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Reform Begins at Home!

MUFON MN State Director Lorna Hunter

The subject of UFOs is, by its nature, controversial. We, as investigators, have our hands full dealing with skeptics, debunkers, and comedians. The last thing we need is for UFO organizations to be fighting amongst themselves or, worse yet, within themselves as is the case with MUFON.

MN Mufon has always tried to set an example of how a successful organization can operate. We've been holding monthly meetings for 24 years! In 2007 we incorporated as a non-profit entity within our state, and appointed a 9 member board of directors who have worked together successfully to meet the needs of our members and non-members alike.

Last year, working with CO Mufon we implemented video conferencing which has allowed MUFON members in Hawaii, Canada, and elsewhere to join in our meetings. In keeping with MUFON's mission statement "for the benefit of humanity" we donated all of the proceeds from our June meetings to the local Salvation Army. We have our first MN UFO Conference scheduled for Oct. 8, 2011.

Twice each year we hold a board of directors meeting. These, to date, have not been open to the public. In light of the recent controversy within MUFON, and once again to serve as an example, the MN board of directors has called a special session of the board to meet on July 9, 2011 in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting.

The Committee to Reform MUFON (CRM) is fervently calling for transparency at the upper levels of management in MUFON. Since several of our members are also signers of the petition to reform MUFON we feel it is hypocritical to continue to hold closed board meetings at the state level.

A copy of our bylaws will be made available to all attendees and open discussion and feedback from the attendees concerning the future and direction of our group will be welcomed and encouraged.

I feel opening our board meeting will make us a stronger organization. Hopefully, the people who attend this meeting will go away with a sense of ownership and commitment knowing their opinions matter to us.

Attendees at UFO meetings are an extremely eclectic group, but it is the one place they can come where their differences don't matter. We want to make sure we continue to provide that type of atmosphere and welcome everyone, no matter what other organizations they may affiliate with.



Minnesota Mufon Meetings

**Sat., July 9th & Sat., Aug. 13th
2pm - 5pm**

**New Brighton Family
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Room 224
400 - 10th St. NW
(located 1/4-mile S.W.
of Hwy 694 and 35W.)**

**PARK FREE! The building is
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**(Note: The building has no
special security, so you can
come and go as you please
and smoke outdoors. There
is also an elevator.)**

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We are, after all, looking for the same answers and working toward disclosure.

UFOs and Reality

By Dick Moss, MUFON MN

In September of 1956, some twelve miles west of Holloman AFB, a domed disk-shaped "something" set down about fifty yards from a highway causing car radios and ignition systems to fail. Morning traffic backed up as stunned witnesses, including two Air Force colonels, two sergeants, and base employees watched the craft for about ten minutes before it lifted off with a whirring sound.

All base employees were assembled in a hangar, questioned, and sworn to strict secrecy regarding the incident. Officials in the Pentagon were emphatic that the object was definitely not any known aircraft under development by the U.S. or any foreign government.

Perhaps the earliest record of visits can be seen on a mountain in China. Granite carvings dated as early as 45,000 BC depict figures with large torsos.

The most remarkable evidence was chipped and painted on cave walls by Cro-Magnon ancestors. Caves in both France and Spain vividly portray bison, horses, reindeer, and mammoths. Scattered among the various caves are a variety of incomprehensible signs and shapes which many have tended to ignore. But many of the oval and disk shapes created by the Paleolithic artists agree, feature for feature, with descriptions of what 20th century humans have seen in the sky.

Down through history UFOs seem to have assumed forms acceptable to the culture in which they appeared. During November of 1896 airships appeared all up and down the west coast and were reported by teachers, newspaper editors, lawyers and prominent citizens. Every night there were reports of bright searchlights sweeping the ground.

On the night of August 30, 1973 UFOs were reported over 22 different Georgia towns. On September 8th word came from Hunter Army Airfield, near Savannah, that an object flashing blue, white, and amber lights had swooped down and forced a military patrol car into a ditch. Weeks later an object was seen that looked like a wind-up top with yellow lights around the middle of the UFO. Weeks later an Army helicopter pilot was able to avoid a collision with a cigar-shaped craft

coming toward it at perhaps 600 miles per hour. Captain Lawrence Coyne tried to put the helicopter into a dive only to have it mysteriously climb 2,000 feet straight up towards the presumed alien craft.

From coast to coast, flying saucers were appearing on radar scopes and on photographs. They seemingly caused car ignitions and headlights to fail, radios to cut out, and compass needles to spin. Physiological effects included prickling skin, feelings of weightlessness and temporary paralysis. Animals sometimes went into panic.

In every major sighting wave there is usually one case that catches the public's attention. In 1973 the big event occurred in Pascagoula, Mississippi when two shipyard workers, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, were fishing on the Pascagoula River. A UFO descended and hovered just above the ground a short distance away. When three robot-like creatures "floated out," Calvin fainted. Two of the aliens seized Hickson by the arms and "floated" him into the UFO.

From the moment the aliens touched Hickson he was not able to move and found himself laid out on "nothing." His body was examined from head to toe by a huge electronic eye. He estimated that he was on board the UFO for twenty minutes prior to being laid down on the river bank.

When asked if he believed their story, sheriff Fred Diamond said that the two asked to do a lie detector test. Hickson was shook up and cried. Parker prayed when he thought nobody could hear him. The sheriff was recording his words on a recorder when the two men were briefly being left alone. They did not know that they were being recorded. On the tape Parker sounded frantic.

Charles Hickson was given a lie detector test and according to the report of polygrapher operator, Hickson told the truth when he claimed that he believed he saw a spaceship, that he believed he was taken aboard a spaceship and that he saw three alien creatures.

