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Commentary;

" Kill The Messenger "  
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UFOs, flying saucers, OVNIs, or whatever you want to call them have been the focal point of one of the greatest mysteries of our time. The military and intelligence agencies of various countries have tried in vain to solve the mystery. Scientists have made numerous pronouncements about nature of these things and some of the statements have been brilliant; but just as many have bordered on sheer stupidity. Debunkers have tried in vain to make UFOs a non-subject. UFO investigators and researchers have done indepth studies, formulated impressive hypotheses, and battled the military, the debunkers, public apathy and each other with only a modicum of success.

In both industry and government we have had many examples of highly successful endeavors in medicine, weapons, electronics, aerospace, and a host of other fields. Nearly always, the key to success has been teamwork through a project-type approach to the problem. The space program is an excellent example of this. Competing contractors and government agencies have worked in close harmony to build and fly Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Space Shuttle, Voyager, Viking, and the List goes on and on. Teamwork breeds success. That does not mean that all members of these teams were always in full agreement, quite the contrary. However, there existed a management structure and a team resolve aimed at preventing dissention from clouding the goals, diverting the work, and destroying the programs. This structure and resolve only partially exists in Ufology today and that is in the unselfish leaders and workers in the volunteer UFO organizations of the world.

Even so, there is no unified approach to the problem, no project-type thrust aimed at finding a satisfactory solution. In fact, the situation is worst than that. There is a very real divisive thrust by a number of individuals to control opinion, limit investigation, insert bias, impugn the character of others, censor reports, and limit the free interchange of information. I won't mention names here, but these controllers are in the ranks of Ufology - some are debunkers, others are believers. Either way they are easy to identify. They don't want a free exchange of information unless it is their information. Thousands of qualified investigators have left Ufology because of the distasteful treatment they have received in dealing with the controllers. Letters and telephone calls from a large number of these individuals has identified the following items as no longer acceptable:

- \* forgetting the importance of volunteer workers
- \* adversarial relationships between ufologists
- \* lack of respect for an individual's work
- \* censorship
- \* holding-back information
- \* failure to publish reports of work in progress
- \* name calling
- \* hoaxing
- \* playing tricks (i.e. dirty tricks)
- \* ridicule
- \* aloofness
- \* abusive language or behavior
- \* ignoring or changing facts gleaned by the investigator
- \* defamation of character of witnesses or investigator
- \* power struggles in organizations
- \* ego problems of some of the leading experts, both debunkers and believers
- \* lack of ethics

What seems to happen on a fairly regular basis is that investigators spend untold hours working a case only to have some high-minded individual ignore their work, make some asinine statement about it, or if all else fails try to kill the messenger with words rather than trying to appreciate his/her work.

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A simple answer to this problem doesn't seem to exist. However, there is power in unity, like-mindedness and resolve. Investigators should from this day forward refuse to accept the aforementioned behavior. This can be done by demanding openness, honesty, and ethical behavior. Completely refuse to communicate with such individuals no matter how well known they may be. Do not provide them with more data for them to publish at a personal profit and at your expense. Support grass roots cooperative organizations instead. Network to form project-type teams to address specific problems such as propulsion, medical effects, abductions, ect. Make sure your information is so openly shared that no one can hide it ever again.

Dr. Hynek often spoke of how different 21st century science will probably be. Working together we can all be a part of his fantastic vision.

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#### Article Log

Mayfair - vol. #23 no.11 1988 p.#32 (Night of the UFOs)  
Ladies Home Journal - Oct. 1988 (article on Striebers  
"Transformation")

I would like to make a few comments on a couple of articles in this issue.

On page three I've reproduced the conclusion of Donald White's time travel article "Flying Saucers are they us"? Part one appeared in the Nov. issue #13 of Orbiter. The time travel theory is a very entertaining hypothesis on the origin of UFOs but it is one of the least popular of the theories. Interestingly, the New York Times (11/22/88) reported that three theoretical astrophysicists published a suggestion that the laws of physics might not prohibit "wormhole" travel through space and time. The NY Times report on the scientists from the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Kip S. Thorne and Dr. Ulvi Yurtsever and from the University of Wisconsin Dr. Michael S. Morris is very thought provoking. Possibly, in the future with years of advancement in technology and with a better understanding of astrophysical phenomena mankind could be taking shortcuts through the universe or through time into the past.

In the SR August 6, 1966 article on page seven notice the comment about Lt. Brandt, FIO from Pease AFB, indicating possibly that the USAF might be ready to leak out UFO information or test public reaction. It's quite ironic that these same conspiracy theories are as strong today as they were back then. Also interesting to note is the electronic beeping sound heard by Betty and Barney Hill. Betty Cash, Vickie and Colby Landrum also experienced an audible beeping sound during their 1980 encounter. John Schuessler, chief investigator in the Cash/Landrum case, draws strong speculation that beeping sounds can be induced by microwaves (ref. MUFON 1984 symposium proceedings).

On Oct. 19, 1985 in Boxboro Massachusetts and also in the neighboring town of Harvard approximately 15+ people including two police officers and a teacher from the Univ. of MA. reported strange balls of lights. The reports received extensive media coverage over a period of several days. A small handful of investigators including myself spent several days interviewing witnesses and collecting data on the reports. Briefly, what was reported were orange pulsating spheres which were a bit larger than headlights, they always seemed to hover at tree top level, and always appeared in horizontal groups of two to four. All the witnesses claimed the objects blinked out, which is how they lost sight of them. There were certain instances where the objects blinked out and then appeared somewhere else in the general vicinity. The objects did not appear to be under intelligent control. Notice the similarities between the Boxboro sightings and the report mentioned in the Pike Press on page eight. Anyone needing more information on the Boxboro/Harvard case may write to me at 43 Harrison St. Reading, MA. 01867 USA.

