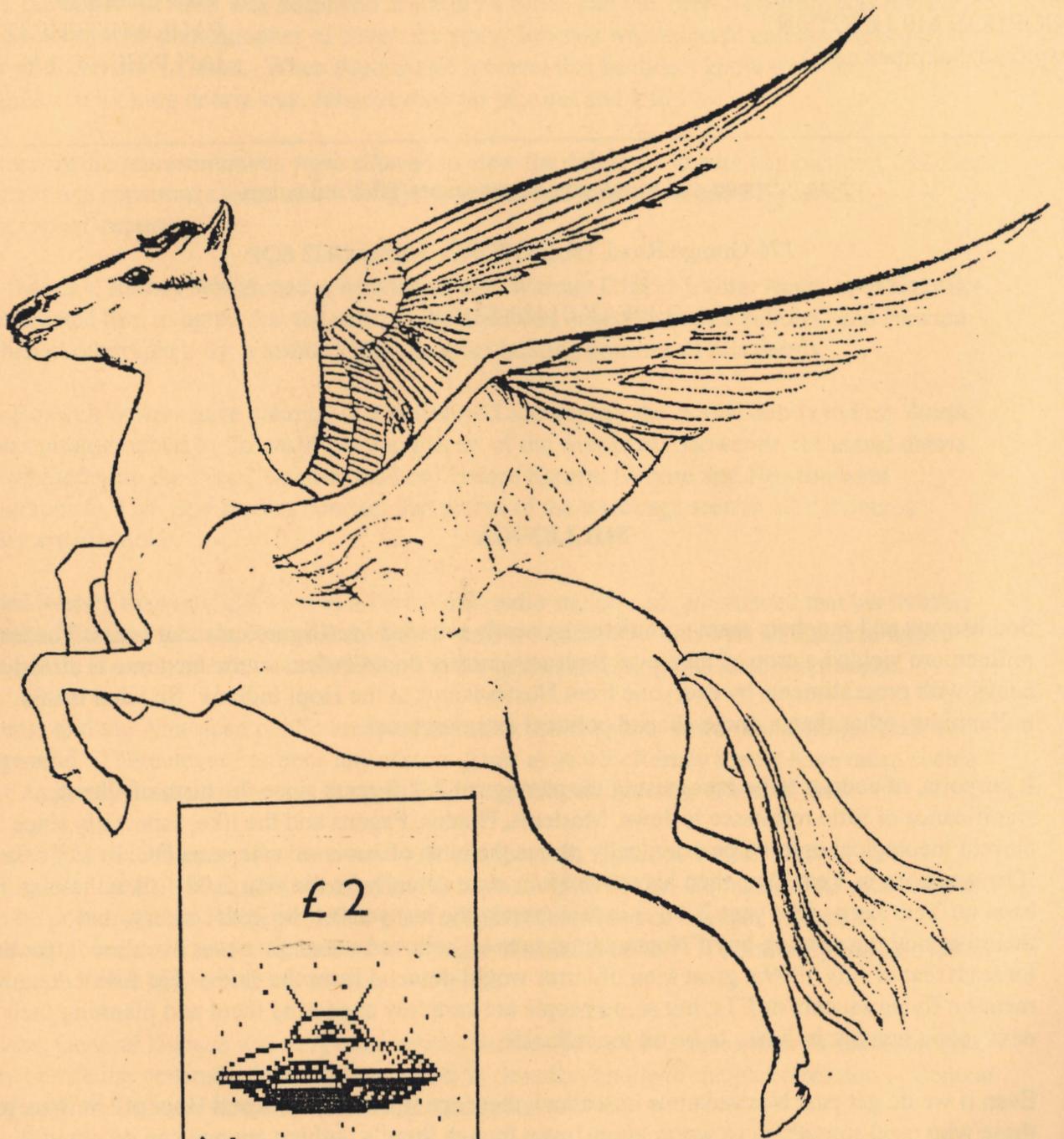


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Soothsayers and prophets seem stimulated by neatly rounded four-figure calendar years. The last millennium yielded a crop of medieval forecasts, mostly doom-laden, and the next one is already heavy with presentiments by everyone from Nostradamus to the Hopi Indians. So what is this millennium, other than a dome-shaped political extravagance?

It purports, of course, to be recognising the passage of 2,000 years since the birth of Christ, a significance of little relevance to Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Pagans and the like, especially since current theological opinion paradoxically places the birth of Jesus several years BC. In any case, if he was born in Year One, then his millennium must actually be the year 2,001, there having been no Year Zero. The year 2000 is in fact merely the last year of the 20th century, and therefore nothing special, but if Nostradamus is to be believed we might never even see it, for he forecast that in July 1999 a great king of terror would descend from the skies. He didn't actually mention flying saucers or ETs, but some people are certainly expecting them and planning their next year's holiday in June, to be on the safe side.

Even if we do get past Nostradamus unscathed, there are still the Mayan and Hopi predictions for those who need something to worry about, even though there's nothing anyone can do about it.

We got safely through the last millennium, didn't we?

Gordon Millington.

"We are like ants, trying to view reality with very limited perceptive equipment and then basing our theologies and philosophies on what are essentially misperceptions. The real problem is that there is a much larger reality around us that we cannot see but only sense. While we grovel on our way to the 21st Century, someone or some thing is watching with amusement...We are biochemical robots helplessly controlled by forces that can scramble our brains, destroy our memories and use us in any way they see fit. They have been doing it to us forever."—John Keel.

What are UFO's and where do they come from ?

This question has for long puzzled us. The following may not shed too much light on the subject, but it will help us to look afresh at the question and perhaps put things in perspective. This document, by long-standing ufo "buff" Andy Page, comes from his web site on CompuServe.