Significant support for the story came from two well-known scientists, Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Dr. James Harder. A press conference resulted in which Dr. Hynek stated, "There's simply no question in my mind that these men have had a very frightening experience. Dr. Harder then laid it on the line by stating that the experience really happened. A strong feeling of terror is impossible to fake even under hypnosis. He was left with the

conclusion that we are dealing with an extraterrestrial phenomenon. Harder emphasized that he could say so beyond any reasonable doubt.

If Dr. Harder is correct, then the first question is: Why are they coming here?

Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman has suggested a variety of reasons why planet earth might be worth the trip. For example, Earth might be a rare supply depot for heavy metals and water.

Another big question is, "How do they get here?" Considering the rapid growth of earth science and technology, there is little reason to reject the idea that these craft operate on principles that still lie years into our future.

Arthur C. Clarke has pointed out that "Any sufficiently advanced technology would appear indistinguishable from magic." Inasmuch as today's magic is tomorrow's physics, we are already speculating about far-out concepts like space-time warps, teleportation, and black holes as subways of the future.

A 1973 Gallup Poll revealed that fifteen million Americans claim to have seen a flying saucer and that 51 percent of the population believe that flying saucers are indeed real. After 25 years of confusion and bad feeling, perhaps there has been a recognition that "need to know" is not an exclusively military idea and that the public itself has a need to know and that UFOs are an issue whose time has come.

AIR FORCE WINS 2007 ROSEMARY AWARD FOR WORST FOIA PERFORMANCE

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20070316/rosemary.htm>

*-National Security Archive Annual Award Cites
Lost Records and Broken Web Links, Quotes Court
-Decision That Ruled Air Force "Failed Miserably";
-One Purported Air Force Fax Number for FOIA
Requesters Rings in Hospital Room*

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Washington D.C., 16 March 2007 - The U.S. Air Force today won the third annual Rosemary Award, which recognizes the worst Freedom of Information Act performance by a federal agency. Given

annually by the Emmy-and George Polk Award-winning National Security Archive, the Rosemary Award is named after President Nixon's secretary Rosemary Woods and the backwards-leaning stretch which she testified resulted in her erasing eighteen-and-a-half minutes from a key Watergate conversation on the White House tapes.

Today's Rosemary Award citation quotes the U.S. District Court finding in 2006 that the Air Force had "failed miserably" to meet FOIA deadlines. The Award also cites Air Force's status as an "E-Delinquent" in the latest National Security Archive audit of agency compliance with the Electronic FOIA, which found 139 broken links on the Air Force FOIA Web sites. Air Force performance over the last year has also included losing records while ostensibly processing FOIA requests, and featuring a FOIA contact fax number that actually rang in a patient's room at the hospital at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio.

The 2006 Rosemary Award was presented to the Central Intelligence Agency for "the most dramatic one-year drop-off in professionalism and responsiveness to the public we have seen in 20 years of monitoring federal government compliance with the freedom of information law." After this poor performance, however, the CIA received high marks for its E-FOIA performance in the Archive's latest audit, "File Not Found: 10 Years After E-FOIA, Most Federal Agencies Are Delinquent."

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB182/rosemary.htm>

The Archive sued the Air Force in 2005 over its poor FOIA responsiveness, and Judge Collyer of the federal district court in Washington D.C. concluded in her April 2006 decision that the Air Force has "failed miserably to handle Archive FOIA requests in a timely manner" and "has engaged in a pattern or practice of failing to make timely determinations on its FOIA requests and appeals." Judge Collyer also noted that the Air Force itself recognized its FOIA failures: "A man of few words, Lieutenant General Hobbins, the Air Force's Chief Information Officer, has told the leadership of the Air Force's major commands that the Air Force record on handling FOIA requests has not been 'good.'" Now the Air Force is falling short of complying with Judge Collyer's orders in that lawsuit. It still has not produced all the requested documents and is repeatedly violating the court-ordered timeframes.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20050318/index.htm>
<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20060419a/index.htm>

This year's Rosemary Award will be presented to Lt. Gen. Michael W. Peterson, who replaced General

Hobbins as Chief Information Officer in November 2005, and Albert Bodnar, the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison. Some of the Rosemary Award findings:

On several occasions, the Air Force has misplaced or lost track of documents responsive to pending FOIA requests.

The only copy of a set of documents that was loaned to one Air Force office by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 1997 went missing, along with other files, after the office that had borrowed them was disbanded.

In December 2006, the Air Force sent a courier to pick up copies of several classified documents from NARA; two months later, the documents have not arrived at Air Force offices and security officials have been unable to locate them.

The Air Force cannot respond to one Archive request because the relevant documents were lost when an Air Force computer hard drive crashed; no paper copies were kept, and the Air Force does not know how many or which records were destroyed.

One key component, Air Materiel Command, does not have a central tracking database for all FOIA requests it receives; requests are tracked only by the individual AMC offices at various air force bases.

An Archive FOIA request filed with the Air Force after the 2005 lawsuit was filed has been pending with Air Mobility Command for two and a half years; in February 2007, the Archive was notified that Air Mobility Command would need more time to process the request.

The Air Force has wholly failed to implement the 1996 E-FOIA Amendments. According to a recent National Security Archive study, Air Force FOIA information is split between two distinct Web sites (only one accessible from the Air Force home page), and neither site contains the records E-FOIA requires agencies to make available. The Air Force attempts to pass off its responsibility for maintaining an electronic reading room by providing links—at least 139 of which are broken—to component and Air Force base Web sites. Many of the components have no FOIA page and do not post the required information.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB216/index.htm>

FOIA information on the Air Force Web site is incorrect and out-of-date. For example, a fax number for one Air Force component, listed on the

Air Force FOIA site as the place to send FOIA requests, was not an Air Force component's fax at all, but rather the phone number for a patient room in a base hospital at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio.

