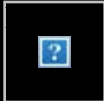


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### Re: Noctilucent Clouds and UFOs

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>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 1999 19:09:30 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
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>Subject: Noctilucent Clouds and UFOs

>Hi everyone.

>Dr. Michael DeRobertis is a York University professor of Physics  
>and Astronomy and the editor of Ontario Skeptics Electronics  
>News, a weekly publication which is sent out by e-mail to  
>subscribers. Below is an article in the latest issue which some  
>UFO UpDates list members, and Dr. Kevin Randle in particular,  
>would be interested in since it involves Noctilucent Clouds  
>(Ambiguous Astronomical and Meteorological Stimuli) and the  
>suggestion that these clouds may be identified as UFOs  
>(Influence of Pre-existing Belief in UFOs). In this case, I  
>would think everyone could readily tell the difference between  
>even rare very high altitude clouds and UFOs. Witnesses to the  
>famous case of a large UFO obscured in the clouds hovering above  
>a landmark downtown Montreal hotel for a long time didn't  
>confuse the two.

>Because of their great height, noctilucent clouds would seem to  
>be stationary and would glow bright in the dark sky from the  
>reflected light of the sun even well after sunset. Has anyone  
>who has seen such clouds have any doubts that they were seeing  
>something other than just clouds?

Dear Nick:

I'm sure some wishful thinkers, and other "dim bulbs" have  
confused such clouds for UFOs and other things.

My point ( and yours too I suppose ) is that a discriminating,  
reasonably informed person blessed with normal intelligence and  
eyesight, would be highly unlikely to do so.

I saw a picture of a perfect lenticular cloud once. Others  
less perfectly saucer shaped were in the background. One  
could imagine a classic saucer trying to disguise itself in a  
mist.

Then, in about 1986, I saw the real thing, right over the  
height of the Colorado Rockies!

I watched it carefully, for several minutes. It was splendid ..  
it was also just a goddam cloud.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

[ article snipped for brevity only -LH ]

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