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This section will describe some of the various theories regarding where the "aliens" come from as well as some of my own thoughts. I started out being one of those people who believed that UFOs were a very simple phenomena. That is they were "Nuts and Bolts" spacecraft piloted by another advanced species from other planets. However over the years I have begun to change my mind.

It now seems that this is far too a simple explanation and in fact does not explain all the strange things reported by witnesses. It would also be a bit of a let down if indeed these were simple "Nuts and Bolts" spacecraft.

It does not explain why sighting reports seem to jump with technology i.e. In ancient Roman times they saw chariots in the in sky, and then later in the 1880-90s witnesses reported seeing airships. Now witnesses report seeing super sleek discoid objects. It does now also explain why we have been visited since the beginning of recordable history and why there are so many varying report of the types of "aliens" being reported as well as the numbers of strange messages given to contactees.

It does not explain the abduction phenomenon and the strange "medical experiments" which are performed on victims. For a race so advanced, if indeed that's what they are, why do they need to perform strange and sometimes outdated and "clumsy" medicals on people.

It also does not explain why we still have no "SOLID PROOF" of their existence. Yes we do have some blurred photos and some intriguing "Official" documents etc. etc. but nothing which proves once and for all.

Don't get me wrong I believe UFO's are real and that we are being visited by some advanced intelligence, the only question is where do they come from?

Below are some of the more popular theories regarding the origin of this intelligence.

Another Planet

This theory which is still one of the most popular in the publics view is steadily decreasing among serious UFOlogists. Early on in the history of UFOlogy this seemed the most "romantic" of the various theories and was popularised by the media. It did not concern most researchers that unless Faster than light travel could be achieved this would be a quite unlikely reason, unless they come from much closer than was originally thought.

In the early 30's it was believed that the Moon, then Mars then Venus were the homes of our ET visitors. As science slowly moved forward and it was very unlikely that these planets and moons

could have intelligent life on them, so the locations of these homes moved ever so further away. Although in recent times life has been proved to be almost inevitable in the universe the chances that intelligent life is very close by is very remote.

This theory has many problems:

- Why are there so many different types of aliens visiting us.
- Why do they need to abduct so many people. They must surely have enough of our genetic material by now.
- Why do they need to perform clumsy medicals on people
- Why have they been visiting for us for so long.
- Why would they be remotely interested in our small, insignificant planet.
- Why are there so many landings etc. It has been estimated that over 10 Million landings must have taken place if we consider the percentage of reports that go unreported and the number that go undetected.
- Why to they keep taking soil samples. Surely they should enough of our soil to build a huge range of hills.

The other question that I would like answered is that if so many of their craft crash, as is claimed, why do they always seem to crash in a desert in New Mexico ?

Another Dimension

This theory has been round for quite a while and is one that Jacques Vallee feels is a more likely explanation of the UFO phenomenon rather than the "nuts and bolts" theories.

It explains the problems of physical travel in so much as they are already here and explains many of the strange abductions cases where the entities are seen to float, and travel through solid objects. Again for proof of this theory we will need to redevelop our knowledge of science and physics.

Psychological / Earth Effects

Many skeptics and a few other researchers still believe that the UFO phenomenon is actually an unknown psychological effect. One theory is that as our brains are essentially electronic then the increase in radio and electromagnetic activity in our society is causing strange effects on the brain. One such area is the effect of tectonic plates which when they "rub" together generate a variety of electronic waves and can cause light to appear. Some studies have shown that there is some correlation between the tectonic plates and UFO sightings especially during plate and earthquake activity.

The main problems with some of these theories is that it does not explain the physical trace aspects of some cases such as radio, radiation, indentations and gun camera and photographic evidence.

Another interesting feature to come out of abduction research is that some abductions seem to take place without the person being physically involved.

From the Future

This theory has received some support in recent years due to the fact that it explains some of the unanswered questions regarding UFOs, but it also opens up some more questions. One of the

biggest arguments against UFOs is that unless we can develop a faster than light method of travel, or UFOs come from much closer than we realise then the sheer distances involved are just too great. However if these are craft from the earth's future this would explain without the need for faster than light travel, (although we will need to develop the physics for time travel).

The other argument that this theory could solve is that of "Why" are they bothering visiting us, as we are just a small insignificant planet, in an ordinary solar system, in an ordinary galaxy, in an average part of the universe. If these are indeed craft from the future then this explains why they are interested in us, just in the same way we teach history they to maybe learning about their past. This could also be why they are interested in our biological makeup.

It could also explain how these craft seem to materialise from apparent nothing and then to disappear suddenly.

Some of the supporters of this theory use the "Aliens" themselves as "proof" of this theory. They claim that the two main types of aliens, "Tall Blondes" and the "Greys" are very human-like. The Greys are what some scientists think we could well look like in the future. Large heads, small fragile bodies, small nose and ears and longer fingers. The "Tall" blondes supporters claim they are just too human considering the sheer variety of life on earth that the chances that a visiting race would look so like us.

Many people think that what we see is what the aliens want us to see.

However, the time travel theory also has problems in that time travel opens up the many paradoxes which many popular Movies and TV shows have highlighted.

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Spiritual warfare? Some look to Bible for answers to alien abductions !

By Rita Elkins FLORIDA TODAY

(Your Pegasus editor subscribes to no particular views, including those given in this article)

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Imagine that alien abduction experiences and demons are equally real.

Hey, we said it'd be tough. But you were halfway there watching the movie, "Fire in the Sky," right? One more step and you're in the strange and trendy world of Ufology theology, where extraterrestrials could be even scarier than you think.

Odd as it sounds, the spiritual life of aliens is being taken seriously in wide-ranging discussions among religious leaders. Magazine articles, books and even evangelists are engaging in Bible-based speculations about the nature and intention of entities that allegedly kidnap, paralyze, physically abuse and sometimes sexually molest victims - many of whom, more strangely still, come to believe the experience was worthwhile.

