



UFOs are real...Flying Saucers are not!

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Prof. Dave Theison of the University of Maryland Department of Astronomy gives a brief look at the UFO phenomenon and its impact on American culture.

Are UFO's spacecraft piloted by creatures from other worlds? Does any evidence exist to support this contention? This short talk, illustrated with numerous slides, will examine the UFO phenomenon with particular emphasis on explanations other than the "flying saucer" hypothesis. In addition, the influence this hypothesis has had on American culture will be discussed briefly.

Saturday, February 20, 1999, 2:00pm -- 3:30pm
Montgomery County Library - Bethesda Branch
7400 Arlington Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Everyone Welcome -- Members and Non-members -- No admission charge

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NCAS Presents the Condon Report on UFOs

NCAS presents the "Condon Report" on our web site at <http://www.ncas.org/condon>. This study was performed at the University of Colorado between 1966 and 1968, with physics Professor Edward U. Condon as its scientific director. It is frequently referred to as the "Condon Report" or the "Colorado Project Report." To this day, the work carried out under Dr. Condon's direction represents the largest single scientific project ever undertaken in relation to the UFO problem. With the permission of the Regents of the University of Colorado, NCAS makes this report available on the web.

More aliens on TV

On NBC on February 17: "Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us"

More Skeptical TV

February 17th at 8pm on the History Channel: Lourdes: Shrine of Miracles. For over 150 years, pilgrims have journeyed to the French mountain village of Lourdes where a young girl -- Sainte Bernadette -- claimed to see a vision of the Virgin Mary. To the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes come the blind to see and the deaf to hear. Can the waters actually bring miracles? We'll ask scientists and Catholic scholars.

February 21st at 10pm on the History Channel: History Undercover. Roswell: An Alien Obsession. In 1947, near Roswell, New Mexico, a sheep rancher wandered out to his field to investigate a loud explosion he heard the night before. We're still arguing whether or not he heard the crash of a UFO! We'll study the national fascination with extraterrestrials and talk to experts as well as a few self-proclaimed aliens.

February 22nd at 8pm on the History Channel: Alien Hunters. For centuries, cultures worldwide speculated about the existence of intelligent life beyond earth's bounds. With modern astronomy's birth, old myths transformed into compelling new theories. We study ways in which scientists have reached to the stars and new technology that may have already recorded evidence of alien civilizations.

February 24th at 8pm on the History Channel: Ancient Aliens. Since the dawn of time, stargazers have looked to the sky wondering if earth has had heavenly visitors. Scientists investigate ancient ruins, artifacts, and texts from around the world exploring the plausibility that extraterrestrials were here before--and may return!

February 26th at 8pm on the History Channel: Riddle of the Zodiac. For over 4,000 years, people have looked to the heavens for answers about life on earth. Created by the ancient Babylonians, the zodiac and astrology are still hotly debated by scientists and scholars. Join us as we search for the mysteries of one of mankind's oldest ways of foretelling the future.

February 28th at 9pm on A&E: More Haunted Houses: Tortured Souls & Restless Spirits. Like the original program "Haunted Houses" that fascinated viewers, this sequel will delve into the dark side of famous American folk tales, exposing the horror at the root of these enduring mysteries.

CAPITAL SCIENCE LECTURE

On February 23, Alan Linde, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington will talk on VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS: WATCHING THE MAGMA RISE FROM DEPTH. The study of volcanic eruptions has a rich history. Now strain meters, highly sensitive instruments developed at the Carnegie Institution to measure minute deformations in the Earth's crust, are providing data that allow new insights into the physics of eruptions. This is part of the CAPITAL SCIENCE LECTURES, Carnegie Institution, 1530 P Street N.W., Washington, DC 20077. All lectures are free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Call (202) 328-6988 or email Sherrill Berger at sberger@pst.ciw.edu for details on attending.

January moved to March

Because of weather conditions beyond our control - our weather psychic was unavailable that week - we were unable to use the library in January. We have rescheduled the talk "Plane facts not so" by Jim Giglio for our March 13th meeting.
