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Up there, there are 20 million light years of space, and that's just what we know about so far.

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In fact, what we don't know makes all the knowledge mankind has accumulated over the centuries and up to very little.

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Perhaps there'll always be more mysteries than answers, but then we all love a mystery.

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We have two more stories for you tonight, stories of ordinary people, but what they describe is anything but ordinary.

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The evidence is compelling, but is it convincing?

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The woman in one of our stories tried to convince a jury when she took her psychic powers to court.

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We'll bring you their verdict later.

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First, though, we've launched satellites and space stations hundreds of thousands of miles into orbit.

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Space probes have got more than 500 million miles away.

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Now, if we've got all that, some ask what might another civilization have?

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Figures show that a UFO, an unidentified flying object, is spotted by someone somewhere in this world every three minutes.

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Certain areas report many more sightings than others.

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There have been concentrations of sightings from the Australian bush to the Brazilian rainforests.

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But in the past few years, nowhere has had more UFO reports than a certain part of Scotland.

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In the skies around the town of Falkirk over the last couple of years, around 800 UFOs have been sighted.

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It's a phenomenon which has reached such proportions that anxious locals have called a public meeting.

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They want to know the truth. What's behind the sudden upsurge?

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There was a cloud in the sky, a pretty low down, and a large revolver of lights.

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Tending to sort of flare up and then dull down again, as if a light was turning towards me and then

turning away again.

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Suddenly, it started to move away, not very quickly, and then suddenly collapsed in on itself and disappeared.

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In fact, there means, however, that UFOs are real. Of that, there is no question.

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But it is what they are or represent that is the question.

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It would be totally foolish of mankind to sweep under a carpet all these UFO reports.

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Hundreds of people have phoned me regarding strange sightings in the sky.

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I know these people personally. I mean, they're not going to make stories out like this.

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I mean, they've actually faced a lot of ridicule and they've showed a lot of great courage coming forward

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and stating that they've seen something which nobody can define and nobody can give an answer for.

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Most sightings have been close by Volkirk in Bonnebridge.

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Once occupied by Romans, later known for its iron founties,

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Bonnebridge now has a bizarre new claim to fame. It's been blitzed by UFOs.

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Ray and Kathy Prosek were driving along the motorway nearby,

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as they approached a viaduct spanning the road.

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They say they saw an object the size of a jumbo jet hovering above it.

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The back end was elliptical and as we passed underneath it, I could see it was triangular in shape.

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There was a light at each corner.

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We passed underneath the viaduct and looking back, there sitting on the other side was another craft.

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And it looked like a mirror image, the way they were pointing towards each other.

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It didn't look like anything I'd ever seen before.

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So of course, you automatically think, you know, UFO.

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Driving home to neighbouring L'Abbot, Neil Malcolm says he was followed by a ball of light.

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I've got the fright of my life really.

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I knew it wasn't anybody's headlights or anything because it just lit up the full interior of the car.

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He rushed in to tell the rest of the family as they went to look at Neil's wife Lorraine grabbed her video camera.

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I zoomed in and I wasn't sure what I could see.

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Something, you know, what a helicopter in the plane, it definitely wasn't anything like that.

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And I had to stop because it disappeared behind the building.

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Studies of the video have been unable to explain what it shows.

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Even experts like Malcolm Robinson, who's analysed reports of UFOs for 25 years, are baffled by the wave of sightings.

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We check with the airports, we also check with the local police.

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And then you also check with meteorological stations to see any flights of weather balloons, etc.

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Some reports are misidentifications, obviously of aircraft and the like, but this leaves us with a small residue,

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which is highly unusual and which demand investigation.

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But the most puzzling UFO case in the area must be the one which happened in these woods near Livingston.

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It's a case that the police came to treat officially as assault by person or persons unknown.

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It happened to a forestry worker, Bob Taylor, who was out on patrol checking for stray sheep in the forest.

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It was a routine task, one he'd done countless times over the years he'd worked there.

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As usual, there were no sheep, but as he rounded a corner, he discovered something else.

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What the?

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A huge thing with a big round dome, a very dark grey colour,

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and it had a big flange going all the way around.

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I could see arms sticking out of this flange with what I took to be blades on the top.

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Two balls came out, two balls out, I think they'd be about three feet in diameter,

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with about six bites, and they came right up beside me.

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I remember feeling a tug at that time, and that was it.