Religious leaders are alarmed about a growing train of thought that "wants us to reject traditional Judeo-Christian ideas about God" in favor of benign "Space Brothers" who will save humanity from itself, writes journalist William M. Alnor in his book, "UFOs in the New Age" (Baker, Grand Rapids, Mich.). Alnor concludes this new belief is a set-up for apocalyptic deceptions predicted in the Bible's Book of Revelation.

He's not alone. "The similarity between the abduction experience and demonic possession is very, very close," says Joe Jordan of Cocoa, Brevard/Volusia state director for the Mutual UFO

Network (MUFON), a widely respected clearinghouse for UFO-related research. "These (alien contact) experiences these people are having are real. It does exist. But you just need to understand what's doing it."

Jordan and his partner, Wes Clark, have begun a research group called CE-4 (close encounters of the fourth kind, i.e. abductions), dedicated to studying alleged alien abductions. Its 15 members also belong to MUFON, but "nothing we do is necessarily sanctioned by them," says Clark, a quality control engineer at Kennedy Space Center.

MUFON principals did not respond to inquiries about CE-4's unusual hypothesis, summarized by Jordan: "This whole thing is spiritual warfare. And the method the enemy's using is deception. Strong deception."

In other words, entities really are abducting people against their will. Only, they're not aliens from other planets. They're demons from the pit of hell.

Relentless anonymity is a given in abduction research. Nobody in their right mind wants family, friends and co-workers to know they've had their personal space violated against their will by strange-looking creatures whose existence isn't even proven. So they can't give names. But Jordan and Clark swear they have three verifiable cases in which apparent abduction experiences were halted by believers who called on the name of Jesus. And Jordan says as many as 400 cases may be documentable nationwide.

"It makes you wonder: If these beings are extra-terrestrial at all, why would they respond to that name?" Jordan asks. "We think we found the answer in the Bible, in Mark 16:17 where Jesus said, 'In my name, they shall cast out demons.' That seems to be exactly what we came across." Three major researchers told Jordan, off the record, that they had similar cases. But "they were afraid for their credibility," he says.

"They felt they already had put their credentials out far enough dealing with extra-terrestrials."

Other "so-called researchers (are) sitting on this information," Jordan says. "There's something wrong there. They're just as bad as the people they say have conspiracies in other ways."

Why would anyone suppress such research findings? Jordan, who became a Christian last year, says most UFOlogists share his former New Age beliefs, which dismiss Christianity and Judaism. "These people go from one thing to another looking for development of a higher consciousness," he says. Anyplace but in traditional religion.

Stranger still

An estimated 40 percent of Americans say they believe aliens have visited Earth. More than a million people worldwide claim CE-4 experiences. Still, mainstream Christianity mostly side-stepped the issue - until March 1997's mass suicide at Heaven's Gate showed just how misleading some alien link-thinking could be.

Suddenly, the religious press is full of articles about UFOs. The May cover story in Central Florida's "Discovery Christian" newspaper focused on UFOlogy theology, interviewing Berkeley-trained scientist and Christian author John Weldon. That was reprinted from Rutherford Institute's nationally-distributed October newsletter.

Even Jewish believers are connecting UFO experiences with the Torah, or Jewish Bible. "Many serious people who have been studying UFOs around the world have reached the consensus that the Bible is a convincing UFO story," said journalist Barry Charnish, quoted in a chapter titled "UFOs in the Holy Land" from "Sightings: UFOs", by television writer Susan Michaels (Simon & Schuster, New York, due out in September).

radiation-type injuries. These reports led the panel to draw the attention of the medical community to the possible health risks involved.

The reviewers made the following observations:

- The UFO problem is not a simple one, and it is unlikely that there is any simple, universal answer. Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying them.

Studies should concentrate on cases that include as much independent physical evidence as possible. Continuing contact between the UFO community and physical scientists could be productive.

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The following report is especially intriguing. Did they, didn't they? Is this just another Air Force 'cover up', or did the police really see something really strange? It seems they did...

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From CNI News—Vol. 4, No. 9, Part 3 -- July 1, 1998:

Global News on Contact with Non-human Intelligence

AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN DENIES TRUMBULL CO. UFO EVENTS

...Tells Investigator: "It's Fiction. It Didn't Happen"

[A page-one story in the June 16 edition of CNI News described a remarkable night of events in December, 1994, when police patrol cars from at least ten jurisdictions in the area of Youngstown, Ohio, chased one or more UFOs for over six hours. As evidence of these events, Ohio-based investigator Kenny Young has acquired an official 9-1-1 dispatch audiotape which records the running dialogue between several police officers and the 9-1-1 central dispatcher.

This tape, excerpts of which were included in our June 16 story, leave no doubt that the officers were seeing and chasing unusual aerial objects of unknown origin.

One of those patrol officers observed a low-flying UFO while standing outside his car on the grounds of Youngstown/Vienna Air Force Base, in the company of a base security officer. Because evidence of this sighting from the air base is clearly indicated on the 9-1-1 tape, Kenny Young called the public relations officer at the air base to find out the official Air Force version of the story. The following report is Young's description of that inquiry.]

By Kenny Young Email: task@fuse.net

On Wednesday, June 17, I contacted the U.S. Air Force base in Vienna, Ohio at 3976 King Graves Rd, Vienna OH 44473. My call was to the 910th Air Lift Wing Security Police Division regarding the UFO incident from 1994.

After explaining the nature of my call, I was transferred to the public affairs office where I spoke with Captain John Keytack. [After] only the first few utterances to Captain Keytack, he broke into dismissive comments, stating repeatedly: "I assure you, that did not happen. It never, ever happened. This is all pure fiction."

"Look, Mister Young," Keytack argued with a paced, assured methodology, "we can go through a lot of time here, but I'm telling you right now that this NEVER happened."

His remarks were made before I could ever explain the basis of my inquiry.

