

Aliens and feds: Both lie

UFO abductees decry 'cover-up'

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Sometimes when Karla Turner is cooking dinner they come.

Right there in her Arkansas kitchen, stirring a pot of soup or cleaning grease spots from the oven door handle, she is visited by uninvited guests.

Sometimes they bless her. Other times they torment her.

They are the color of ash, with eyes like those children in bad '60s pop art, with elongated limbs and digits, spindly, as if they could be snapped in two like a cockroach even by a woman of Turner's slender build.

But they are powerful and capricious, lying little bastards given to sexual perversion and experiments more inhuman than the maddest of mad scientists of archaic comic book lore.

For more than 20 years, they've bothered Karla Turner and her family. She's pretty fed up about it and wishes her government would use its available resources to stop the invasion.

At the recent UFO convention in Tampa, Turner, a former professor (Ph.D., English) told a meeting of more than 400 this:

"I am not a person whose job it is to convince a disbelieving audience."

Naysayers, nay. But do not think for a moment your disbelief shakes Turner. She has seen too much.

Besides, Turner says, "The nature of alien activity is designed to keep us from

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knowing too much concrete evidence."

Put another way: These extraterrestrials are so powerful that they even control what we do and do not know about them.

So make up your own mind, but Karla Turner and those who joined her in Tampa have not time for validation or acceptance.

And they are not, as you might suspect, ignorant dirt farmers with bad teeth. A nuclear physicist shares Turner's conviction. So does Harvard professor John Mack, a psychiatrist and author of "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens."

They are, simply, detectives of another kind, looking skyward suspiciously to say, "Hey, what's this?"

Read their books — Turner has sold about 40,000 copies of "Beyond the Fringe." Buy their tapes. Believe it if you will, but listen.

"We don't know with any certainty what they may be," Turner told her audience. And:

"At least some of them

lie." And:

"Human perceptions are controlled by aliens during the encounters."

She told of a religious woman of extreme modesty who was taken captive by aliens, stripped naked, placed in a tube of light and used as a chart for biological explanation.

"Sexual intrusions occurred," she said.

Turner said her husband was "abducted, drugged and interrogated about alien phenomenon. And if you find this hard to believe, there are other examples we could discuss."

Let's.

There was, for example, the 25-year-old man in Alabama who was seduced by an attractive blonde, who after hypnotizing him with considerable womanly passion, turned into an alien beast who "rammed a two-foot rod down his throat to extract juices and left claw marks on his shoulders."

There have been, Tampa conventioners were told by Bud Hopkins, one of UFOlogy's leading experts, cases of animal mutilation.

Hopkins, a New York

sculptor who became an E.T. specialist after years of studying the phenomenon, is something of a deprogrammer, on hand to counsel abductees. He says he sees about two new cases per day.

Average and remarkable citizens (Hopkins says he's counseling a Hollywood actor's son and seven psychiatrists) are "being played with in ways that are distasteful."

A recent national survey, Hopkins said, showed that about 2 percent of the population are abductees.

Of course you don't believe any of this.

There are people in this world who don't believe astronauts landed on the moon, UFOlogists will say.

It is not about credulity, this notion we are not alone.

It is about whether a people who demand to know who their president has slept with will allow its government to continue to lie to them about outsiders playing tricks on a male model and turning a housewife's dinner into a close encounter.

"Never believe two

groups," Hopkins said to boisterous applause in Tampa, "the aliens or the U.S. government. They both lie."

And so there is Operation Right To Know, an organization with a flying saucer on its letterhead from a Washington, D.C., address.

"The mission of Operation Right to Know," the literature says, "is to take public political action to end the UFO cover-up and build a worldwide movement which will demand the truth from all governments."

Cover-up?

"The evidence is overwhelming that Earth is being visited by intelligence-controlled aliens," said Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist from Canada, whose lecture was "UFOs: Earth's Cosmic Watergate." There have been, Friedman said, 4,400 physical traces of alien invasion in 65 countries.

"This is the biggest story of the millennium," said Friedman.

"There are nuts concerned with UFOs and there are nuts with New Age. But there is also some very credible scholarship."