In August 2006, the Air Force claimed that its oldest pending FOIA request was submitted on May 1, 1997 in data it provided for the Department of Defense's annual FOIA report to Congress. In actuality, the Air Force has many much older requests, including one submitted by the Archive on February 25, 1988, and a number of other Archive requests dating to the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Air Force FOIA: Basic Facts (FY2006)
<i>Unless otherwise noted, all data from the Air Force Annual FOIA Report for Fiscal Year 2006</i>
Requests received: 10,916
Requests processed: 10,858
Granted in full: 3,960
Denied in part: 1,773
Denied in full: 221
No records: 1,231
Referrals: 1,872
Withdrawn by requester: 971
Appeals received: 279
Appeals processed: 78
Appeals granted in full: 2
Request backlog: 1,587
Total FOIA cost: \$13,884,549.24
Oldest pending FOIA request reported to DOD in August 2006: 05/01/97
Oldest Archive FOIA request pending with AF: 2/25/88*
E-FOIA required documents on AF Web site: 0*
Broken links on AF Web site as of 3/13/07: 139*
<i>* Data from the National Security Archive</i>

**The CE4 Corner – July/August 2011 –
Fear and Healing
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In recent months, I have gotten calls from quite a few experiencers – many (or even most) frightened of the high-strangeness influencing their lives. In several cases, as I have talked with the person on the phone, I could almost feel their fear. In nearly every case, the best I can do is to listen to their account and ask the right questions. The experiencer is often located somewhere else, far from the Minneapolis/Saint Paul metro area (usually another part of the country or even the world). Often, the best I can do is to connect them with resources in their area, including the contact information for their MUFON state director.

I often note that encounters have both a positive and a negative side. Among CE4 cases, the details may widely, yet I have found some aspects of the narrative to be quite similar across many encounters. Especially, I find that beneath the wonder and curiosity there often lurks a cloud of fear. This is the healer's challenge, to bring both a healer's empathy and an investigator's eye to the thread of unexplained influences – to help the experiencer come to terms with the shattered reality of the close encounter.

In this article, we explore some of the fear responses to the close encounter experience. Here, to preserve confidentiality while illustrating the basic elements of the encounter, I have aggregated several cases together into a single example. I will call the experiencer in this case "Sarah"

In most cases, it is relatively straightforward to begin trance-work. Unfortunately, as we began regression work and the scenario began to emerge, Sarah felt herself locking up with fear. While the event was typical (as high-strangeness encounters go), her reaction was stronger than expected. She found herself confronting a wall in her subconscious mind, hiding her memories. Probing the memory block, she felt a sense of deep fear and impending danger. As we explored further, the fear became significant. Soon, it became necessary to change gears. Fear management became the order of the day.

In Sarah's case, the first step was to return to her (previously established) safe place, making sure she felt secure and confident. I then invited her to return to the frightening event, observing it while

being aware at all times that she was safe and protected. She then could experience a safe level of the emotion, keeping her response at a comfortable level.

Once her emotional response was clear, I invited her to experience enough of it to be meaningful. I then asked her to go to earlier time when she felt the same way – a technique called the affect (or emotional) bridge. We repeated this, following the track of emotion back to the origination of the pattern, what hypnotherapists call the Initial Sensitizing Event or ISE. This is the earliest event in which the emotional response occurred. Once there, we were able to reframe the event, allowing Sarah to view it from her safe place as an adult. We were then able to bring the adult and the inner child parts together, with the more confident adult comforting the frightened child.

This technique, called the Informed Child, allowed Sarah to release the emotional charge imprinted in her subconscious during that distant event, reducing the fear at the core of the pattern. We were then able to explore the issue further, conducting additional deep trance healing wherever needed.

In nearly every case, including Sarah's, I have found that the issue originated in an event during early-childhood (usually about age two or three). And like may other's, Sarah's was unrelated to her UFO encounters. I have found examples to include experiences like:

- A frightening experience with an adult or older child, perhaps a bully experience or punishment at an early age,
- Seeing or hearing parents fighting (and often feeling that she is at fault)
- A scary or guilt-generating religious teaching such as anything unexplained is evil or diabolical,
- Feeling momentarily lost or temporarily abandoned (frequently for only a few minutes)

In each case, a pattern of fear begins at a very early age. Subsequently, similar events enhance and reinforce the pattern – a phenomenon we call a secondary sensitizing event (SSE) – including, of course, close encounter experiences.

In Sarah's case, a childhood scare began the pattern when, as a little girl, she found her baby sister in danger and her parents unavailable to help. In this case, we were able to bring the confidence of the adult self to the little girl. We were also able to make it clear that the situation was resolved and her baby sister remained safe. In this way, we were able to reconcile this frightening instance. I found that once we completed this work, the negative response seemed to fade. We were then able to explore her close encounters in detail.

To quote a hypnotherapy instructor of mine from many years ago, 'good research is good therapy.' To me, the ultimate expression of this combination is the resolution of the fear response. In future articles I plan to have lots more on trance and healing work. To me, the ultimate healer's challenge has to be the fear and the shattered reality that so often accompanies the close encounter experience.

Human progress, Earth's future could be related to UFOs

Steve Hammons, May 01, 2011

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/view/233062/>

Have we acquired advanced technologies from contact with extraterrestrials? Many credible researchers who have looked into the general topic of alleged UFO incidents and evidence say the answer is yes.