"Let me tell you," he guaranteed, "that when things happen here, they get passed on to me. I've been at the base since June of 1989. I am chief of public affairs, full-time... not a weekend warrior. I am intimately aware of everything, EVERYTHING that's going on around here. What you are saying, Mister Young, has NEVER happened."

I took my turn at bat and set the record straight with Captain Keytack, explaining to him my acquisition of 9-1-1 tapes and witness interviews with police officers involved, one as recent as earlier this same afternoon. I then offered to forward Captain Keytack a copy of the tape.

"I don't know what information you have," he declared, as if in full combat mode, "[or] even if the information you have is valid. No sir, I am not soliciting your information. Everything you're telling me is suspect."

Jumping into gear with Captain Keytack, I explained that he must have been aware of certain details prior to my call, as he was presently denying a situation which I had not even advised him of.

"Are you a UFO buff?" Keytack asked in a belittling tone. No sir," I countered, "I am a UFO investigator."

"I have no reason to solicit from you any information regarding the incident you are referring to," Keytack stated gruffly, "and from my frame of reference, the incident never took place."

Keytack went on to challenge my investigative pursuit of this case, and said that if I had conducted an adequate investigation, I would have been informed by the local news media that the event never happened.

I then informed Keytack that I had contacted numerous media agencies relevant to this specific investigation, and had spoken at length with a reporter from Channel 33 (TV) News in Youngstown, Ohio who was well aware of the incident. "No sir," Keytack affirmed. "I know Ms. Stacey Adger from that station personally, and if something like that [had] happened, she would have told me. I did not get one call or query."

I then advised Keytack that it was Adger herself on the 9-1-1 tape calling the dispatch office, and explained that I, too, had spoken with Adger, and in my discussion with her, learned that she had indeed contacted the FAA tower. "I find that incredibly hard to believe," Captain Keytack said, "and being as actively involved with the news media as I am, I am satisfied that there is no basis for your inquiry."

I asked Captain Keytack whether or not he would have been later advised by the tower operator of a call from the Trumbull County 9-1-1 Dispatch Office reporting a UFO situation. He said that he would have been given the information. I asked him if he would have been told of the encounter a security guard had with a Howland Township police officer at the [base] entrance regarding the UFO situation. He said that he would have certainly been given that information.

Keytack said that each morning he reviews all incident and blotter reports, and has never seen anything relevant to such an event at the airbase. He added that such an unusual entry appearing in blotter reports or incident logs would "stand out" to him.

"Look, I'm not just key staff here, I'm the base public affairs officer," Captain Keytack said. "I inform the commander and key staff when something of media or public interest is to be dealt with."

I asked Captain Keytack if he was interested in investigating this case with me, and if he would care to confirm the event for himself by contacting the 9-1-1 dispatch center or speaking with the Howland Township police office I spoke with earlier in the day. He did not give any indications that he would seek to confirm the information for himself.

When asked about the number of persons routinely on duty during the overnight hours, the public affairs officer stated that there is normally a certain amount of security and fire department personnel on duty during the "graveyard" shift. He said that in the December months, there may also be heating and cooling personnel who would have been on duty. He added, however, that "time and attendance" records are kept for only two years.

Captain Keytack then declared: "You might have very good intentions or incorrect information that you have misinterpreted, I can't say. But I assure you that this never happened. I have not previously heard of this..."

When asked about the details of military jets reportedly in the air in pursuit of the UFO near the airbase, Keytack advised that the jets wouldn't have been dispatched from the Vienna facility.

"We have no jets on alert here... it's not like you see on TV. Any jets seen in the air would've originated elsewhere."

He informed [me] that no logs would be available to indicate "visiting" flights, as such log entries appear only when such traffic lands for refuelling or other purposes.

He sought to deflect my inquiry about the FAA tower controller by claiming that all calls and aircraft routing is handled by Cleveland after midnight. "Does that mean the tower is unmanned?" I asked. "No," he replied. He went on to complain that the person in the FAA tower would have told him about such an "alleged" happening. As I began to explain about the two calls placed to the FAA tower by the 9-1-1 dispatch office, he commented: "I've even been called at home on civilian aircraft incidents, and they surely never called me about this."

I then expressed to Captain Keytack that despite his certainty that the event never happened and his lack of interest in my investigation, I would be sending him a copy of the 9-1-1 tapes, which I explained most normal people would be curious about. Along with the tape, I informed [him] that

a Freedom of Information Act Request would also be enclosed, relevant to the UFO incident. He indicated that I may be wasting my time. That concluded our strange telephone conversation.

Keytack was the public affairs officer I spoke with back in 1996 regarding this same investigation, and he employed the same approach then as well, abrasively telling me, "You have been blasted with wrong information."

I thought it very interesting that Captain Keytack had no personal desire to acquire more information from me about this event, and did not seek to confirm it for himself by contacting the 9-1-1 center or speaking with the officers involved. His absolute denial of the event without being advised of any investigative findings indicates a strong predisposition against any objective take on the Trumbull County incident, and a surprisingly defensive posture.

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Searching for Earth-type Planets ...

According to a press release dated June 9, astronomers at the U.S. Naval Observatory announced the first results from a new type of instrument which may soon lead to the discovery of earth-sized planets orbiting other stars.

Dr. Arsen R. Hajian and Dr. Tyler E. Nordgren have developed an instrument called a "multi-channel Fourier Transform Spectrometer" (mFTS) which they expect will be able to measure the extremely subtle motion of stars caused by earth-sized planets orbiting around them. The mFTS employs a process called interferometry to detect minute changes in light wavelength caused by "Doppler shifts" of a wobbling star.

The discovery of a planet like the earth is the ultimate goal for many astronomers engaged in the search for other worlds.

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Alien Autopsy: The Movie, the reasons..