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Bob Taylor can't remember exactly what followed.

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The next thing he does remember is lying on the ground, dazed and bleeding.

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Unable to walk and in no condition to drive, he set off for help on his hands and knees.

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By the time he arrived home, he was in a state of near total collapse.

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Bob, what happened to you?

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I didn't even drink.

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I'll get you right home.

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He looked quite shocked, and he was drained, he was right quite, and his face was dirty.

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Was it the lorry? Did you have a crash?

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You were a tact?

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Hi.

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Where about?

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Oh, look at the state of your trousers, old Tom.

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And he said, I've been attacked.

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And I said, what with?

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And he said, a spaceship.

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And I said, oh goodness me, there's no such a thing as a spaceship.

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I'm going to phone the doctor.

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You must have fell and hurt your head.

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Bob's wife called his boss, Malcolm Drummond.

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He went to the forest and he found Bob's abandoned truck.

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And that wasn't all.

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In the clearing, he found impressions have been made in the ground.

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There is no doubt in my mind that these marks were made by a perfectly solid, heavier than air object.

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They had been made by some machine which had come vertically downwards.

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I think there's no doubt about that.

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The area was fenced off and police began an intensive search.

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They found nothing.

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It was one of the most puzzling cases Detective Inspector Ian Walk has ever come across.

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I couldn't believe it at first.

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The ground was soft and there were no signs of the tracks having come from somewhere or having went anywhere.

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They just seemed to have arrived.

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Near the caterpillar type tracks were holes in the ground, three inches deep, 40 holes in all.

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At first I thought they were possible to be made by equipment that would be used by the Forestry Commission.

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But we went to the earth premises, waited that day, examined all the vehicles and nothing at all matched.

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So what else could have caused the marks?

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One theory begins with the laying of water pipes in the forest and goes on to explain what Bob Taylor saw.

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A theory developed by science writer Stuart Campbell.

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He thought he saw a spacecraft, because that was the only logical explanation to him, sitting in a clearing.

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It was a magnified image, in my opinion, of a planet millions of miles away.

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But what about Bob's injuries?

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The theory continues that the site of the mirage triggered an epileptic fit.

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It caused him to be paralyzed. He couldn't speak and of course he was unable to walk.

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These are symptoms of that.

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Was it in the forest?

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But Bob hadn't suffered from epilepsy before and those who know him have no reason to doubt him.

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Bob Taylor was straightforward, a forester who had walked here for many years.

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He had no illusions of any kind and he's not the sort of chap who would have invented a story like this.

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Then there were the rips in the trousers Bob Taylor was wearing.

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Rips he claims were made by probes from the UFO.

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The trousers were sent to the police laboratories.

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To be put under the scrutiny of forensic expert Lester Nipp.

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There was two sets of damage predominantly, close enough to be considered symmetrical.

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It's obviously been caused by a lifting action.

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It's not the sort of action that's caused by a fall.

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The tear would normally be down the trousers.

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Certainly the story could fit the bill.

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Some objects had moved across a clearing towards him, attempted to lift him up and carry him off.

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Even to this day we're completely baffled of one who assaulted Mr Taylor and two what made these marks on the ground.

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This is only one of the many local UFO cases which remain unsolved.

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Some witnesses say they're left with profound after effects.

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Desperate to find a way of coming to terms with seeing something that defies belief.

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One of the most recent cases has left two local men with an obsession.

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To find out what it was they encountered on a lonely stretch of road through the Pentland Hills.

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We come back here quite often, kind of, with our camera and I'm just interested to find out what it was they encountered.

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The craft was bigger than the road.

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Me and Colin reckon that the craft was about 30 foot wide.

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We're both very frightened.

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It has sort of affected my life seeing something like this.

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I've never seen nothing like it before.

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Since I've suffered from bad depression, which I never used to do.

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I've been in a lot of pain and pain.

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I've been in pain for a long time.

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I've been in pain for a long time.

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I've been in pain for a long time.

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I've suffered from bad depression, which I never used to do.

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It's just always on my mind.

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I just want to know what happened that night.

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I didn't really believe in it, UFOs, but this experience has sort of changed my mind.

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The Scottish UFOs are affecting local people in another way.

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They're becoming a tourist attraction.

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A plaque has been put up where Bob Taylor claimed his close encounter in the forest.

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Bringing visitors from near and possibly very far.