Although average people might conclude that Earthly human consciousness might not be ready for more advanced technological knowledge, it could be the case that we are already engaged in this expansion of our understanding.

If certain elements of governmental defense, intelligence and scientific communities have already obtained some of this advanced technology, what have they done with it?

One logical conclusion is the application for advanced human aircraft and spacecraft. Propulsion systems that use anti-gravity methods have been reported and speculated about. Exotic materials from crashed or obtained spacecraft have also been alleged by some researchers.

There would also probably be many more kinds of technologies and knowledge related to communication, biology and other fields of human study and interest.

Have any of these alleged technologies been funneled into the pipeline for the wider benefit of human society? According to some speculation, the answer is yes and this has been ongoing for several decades. Additionally, more new public understanding based on sensitive projects of this kind may also be on the way.

EARTH IN TRANSITION

The smooth and seamless transition of new technologies into the larger human society might be the easy part. A more complex challenge could involve preparing Earth humans for new awareness about the Universe, other intelligent life and the nature of human consciousness.

Would such an ongoing transition be part of a secret master plan or just the natural progression of our overall understanding? Probably both.

And, there may be many ways to present or interpret such information in various kinds of media platforms and other methods of information distribution.

New perspectives from certain research projects and operational activities could also be much wider, deeper and more unconventional than most of us can imagine. Our views of life and reality could change quite a bit.

At the same time, maybe more clear and constructive viewpoints about Earth, humanity and the Universe could emerge. Maybe human development could move forward in ways that allow us to use new knowledge and technologies to enhance progress and make sense.

Are there legitimate defense and intelligence concerns about these possible situations? If so, what are some of the issues involved? And, how should information and concepts be communicated to people globally?

Responding to these questions could be challenging because the state of human development and geopolitical circumstances on Earth remains problematic in many ways.

Wars, suffering, injustice, cruelty, disease, natural disasters, energy acquisition and use, food and water shortages, overpopulation, pollution and climate change are some of the indicators that the human race faces, and creates, many difficulties.

PROCESSES AND TIPPING POINTS

The human race seems to be a work in progress. New information about, and the application of unconventional and exotic technologies could be helpful, problematic and a mix of both.

Yet, because more awareness about leading-edge and forward-leaning research and discoveries will continue to reach larger segments of humanity, it seems intelligent to continue a process of communication, orientation, acclimation and education.

Will new technologies partly obtained from exotic sources allow humans to explore space in new ways? Actually, some speculation indicates that this may have already happened to a significant degree.

Can we gain new ideas about ways to solve environmental threats? This could be very helpful before it is too late and Earth's ecosystem and climate deteriorate to a tipping point or even a point of no return.

Would discoveries about multiple dimensions, time-space anomalies, quantum physics and a larger intelligence in the Universe disrupt or confirm human beliefs? Although a bit challenging, most people might be able to wrap their minds around many of these types of ideas.

Global safety could well be enhanced by using discoveries about human awareness and perception, including wider application of the concept of "transcendent warfare." This term refers to a view that embraces new developments to deal with the continued dilemmas of human conflict, war and destruction.

Whether we acquire new understanding from the alleged occupants or sources of UFOs, make independent discoveries ourselves, or some synergy of both emerges, it seems that there is potential to make many kinds of helpful breakthroughs.

If some researchers are correct, a process is underway to make progress in many ways. Such a process could also be punctuated by certain tipping points and these could possibly be quite inspiring, uplifting and even heartwarming.

Authors of the Impossible

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Here is a book by a scholar that presents evidence that today's science is inadequate to explain paranormal phenomena and UFOs. A fundamental paradigm change is required. Far smarter people than me are coming to the same conclusions: there is plenty of evidence that the paranormal and UFOs are real and we need to fundamentally revise our epistemology (theory of knowledge) to accommodate this new data. Be a man (or woman) who is ahead of your time. Those who remain locked into our current paradigm of knowledge will be as scorned by the future as the priests that arrested Gallileo. Those who pioneered a new way of thinking to account for new data (as Gallileo did) and experienced the joy of discovery of new knowledge, even if their names are lost to history, will be collectively remembered and honored. (In case anyone wants to read or just skim my UFO paper which I am presenting at the University of Pennsylvania on June 3, I have attached it. It is quite remarkable that the theme of my paper is the same as that of the Authors of the Impossible. I didnt know about the book until today).

Demand the Impossible

Posted by Christopher Knowles

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<http://secretsun.blogspot.com/2010/10/demand-impossible.html>

What do you get when you take a razor-sharp mind with a state-of-the-art bullshit detector and apply it all to a sphere of inquiry most academics run in terror for their careers from?

You get Jeff Kripal's Authors of the Impossible, a book that people in the future will look back on as a pivotal text in the development of a new consensus on topics that have for too long been consigned to the fringes. (Note: Read Jeff's bio here.) (There is a companion movie coming out titled Demand the Impossible.)

There is a new consensus unfolding that acknowledges the past but isn't beholden to it. That acknowledges the importance of the scientific method but recognizes its limitations in certain dilemmas. I hope that you read Authors of the Impossible and hope that it inspires you to apply a similar discipline to your own research. Discipline, rigor and most of all courage are desperately needed as the old weird becomes the New Normal.

Here's a description taken from Jeff's site. It refers to the upcoming film but covers the basic outline of the book as well:

The film profiles four extraordinary thinkers: the British psychical researcher F. W. H. Myers, the American anomalist writer and humorist Charles Fort, the astronomer, computer scientist, and ufologist Jacques Vallee, and the French philosopher Bertrand Méheust. Gradually, eerily, what Kripal dubs "the fantastic narrative of Western occulture" emerges before the reader from within that strange middle realm where fact mimics fiction, where fraud mimics fact, where everything is related and nothing is as it seems. The cultural histories of telepathy, teleportation, and UFO's, a ghostly love story, the occult dimensions of science fiction, cold war psychic espionage, galactic colonialism, poltergeist girls, consciousness as the creator of culture, and culture as the crystallization of consciousness—it is all impossible, and it all happens here.