The following article was written specifically for Pegasus by "LLS", an anonymous commentator who has been involved in the UFO field for some 30 years and makes regular contributions to ufo and crop circle discussions on the Internet. He is believed to work in the computer industry somewhere in the Midlands or the North of England. Here, he gives us a jaundiced view of the now (in)famous alien autopsy film.

I've always fancied a go at movie production, but my education steered me away from such arts, so please forgive any leanings in this direction.

The first part of our story takes us to America. Imagine if you will a midwestern scene. If it is your fancy, overlay a softly weeping steel guitar on the scene, perhaps Elvis' 'American Trilogy'. A British filmmaker has traced an ageing cameraman and is on a fishing expedition to find rare

unseen footage of 'the King' while he was in the army, and his search has led him to the octogenarian, who is said to have a stash of such film. Imagine his surprise when he's offered something interesting. Far more interesting, and yet he doesn't know what to do with.

He wastes no time in calling up an old friend, Reg Presley (he of 'The Troggs' fame - Editor).

In the movies I would do a dissolve wipe rather than a cut here. In 'Return of the Jedi' it worked rather well, although it remains unpopular amongst the film industry. The wipe coincides with a slow vertical track and pan into a room with chairs and a crowd of people. A caption at the bottom of the screen will read, "London, May 5th 1995".

We take a little artistic licence and hang of the shoulder of a man speaking in a southwestern accent to a couple of anonymous people.

"Yes, he showed us the film in January, I think. It's the real thing all right, although he was mildly annoyed that that we talked about it on Breakfast TV before they got chance to get everything checked out properly. He even says you can see Truman in one."

We pan and swoop to another man, bespectacled with an almost identical accent, but thinner and slightly more intense behind the glasses. "Of course, Detlev Bronk was one of the MJ-12 lot, and his appearance on this footage should put paid to all those sceptics saying that Majestic was a hoax."

We swoop and duck a little more to the next person in our virtual rogues gallery. The accent this time is contemporary to Batley, Yorkshire, although the spectacles remain a common theme. "Yes, well, we've had it all checked out and it's the real thing." The audience settles, and in that pale ghostly light common to cinemas, watches a debate start that will last nigh upon three years with little rest.

The first round of interviews took place in the first few minutes after the showing of the film. One of the more interesting is with Philip Mantle where he is immediately coy about any provenance applied to the film;

John Lundberg: Have you made any moves to try and get it authenticated?

Philip Mantle: Yeah, on behalf of BUFORA we put a two page proposal to Ray, part of which is to have it analysed at Kodak. Kodak have NOT analysed it, they've agreed to do so, and also a private film company in London that has a lot of access to special effects and this kind of thing

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I'm going to ditch the movie prose for the present. I don't think it worked too well, anyway. So why are we dragging all this up again now?

The rumours had been floating around for a while, but the following post to the CompuServe UFO forum (an online service totally divorced from the Internet) tended to put an official fix on things for a lot of us. On the 16th June, Santilli intimated that, "I returned to the States later to collect the main film and showed the "Tent Footage" on VHS to the cameraman. At this point he stated that he DID NOT remember either the image being portrayed or the style in which it had been filmed. I was concerned but collected the remaining film (which was in far better condition) and

returned to the United Kingdom.” “Upon my return I contacted the studio to find out more about the images from the “Tent Footage”. I got the impression that as a joke the film had been interfered with, but nobody was owning up. This meant that with regard to the “Tent Footage” I was uncertain as to what was real and what was not, and if the film had been interfered with, I could not use it.”

The upshot being that Philip Mantle, co-author of the English edition of ‘Beyond Roswell’ had been contacted by one Keith Goodyer, claimed to have direct proof that the ‘Tent footage’ that appeared in various places including ‘Penetrating the Web Pt. II’ had been faked by a music recording company in Milton Keynes. Eagle-eyed readers will note that the euphemism used by Santilli is ‘interfered with’ rather than ‘hoaxed by’.

However, this is what he means to say without admitting that he was played for the fool. Or is it? We’ll save the speculation for the last piece of this communication and return to the latest revelations; The music company mentioned is ARK music ltd or A&K music ltd. Don’t scramble for the phone, they folded at the end of May. Curious timing, isn’t it?

Further to this, we find that Bruce Barlowe and Bob Digby hail from the Milton Keynes area, the director and researcher for ‘Penetrating the web pt.II’.

Now, attempts are being made amid threats of lawsuits to apply pressure to Keith Bateman and Andy Price-Watts (previously of A&K) in the hope that further information might come forward from these men.

So, onto the speculation; This is largely hypothetical, but see if it makes any sense for a piece of knee-jerk conspiracy theory. A wealthy consortium of four backers decides to come up with a piece of film depicting the events of Roswell, 1947. Three people are approached to make different films so the best can be chosen, with one being A&K music Ltd.

Anyway, the A&K piece is finished first, and is shown to Mantle, Andrews and Presley. Presley talks before the other footage is finished, so it is rushed out for the screening including the curious ‘security’ boards, these later disappear in the distributed version.

The footage, including the tent footage is sold to the Fox network, but something gnaws at the backer. Faces! There are identifiable faces in the tent footage. Fox’s film is edited to obscure the faces. A&K fails to receive a promised amount of money and makes some rumblings in the form of rumours. The Morgana head, which may or may not be connected, turns up at the Fortean Times office with no attribution or return address. A&K get some money.

Later down the line, it becomes apparent that A&K is foundering, and they’re noticing that the footage video is selling rather well on both sides of the Atlantic. They ask the backer for more money, which is only forthcoming when a series of three extremely low budget UFO videos include the seven minute segment of ‘tent footage’ without the blacked out faces. An agreement is drawn up between the company and the backer, but when the company folds...

That is a rough overview of the way that the jigsaw pieces could fit together, but requires a fairly cynical viewpoint in terms of the mythical backer. Any further questions can be addressed to myself, Love Lies Squealing at Love@corrode.demon.co.uk.

