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Sightings team to investigate this newly discovered UFO hotspot.

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For more than two years now, the jungles of northeastern Brazil have played host to throngs of pilgrims,

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people who travel from all over the world to the small town of Batja Rite.

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Here, at precisely 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, UFOs appear and hover with such regularity

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that crowds of up to 10,000 people have witnessed the phenomenon.

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It was a pulsing moon, blue, and then it became an intense green, turning around, pulsating.

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It's not a hallucination.

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Those of us who were prepared with still and video cameras

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verified that there indeed were unidentified disc-shaped flying objects in the sky.

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That is, flying saucers.

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Immediately we aimed the still cameras, pointing them in that direction,

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and we documented the presence of six flying saucers.

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Reginaldo Atejive is head of CPU, one of Brazil's oldest and most respected paranormal research

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Since 1994, CPU has gathered an impressive gallery of UFO photographs,

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as well as collateral data about strange physical effects generated by the monthly visitations.

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On the first day of October 1994, when we photographed the UFOs,

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our equipment detected a very strong electromagnetic field.

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The static in the atmosphere increased to a frightening level,

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and it made the hair of those 6,000 people stand on end.

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At the same time that CPU was studying the UFOs from a scientific point of view,

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word spread throughout Brazil that what was happening in Bacarite was a religious miracle,

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a modern-day appearance of the Virgin Mary.

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I don't understand anything about ufology.

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I couldn't say I'm here with the faith that it's something from God.

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I felt the presence of the Lord.

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The only ones who don't feel it are the ones who don't have faith.

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The Virgin speaks to us through the sun.

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Some scholars have compared UFO apparitions to apparitions of angels and saints and the Virgin Mary.

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John Saliba is a professor of religious studies at the University of Detroit.

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He has written several papers on the various religious interpretations of the UFO phenomenon.

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They come to warn us of disaster, they come to give us spiritual advice,

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they come to help us in our struggles here on earth.

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And since they are of course superior to us, immensely superior to us, they have a lot to teach us.

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The religious overtones of the Bacarite sightings have also caught the attention of South America's leading UFO researcher and author, Irene Gronke.

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The sightings are remarkably similar to ones Gronke investigated more than 20 years ago in southern Brazil.

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A little girl of five watched a UFO emitting a beam of light to the opposite side where her mother and sisters were watching the clouds

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and saw Jesus Christ sitting and our lady.

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But it was a hologram. It was not the real thing.

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Gronke is now working with Renchanalto Atejive and CPU on the Bacarite sightings.

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It is a unique cooperative effort exploring the UFOs here from both scientific and spiritual perspectives.

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The religious people were very resentful of the scientific people and vice versa.

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The society I direct, which is Sydney, we study the two sides and we are more prone to accept scientists together with mysticism.

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On her most recent visit, Gronke examined new photographic evidence at CPU headquarters

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and she spent several hours at the local newspapers archives, studying the trend of press accounts.

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Of course, this is very important for us UFOologists when both the press and the authenticity of the photos is proved.

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The following day was the first Saturday of the month and a sightings investigative team accompanied Brazil's preeminent ufologists to Bacarite.

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At 2 p.m. a local religious leader announced the arrival of the Virgin Mary and all eyes turned to the sky.

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Although no one on our team or anyone in the Brazilian contingent saw any UFOs, many people in attendance were sure that they had had a supernatural vision.

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It was the pupil of the Virgin Mary from the eye of the Virgin Mary.

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Based on her investigation at the site, Gronke believes that the Bacarite sightings are being viewed from two angles, the scientific and metaphysical,

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and that like a two-way mirror, your angle determines what you will see.

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I believe that throughout the ages, our extraterrestrial superior beings have been trying to teach mankind progress in ethical codes

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and have used the means proper to the state of preparation that they found the populace is in.

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They are now trying to take us a step further.

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That is why it's so important that a taidi photographed what was seen in the clouds, which was not an image of Jesus Christ on our Virgin Mary.

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Gronke believes she understands why most people at Bacarite are seen Christian symbols and not extraterrestrial beings or spacecraft.

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The reaction of the people of the crowds that were present was that of fervent Catholics who are seeing these things in the church and believe they see our Lady.

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That shows you that all this information they've had throughout the centuries is very well ingrained into people's subconscious.

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Nearly 81 Irene Gronke hopes that she will live long enough to fulfill a childhood dream that haunts her to this day to make contact with the extraterrestrials who've hovered so close but so far have chosen not to land.