Ultimately, *Authors of the Impossible* is about us—you and me—waking up inside a dream, a novel, or a movie (call it culture, society, or religion) and realizing, with a start, that we are its authors. Even more stunning, we realize that none of it is real (to the extent that it pretends to be literal, stable, and absolute), and that all of it is real (to the extent that it reflects and expresses the Consciousness that projected it). Realization is the insight that we are being written, that we are caught in a story we did not write. Authorization is the decision to do something about it. If Realization involves the act of reading the paranormal writing us, Authorization involves the act of writing the paranormal writing us. What the film is finally about, then, is us becoming our own *Authors of the Impossible*.

All that being said, let's go to part one of an interview I did with Jeff:

Jeff, tell us about the basic premise of *Authors of the Impossible*.

The basic premise of the book is that paranormal experiences, as anomalous events that possess both objective and subjective dimensions, do not and cannot be fit into our normal dualistic way of looking at the world as either "material" or "mental." They can, however, be fruitfully approached as "living stories" or as "physical meanings" that are appearing in our world.

One of the thrulines in the book is the essential malleability of what we call reality. How would you explain that concept to a (relatively intelligent) novice?

Our experience of reality is always filtered through our psyches and its linguistic, cultural, social, and biological conditioning. Different such conditionings produce different experiences of reality, different possibilities, and so different impossibilities. Reality is thus not stable as we move from culture to culture or temporal period to temporal period. It shifts, morphs, and moves. And--and this is the cool part--we have some power of how it is shaped and appears to us through these various linguistic, cultural, and social filters.

How have your peers in Academia responded to the work?

It's too early for that. Reviews generally take a year, believe it or not. I've received some very positive feedback via correspondence and conversation, though. My sense is that intellectuals are fascinated by this stuff, like everyone else.

We've seen certain writers work in relative obscurity- or are even shunned by the mainstream- in their lifetimes- do you foresee a future in which Jacques Vallee or Bernard Meheust are taken more seriously by people outside UFO/paranormal circles?

I certainly hope so. That's one big reason I wrote this book. To get serious readers to take these wonderful writers more seriously.

We've seen Philip K Dick become more highly regarded by the Intelligentsia- could something similar happen to Charles Fort, or is his work too weird?

I don't know why not? Though Fort did not really tell stories like Dick did. That's one big reason Dick has been embraced by Hollywood. His work lends itself to story-telling, because it IS storytelling.

So how does the normal person sense this? Or do they?

A normal person senses this precisely in those anomalous events we call "paranormal." Individuals who have traveled a great deal or lived in another culture also know this intuitively.

Why is the UFO topic so heated up these days?

Well, that's an easier one: because many, many UFO sightings violate our understanding of how reality works and our sense of place in the universe. If these things are really happening, and I really do think they are happening, then our science and our self-understanding are both seriously challenged. Any system, be it religious or scientific or political, will resist these kinds of profound challenges through a kind of immunological response. That is, the system will surround and eject the anomalous or problematic presence like an invading bacteria or disease. In the more poetic terms of Charles Fort, the Dominant will "damn" the offending datum.

Has the nonphysical reality of UFOs become a dogma unto itself?

Not mine.

The reason I ask is because in UFOlogy circles you'll have your self-appointed "Vallee fundamentalists" who shut out all opposing views as to the physicality of UFOs. Why do so we seldom hear the argument that stories of djinn and fairies were in fact close encounters that people simply pasted folklore and religious dogma over?

Vallee himself insists on the physical dimensions. He also insists on the folkloric dimensions. He insists on BOTH. That's what makes him Jacques Vallee. I too am a both/and thinker, not an either/or thinker. As for the founders, yes, they were most likely very porous to these sorts of experiences, but I would not say that the dogmas were "pasted over" their experiences. I would say that the doctrines emerged from these experiences and enabled other people later to have similar sorts of experiences. The problem, of course, always comes in when the religious tradition insists on only its doctrines, only its practices, etc. That's always a mistake. And it has produced untold violence and suffering in human history.

Of the most famous UFO abduction cases, which strike you as the most likely to be a report of a real, physical event?

This is a tough one for two reasons. First, I do not make the equation of "real" and "physical," as I think there are entire realms of reality that are not "physical" or even "material" in the sense we usually mean those terms, so I think that UFO encounters could be very real and not at all physical. Second, I find it difficult because I am not an expert on UFOs, that is, I do not have any experience in the field with such things. I would

point the reader to the very recent Wonders in the Sky of Jacques Vallee and Chris Aubeck as a kind of model of best practice here.

Does the rise in visibility in the media on the UFO topic somehow translate into credible contacts, meaning not just hysteria or hoaxes?

These are not all hoaxes, and I'm not sure "hysteria" explains anything at all. In my mind, both "explanations" are just intellectual cop-outs, that is, refusals to think before the abyss.

**FIFTY YEARS OF SPACE NUCLEAR
POWER - SECRECY NEWS from the FAS
Project on Government Secrecy
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Fifty years ago this week, on June 29, 1961, an electrical generator driven by nuclear energy was launched into space for the first time.

