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>> Well, science fiction has only really existed for a relatively  
>> short time, at least as a literature of technical extrapolation.  
>> So I can't see how UFO descriptions, which have remained  
>> relatively unchanged (given the difficulty in interpreting or  
>> assessing the credibility of older sources) could follow SF  
>> fashion.

> Well, I'll hold of my assessment of that until I look further  
> into the subject. All that I can say is what I have read has  
> lead me to regard the descriptions as more fluid, but that may as  
> well be a reflection insufficient reading.

Dear Mark and William:

Here perhaps, is another perspective on the role of Science Fiction. Sci Fi has always produced an interest in other worlds, coupled with a sober realization that we're not going to GO there. In essence it says, "OK, so we are not going there, then this is the only way, so let's get to work on it." It is a bit like someone asking whether a particular film is based on actual/true experiences. What movie isn't? I prefer to think of Sci Fi as an art form (human imagination) that fills in the void which science has yet (or may never be able) to achieve. Because it is certainly the domain of science to look for ETI, however, to actually find it is not!

What is most curious to me, is the disdain most Sci Fi writers and affectionados have for the UFO phenomenon. Perhaps, somehow, finding ETI would threaten the demise of the genre?

Tom T.

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