## Synopsis

In Part I, the author pointed out that Earth is simply a satellite of a small sun in the galaxy we know as the Milky Way. It's not among the more impressive galaxies; however, the galaxy contains some 100 billion suns, many possessing their own planetary systems. What's more, 100 billion known galaxies "out there" with trillions of planets could support some type of life form, but the chance that life could occur on one of these other planets is highly unlikely. We have yet to receive a single radio-telescope signal indicating any civilization among the stars. Assuming the intergalactic spaceships travel at close to the speed of light, a round trip from another planet to ours might require millions of years. So the only known candidates are we earthlings ourselves. There's no doubt we could build saucers had we proper power plant. And we're the likely planet to be interested in doing just that!

Once spacecraft can approach the speed of light, the author pointed out, they have the ability to travel both forward and, quite possibly, backward in time. He also explained how a craft "traveling in time" from past or future supercivilizations would be visible to an earth observer and could be seen accelerating from 0 mph to supersonic speeds and even making "impossible" right-angle turns at these speeds—without harm to the occupants. A two-minute maneuver, from the observer's standpoint, might take two hours in the lives of the time-space travelers.

Projecting time travel as a future earthly development, the author noted that, in light of our current investigations into atomic resources such as fusion and our increasing understanding of the universe, not to expect major breakthroughs in the coming centuries is short-sighted. Only a century ago, powered flight was considered an impossibility, a color television would have been witchcraft and a \$5 digital watch beyond the imagination. If time travel is assumed as a possibility, the reported sightings of UFOs make much more sense. We continue with the story as it describes what a present-day viewer (or one in the past) might see when those future time travelers (our progeny) drop by:

# FLYING SAUCERS: ARE THEY US?

*There may be some interesting side trips in store for tourists in the 31st century—such as whirlwind visits to the "good old days" of 1984.*

by Donald A. White

Illustrated by Marcus Hamilton

## Conclusion

What does the earth viewer actually "see" when he sees a flying saucer? Actually he "sees" the craft itself; what he doesn't see is the "bubble" of future time and space surrounding it. When this invisible bubble surrounding the saucer is imposed on our present atmosphere, an ionizing effect on our atmosphere may be assumed. This effect would account for a variety of phenomena—such as a glowing or shimmering effect (similar to the aurora borealis)—and would also reduce the ability to take clear photographs. A heavy ionization of our atmosphere by the intruder would resemble a glowing globe of light seen at night.

Since this space-time warp is normally invisible—although it surrounds the time-traveler's visible craft—describing it would be similar to the difficulty of explaining a visible group of people sitting in easy chairs, sipping drinks and whisking by you in the sky at 500 miles an hour in an invisible jet aircraft! (And imagine your difficulty explaining radio, television, atomic power or powered flight in the world just 100 years ago!)

As future man learns to navigate his past, his time machines will evolve—just as our present-day automobiles and planes have evolved. Consequently, the sizes, shapes and

purposes for these special craft will be many. Some of these craft may contain future dependents of yours, whereas others may be compact and controlled by computerized robots—special-purpose craft, miniaturized to conserve power.

Other, smaller objects, or "mysterious balls of light or fire" (often reported by UFO viewers), may simply be the waste products of some experiment, possibly an unobserved flight through time—yet one that left behind small pockets of ionized air (as a welder casts off sparks).

Of course, these time-traveling ships from the future can be built centuries apart, so it's quite conceivable that flying saucers come from a span of many centuries. In the same manner that we must now wait for the ideal moment to send a spacecraft to the moon or beyond (or chance losing it in space), similar natural rules will apply to time travel. Observers over the past few decades have noted "periods of very light UFO activity" in contrast to "very high activity of reliable UFO sightings that cannot be explained easily as natural or man-made phenomena."

Will they communicate with us? It's unlikely that radio waves from the future could penetrate the space-time barriers. There's also Einstein's paradox—plus the rather

## Flying Saucers

obvious point that there's no proof a saucer has ever attempted communication. Obviously Einstein's paradox will not permit a future man or manufactured object to exist as a part of time. And the fact is, we have found neither.

Why? What is the purpose of time travel if there can be no contact or communication? Simply put—man does things because they can be done. He has both the desire to investigate and an insatiable curiosity. The historians, archaeologists and scientists of the future will certainly exploit their new technologies to see into the past—just as we now explore ancient cultures and buried civilizations.

But let's continue with another scientific fact—the nature of time itself. The closer you travel to the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), the more time slows down for you. For instance, if you were to take a four-year trip in a spacecraft traveling at close to the speed of light, it would simply be a four-year trip in a spaceship—but on Earth, thousands of years would have passed. You would land only four physical and mental years older than when you departed. (If there were superintelligent civilizations in our hidden past, such as "Atlantis," upon sensing the impending doom of their civilizations they might have chosen to escape into the future and to return to Earth about now. If true, they would certainly want to explore facets of this new world to determine their probable place in this future. And they'd want to thoroughly examine the evolved bacteria and other contamination to which we have immunity and that could prove fatal to their race. Remember H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, in which the Martians were wiped out by the common cold!)

Certainly this is an interesting theory, possible under the existing natural laws of our universe, providing we assume the ancient scientists could build a mother ship capable of reaching speeds close to that of light! We can only temporarily discard this theory because we have no evidence that such a civilization ever existed—except in legend. We can still wonder, however—when we realize that hundreds of years ago

certain uncivilized tribes were treating cancer patients with radioactive pitchblende. Madame Curie had yet to discover radium.