The SNAP-3 radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG) powered by the natural decay heat of plutonium-238 provided a minuscule 2.7 watts of power to the Navy's Transit 4A navigational satellite, which was placed in orbit around the Earth at a mean altitude of 930 kilometers. The event was commemorated in this advertisement for Martin Marietta, as the device's manufacturer was then known, which appeared in the December 1962 issue of Astronautics magazine (thanks to Gary L. Bennett): <http://www.fas.org/nuke/space/ad1962.pdf>

Since that time, plutonium power sources have enabled a series of ambitious missions into deep space that may rank among the grandest adventures of all time, extending human cognition into domains that were previously accessible only by imagination. Voyager 1 and 2, for example, twin RTG-powered probes which were launched in 1977, are now on the threshold of becoming the first spacecraft to leave the solar system and to enter interstellar space.

<http://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/mission/interstellar.html>

"The men and women involved in Voyager did something that is absolutely the equal of Magellan or Columbus or any of the great explorers of terrestrial discovery," said project contributor (and FAS sponsor) Ann Druyan. She and Voyager project scientist Ed Stone offered "Perspectives on More Than 3 Decades of the Voyager Mission" in an article by Randy Showstack in the May 10 issue of

EOS, the newsletter of the American Geophysical Union (scroll down to the middle of the first page):

<http://www.agu.org/pubs/pdf/2011EO190003.pdf>

Unfortunately, the plutonium 238 power sources that are used to power these missions are not only expensive, they are dirty and dangerous to produce and to launch. The first launch accident involving an RTG occurred as early as 1964 and distributed 17,000 curies of plutonium-238 around the globe, a 4% increase in the total environmental burden (measured in curies) from all plutonium isotopes (mostly fallout from atmospheric nuclear weapons testing).

http://www.princeton.edu/sgs/publications/sgs/pdf/1_1-2Aftergood.pdf

A plutonium fueled RTG that was deployed in 1965 by the CIA not in space but on a mountaintop in the Himalayas (to help monitor Chinese nuclear tests) continues to generate anxiety, not electricity, more than four decades after it was lost in place. See, most recently, "River Deep Mountain High" by Vinod K. Jose, The Caravan magazine, December 1, 2010: <http://www.caravanmagazine.in/Story.aspx?Storyid=628>

A good deal of effort has been invested to make today's RTGs more or less impervious to the most likely launch accident scenarios. But they will be never be perfectly safe. In order to minimize the health and safety risks involved in space nuclear power while still taking advantage of the benefits it can offer for space exploration, the Federation of American Scientists years ago proposed that nuclear power -- both plutonium-fueled RTGs and uranium-fueled reactors -- be used only for deep space missions and not in Earth orbit.

http://www.calpoly.edu/~dhafemci/SciAm_June_1991_NuclearPowerSpace.pdf

Although this proposal was never officially adopted, it represents the defacto policy of space-faring nations today.

The next RTG enabled space mission, the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL), is scheduled to be launched from Cape Canaveral between November 25 and December 18 of this year. The MSL rover, known as "Curiosity," will be fueled with 4.8 kilograms of plutonium dioxide. It will be, NASA says, "the largest, most capable rover ever sent to another planet."

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/index.html

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MUFON MN News

For the Benefit of Humanity Lorna Hunter

MUFON's Mission Statement "...for the benefit of humanity" has been explained as one day discovering technology possessed by our cosmic neighbors which could benefit the inhabitants of Earth. We all know that may be a ways off!

But, there is something we can do for humanity, our own Earthly neighbors, right now - donate to a local charity to benefit the victims of this Spring's phenomenal storms.

MUFON MN worked with The Salvation Army recently, and donated all of the proceeds from our June meetings to help the victims of the May tornado that ripped through Minneapolis, MN. Our members generously donated \$250 to The Salvation Army, which was matched by a grant, so our amount donated equates to \$500 to help supply food, shelter, and clothing to our neighbors in need.



Left to right: Tommy Maher, Mary Gochnauer, Bob Engberg

The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and even local food shelves need our help and welcome every donation they get! The Salvation Army, www.thesalvationarmy.org, and the Red Cross, www.redcross.org, both have simple on-line applications which need to be filled out for a group to hold a fundraiser in their name. I called the local Salvation Army office and they walked me right through the

process and delivered the Red Kettle to our meeting location. Individuals can donate on-line too and designate where they want the donation to go.

I hope every state will consider holding a fund raising event for a local charity once a year. State organizations donating at the local level like this portray MUFON in a positive light and reinforce our mission statement: "For the Benefit of Humanity!"

1st Annual MN UFO Conference set for Oct. 8, 2011!

Speaker line-up includes: Craig R. Lang speaking on Abduction Research; Chad Lewis with Strange Creatures of Wisconsin and Minnesota, Adrian Lee with UFOs in Art History; Ted Phillips with the Paranormal Events in Marley Woods; followed by a Speaker Panel discussion.

This event will take place at the New Brighton Family Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN, 55112. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, 9am to 6pm. There will be a vendor area with book signings by the speakers and other local celebs, plus ghost hunting equipment, and much more!

Pre-register by Oct. 1st and admission will be \$25 for an all day pass which includes all 5 presentations. Admission at the door on Oct. 8th will be \$30 for a day pass for all 5 presentations, or \$10 for each single presentation.

More details will be posted in the coming months so for more info keep an eye on these websites: www.mufonsd.org and www.mnmufon.org
Or email: mnufoconference@mufonsd.org

Upcoming events:

MUFON MN at New Brighton, July 9th: First half of the meeting - open Board meeting, more details on the Oct. MN UFO Conference, and book reviews. Second half of the meeting - Dean DeHarpporte will present: "UFOs: Beyond the Nuts and Bolts: The Technology of Extradimensional Aliens."

