the forces of unreason.



A TRIBUTE TO MY BEST UFO WITNESSES

In August, 1989, a Louisiana State Trooper referred me to Mansura, LA, to investigate an incident. When I met the witnesses, an 84-year-old sharecropper and his 77-year-old wife, I was sure I had made a long trip in vain. Both had a fourth-grade education and their total reality was the farm and things found on it.

Edward and Mary graciously invited me into their home and patiently explained every detail to me, most of the time pointing out examples to clarify colors, size, distance, etc. They willingly endured my tests to check their sight, hearing and memory, and walked the route the UFO had followed across "the little field" in back of their house. During three extended visits we talked about "that thing" that floated across the "little field" and came within 30 feet of Edward and 60 feet of Mary. They described its shape and size (a flattened ball about as big around as a truck tire), its color (a gray, plastic garbage can), its mouth (a darker, oval shaped grille), its eyes (two holes) and its tail (a short wire hanging from underneath). They acted out how the dog bristled up, barked and retreated when he saw it. They explained their shock when it took off and quickly flew out of sight, and denied the spreading wild rumors.

They weren't terrified, but scared and curious. Mary went to see her priest as soon as the local police officers left, and the next day her doctor put her on tranquilizers.

Over the years, I occasionally visited them. They never decided what they saw, but were sure God had something to do with it.

Mary died a couple of years ago and Edward is confined to a nursing home. I will always remember them and their simple integrity.

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UFO-LIKE CLUES TO LOST HISTORY

Folklore, legends, myths and ancient religious literature from around the world suggest that sometime in the past, mankind had contact and associated with superhuman beings, or at least beings with a very advanced technology. It appears these contacts have continued, albeit probably greatly reduced, down through the ages until today. Many of these reports include incidents that appear to be very similar to events or occurrences associated with today's UFO phenomenon. A few of the thousands of clues to this lost history include:

Year Incident

- 15000 BC - UFO Cave Paintings:** More than 100 cave paintings of disc-shaped objects, very similar to UFO drawings by present day UFO witnesses, with some UFOs standing on legs on the ground and several with an antenna or crane, have been catalogued in Spain, France and the Sahara Desert. Other prehistoric petroglyphs of apparent discs and/or aliens have been found in Australia, South America, Africa and around the world.
- 5000 BC - Spaceman Cave Painting:** A cave painting in an archaeologically active area of Pakistan clearly shows an astronaut and a disc-shaped UFO. A helmeted, uniformed humanoid, wearing a back pack, stands holding a long object in his arms like a soldier would hold a heavy rifle. Above his head a disc-shaped UFO hovers while the rayed Sun, Moon and stars are shown in the sky.
- 3500 BC - Akkadian (Sumarian) Solar System Seal:** This Akkadian cylinder seal from the third millennium BC clearly shows the planets of the solar system, in proper sequence and to approximate scale, encircling a large, rayed star. One extra planet is shown, placed between Mars and Saturn where the Asteroid Belt is today. Other Sumarian clay tablets provide many details about creation, the solar system and the destruction of the missing planet.