One interesting theory suggested about the legend of Atlantis (and popularized first by Plato) is that Atlantis seemed to have a civilization and science similar to what we might expect to have hundreds or thousands of years in our future. Considering our present pollution of the atmosphere and the total environment, and perhaps the future worldwide atomic conflicts (man has yet to invent a deadly weapon he hasn't used), we have assured our future generations of an increasingly "dirty" world. So perhaps a brilliant scientific civilization of the future (which would be fully aware the earth was irretrievably doomed by neglect and waste) would utilize its science to "relocate." The most suitable environment in the known universe for these travelers? The Earth itself—before man had fouled it up! This theory, of course, requires two assumptions: One—that in the future we will discover a way to travel permanently into the past; Two—that (man being man) this civilization that supposedly existed some 10,000 years B.C. ultimately managed to destroy itself. It left behind only the legends and tribal sculpture and artifacts showing what may have been spacemen. How did African natives in the early 1800s know to treat cancer victims with pitchblende? How did the American Indians discover digitalis as a remedy for heart trouble?

There is one interesting way of explaining the mystery of pitchblende's discovery by an African tribe and hundreds of other mysteries of the past, such as the Indians' use of digitalis and molds containing penicillin. Someone who knew these techniques had to tell them. And that takes us back for another look at Atlantis (which even Plato dated at some 5 to 10 thousand years before his time!).

Perhaps Atlantis had a superior civilization indeed similar to our own civilization a few hundred or thousand years in the future. So let's take a look into the future.

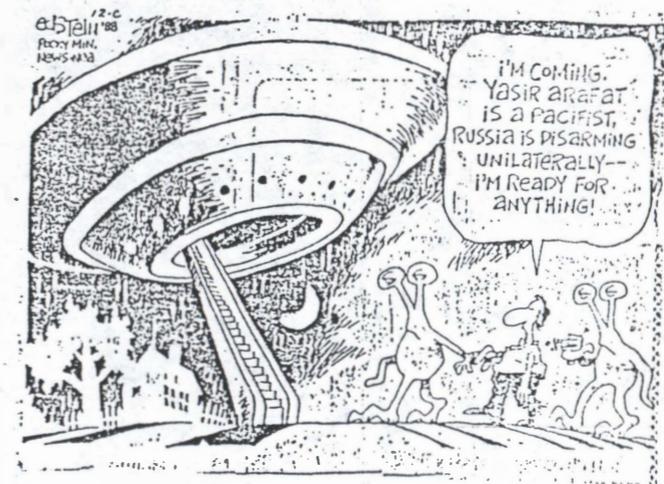
This future civilization is as scientifically advanced beyond our 1984 technology as our existing technology is advanced beyond that of the time of Galileo. Think they have it

made? Not at all. They may have eliminated cancer, genetic diseases and taken a decent whack at the common cold, but Earth's inhabitants do have major problems. A poisoned Earth! The environmental decay caused by years of neglect to the total environment, the extinction of life forms essential to nature's balance and, quite probably, pockets of radioactive wastes from a few atomic wars have them existing in a very messy and dangerous neighborhood. A good neighborhood to leave—permanently!

But where do they go? If they have the ability to travel permanently in time, then the ideal environment in the known universe would be the Earth itself—before it was contaminated. Perhaps it was the civilization that Plato discussed: Atlantis. Certainly a civilization so advanced in science and medicine would have known about the value of pitchblende, digitalis, penicillin—and perhaps shared this knowledge. And being technologically oriented, its members would have had more than our present ability to make a miscalculation that would

The Pentagon bldg. in Arlington, VA. has 68,000 miles of telephone lines.

The blood of the horseshoe crab is sky blue when exposed to the air, says National Geographic World.



The author is the grandson of the man who corrected Einstein's theory and a fourth cousin of the Wright brothers. He also has several patents in the electronic field. "But not," he promises, "anything that goes bump in the night!" He has suggested that *Post* readers who may have seen UFOs clearly enough to identify detail, actions, date and location drop him a line in care of the *SatEvePost*. It just might make the basis of an interesting future story.

wipe them and their advanced civilization off the face of the earth. Or perhaps they moved on. (Although this theory violates Einstein's paradox, we must remember that Einstein did make mistakes on the mathematical portion of his theory of relativity—and we still don't know why an apple falls down instead of up. We can't explain gravity—but we do have the ability to render Earth a lifeless cinder in space over and over and over again.)

Certain areas of Earth seem to produce many UFO sightings and tales of strange occurrences: for instance, the famed "Bermuda Triangle," which supposedly swallows ships and aircraft without a trace. I tend to believe that people who write stories for a living find that a bit of exaggeration sells better. And the same applies to many of the saucer stories. However, there is a new UFO story, and I promise that it is not a figment of a writer's imagination. It's based upon personal interviews with the people involved. I haven't figured it out, nor have any of the observers—one of whom is my son!

Nobody has any idea why Lucky Point, Indiana, should attract UFOs. A farm community just a few miles south of Terre Haute, Indiana, it's simply a place to go to see strange phenomena and UFOs. Things happen there that have not been reported elsewhere.

Jerry Seavers, state section director of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network)—the largest national and international UFO investigative organization—reports more than 100 sightings of UFOs in the Lucky Point area in the past two years. He says that folks in the rural area are well-acquainted with the phenomena: "Anymore people just don't bother—it's old news." Fully 50 percent of these sightings have been of a strange "Black Triangle" that hovers in the night sky, blots out the stars and speeds off at supersonic levels. In 1982 the "craft" was seen hovering over power lines. Large electric arcs were seen and heard. When

the craft moved, it disappeared in approximately ten seconds—without a sound. The same description of the craft was reported by more than 50 people or groups of people. --Now let's move on to Kerry Dean, staff meteorologist for WTWO-TV in Terre Haute. Mr. Dean is certainly a qualified observer by virtue of his study of natural phenomena relating to all types of atmospheric conditions and "events." "It's like spotting a bat in the night sky—unless it's close or you look for it, you simply don't see it. It's simply a black place in the sky where you don't see the stars." He noted that, unlike UFOs reported in any other areas of the world, the triangles have made up the great majority of the Lucky Point sightings. They are not reported anywhere else to his knowledge.