Aug, 1st - Waite Park: KT Kelle, author, experiencer, will talk about her experience with UFOs in MN when she was young and the effect it had on family dynamics. KT now writes children's books about aliens and UFOs.

Aug. 13th - New Brighton: Bill McNeff will present: "UFOs and ET: Best Cases."

Aug. 13th - Craig Lang and Dean DeHarpporte will be speaking at Parasota 2011:
<http://parasota2011.eventbrite.com/> Dean's presentation is at 7:30pm and Craig's is at 900pm.

Sept. 10th - New Brighton: First half we'll view the documentary "UFOs 1973 - Aliens, Abductions, and Extraordinary Sightings." This documentary does a great job of giving an in-depth look at the UFO "flap" of 1973, including the un-cut police audiotapes for the famous Pascagoula, MS event. After the break, the producer of his documentary, J. Michael Long will join us, via video conference, to talk about his own sightings in 1973, which prompted him to make this documentary. Michael will also take Q & A.

Oct. 8th, New Brighton - beginning at 9:00am - The 1st Annual MN UFO Conference!!

Items of Interest:

Scientists Find ET Genes in Human DNA:
<http://agoracosmopolitan.com/home/Frontpage/2007/01/08/01288.html>

UFO Cover Up - The Early Days:
<http://www.kevinrandle.blogspot.com/>
You can hear Kevin on Coast to Coast: UFOs - Cases and Crashes <http://www.coasttocoastam.com/show/2011/06/06>
(If you are a Coast subscriber this is an excellent interview! Kevin is on Hours 2 - 4.)

Open Minds: <http://www.openminds.tv/>
FATE Magazine: <http://www.fatemag.com/>
As always, keep an eye on MUFON:
<http://www.mufon.com/>
The Outer Space Security & Development Treaty?
<http://peaceinspace.com/2-19-2011OuterSpaceTreaty.pdf>

International Director, Clifford Clift, recently taped an interview on "The Daily Show, with Jon Stewart." It is my understanding that Jon and his staff dressed as aliens for this interview! Keep an eye out for it. I do not know when it will be airing, but if I find out, I'll let you know!

Enjoy your summer!

Hope to see you all at one, or all, of our meetings this year! Please pass this on to anyone you feel would be interested in attending! Thank you!

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Below is a list of places Craig Lang and Dean DeHarpporte of MN MUFON will be speaking this summer!

Craig R. Lang, MS Cht Anomaly Researcher
Certified Hypnotherapist MN MUFON Asst State
Dir MUFON Abduction Response Team
Minneapolis, MN 763-257-7334
e-mail: craig@craigrlang.com
www.craigrlang.com
www.thecosmicbridge.com

Intuitive Forum: Presented by Kathryn Harwig,
Valerie Lis and Brenda Campbell.

The Intuitive Forum website is:
http://www.harwig.com/page_1187.html

The talk is from 7 to 9PM on Friday June 10th At
the Pilgrims United Church of Christ, 8801 Rice
Lake Rd, Maple Grove, MN

The cost is \$20 at the door. The public is invited.
There is a social hour at 6PM prior to the meeting.

Several of the intuitives in the group will be
conducting readings, healings, consultations, etc.,
during that open hour.

Parasota 2011 Conference: Friday Aug 12 9PM
and Saturday Aug 13, from 11 AM to 11:30 PM at the
GrandStay Hotel and conference center in Apple
Valley, MN

Cost \$30 for Saturday talks/presentations

UFO and Close encounter talks:

- Dean DeHarpporte, of Minnesota MUFON will be
talking at 7:15PM on UFOs, Beyond the Nuts and
Bolts.
- I will be speaking at 9:45 PM on Saturday 8/13,
on Alien Abduction.
- I will also be available during the day and
Saturday evening following the lecture to talk with
close encounter experiencers and to conduct
possible hypnosis sessions.

Parasota 2011 conference Information:

www.parasota.com (main website),
www.parasota2011.eventbrite.com (event website & tickets),
www.facebook.com/parasota (Facebook page)

MUFON International UFO Symposium: The
2011 MUFON conference will be at the Hyatt
Regency in Irvine, CA, July 29-31. I plan to arrive
on Thursday July 28 and will be there thru Sunday

July 31, leaving (very early) on the morning of Mon
Aug 1.

I will be available to do hypnotic regression work
afternoon to evening Sunday July 31 or Thursday
evening July 28 (depending on flight
arrival/departure times). Other times may be
possible as well, during the weekend. Close
Encounter Experiencers and others interested in
hypnosis work, please contact me by e-mail
(craig@craigrlang.com), or phone at 763-257-7334.

Minnesota UFO Reports

Source: MUFON-CMS
Case Number: 29837
(Vallee Classification) AN1
State (USA) Minnesota
County: Rice
(Nearest) City: Faribault
Date of Event: 2011-07-01 - exact
Time of Event (Local Time): 00:00:00 -
Area/Site: Farmland
Area/Terrain: Lake
Sky: Overcast
Weather Factors: Lightning, Light

Short Description of UFO Event: Pulsating object
above tree line

Detailed Description of the UFO Event:

I was near Circle Lake in Minnesota when I saw the
object. I was looking north and, unknown distance
away, saw a pulsating fireball stationary just above
the horizon. It looked kind of like emergency lights
would look from a distance, if they could hover
above horizon. The light was mostly white with a
pulsating red tint. It looked quite different than an
airplane, and was far lower in the sky than most
aircraft fly.

The object disappeared behind the trees and
traveled a few degrees to the east, looking like it
was above Interstate 35. Same pulsating fireball /
sparking look. No sound.