(Mantle interview used with the kind permission of Rob Irving, copywritten 1995; The Santilli announcement appeared on the UFO forum of CompuServe;

The remainder is from bugged phones and my contacts at MI5. This article written for Pegasus 1998)

FROM VARIOUS FILES

The year 1947 is best remembered in ufo circles for the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting of flying disks. But other things were also going on that year. Here are details from another intriguing case, courtesy of *The Oklahoma Transcript*.

1947: DAYLIGHT DISCS SWEEP NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

One of the best-documented multiple repeated sightings of UFOs during the Flap of 1947 occurred in Norman, Oklahoma, located about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City.

W.H. Carson, who was dean of engineering at the University of Oklahoma from 1937 to 1962, was the first to see the flying discs.

"The strange objects were reported being seen flying over Norman about 6 p.m. on July 6 (1947). Carson said he was resting in a hammock back of his home at 943 Chautauqua Avenue when he saw a silver object at an estimated height of 15,000 to 20,000 feet."

"When his wife Emma joined him, Carson mentioned the unusual object. About that time, two more appeared and were witnessed by Mrs. Carson and the neighbors. 'I don't know what they were, but we saw them,' Carson told *The Transcript*."

"Carson, who died in 1969, said the objects were traveling from east to west into the setting sun."

From the latest files:

UFOs REPEATEDLY VISIT CHILE'S BIGGEST DAM

A very large, dark, disc-shaped UFO visited the huge hydroelectric dam at Lago (Lake) de Colbun in southern Chile on May 16, 1998.

The UFO was witnessed by over 30 people, who described it as a gigantic disc, "dark (not black), with a big orange light on the bottom (middle) and small lights that moved around on the outer part (rim) of the object."

Lago de Colbun is Chile's biggest hydroelectric dam and one of the largest in South America. It's located 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Santiago de Chile.

The UFO hovered at 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) above the ground and remained in view for 20 minutes before flying across the lake and into the Andes. Witnesses described the object as "so big that it seemed to cover the whole valley."

According to ufologist Luis Sanchez Perry, Lago de Colbun has seen many UFO visitations in recent months. "They call the UFOs robones (thieves) because that they say they steal electricity," Luis reported. "Before they had the high-tech plant, they didn't have many blackouts (one or two in a month), but now they have three in a week."

"UFOs have been seen coming out of Lake Colbun near the high tension wires, absorbing electricity, absorbing water, and some of them have gone at high speed through the valley towards the hydroelectric plant," coming within a few hundred meters of the dam before disappearing. (Otra vez, muchas gracias a Luis Sanchez Perry para esa historia.). Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP for bringing this case to our attention.

RAF pilots call ufo conference...And signals from space

Meanwhile, on Monday, July 27th, radio stations in the UK broadcast an interesting item: RAF pilots had seen so many ufos in recent months that they were going to hold a conference about the situation. This report was heard by two SIGAP members on different radio stations. We await more information.

In June, a story broke about "signals from space". It appeared first in The Sunday Times, and then on the Internet.

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SCIENTISTS COLLECT OVER 100 UNNATURAL SETI SIGNALS

Sunday Times of London, by Steve Farrar & Alex McGregor,

Some of the world's leading astronomers revealed last week that they have collected more than 100 unexplained radio signals during routine surveillance of space.

These faint, pure tones have no natural origin and could have been created artificially, the scientists said. They do not rule out the astonishing possibility that this strange radio traffic could have extra-terrestrial origins.

Most of the signals have been picked up by American radio telescopes managed by the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) in Mountain View, California, set up in 1988 to study radio static in space and scan it for material that could be evidence of alien contact. A few have also been logged by British astronomers studying stars and galaxies with the Lovell telescope at Jodrell Bank, near Macclesfield in Cheshire.

"It's tempting to hypothesise that at least some of these seductive signals were truly from ET and that they vanished from the ether when the extra-terrestrials turned off their transmitters or otherwise went off air before we could verify the message," said Dr Seth Shostak, SETI's public programmes scientist.

Alternatively, he said, it was possible they were simply the product of some kind of local interference that did not repeat when the astronomers tried to relocate the rogue signals.

SETI, which was formed by scientists including Carl Sagan and received funding from Nasa until 1993, has yet to discover any clear, repeated radio pattern that might hint at the existence of alien intelligence in the universe.

The short, indistinct signals that have been detected are a far cry from the resounding pulses featured in the movie Contact, in which Jodie Foster played a SETI astronomer who deciphered radio contact with aliens. Foster's signed photograph is pinned to a wall in SETI's Silicon Valley office. None of the signals has been heard by human ears - they were all picked up by computers monitoring radio telescopes.

"If you could hear the signal at the frequency it is received, it would sound like a faint whistle, a pure tone which could only be made by a transmitter. As far as we know, nature can't make a pure sound," said Shostak. Each time one of these signals is detected by a radio telescope, an alarm alerts SETI astronomers, who work around the clock. None has yet been pinpointed or recorded a second time, so that scientists have been denied the chance of making a study of their source or composition.

SETI is stepping up efforts to increase its chances of relocating one of these signals and has secured agreement to use the world's largest radio telescope at Arecibo in Puerto Rico. *The Americans are also negotiating with British astronomers to launch a five-year project to allow speedy verification and tracking of these elusive noises.*

Whenever SETI identifies a suspect signal, radio telescopes at Jodrell Bank will scan the same section of the sky to locate it. In this way the scientists can rule out possible terrestrial interference from radar, traffic and even electric fences as a cause.

"I'm sure there are signals that have come and gone that we couldn't get to the bottom of. That's not to say it's little green men trying to communicate with us, but we just don't know," said Dr Tom Muxlow, an astronomer at the British radio astronomy observatory. He disclosed that Jodrell Bank had picked up about six rogue signals.