Why on earth would these "space-ships" or "time ships" pick a desolate location like Lucky Point? . . . To spy on Terre Haute? Unlikely. Let me give you one more strange feature of Lucky Point. Two high-tension electrical lines bisect it: one line on wood poles, the other on the

newest metal towers. In the evening, approximately one day in five, the poles may be seen to shudder, vibrating back and forth at their bases as much as a half inch. This happens on quiet days and windy days. There is no correlation between power being utilized by the 135,000-volt lines, seismic activity or weather conditions. The bisection produces a sound described as a low-frequency hum combined with an old-fashioned hand water pump, the sound of high-voltage insulators shaking being added. This effect cannot be explained by the utility company and exists on the two different types of towers—wood and metal. It has been reported nowhere in the world but Lucky Point—and there only for a one-mile stretch of transmission lines running through its center. The weird part is not only the heightened activity of UFOs during this noisy "dance of the poles," but also the variation of 40 degrees from compass north during these periods of activity (as Kerry Dean reports), whether the variation is measured by a magnetometer or an ordinary compass. This compass-deflection effect exists for a quarter mile on either side of the power lines as they tremble and sing. The strongest electromagnet ever built would not affect a compass at this distance!

Perhaps Lucky Point is one of the way stations utilized by time travelers. The black triangle could be the first generation of time-traveling craft or even the last, most-developed craft in the time travelers' technology. As one scientist was quoted as saying: "The (UFO) visitors we get will certainly not be the ones we expect, but they probably will be the ones we deserve."

An impossible idea, time travel? The idea that your great-great-great-grandchildren may be piloting a UFO takes a bit of getting used to. However, the single assumption of time travel makes all the facts about flying saucer reports by reliable observers come together.

What do you think? X

HERMAN by Jim Unger



"Extraterrestrials have landed."



# UFO Investigator, Author Donald E. Keyhoe, 91, Dies

From: Washington, D.C. Post - 2 Dec. 88

Donald Edward Keyhoe, 91, a retired Marine Corps major and a former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, died of pneumonia and cardiac arrest Nov. 29 at the Life Care Center in New Market, Va.

Mr. Keyhoe, who moved from Alexandria to Luray, Va., in 1969, wrote two books about unidentified flying objects. "Flying Saucers Are Real" was published in 1950 and "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" was published in 1953.

As director of the committee, on which he worked from 1956 to 1969, he spent much of his time attempting to persuade the Air Force to investigate UFO sightings.

"We want the Air Force merely to end its secrecy on sightings and stop ridiculing competent witnesses," Mr. Keyhoe said in a 1966 article in The Washington Post. He said that his goal was to get the Air Force to support the committee's contentions that UFOs exist.

Mr. Keyhoe's organization went bankrupt and he retired in 1969, the same year the Air Force abandoned UFO research.

Mr. Keyhoe, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1919. He served in the Marine Corps for five years and attained the rank of major before retiring in 1923 as a result of a plane crash injury.

During the 1920s, he was an editor with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and an information officer with the Civil Aeronautics Branch of the Commerce Department.

Mr. Keyhoe was an aide to Charles A. Lindbergh in 1927 when Lindbergh made the first solo, non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

During the 1930s and the 1940s, Mr. Keyhoe was a free-lance writer whose work appeared in such publications as The Nation, The Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest.

Survivors include his wife, the former Helen Gardner of Luray; twin daughters, Katherine and Caroline Keyhoe, both of Hyattsville; a son, Joseph Keyhoe of Bethesda, and a sister, Katherine Keyhoe of Asheville, N.C.

Absolute zero is theoretically the lowest possible temperature, the point at which all molecular motion would cease. It is 459.6 degrees below zero.

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## ABSTRACT

It seems that abduction reports have undergone a qualitative modification in last few years. They not only look more and more similar to contactee tales from the past decades, but also seem more and more impregnated with mysticism.

The obvious parallel with ecstatic experiences is strengthened by the fact that the lesser number of abduction reports in Europe Catholic countries is compensated by a very wave of religious apparitions in the last three years. The hypothesis is advanced that both abductions and BVM apparitions may respond to the same or a similar kind of "need".

A little known psychological phenomenon called "amnesic ictus" is also proposed as cause for some time-lapse cases.

Two recent books (Whitley Strieber's "Communion" and Budd Hopkins' "Intruders"), as well as the debate about them, seem to mark the beginning of a new phenomenon within the UFO phenomenon.

The two books appear similar and different at the same time. "Intruders" looks like a ufological book but indeed is much more like to a "contact with another dimension", a mixture of unbelievable reincarnation experiences and contacts with otherworld, hidden behind a veil of "technologism" and an abundant sex sauce.

"Communion" obviously suffered of some Hopkins' influences since Strieber was assisted by Hopkins but (even if the author keeps on stressing it's "A True Story") it is rather akin to an inner novel, to a mind flight researching himself and even to Ian Watson's "Miracle Visitors" (what a coincidence!).

So the abduction phenomenon has changed? Abductions "of the Hopkins' kind" (if you allow me such a definition since his role seems essential) as well as abductions "of the Strieber's kind" bear only a superficial resemblance to case histories collected ten or twenty years ago.

A qualitative modification took place over time, from aseptic medical examinations by "alien doctors", to a continued monitoring of abductees along all their lives, with a first childhood encounter and following events (often typically mystic/esoteric in nature).

All this looks like a sly return to contactees, but it's not the same as in the '50s: a new form of mystical contactee is borning in America, and that is supported by ufologists themselves.

The feature of the first "abduction/contact" in their childhood or teen-age reminds me very closely of some reports from contactees in the '70s.