- 1500 BC - Ancient Vedic Literature:** The Vedic literature of India and the Far East can be traced to the first millennium BC and is believed to extend back to at least the third millennium BC. The *Bhagavata Puranas*, the *Mahabharata*, and the *Ramayana* contain a great deal of material about flying machines called *vimanas* that sounds like today's UFOs. Much of the literature describes the behavior and powers of the human-like races that used these vehicles. The stories include lightning-like weapons of mass destruction, vast air armadas, and travels to other worlds.
- 1450 BC - Egyptian Sightings:** The Pharaoh Thutmose III annals record balls of fire, which "had no voice and shone more than the brightness of the sun," that crossed the sky for several days. These fire circles "ascended higher in the sky toward the south."
- 1250 BC - Moses and the Exodus:** Several stories about Moses are among the earliest Biblical tales that can be interpreted as UFO incidents. Moses, like Paul, viewed a burning bush which was not consumed. In the Exodus story, the "Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud ... and by night in a pillar of fire."
- 597 BC - Ezekiel's Whirlwind:** Possibly the most often quoted Biblical account of an incident that could have been a UFO encounter was Ezekiel's description of the whirlwind that came down out of the sky and the four living creatures that came out of it. Engineers have even designed a spaceship landing craft that would fit Ezekiel's description.
- 327 BC - Alexander the Great's Sighting:** Alexander the Great's invasion of India was called off and his armies returned home after a ball of light hovered in front of his armies.
- 173 BC - Burning Shield Over Roman Temple:** A burning shield hovered throughout the evening in a clear sky over the Temple of Saturn in Rome. On at least four other occasions Roman archives recorded burning shields or "things like ships in the sky" over Roman cities or temples.
- 0 - Star of Bethlehem:** Some will consider it sacrilegious, but such miracles in Christ's life as the Star of Bethlehem and Christ's ascension to Heaven must logically be considered as UFO-like events.
- 776 - Shields Over Besieged Castle:** Invading Saxons "beheld the likeness of two large shields, reddish in color, in motion flaming above the church," during siege of a castle at Sigiburg, France.
- 800 - People From Cloud Ship:** Archbishop of Lyons rescues from a mob three men and a woman accused of landing in a "cloud ship" from the celestial region of Magonia. The belief of "beings" from the skies who surveyed our Earth persisted throughout the Middle Ages.
- 1056 - Luminous Pearl:** A bright, moving luminous pearl was regularly seen in skies of northern China for many years.
- 1271 - Priest's Beheading Stopped:** The priest Nichiren was about to be beheaded at Tatsunokuchi, when suddenly there appeared in the sky a bright, shiny object like a full moon. Officials panicked and the execution was canceled.
- 1400 - Paintings Showing UFOs:** The XV century Italian painting, *The Madonna and Baby St. John*, is a traditional nativity scene, but a smaller scene behind the Madonna's head clearly shows a shepherd looking upwards at a dark disc in the sky which is emitting bright yellow and gold rays. Many other paintings throughout the Middle Ages and Renaissance show enigmatic objects in the sky resembling modern UFOs.
- 1492 - Compass Varies as Star Moves:** On September 13-15, the navigator on Columbus's flagship was forced to remark his compass several times as the guiding star kept moving.
- 1513 - Piri Ries Map:** Turkish Admiral Piri Ries's world map, which his notes state was drawn in 1513 from ancient Greek maps and one of Columbus's charts, was presented to the U.S. in 1932. The existing part shows the entire South Atlantic and all its coastlines from the southern U.S. and Europe to Antarctica with amazing accuracy including Antarctica landmarks that have been under ice since prehistoric times.
- 6. 1561 - Aerial Battles:** Two broadsheets (engravings plus text) describe aerial battles between globe-like, cylindrical

