

deal with the phenomenon more objectively—on a more level playing field.

Is the phenomenon physical, metaphysical, or (para)psychological? I believe that we do not yet know—nor do we understand its motivations. It is not clear whether the intelligence behind it means us good or ill, or if it even has a specific intent.

What we do learn from working with experiencers is that close encounters can be either positive or negative, or sometimes both—a mixed bag of trauma and growth. Perhaps, rather than simply being good or evil, close encounters might be subject to a scale that, like the rest of the phenomenon, we do not yet understand.

#### Endnotes:

1. Watkins & Watkins *Ego States, Theory and Therapy*
2. Hunter, *The Art of Hypnotherapy*
3. Bryant and Seebach, *Healing Shattered Reality*
4. David Jacobs, *The Threat*
5. John Mack, *Passport to the Cosmos*

### Government disclosure candidate seeking support in Maryland

A political candidate whose primary thrust involves forcing the government to disclose what it knows about UFOs and ETs is attempting to get on the ballot in Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, according to Larry W. Bryant., Director of Governmental Affairs for MUFON.

Stephen Bassett, who has been active in such areas as the Disclosure Project, Dr. John Mack's PEER program, and the Missouri Ballot Initiative, needs 4,000 signed petitions to get on the ballot, says Bryant.

Basset's campaign platform also includes a ban on space weapons, more privacy for citizens, an end to the CIA's In-Q-Tel, joining the Mine Ban Treaty, reforming the IRS, and ending discrimination in the military. Details are available at <http://www.disclosure2003.net>



Stephen Bassett

#### **MUFON 2001 Proceedings available**

The *MUFON 2001 International UFO Proceedings*, featuring Symposium papers by Dr. Robert Wood, Stanton Friedman, Dr. Eric Davis, Daniel Sheehan, Steven Greer, Dr. Barry Downing, Budd Hopkins, Ryan Wood, Dr. John Mack, Bob Pratt, Dr. Roger Leir, and Ann Druffel is available from MUFON, P.O. Box 369, Morrison, CO 80465-0369. The 8x11 216-page softback book is \$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage & handling.

### Dr. John Mack's websites change; PEER website signs off

Will Bueche, Communications Advisor, Center for Psychology & Social Change, has announced some changes to Dr. John Mack's websites. "The Program for Extraordinary Experience (PEER) website is being retired," says Bueche. "We would like to redirect you to two alternative sites that preserve much of the material:

<http://www.centerchange.org/peer>

"This site presents a selection of articles about extraordinary experiences by Dr. Mack and friends. The main page is updated regularly with essays on a wider range of topics; any new material by Dr. Mack will appear here first.

<http://www.passporttothecosmos.com>

"This is actually a redirection to [www.centerchange.org/passport](http://www.centerchange.org/passport)

"This site presents some of the best interviews and writings by and about Dr. Mack, as well as some audio clips and some of the promotional material that was created for his 1999 book, and other odds & ends. This site is also being mirrored at

[www.beyondcommunion.com/johnmack](http://www.beyondcommunion.com/johnmack)

"As the Passport to the Cosmos site is based on the original promo site created for his 1999 book, it is more splashy than Dr. Mack would personally like. His official outlet is the first site, which is more conservative in appearance.

"In case you are wondering about the future of Dr. Mack's interest in the subject of alien encounters," Bueche notes, "Dr. Mack has remarked that *Passport to the Cosmos*, his second book on alien encounters, is his final word on the subject, or at least it is the last book he will devote in full to it. He is working on a new book about cultural transformation which may touch upon the transformational themes that were his primary interest in his work with experiencers, but this book will be aimed at a broader audience."

Bueche adds that Dr. Mack "recently returned to his anti-war roots by contributing a chapter to a book on terrorism (as yet untitled, release to be announced). Dr. Mack expects he will be making fewer public appearances, favoring events that bring together a wide range of speakers from different fields.

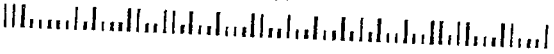
"These changes should not be viewed as turning away from the UFO community, but rather as a continuation of his effort to bring the subject of 'what we can learn about ourselves from extraordinary experiences' to the greater public.

"On that note, we have heard that the 90-minute film about Dr. Mack and experiencers, 'Touched,' is within 3 months of completion, and the filmmaker is seeking interest from networks; the site is [www.blinddogfilms.com](http://www.blinddogfilms.com).

"PEER itself has been largely inactive for the past year, though we have continued to assist the media, as efforts have shifted towards the new *Institute for Psychological & Spiritual Development*; the closing of the PEER website reflects this shift in focus and resources."

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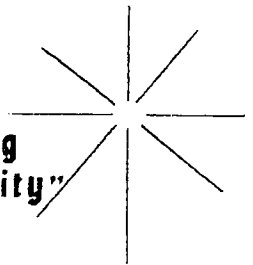
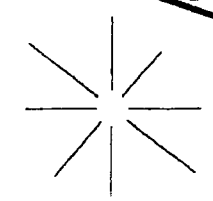
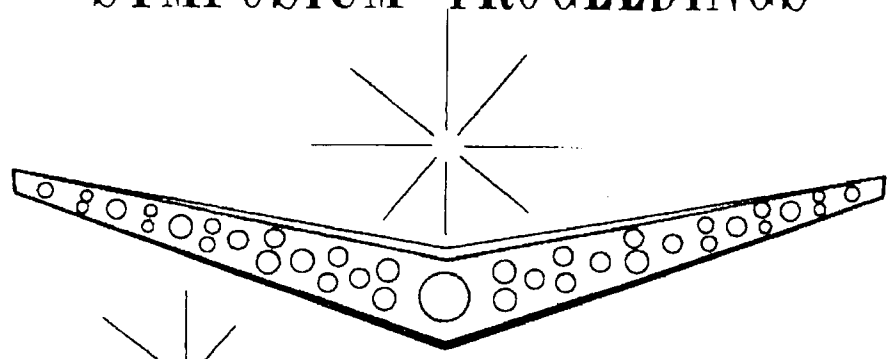
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