The possibility that the signals have extra-terrestrial origins cannot be ignored, according to Nobel laureate Tony Hewish, emeritus professor of radio astronomy at Cambridge University.

Shostak is not put off by the prospect that any signal from an alien world would probably be indecipherable. "If we heard from an ET, it would be from a civilisation that is a long way ahead of us, maybe even a million years more advanced than we are," he said.

Roswell looms again: Update

Thanks go to Gordon Millington, SIGAP Chairman, for submitting the following update on Rosewell.

MEDIA RELEASE: It has been announced by the University of Texas at Arlington that on June 1, 1998, a special exhibit will open in the Special Collections Section of the Main Library featuring super-enlargements of the more than half-century old famous Roswell UFO crash photographs.

In making the announcement, Dr. Gerald D. Saxon, Associate Director for Special Collections, Branch Libraries and Programs, University Libraries, stated that the special exhibit will be offered in response to an unprecedented demand by the public to view at close range details of the newly

enhanced photographs of the most famous and controversial UFO wreckage, which was captured" by United States military forces near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

Dr. Saxon stated that photographic exhibits at the library usually are scheduled at least two years in advance, but that this special photo exhibit has been arranged on very short notice due to world wide attention once again being focused on the UTA Library following a recent announcement that it has finally been established that the photos are of portions of the actual Roswell crash debris.

Dr. Saxon said that due to a series of recent telephone calls being received at the library inquiring as to details of the library security system, that increased surveillance plans will be in effect.

The UFO research community was electrified this week by the surprise announcement that modern technology has debunked a longtime charge by some UFO writers of a blatant "cover-up" by Air Force Lt. General Roger M. Ramey in connection with the sensational Roswell Incident of 1947, which involved the announced "capture" of a crashed UFO. The results of a new digital scan applied to super-enlargements of the famous UFO photos taken by a reporter-photographer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram show that the debris displayed in General Ramey's 8th Air

Force Headquarters office in Fort Worth on July 8, 1947, is clearly consistent with eyewitness descriptions of the world's best-known "flying saucer" which had crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, a few days before and is not a "weather balloon" which had been substituted on orders of General Ramey.

This includes clear identification of the "hieroglyphic-like" characters displayed along stick-like structures, including I-beams, and inclusion of very thin, but super strong metal-like material that resisted bending or crumpling.

The resulting new discoveries discredit frequently repeated claims that General Ramey had concocted the "weather balloon" ruse and then had ordered the substitution of the "weather balloon" for the real wreckage, which had been flown secretly to Wright-Patterson Air Force base - then known as Wright Field - in Ohio for "further analysis" and where it reportedly has been kept under tight security for more than a half century.

The newly obtained, digitally enhanced photographs reveal for the first time that "out of this world" qualities described by Major Jesse A. Marcel, Sr., Intelligence Officer stationed then at Roswell Army Air Base, who retrieved parts of the wreckage of the alleged alien-operated craft, are clearly established in the photos.

The photographs were taken by Dr. J. Bond Johnson, who had been a reporter for the Star-Telegram since January of 1943. At the time of the Roswell Incident in 1947, Dr. Johnson had been discharged from the Army Air Corps after World War II service, which included training as an aircraft mechanic and pilot. He has practised as a clinical psychologist and United Methodist minister for the past 35 years in Long Beach, California. He also is a retired US Army colonel.

Upon arrival at General Ramey's office on July 8, 1947, Johnson unpacked portions of the wreckage from its paper wrappings and arranged the pieces for the photos while awaiting the arrival of General Ramey at his office. Johnson then took six shots with General Ramey, Colonel

(later Brig. General) Thomas J. Dubose, Ramey's chief of staff, and Major (later Lt. Col.) Marcel, who had couriered the wreckage from Roswell to Ramey's headquarters in Fort Worth. Other packages of the wreckage, still unopened, also appear in the photos

Two of the negatives have disappeared from the files of the UTA Library but four original negatives remain and are safeguarded under heavy security. These four photographs will be featured in the special exhibition.

The frequently quoted descriptions by Marcel, and repeated by Marcel's son, Dr. Jesse A. Marcel, Jr., an Army helicopter pilot and flight surgeon, who was shown some of the wreckage parts by his dad prior to their being turned over to the Roswell base commander, are further corroborated by civilian eye witnesses who were employees of the Brazell Ranch 85 miles northwest of Roswell, where the craft crashed, and some of their neighbors.

The witnesses described the wreckage as including material that was "very lightweight, lead foil-like, very thin, metallic-like but not metal, and very tough." It also included very light "balsa-wood appearing sticks," including I-beams, some of which included "hieroglyphic-like" characters, possibly depicting some unknown writing. One witness described the "figures" as similar to the petroglyphs the ancient Native Americans etched on rocks in the Roswell area.

Further, the witnesses described that some of the material, even though very thin, when crushed tended to "smooth-out" when released. There also was a quantity of black plastic looking material "which looked organic in nature that had either been melted or burned." Johnson also described the strong odor of burned debris when he was in the general's office with the wreckage.

When questioned, Marcel - who retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel - described the unusual markings on the sticks as "like Chinese writing....nothing you could make any sense out of." In his interviews Marcel stated that "they took a photo of me on the floor holding up some of the less-interesting metallic debris...pieces of the actual stuff we had found." Marcel said that the debris was scattered over a square mile of a ranch near Roswell. "It was something that must have exploded above ground and fell...it scattered all over."

The new digitally enhanced, super-enlargements clearly show the strange metallic debris as described, including some thin metal-like parts, which are quite rigid and smooth, and the I-beams identical with the witnesses' descriptions. Marcel stated that the solid members were mostly square, "of varied lengths, and along the length of some of those they had little markings...two color markings as I can recall...like Chinese writing." His son described the markings as "flower-like" figures printed along the sticks.

