

SPOTLIGHT

Using science to study close encounters

■ One woman made up a UFO encounter - and an "expert" bought it.

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SEATTLE - John Mack is a Harvard psychiatrist and the founding director of a renowned psychiatry department at Massachusetts' Cambridge Hospital.

He also believes about 90 of his patients have been abducted and molested by space aliens and has written a book on that subject called "Abductions: Human Encounters With Aliens."

Thursday night Mack addressed the national convention of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a skeptics group that made a heated discussion hotter by confronting Mack with a woman who had hoaxed him with an abduction story.

The debate posed an intriguing question: Are skeptics justified in demanding physical proof, or is



Retired Air Force Maj. James McGaha talks at a convention where participants want supernatural stories to be investigated scientifically.

the scientific community closing its mind to compelling evidence of what Mack called "something not of this world but which enters into this world"?

Mack said his patients' stories were so compelling that he is convinced there are realities and realms beyond scientific laws and human senses.