For example the Spanish Jacques Bordas, whose whole life was changed by what looked like an alien intervention. He claimed he, was adopted by extraterrestrial beings and to have been touched by "another" energy. At the age of 12 (another coincidence with Strieber) he suffered from a hormonal deficit and was very fat. One night, as he lied in his bed, he "felt" he had to go out on the terrace. There (dream or reality?) three triangle-shaped metallic crafts landed and a small being (not taller than him) came out, wearing a white overall and a mantle. "We will satisfy your need to become a strong man. We have adopted you and will not leave you. We will come back to visit you in the future". The stranger gave him a kind of dark cake and ordered him to eat it (another coincidence). Since that moment his trouble disappeared.

Healing from cronical diseases, developing healing abilities, spiritually awakening, have all been reported by several "abductees". Others showed a greater attention for philosophical and existential issues. Several abductees have become "contactees" (in the new meaning of the term). For example Betty Hill began to interest herself in UFOs, to the point of becoming an inveterate ufologist/believer with contactee-like features: with her husband she tried experiments to contact UFOs and she admitted she could communicate mentally with them in order to draw them. Charles Hickson says he's being watched by the same UFO creatures who abducted him while he was fishing from a pier in Mississippi in 1973. "I have the feeling they know where I am and what I'm doing at all times". That was a typical theme of contactism, and now it's being more and more often reported by abductees.

The extraterrestrial motif seems to be only a pretext to display an extraordinary knowledge, and it expresses abductees' strong conviction in their own experiences, experiences that we can describe as revelations of a fantastic type. Percipients find themselves in a value-bringing position: they've got extraordinary knowledge and they've been chosen by extraterrestrials so to be either their spokesmen (contactees) or their victims (abductees).

## THE NEW MYSTICISM

Moreover, the abduction phenomenon is more and more impregnated with mysticism. New abduction reports look remarkably similar to religious experiences masked with a technological image which is acceptable to the modern Western man. It may not be by chance that such new phenomenon developed in America in the '80s, now that it's usual to talk about transferring human embryos and about genetic manipulation. Let's not forget the ethical issues raised by such experiments.

Don't find such an initiation of case histories in Europe. British abductions show a lot of differences from the recent American ones; very, very few reports did come from Italy and France and nobody ever told us of extraterrestrial babies.

Indeed, if in Italy we had nearly no abduction case, another form of mysticism has developed in the last few years: apparitions of Beloved Virgin Mary. Since 1986 we have been having a real wave: 58 reports, 24 of them in 1987. And a recurrent feature is the so-called "celestial phenomena" (rotating sun, luminous balls, unusual lights), often typically UFO-like.

It looks as if highly spectacular, strongly symbolical UFO apparitions are a common (though differentiated) feature to North and South America, while BVM apparitions are typical of Mediterranean, Latin countries. What if they were just expressing the same kind of need?

In fact some interesting coincidences do exist between "ecstatic trance" features and abductees reported experiences.

In ecstatic states, time perception may be altered: events either take place very fast or are extended for an incredibly long time. Also the space world may be distorted: distances and situations are modified; the body feels like broadly expanding or contracting up to dissolve; it loses its weight and floats in space. Among trance-accompanying phenomena, you may find: the feeling of an increased ethical energy; certainty of an "ineffable" revelation; the mirage of a growth in intelligence or knowledge; the feeling of an "invisible presence" or of a divine direction.

#### A PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH

Several abduction cases might also be just psychological disorders with delirium symptoms. In the so-called imagination delirium, for example, while there is no personality disgregation and good intellectual abilities and affections are maintained, a great frequency of fantastic, para-logical themes are to be found, in which imagination elements play an important role. Deliriums are marked by childhood and archaic/universal myths, especially fabulous and supernatural ones. It should be noted that such people still have a relatively complete personality and so can live their delirium with a certain detachment and still have a good adaptation to social life.

Most frequent delirium themes are those of "influencing" or personal assault: the subject feels like attacked, tormented in his body from far away, by electronic means or odd-looking devices (apparecchi) by more or less identified persecutors.

How can you avoid to see a nearly perfect coincidence with Hopkins' abductees reports?

But some sort of delirium seems to have caught American ufologists too, some of them discovering to be abductees themselves, and the rest as a rule accepting uncritically the whole phenomenology of "new" abductions. Without the slightest doubt about the objective nature of these reports.

Indeed, several experiences later entering the "real" life were first described to them as mere dreams (and believed just to be dreams) by the same abductees. "Incubi" and "succubae" from the demonic/esoteric tradition come to our mind, which had sexual intercourse with humans in the dream time. Hopkins' book has a full chapter of them.

A man/woman needs only have a "missing time" or an irrational fear for a given place, road or wood, in order to be a potential "abductee" and to become a real one in the hands of some artless ufologist.

Perhaps nobody told these "ufologists" (and the psychologists/psychiatrists surrounding them) of a little known psychological phenomenon called "amnesic ictus". Under such label particular states have been collected which are showing in normally sound people. Unchaining factors include: intense emotions, exposure to cold, sight or psychic weariness, anomalous positions of head and neck for a long period, etc.

It usually has an acute onset and the typical clinical feature is a heavy disorder in memory fixation, usually for a few hours. During that time the subject, who shows no consciousness alteration, is not confused, is not aphasic, is aware of his own identity, is still capable of some performances (for example he can drive home, though with some hesitation), simply forgets all events and behavior taking place in that period. The situation terminates with more or less rapidity and the individual recovers his mnemonic abilities; only a blank remains about the entire episode and sometimes about a brief antecedent time.

Sometime a slight blood-pressure increase is reported, as well as some neurological deficit (transitory pyramidal disorders, temporary alterations in the field of vision). Encephalography is scarcely significative (at most a generic, diffused dysrhythmia can be noted) and that demonstrates that it's not an epileptic state.

Very often the amnesic ictus remains a disorder by itself, without further consequences, though a tendency has been reported for relapsing. It is usually interpreted as a transient vascular insufficiency in the vertebral base zone.

