

# UFO POTPOURRI

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## REAL SCIENTISTS DO UFO RESEARCH

From time to time I am asked why scientists don't get involved in UFO research. My answer is that real scientists have been doing UFO research since the modern era of UFO sightings began in 1947. They investigate, analyze, research and document the evidence available from the better UFO incidents. And from time to time they speak out on the subject, sharing the results of their important work. One such event was a two-day scientific conference held at the University of Arizona on November 22 and 23, 1971. The event was sponsored by the University of Arizona Student Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and by the Aerial Phenomena Research Association.

The conference participants spoke from a position of knowledge and authority. Each had done a significant amount of UFO data research and analysis. In addition, their stature in the scientific community was unquestioned. What they dared to say should have been a wake-up call for humanity. Some examples are as follows:

Dr. John C. Munday, biophysicist and associate professor of geography at Erindale College, University of Toronto, Canada made a profound statement based on data he had amassed. He said: "I certainly don't think all UFOs are from our own earth. One thing that convinced me of their existence was a case I investigated near Chicago several years ago. A housewife, who doesn't want to be named, heard a whistling sound outside her house. She opened the front door and saw a bright orange light some distance away. She was frightened and shouted for her husband. He also saw the light. When the light finally disappeared, the whistling sound stopped. The next day she felt sick and had a great thirst for fruit juices. Over the next two months, her skin became red, dry, scaly and peeled. I visited her two months after the incident and her skin still showed these effects. But I gave her a lie-detector test anyway and had to conclude that she was telling the truth about her experience with the orange light. The thirst and raw skin the woman suffered are typical of an overdose of ultraviolet radiation. Or the high-frequency energy of the whistling sound sent out by the object might also have been responsible for her condition."

Dr. Robert F. Creegan, educator and professor of philosophy at the State University of New York, Albany, said: "I'm convinced there is intelligent life in outer space. UFOs are not just illusions. Some reports show them to be controlled objects. To me, the most acceptable and realistic theory is that the UFOs are controlled by intelligent beings from outer space." During his lecture,

Dr. Creegan pointed out that electromagnetic effects have been observed: "Not only have automobiles been stalled by UFOs in many parts of the world, but also motorcycles and motor scooters have been stalled in France, as well as farm tractors in Italy. In Alaska, a pattern of red-and-white lights swept in from the sea over Juneau and as they passed overhead some ships had electrical failures, while a fish cannery on shore also experienced an electrical blackout."

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming said: "I believe the most reasonable explanation for UFOs is that they are craft controlled by intelligent beings. From my examination of UFO case histories, I find it reasonable to believe we are being studied by intelligent beings who want to know about us, but who don't want us to know they are doing it. I do not feel that there is any reason for alarm. They give no evidence of hostility."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Evanston, Illinois, and long-time scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force UFO Investigation project said: "UFOs are now a respectable subject for scientific study."

Dr. Emerson W. Shideler, retired chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the Iowa State University of Science and Technology said: "I believe the evidence is quite clear that UFOs exist. The most probable explanation is that they are controlled by intelligence from another planet. There is a very real possibility that they are completely unlike our accepted ideas of normal life. I do not believe they are any threat to us. But their impact on our notions of culture and religion would be tremendous if their visits could be proved."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, head of the Department of Plant Science at Utah State University, at Logan, said: "We don't know whether UFOs are controlled by space beings of intelligence – but it is a strong possibility and a theory we must seriously consider. Then what kind of beings could they be? One possibility is that they could be virtual immortals. Certainly there are plant cells which have never died. These beings could be similar. It would help explain their survival for centuries or more if they were coming from other stars in our own Milky Way or even from other galaxies."

## **DUBAI OFFICIAL STANDS BY UFO REPORT**

According to the *Khaleej Times*, June 10, 1997, there is little doubt in the mind of Dubai Civil Defense Chief Colonel Ali Al Sayed that an unidentified flying object (UFO) he saw precisely at 8:10 p.m. on the night of June 5 was an alien spacecraft.

Colonel Al Sayed and his friends, while relaxing at his farm in Hatta saw what he believes was a UFO, describing it as a round, white light at first which, when it came closer, was clearly oval in shape.