- and other objects. Over Nuremberg, Germany on April 14, 1561, witnesses described groups of objects attacking other groups. Over Basel, Switzerland on July 17-18, 1566, giant black or white spheres filled the sky, then started racing toward the sun. Some then turned toward others, and several were seen to turn fiery red and vanish.
- 1593 - Spanish Soldier's Relocation:** On October 25, 1593, a Spanish soldier disappeared from his post in Manila. Early the next morning he was picked up, still in the uniform of his Manila regiment, wandering dazed in the Plaza Major of Mexico City, and babbling about the murder of the Philippines governor. Months later, regular trade ships brought confirmation of the Governor's death to Mexico. Other similar relocation incidents are well documented.
- 1710 - UFO Painting:** The Flemish painting, *The Baptism of Christ*, emphasizes a disc shaped ball of light beaming down four thin beams of light on the baptism party in the river below.
- 1716 - Luminous Object Over London:** In March, Sir Edmund Halley, the British astronomer who gave his name to the famous comet, observed a brightly lit object over London for two hours.
- 1783 - Lights on the Moon:** Astronomer Herschel sees lights on the Moon. Astronomers reported lights, blinking lights, moving lights, and patterns of lights on the Moon more than a dozen times between 1783 and 1870.
- 1800 - First U.S. UFO Report:** Planter/Scientist Sir William Dunbar's papers document a house-size ball of fire passing low, west to east, over Baton Rouge, LA on April 4. Passage took a quarter of a minute, too slow for a meteor.
- 1820 - UFO Formation Over France:** A stream of saucer-shaped objects were seen flying over the French town of Embrun. Witnesses reported they made a perfect 90-degree turn without breaking their strict formation.
- 1880 - The Patna Sighting:** In May the British India Company's steamship *Patna* reported two enormous luminous wheels, one on each side of the ship, the spokes of which were touching the vessel. The spinning wheels were 500-600 yards in diameter and made a swishing noise. The incident lasted 20 minutes.
- 1883 - Astronomer's Photograph:** On August 12, Mexican astronomer Jose A. Y. Bonilla sighted a series of flights that looked like discs and ovoids crossing the sun. He succeeded in photographing at least one flight, but arguments still persist over what the photograph shows.
- 1893 - The H.M.S. Caroline Report:** In February, the *H.M.S. Caroline* in the North China Sea logged a sighting of strange lights that included, "Sometimes as a mass; and others, spread out in an irregular line, and, being globular in form they resembled Chinese lanterns...." They reappeared the following night, a reddish color and emitting some smoke.
- 1896 - Airships Across Midwest:** For several years various types of airships were reported flying, and occasionally landing, across nineteen mid-west and western states. Some sightings were proven hoaxes, but many are well documented and remain unexplained. Some researchers advocate the theory of "cultural tracking" which suggests that aliens simulate the technology of the time. Similar airships were reported over Great Britain in 1913.
- 1897 - 10,000 Watch Airship:** More than 10,000 people watched an airship over Kansas City, Missouri. Charles Fort wrote, "Object appeared very swiftly then appeared to stop and hover over the city for ten minutes at a time. Then, after flashing green-blue and white lights, it shot upwards into space."
- 1904 - U.S.S. Supply Report:** In the North Atlantic on February 28, an officer and crew members watched three bright red "meteors" approach the ship under a cloud deck, soar overhead passing above some broken clouds, then "move away moving up directly away from the Earth." "The largest was egg-shaped and had an area about six suns, the second was twice the size of the sun and the third about the size of the sun." They were in view over two minutes.
- 1921 - Signals From Space:** Marconi and other scientists report they had received alien signals from space. Tesla had made similar claims in 1899. Dr. R. Bracewell of the Radio Astronomy Institute reports unexplained signals were picked up on radio telescopes in 1927, 1928 and 1964. Now, Dr. M. Canfield has admitted that SETI has received thirty-seven messages which they are unable to decipher.
- 1931 - First Air-to-Air UFO Sighting:** Piloting a small plane from Australia to New Zealand, pilot F. Chicester spotted a gray-white disc with brightly flashing lights which followed him for some miles then accelerated out of sight.
- 1932 - Ghost Fliers:** Between 1932 and 1937, thousands of "Ghost Fliers" were reported across Northern Europe. They flew in raging blizzards, and circled small villages, towns, military installations and ships at sea. Some reported them piloted by strange figures in hoods and goggles, but others said they looked more like a star than a plane. Some reported the sound of an engine, but most said they were silent or just hummed.
- 1942 - Los Angeles Air Raid:** On February 25, at least a dozen objects cruised above Los Angeles for an hour while anti-aircraft batteries fired 1430 rounds at them, some reported exploding directly against a large target. No aircraft was shot down and a thorough investigation concluded there were no enemy, Army, Navy, commercial or private aircraft near Los Angeles during that time period.
- 1942 - First Foo Fighter Report:** On March 14, German pilot Hauptmann Fischer intercepted a 300-ft long, 50-ft diameter "aerial whale" over Germany's secret air base at Banak, Norway. Film of an experimental rocket launch from the secret Kummersdorf test center on February 12 showed a spherical object chasing and circling the rocket.
- 1942 - First UFO Photo:** A sharp, clear photo of a disk-shaped UFO over Tientsien, Hopeh Province, China was taken by a Nationalist Chinese General.
- 1943 - Foo Fighters:** Hundreds of Axis and Allied pilot and aircrew intelligence debriefing reports, from both European and Pacific Theaters, during the last three years of World War II described various kinds of "balls of light" that intercepted, flew alongside, maneuvered around, and greatly outperformed existing aircraft. Both Allied and Axis Powers thought they were a secret weapon from the other side. They have never been publicly identified.