So we don't need to bother phantom genetic manipulators coming from who knows where, in order to account for a missing time. But even if no abductee was ever hit by an "amnesic ictus", it's easy to create "ghost-" or "false memories" in highly suggestible people (ever wondered why all abductees are so easily hypnotized?), who are searching for a value-bringing experience, elevating them from the dullness of their uneventful, everyday world.

In the end, I don't believe there is so much difference between believing to be the "chosen one" by extraterrestrial angels in order to diffuse a spiritual message of world redemption, or "the chosen one" by alien genetic manipulators in order to "scientifically" create a new hybrid breed.

Maybe the only difference is that in the second instance, it is ufologists themselves who are responsible for the phenomenon.

## A REPORT OF A HYPNOTIC EPISODE WITH A UFO IN

SEVERAL people called from Exeter to report that an unusual case had broken in the Boston and New Hampshire papers involving a highly respected couple who had encountered a UFO at close quarters back in 1961, and who had been so traumatically shattered by the experience that they had had to undergo hypnoanalysis by one of the highest ranking medical psychiatrists in Boston in order to repair the damage they had suffered. I had heard of this case from the Exeter police but had not followed it up because I was confining my research strictly to recent cases.

Although I was resolved to keep to plan, I felt it necessary to explore a development resulting from this case, which was that the couple had decided to speak at a meeting at the Pearce Memorial Unitarian-Universalist Church in Dover, New Hampshire, on November 7, 1965, breaking a long silence they had observed because they did not want publicity or ridicule that might accrue from the exposure of their story. Since the New England press had broken the story, they wanted to correct any misconceptions arising from the newspaper accounts, and had agreed to speak on invitation from the church.

I was to learn later of an interesting angle of that invitation. Lt. Alan Brandt, a public information officer at the Pease Air Force Base, was a member of the church, and had helped arrange the meeting. Perhaps this was significant. I learned by phone that it was just possible that the Air Force was unofficially permitting a story to leak out. But this was pure speculation. . . .

Under separate hypnosis, I learned, [the couple who were to speak—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill], both penetrated a period of amnesia which had lasted for two hours following the UFO landing next to their car. Under hypnosis, they related that they had been taken aboard the strange craft, assured that they would not be harmed, given a physical examination by a group of humanoid creatures, and released with the assurance that they would have no conscious memory whatever of the experience.

The sessions were taped by the psychiatrist, then funneled slowly back to the conscious minds of the couple as the therapy progressed. The technique was successful in eliminating the dreams and nightmares both husband and wife had suffered following the experience. But neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hill made any claim as to the validity of what they had related to the psychiatrist under hypnosis. They had told close friends only that this was what had come out on the tapes, accounting for two hours which had mysteriously disappeared from an evening in their lives.

The story had broken in the papers, four years after the event, through a meeting of the Hills with technical people interested in the UFO portion of the story. The Hills had spoken at this session at the request of Walter Webb, a member of the staff of the Hayden Planetarium in Boston. It was the first time the couple had mentioned the episode to any but their closest friends. They were acutely sensitive to adverse publicity because Barney Hill, a leader in the New Hampshire National Associ-

ation for the Advancement of Colored People, was a Negro; his wife Betty, a social worker for the state of New Hampshire, was white. Partners in a mixed marriage, they knew that involvement with a sensational story like this could have damaging results because of the prejudices within the population.

Both Hills were extremely intelligent, and highly regarded. Barney Hill had received citations and awards for his community work from both the Governor of New Hampshire and Sargent Shriver. Betty Hill was a dedicated social worker, whom the Exeter police said was unflagging in her work to help the poor. The psychiatrist involved was an outstanding medical man, known throughout the world for his accomplishments in the neuropsychiatric field.

It was a complex, bizarre story. However, because it was four years old, I resolved to confine myself to the church meeting. . . .

I was surprised to see that Lieutenant Brandt, the public information officer at Pease AFB, was on the speaker's platform in his Air Force uniform. It indicated that there was at least tacit Air Force approval of his being a speaker at the meeting, but whether or not it suggested that the Air Force was ready to leak out UFO news at a meeting like this, or test public reaction, no one could tell.

Lieutenant Brandt's introductory speech was certainly vague and unilluminating. He merely reviewed the Air Force policy on UFOs as expressed in its own handbook, without any further elaboration. He did indicate that the Air Force took UFO sightings seriously

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Q: At the age of twenty, this ufologist won the Jules Verne award in 1961.

A: Jacques Vallée.

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and that anyone sighting them should report them to the Pease Air Force Base immediately.

The Hills spoke very circumspectly of their experience. They pointed out emphatically that although their hypnotic therapy had revealed to them on tape recordings that they were taken aboard the strange craft and given a physical examination by intelligent humanoid beings, they could not testify that this was the truth. They *could* testify to their conscious sighting of the UFO as it came down near their car, but beyond that neither the Hills nor the psychiatrist could fully explain the mystery of the two hours of amnesia which followed. . . .

The couple had left Canada, driving south toward Portsmouth, and stopped at a restaurant in Colebrook, New Hampshire, on the Canadian border. "When Betty and I left Colebrook," Mr. Hill said, "we never remembered the exact time until we were regressed back under hypnosis. Here, I had looked at a clock on the wall, and the time was five minutes after ten at night. We drove down Route 3, and when we arrived at Groveton, Betty called my attention to a light that was moving in the sky. And I looked at it, and actually to me it was nothing unusual except that we were fortunate enough to see a satellite. It had no doubt gone off its course, and you could see that it was going along the curvature of the earth. It was quite a distance out, meaning that it looked like a star.

"So, this is exciting in itself, and we had 7 x 50 binoculars with us, which we always take with us on vacation. And I

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Q: Where and when was the earliest documented sightings in North America?