Colonel Al Sayed enumerated several reasons for his conviction that it was indeed an alien craft he saw. Among them, the fact that this star-gazer keenly scans the skies with his telescope whenever he visits his Hatta retreat

"We have control tower operators and pilots who have seen unusual objects, not to say flying objects, because we don't know if they were stellar luminous phenomena," he said.

## LASER BEAM CAN POP OUT SINGLE CELLS

A mystery, that some people believe to be related to the UFO mystery, is animal mutilations. One of the reasons given is the apparent use of advanced technologies in performing the mutilations. Researchers have found evidence of very accurate incisions, actually cutting between the cells in the removal of organs.

Some researchers have suggested that military units armed with field laser packages could be performing the radical surgeries. Others argue that the accuracy needed to complete the operations is greater than what could be done in the field. Because a lot of the advanced laser technology is classified, it is difficult to ascertain the facts.

Some light may have been shed on the subject by an article in the August 15, 1998 issue of *Science News*. Scientists' Karin Schutze and Georgia Lahr at the Academic Hospital in Munich, Germany have devised a laser that cuts out a cell and flips it into a waiting test tube. This process offers researchers a way to remove single cells from a tissue sample in less than 30 seconds.

The process is a bit complex. First, the researchers affix a slice of tissue to a thin plastic sheet and mount it on a glass slide above a highly focused ultraviolet laser. Looking through a microscope, they identify a particular cell, then burn around its edges with the laser, cutting out the cell like a cookie from a sheet of dough.

Then, by doubling the power of the laser and adjusting it to focus below the target cell, they launch the individual cell vertically off the glass slide and catch it with the cap of a test tube. The cell rides the stream of photons from the laser like a surfer on top of a wave. The cell can be beamed several millimeters away, even against gravity.

Other researchers have developed similar laser-based techniques to isolate clusters of cells. In one such method, a team at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD., uses an infrared laser to heat a plastic film laid on top of a slice of tissue. The film melts above the target cells and sticks them to a plastic cap held above the sample. When the cap is lifted away, it carries the cells with it.

Using variations of the laser process dates back to 1985 at Michigan State University at East Lansing.

It is not easy to visualize how this process could be used in a field on a ranch at night amid a heard of cattle.

and says he knows what planes, helicopters, and other identifiable aircraft look like – and this wasn't one of them. The object's movement was extremely steady and it didn't generate any sound at all.

Describing the sight, Colonel Sayed said it suddenly appeared as a white luminescent dot in the sky and began to increase in size as it started moving south and coming closer. "It appeared like a round, white light at first but when it came closer I realized that the shape was because of the halo-like light around it which made it appear circular," he said. "When it had descended to about 5,000 meters, it was clear that the shape was oval and not round. After remaining static for about 10 seconds, the source of light seemed to disappear leaving behind two arcs facing each other horizontally, in the shape of an eye."

### **BALL TRAVELING AT NEARLY THE SPEED OF LIGHT**

The *Orange County Register*, Santa Ana, CA reported on December 17, 1996, that a mysterious ball of light was videotaped in the Earth's upper atmosphere, traveling at nearly the speed of light.

"Brief footage of the image, which appeared for about three-one-hundredths of a second at an estimated height of 50 miles, was presented for the first time at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union."

"In a six-frame sequence, the object can clearly be seen crossing upward and left across the field of view while retaining its shape and intense glow."

"It's the first and only event of this kind photographed to my knowledge," said Dean A. Morss, assistant professor of atmospheric sciences at Creighton University in Nebraska. Morss is heading a research project designed to videotape luminous electrical phenomena, called sprites, in the upper atmosphere.

Scientists were observing a region of thunderstorm activity in western Kansas from a ground-observation point in Nebraska when the mystery ball appeared. Navy Lt. Paul McCrone, a graduate student at Creighton, videotaped the image August 22.

"It's clearly something that does not have any mass. The angular speed is too fast to be anything at orbital velocity," said Morris B. Pongratz, a scientist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory who has examined the tape. "This guy is clearly moving."

### **CHILEAN AIR FORCE UFO COMMITTEE**

According to Reuters News Service, Chile's air force appointed a committee in 1997 to compile reports on UFOs and other unusual aerial occurrences. A spokesman for Chile's air force-run civil aviation authority, the committee will not take reports from ordinary people who claim they have seen flying saucers, but rather from what the air force considers more reputable sources.