

UFOs really are more than they first seem

THE phenomena of UFOs has become a very popular interest with people during recent years, partly due to the success of television programmes such as the X-Files, while Dan O'Neill has ridiculed the subject on several occasions in the Echo.

People are still continuing to debate whether or not such things really do exist. Unfortunately most of these people (at least within the media) are unaware and apathetic as to what is really going on and the quality of the evidence that is now available.

What many sceptics don't realise is that the belief in UFOs that many people have is not based on faith, which is what many religions are based upon.

The fact is that most people's belief in the UFO phenomenon is based upon evidence. If it were not for UFO evidence I would not believe in such things myself, though it is perfectly rational to believe that Earth is not the only planet where intelligent life evolved.

Most UFO sightings have a very rational explanation (such as planets, the aurora borealis, aircraft landing lights etc), but there are many which completely defy any understanding.

These unexplained UFOs seem to cause people to behave very irrationally. Some scientists, when confronted with compelling evidence for UFOs, seem to forget what science is all about.

People like astronomer Patrick Moore will tell you that all talk of UFOs is "rubbish", labelling all those who believe in such things as "the crazy gang".

Such members of this "crazy gang" who believe in and have seen UFOs include pilots (some of the best trained observers), astronauts, astronomers (including Dr Clyde Tombaugh who discovered Pluto in 1930, and who is a good friend of Patrick Moore), the list goes on.

Such people's testimony cannot be taken lightly. Remember that eyewitness testimony can send a person to prison, so why then is this not good enough when it comes to UFOs?

I suggest that the problems people have with accepting UFOs does not lie with the evidence, it lies within the individual. A statement by a scientist that UFOs are creations of the mind is not going to suddenly make the mark on the ground caused by a

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CHRIS FOWLER became interested in UFOs after he and a friend saw an unexplained grey light shooting across the skies above Cardiff in 1991. The moment only lasted two seconds but it was enough to spark off an interest in the unknown.

Since then, jobless Mr Fowler, from Witia Court Road, Rumney, has seen many other strange lights hovering or flashing through the night skies and calls to the airport, coastguard and police have provided no answers.

Today, Mr Fowler talks about why he believes in the phenomena of UFOs.

UFOs heal up and vanish.

If all the available evidence for UFOs was examined by a jury, the decision would be unanimous. There have been thousands of cases where physical evidence has been left after a UFO has been seen, hundreds of cases where UFOs have collided in mid air with aircraft.

Though such incidents do not prove that UFOs are of an extraterrestrial origin, it does nevertheless prove 100 per cent that such things are real physical objects. This is an inescapable fact.

Now that we know that UFOs are real, we now have to ask the question "who do these objects belong to?"

Either they have a military connection or they are of a non-human origin.

If the latter is true then we have to examine the possibility, a very uncomfortable one for many, that they have come from elsewhere and belong to a non-human intelligence.



UFO BUZZ: Chris Fowler, with books detailing unexplained sightings. And inset, a flashback to Dan O'Neill's 1995 article.

It may be the case that some of the people who claim to have had contact with non-human beings (in events that are now known as "alien abductions") have been telling the truth and are not deluded or suffering from sleep paralysis.

Is it not merely a coincidence that the same objects people report that these beings come from are identical to the objects that are turning up on video film and Radar?

Either conclusion we wish to come to, we, as a whole,

are no doubt being very foolish by not paying serious attention to UFOs.

John Major has recently been asked by more than one MP if he would allocate resources to evaluating UFO sightings.

In reply he said: "The government have no plans to allocate resources to researching extraterrestrial phenomena."

One would think that they would be concerned when even the MoD's own files (held in the Public Records Office) contain reports that

confirm the reality of UFOs.

Perhaps the government's lack of public concern indicates that behind the scenes they are indeed looking in to such things?

The bottom line is that what we are taught, is not necessarily what really is. The process of changing how we view the world and ourselves is a very hard one, just as it was back in 1543 when Copernicus' book 'On The Revolution Of Celestial Spheres' was first published.