A: Massachusetts in 1638.

Q: Canada's Department of Transport studied UFOs under what title?

A: Project Magnet.

stopped the car, so that we could both get a look at the object. Suddenly, Betty said, 'Barney, if you call that a star or a satellite, you are being ridiculous. Just look at it.' So with the naked eye, without taking the binoculars, I could see that it was not a distant thing far out there, but now more like a plane. I said, 'Betty, we obviously made a mistake. That's a commercial plane on its way to Canada.' It was traveling from the south, going north. And I was facing west, meaning I was facing toward Vermont. So I took the binoculars and started looking, and then I was completely amazed. Because instead of continuing on the northerly pattern, it turned toward the west, toward the direction of Vermont, completing the turn and then coming in toward us. Then I noticed a winking sort of light pattern, not at all like a conventional aircraft. And although I was amazed, I told Betty that it was probably a Piper Cub or some other light plane, and that it wasn't anything to be concerned about.

"We got into the car, and started driving south on Route 3. Betty continued to look out and she said, 'Well, Barney, if it is whatever you're calling it, I don't know why. Because it's still out there, and still following us.' I would slow down occasionally, and would look out and see that it was still there. And I felt a little uncomfortable about the whole thing. I thought that probably some hunters or fishermen had a light plane, and could see us on the highway, and were following us.

"When we reached Cannon Mountain . . . this object went around the western side of the mountain. . . . The object . . . was now facing us on the highway, still some distance away. I was completely baffled by this, and I was

hoping a car would pass us one way or another, because there was some comfort thinking I could stop someone and ask if they saw the same thing."

MR. HILL then described the actual encounter.

The object settled down, about 200 feet in the air. He began walking toward it, peering through the binoculars. It looked to both him and his wife like a huge pancake. Around the base was a band of light, and through the binoculars he saw a row of structural windows. What's more, he could actually discern figures inside the craft, and he ran back to the car, jumped in, and started to drive off.

Then the craft rose up, circled the car, and went out of sight over the roof.

Both the Hills heard a strange, electronic beeping sound and began to feel a strange tingling sensation. It was at this point that their memory was blocked completely for a two-hour period of total amnesia.

The Hills refused to discuss the details of their experience as recalled on the tapes under hypnosis. They did not regain consciousness until they had driven some thirty miles to the south. The professional help they sought was instrumental in relieving them of the traumatic neuroses resulting from the experience, but they both insisted that they were making no claims beyond the conscious recollection of the incident.

"We just don't know the answer," Mr. Hill concluded. "We sought the best professional psychiatric help possible, and this is the answer we got."

—JOHN C. FULLER  
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# Observers report strange aerial lights over county

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Numerous Pike County residents have reported seeing strange low-level aerial lights on two different nights within less than a week earlier this month.

Some of the lights were seen Nov. 2. Others were seen Nov. 8.

In all cases the lights were described as "very bright" and arranged in a horizontal line. The sightings were reported from north of Griggsville, near Detroit, and southeast of Pittsfield. All the observers reported that the lights suddenly disappeared. One reported that at one time they faded slowly like a dimmed lamp. Only one observer reported seeing any structural object, but she saw what appeared to be panes of glassed windows. Most reported hearing no sound in connection with what they saw.

Following are the reports the Pike Press was able to check out. Other names submitted could not be reached:

Tom Coulson says that about 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2 he was bringing his son Tyler home from basketball practice. He drove into his drive at the very northwest corner of Griggsville.

"There, suspended above the field behind my house at a distance of perhaps a quarter mile were five yellow lights in an almost perfect horizontal row. They were not as large as street lights, but quite prominent.

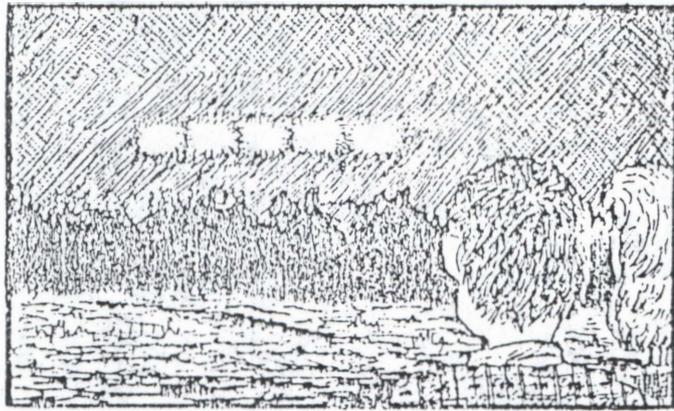
"Neither of us took our eyes off them while we exited the car and started walking toward the backyard. When we had gone about 50 feet, all five lights suddenly went out as though a switch had been thrown. The evening was very dark by then and we could see nothing in the sky after the lights went out.

"A few minutes later we saw a pair of identical lights northwest of us, a trifle higher. These two lights appeared to be at the same interval as the five had been, as though we were seeing just two of five. Then, the northernmost of these two lights went out and a moment later another came on at about the same interval, but to the south of the one still on. Then both went out.

"Whereas the first series of five lights behind our house had gone out suddenly like a switch had been thrown, those two to the northwest went out just a little more slowly, as though a rheostat had been turned down quickly."

Coulson says that after a minute, the light reappeared to the northwest very low, just north of town and appearing to be moving east across 107, moving behind trees — a row of lights moving smoothly and silently across the north edge of town.

Coulson says he learned the next day of a number of other similar sightings around Mays-



ville and a little later near Detroit, leading Coulson to believe it came from the west, went around Griggsville, and then south.

Except for the date being six nights earlier, Coulson's account parallels closely that of Sarah Lipceman, who was going home the evening of Nov. 8 on the New Salem blacktop and between the Webel Feed corner and Don Welbourne's house she saw several "bright, bright" lights in a

**All accounts closely similar: very bright lights, arranged in horizontal line at tree top or higher level.**

horizontal line. She saw the lights four different times as she drove toward New Salem.