This was just after a thunderstorm passed and the
air was still and quiet. The sun was not out, so I
don't think it would have been reflections off metal.
I thought it might be fireworks, but it had just
poured rain with strong winds so I doubt anyone
was out. And I never heard any crackles or booms.
Plus, the object hung in the sky for a few minutes
motionless before it, I guess, apparently moved or
reappeared some distance away to the east. It

disappeared after a minute or two. It didn't move like fireworks move, either. It was much more deliberate and steady in its motion.

I don't know why I noticed it. I just happened to glance between the trees and saw an object in the sky where there usually isn't anything at all.

My wife saw it too. She was standing next to me.

National UFO Reporting Center

Sighting Report Occurred : 7/3/2011 03:00

Reported: 7/3/2011 2:54:43 AM 02:54

Posted: 7/4/2011

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Shape: Other

Duration: unknown

Report:

I called about a month ago to report what appeared to be three strange lights visible in the night sky that myself and a few neighbors noticed at about 3 am for a few nights consecutively. I could make out three lights in what i would say were in a formation with the center light blinking rapidly.

It was obvious to me that these lights did not originate from any aircraft known to me i automatically called 911 and was told there were other confirmed reports of these lights as well as my own report.

It has been a month now and i have experienced lapses in time between the hours of 3 am onward and after a few strange dreams i woke up with a numbness in my right hand. This IS NOT an attempt to hoax.

I am very frightened to have discovered an object about a half centimeter underneath the skin of my right thumb (second knuckle) and i have no recollection of having ever noticed it before. I don't know what to make of it.

I am going to go to a hospital to arrange for it to be removed. The object is dark and from what i can see about the size of an apple seed. I can see it because of its dark color and closeness to the surface of my skin but it is an object that I can feel by pushing down on the area.

I don't know what this is but it was never there before all of these strange incidents began to occur.

I have not seen the lights since my last report

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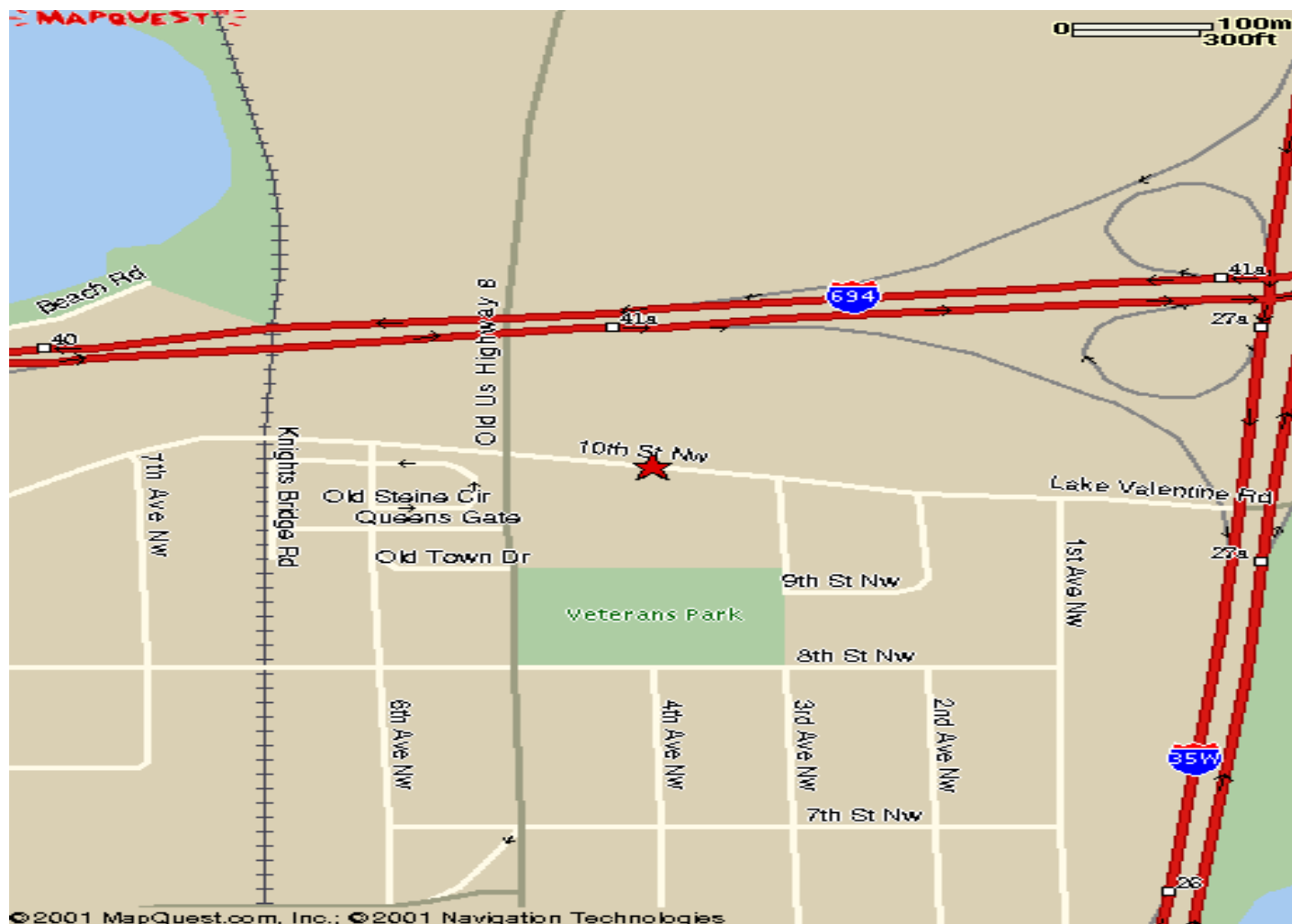
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