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UFO Hoax

At a UFO conference late last year, a home video was presented that many experts believed was, at last, definitive proof of an alien abduction. An Air Force lieutenant with military intelligence felt that not only was it authentic, but it was possibly altered by the government and leaked to the public on purpose. The video depicts a little girl's birthday party that is suddenly interrupted by aliens from a saucer that crashed nearby. It is completely fictional. The filmmaker, Dean Alioto, shot the very low-budget movie directly on video and was astounded that someone would try to use a portion of the film, "Alien Abduction," as actual evidence. In another case, a flight enthusiast built a "flying saucer" in his garage that he flew across state lines. The incident was reported by many who believed they were seeing a true alien craft. Are UFO researchers too eager to believe any evidence thrown their way, perpetuating their own theories? How do we work through this intricate maze and know what to believe and what to discount? In this piece, [encounters:] will examine the processes of analyzing extraterrestrial evidence and the repercussions hoaxes have on legitimate study.

Eyewitness Sightings

Anyone, anywhere can have a UFO sighting. In addition to researchers who stake out notorious "hot spots," ordinary citizens around the world are seeing - and sometimes videotaping - strange objects in the sky. Sometimes it happens at a school football game or at a picnic or a day at the beach. And sometimes an unsuspecting family just happens to be recording the event on video, when suddenly into the frame appears what can only be described as an unidentified flying object. How many people are holding in their video tape libraries home-shot footage that they cannot explain nor know what to do with? [encounters:] went in search of the wide scope of UFO evidence that many experts are convinced is sitting untapped in the living rooms of America. Experts analyzed where the latest sightings are taking place and informed people what to do if they have an encounter of their own.

Implants

The strange phenomenon of unidentifiable foreign object implants in humans has been gaining credence throughout the world. Could these implants be some type of sub-dermal alien monitors used to track and study humans? [encounters:] sent a special investigative team to meet with Richard Price, a man with one of the most intensively-studied and best-documented cases of these implants. Doctors and researchers have been unable to identify the object which some have surmised may actually be shaped to perfectly imitate human nerve cells. Price's case is such an extraordinary sample of an actual implant that he is currently being studied by one of MIT's top research teams. [encounters:] presented, for the first time, a serious study of this phenomenon and its implications.

Freedom Ridge

Deep in the Nevada desert is an area so well-guarded that signs tell trespassers they can be shot on sight. High resolution cameras can clearly identify intruders' license plates from a distance of two miles. Camouflage-wearing patrols drive the perimeter in 4X4's, and special attack helicopters sweep civilians who venture too close. Despite the overwhelming dangers, people continue to be drawn here every day trying desperately to learn the secrets

kept within its secure borders. These sites, Papoose Lake and Area 51, are well-known throughout the UFO community, although speculations differ regarding their primary function. Some say top secret aircraft are being tested, others are convinced they are storage centers for captured alien crafts and life forms. Besides the continuing stream of curious UFO spotters, there is a group of people known as "The Interceptors" who frequent the area. Consisting largely of scientists and professionals, these individuals find themselves inexplicably drawn here, almost unconsciously accepting a mission to study and defend the site. Many have left behind families and good jobs to pursue their obsession. Despite the incredible security and physical obstacles, every once in a while the faithful are treated to bizarre flying objects or impressive light shows. What is going on out there, and why is someone trying so very hard to keep it secret? [encounters:] joined one of "The Interceptors", who used high-tech equipment and his honed reconnaissance skills on an exclusive expedition to capture the first and only footage of Papoose Lake. We met with the determined few who some think may be on the brink of blowing apart the entire government cover-up.

List of Interviews

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