A standing freight train blocking the highway at the railroad crossing south of New Salem, induced her to turn around and take a different route home. Headed south, she then saw the lights to her left, as did her seven

**Colors described as white, yellow, red. No sound detected. No structural shape, except one report of lighted "windows."**

year old son, Evan, who was in the car with her. He said it was not an airplane and was bigger than a jet plane. Mrs Lipceman said the lights would "just shut off", then come back on. She could detect no structural body with the lights.

Tom and Mary Bunting experienced their sightings Nov. 2, the same night as the Coulson sighting.

Bunting said he and his wife were headed into Pittsfield from their farm home southeast of Pittsfield about dusk. As they neared the Ed House home near

Pittsfield they saw four or five horizontal rectangular shaped red lights "somewhere over Pittsfield." The Buntings stopped their car and thought they heard sounds like a helicopter. They rolled down the windows to avoid any reflection and then saw the lights disappear instantly, later seeing two very large red lights in the north sky. One trailed away, leaving a red "tail." The other just disappeared. The Buntings saw no form to any kind of object attached to the lights.

Similar sightings were reported by Jack and Shirley Thomas the same night as the Buntings' experience.

The Thomases had driven to a farm property near Time and were returning to their farm home southeast of Pittsfield around 6 p.m.

They were taking a short cut and crossing a small bridge when they saw "brilliant lights" and the outline of small windows "all lit up" above the tree tops. Mrs Thomas describes the lights as "white and yellow."

They pulled off the bridge, backed up, and still saw the lights. "Then, in the blink of an eye, it was gone," says Mrs Thomas.

When they got home, Mrs Thomas said to her husband, "You draw a picture of what you saw and I'll draw one of what I saw." Mrs Thomas said the drawings were the same. She called her grandson, Jeremy, 13, who lives nearby. She said he had seen what he described as "fire-works."

Mrs Thomas called the state police and they advised her to call Scott Air Force Base, which she did. They encouraged her to call another number, but she apparently got the wrong number from Scott as she could not reach anybody else.

Mrs Thomas said Troy Bauer also reported a similar sighting the same night.

Wayne and Margaret Butler also saw two to six flashing lights in the sky "lower than an airplane" since there were two airplanes at a higher altitude at the same time. The Butlers saw the lights around 6 p.m. but Mrs  
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Butler was not sure whether it was Nov. 2 or 8 or another date.

Lori Hoover also reports a Nov. 2 sighting of lights north of Detroit around 5:30 p.m. She said at first she thought they were a pair of headlights coming over the hill. She says there was a bright light in the center and three on each side. She described the color as "red and yellow" and a little higher

than the tree tops. She observed the lights for perhaps a minute.

Mrs Hoover says the lights were stationary. The center light went off first, then the others within seconds. She too reported no sound in connection with what she saw.

If further unexplained light sightings are observed, the Pike Press would like to know about them, preferably as soon as possible after they are seen.

The photos taken from the Viking 1 orbiter of the "Face On Mars" image and it's accompanying "City" is slowly being swallowed by many in the ufological field (hook, line, and sinker) as proof of extraterrestrial visitation. Some have even gone as far to say that UFO visits and the Face on Mars connection is unmistakable (ref. MUFON Indiana newsletter Oct. 1988). The scientific community is also split over the speculation that the image and so-called city was left behind by extraterrestrials. Mark Carlotto, a scientist who has written articles on the "Face on Mars", feels he discovered a second eye socket and teeth in the mouth. I think we're going to be hearing a lot more on the Mars features as it weaves its way into ufological circles.

Something new but not quite so new in the abduction phenomena! It seems that a picture of a so-called alien implant device is being included in a number of lectures by abduction proponents. The picture is of a tiny microscopic crossword type object. There was mention of this tiny object in Nature (Vol.323 Spt.86) and at the time it had professionals in medical genetics baffled. Unfortunately, for the abduction proponents, the object has been identified as a Diatom skeleton which we found out is quite common. (ref. Nature Oct.23 and Oct.30 1986)

The Fund for UFO Research has undertaken a \$16,000 fund raising effort proposed by Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman. Telephone calls have been going out to numerous individuals throughout the UFO community in search of donations of up to \$500. Friedman's objective, if the funding is provided, is to research and draw every possible inference about the activities and associations of MJ-12 members. Some of the responses to this request have ranged from "utilizing the funds to finance a professional indepth study of abductee claims" to simply "call Strieber". Many feel to finance such an endeavor on a simple "whim" is absolutely absurd.

A petition calling for congressional hearings on UFOs is being circulated by MUFON Deputy Director John Schuessler. Betty Cash is assisting Schuessler with this task. Betty was injured during a close encounter on Dec.29, 1980, along with Vickie and Colby Landrum. It may be that this drive for congressional hearings resulted from the disclosure of "Falcon's" information aired on UFO Cover-up Live. In the program Falcon (Doty) Stated that the Cash/Landrum UFO was a government test flight of an extraterrestrial craft which got out of hand.

Another piece of news that recently came to our attention is on a sad note. The former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) Donald Keyhoe had died on Nov.29,1988. Donald Keyhoe was a retired US Marine Corps Major and is noted for his firm stance against the USAF and other government agencies alleged UFO cover-ups and debunking programs. Donald Keyhoe authored six books on the UFO phenomena and two books dealing with aviation and espionage.

In the vicious rumor department it is alleged that CAUS investigator/researcher Larry Fawcett has spoken with a general that is associated with "Project Aquarius". The account of this meeting somehow found it's way into Para-Net (a computer bulletin board used by ufologist to disseminate information). A telephone conversation with Barry Greenwood quickly revealed that the story is just a tall-tale.