

# Can you GROK this?

## Harvard prof says aliens, humans mate

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Harvard <sup>AP</sup> psychiatrist Dr. John Mack has never had sex with a space alien, nor does he care to. It could compromise his objectivity.

Mack, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Harvard faculty member, firmly believes those people who claim to have had extremely close encounters with beings from other worlds.

And in his new book, "Abduction," he relates his findings after spending four years studying 120 "experiencers" — people who say they had sexual or reproductive experiences with aliens who abducted them and took them aboard spaceships.

The 13 case studies in his book include Ed, who remembers an alien woman taking a sperm sample from him when he was in high school; Jerry, who says she gave birth to a human-alien hybrid; and Peter, who tells Mack he had an "alien wife" in a "parallel universe."

"There is a consistent reproductive theme," Mack said. "Now, do I mean by that literally there are millions of babies being made? I don't know. I can't claim that this is occurring literally in our physical dimension of reality."

What Mack does claim is

that experiencers are not mentally ill and not working out the effects of rape, incest or other abuse. Their emotional and psychological state resembles trauma, he said, and trauma is the response to something outside his body, not inside the mind.

"They don't want to believe it any more than we do," he said. "They want me to find them crazy."

Descriptions of abductions are consistent from patient to patient, Mack said. So he believes the experiencers, even if he can't explain exactly what they experience.

As for having such a close encounter himself, he said: "I think my role is to be uncontaminated by the phenomenon. As soon as a psychiatrist reports they had an abduction, then they're immediately disqualified as an objective observer."

Mack is on the staff at Cambridge Hospital, a Harvard teaching hospital. He also leads the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, which is overseen by the medical school-affiliated Center for Psychology and Social Research.

Even Mack's fellow researchers into the otherworldly think "Abduction" is a little, well, out there.

Dr. William McCall, a physician in Anaheim, Calif., said that for 10 years he used hypnosis to evaluate experiencers. His theory: They're actually remembering being born. People's memories of going aboard spacecraft match their hypnosis-evoked memories of passing through the birth canal, he said.