TIME LINE OF MODERN UFO INCIDENTS

This chart is intended to simply relate some of the thousands of UFO events of the last fifty years to concurrent political and military events so that a better understanding of when and how the public acquired knowledge about the UFO phenomenon can be envisioned. No attempt is made to judge the factuality of any event; each individual must decide that for himself or herself. Some events, later proven to be hoaxes, still had a profound effect on the public. An event may have been real, deliberate misinformation to educate or mislead or an unethical hoax.

YEAR		KNOWN TO PUBLIC	HIDDEN FROM PUBLIC
—		Allied forces land in N.Africa.	German pilot reports "aerial whale".
—		Tide of war begins turn to favor Allies.	British establish "Foo Fighter" investigation; other nations quickly follow.
—		D-Day; Allied armies invade Europe.	The Philadelphia Experiment (Hoax ?). Foo Fighters active in Europe and Pacific.
1945—		Germany surrenders.	
—		Japan surrenders; World War II ends.	Alaska RB-29 deployments; arctic UFO reconnaissance flights
—		First "Ghost Rocket" report - Finland.	British, others investigate Ghost Rockets.
—		Ghost Rockets seen across North Europe.	Roswell & San Agustin UFO recoveries.
—		Ghost Rockets in S. Europe and N. Africa.	3 UFO incidents same day at Muroc AFB.
—		Maury Island debris fall; K.Arnold sighting.	Gen Twining's letter; Majestic-12 established.
—		Roswell crashed disk news story, retraction.	Proj.Sign (TS) opened Jan'48; closed Aug'48.
—		Capt. T. Mantell UFO chase and crash.	Aztec, Paradise Valley, El Indio recoveries.
1950—		Lt. Gorman's dogfight; Eastern's near miss.	Project Grudge (TS); Los Alamos UFO conf.
—		Media reports of UFO crash at Aztec, NM.	White Sands contractor photos UFOs.
—		Mass UFO flights over Farmington, NM.	
—		McMinville UFO photos; Great Falls Movies.	Canadian Top Secret memo, UFO program.
—		Green Fireballs across west; Lubbock Lights.	Relocation of UFO contactees/abductees.
—		Project Bluebook organized.	Heligoland/Spitsbergen UFO recovery.
—		Tremonton UT film; Washington DC flap.	UFOs over Ft.Monmouth restart secret probe.
—		Florida scouts & SM encounter landed UFO	CIA Robertson Panel; Pentacle memo.
—		Angel Hair falls; Green Fireballs in west.	AF establishes UFO tracking squadrons.
—		Kinross AFB F-89 disappears chasing UFO	Bluebook policy changed to ridicule/harassment
—		Ruppelt resigns from AF; G.Light letter.	Analysis of AF gun camera film of UFOs.
1955—		F-94 chasing UFO crashes, Walesville, NY.	Secret facility at Groom Lake (Area 51) begun.
—		Fleets of UFOs seen over Rome, Italy.	Blue Book Special Report 14 (Battelle study).
—		Dr.LaPaz on green fireballs; Belgium photos	Bentwaters, England, radar/visual encounters.
—		Ruppelt's plus six major books on UFOs.	
—		UFO explodes, Utabuba, Brazil; debris falls.	AF asks Springfield to screen UFO reports.
—		Villas-Boas abduction; UFO terrorizes Fort.	USAF ELINT RB-47, UFO analyze each other.
—		UFO Electromagnetic effects, Levelland TX.	Analysis of Dr.Fontes letter, debris from Brazil
—		Brazilian Navy Trindade Island UFO photos	N.Gardner describes UFO debris files she
—		Congressional hearings on UFOs.	maintained as civilian worker at WPAFB.
—		Natives & UFO crew waive at each other.	
1960—			NASA, NORAD track mystery satellites.
—		SETI initiated by Dr. Frank Drake.	UFOs across Europe trigger NATO study.
—		US support troops sent to Vietnam.	
—		Barney & Betty Hill abductions.	Govt Astronomers meet on inhabited planets.
—			NM UFO recovery; Mercury-7 reports UFO.
—		UFO tracked; sunbright explosion NE NV.	X-15 pilot reports UFO at 58 miles altitude.
—		Cuban Missile Crisis.	UFOs surround Soviet s-craft; Gemini followed.
—			Holloman AFB UFO landing; AF-alien conf.
—		Zamora's Socorro NM UFO encounter.	NASA's analysis of Socorro landing rocks.
1965—			The Assessment, NATO UFO study completed.
—		Glassboro NJ UFO landings.	UFO's in-flight probe of Atlas warhead.
—		First US combat forces sent to Vietnam.	12 UFOs over Edwards AFB five hours.
—		Incident at Exeter NH. Great NE blackout.	Gemini-7 photos UFO; Gemini 9, 10 followed.
—		Kecksburg UFO recovery; Swamp Gas inc.	R. Low memo on conduct of U-Colo UFO study
—		Betty Andreasson abduction.	LCol Cook, UFOs interplanetary; G-11 sees U.
—		S. Michelak burned by UFO takeoff, Canada	

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