Yet for nearly 20 years UFO writers have claimed that the Air Corps engaged in a dramatic fraud to protect the UFO wreckage from Roswell and to mislead the press—and the American public. The story concocted by the writers tell it generally this way:

When Marcell turned the portions of the UFO wreckage he had recovered over to his base commander, Colonel William Blanchard. Blanchard then issued an official public announcement that the Air Corps had "captured" a flying saucer near Roswell and then notified his boss, General Ramey, of this dramatic event. The military had been widely searching for UFOs following sightings in many parts of the country during June and early July 1947.

For some unknown reason, the writers decided that Ramey had concocted and executed a careful hoax. It was claimed that he sent the real UFO wreckage directly to Wright Field in Ohio for study and while the burning of a weather balloon and Rawin target. This fraudulent substitute was dispatched along with Major Marcel to 8th Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth.

There, the bogus material was displayed in Ramey's office and the Star-Telegram was invited to send out a reporter-photographer to cover the story. Johnson was selected and dispatched by his editor with camera in hand. When Ramey told Johnson that he didn't know what the unimpressive looking debris was, Johnson took his pictures and left.

No other media representatives were allowed to view the debris or to take any pictures. All these exotic actions apparently were taken solely to mislead and misinform one 21-year-old photographer-reporter.

Later that day, Ramey summoned a weather officer, Warrant Officer Irving Newton, to his office and instructed him to agree that the debris displayed was only a "weather balloon" and Newton was then photographed by a military photographer holding portions of this debris.

Other Roswell writers have claimed that Marcel did accompany the actual debris to Fort Worth and was photographed by Johnson holding pieces of the wreckage. However, the actual debris was switched with the fake "weather balloon" before Ramey, Dubose and Newton were photographed. The new studies confirm that pieces of the wreckage seen in all the photos actually are identical.

General Ramey then quickly went to a Fort Worth radio station and announced that his weather officer had decided that the Roswell crash was only a weather balloon with an attached radar target. Also, a news release was distributed to the press containing this false information.

The press and the American public accepted the story based on the word of a distinguished war-hero general. There never has been any reason given as to why Ramey would have taken such a drastic and risky action to deceive the press and the public in this very dramatic way.

Roswell UFO writers generally have continued to repeat the "balloon switch" fable. Nevertheless, Lt. Col. Marcel contended until his death in 1986 that the material he recovered and which he posed with in Ramey's office was "not part of any kind of weather balloon or experimental craft ... it was not made of anything available on earth." This description also has been corroborated by the civilian primary witnesses.

Likewise, General Dubose was very clear when interviewed by UFO researcher Jaime Shandera shortly before the general's death. When asked to describe details of the photo session in General Ramey's office Dubose made the following statements:

Shandera: J. Bond Johnson, reporter for the Fort Worth-StarTelegram, has stated that when he asked General Ramey what this debris was, Ramey said that he didn't know. You were present in that room at that time. Also, the Associated Press had carried a story indicating that General Ramey didn't know what the debris was when talking to (Air Corps Chief of Staff) General (Hoyt) Vandenberg in Washington."

Dubose: "Well, that's true. None of us knew what it was." Shandera: "There are two researchers (Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle) who are presently saying that the debris in General Ramey's office had been switched and that you men had a weather balloon there."

Dubose: "Oh Bull! That material was never switched." Shandera: "So what you're saying is that the material in General Ramey's office was the actual debris brought in from Roswell?"

Dubose: "That's absolutely right." Shandera: "So not you or anyone else ever switched that material for the cover story."

Dubose: "We never switched anything. We were under orders from Washington to look at that material. We wouldn't have switched anything. We were West Pointers - we would never have done that."

Shandera: "But General Ramey did put out a cover story that it was a weather device."

Dubose: "Yes. We were ordered to get the press off our backs - things were getting out of hand."

Memories of witnesses may dim over the span of half a century and more. But West Pointer General Dubose remembered that day in July of 1947 very accurately it now appears. But digitally enhanced, super-enlarged photos taken by a 21-year-old reporter-photographer provide even a more convincing record. The debris of the Roswell crash photographed in General Ramey's office is indeed genuine. General Ramey, General Dubose and Lt. Colonel Marcel all were telling the truth about the Roswell Incident of 1947. Their reputations remain intact! And now the public also will be able to view the famous photos and speculate for themselves whether debris is from an extraterrestrial spacecraft or some earthly earth device. Now that it has been established what the Roswell wreckage is NOT - maybe modern technology can help to solve the half-century old mystery of what the Roswell debris in fact IS!

Meanwhile, from her home in Denton, Texas, Mrs. Latane Ramey, widow of General Ramey, issued through an official of the Air Force Association a statement that the family is very grateful that this new information has been released finally clearing General Ramey of any wrongdoing in handling the Roswell Incident. "We all want to keep him in high esteem. He was a wonderful man. Apparently everyone liked and respected him", Mrs. Ramey said.

General Ramey was a native of Denton and attended North Texas State Teachers College before entering the US Military Academy, where he was graduated in 1928. During World War II he led the 58th Bomb Wing of the 20th Air Force, a B-29 unit, on several fire bomb raids over Japan.

He later commanded a task force in the Army Air Corps during the Army-Navy participation in the 1946 atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

He was assigned to the Fort Worth Army Air Field in the spring of 1947 to reorganize the 8th Air Force, which had gained fame in leading the bombing of Germany during World War II.

In 1949 he was honored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce as "man of the year" for rescue work during the Trinity River flood that year. In 1950 he was named director of operations for the Air Force in Washington, DC, and promoted to three-star rank. After retirement from the Air Force, General Ramey served as vice president of Northrop Aircraft in Los Angeles. He was the father of a son, Kent, and daughter, Mary Latane, both of Denton.