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Hi Errol, Hi All

It has often been quoted that out of all the UFO sightings reported that some ninety five percent can be explained one way or another.[1] It has also been suggested that only some ten percent of actual UFO sightings ever get reported. Is this because the sightee fears ridicule or whatever, I don't know.

IF and that's a BIG if, we have five hundred sightings reported each year that cannot be readily explained (world-wide), that would mean that we have a nine thousand five hundred sightings that can be explained. (Follow the logic here) That would also mean that we have one hundred thousand odd of actual sightings happening each year, right?

Being that there are only 525,600 minutes in a calendar year does this mean that the good people of earth are seeing Unidentified Flying Objects at a rate of one every five and a half minutes world-wide?

Some have also suggested _millions_ of Americans are being abducted each year too.[2] That would be three or four every minute of the day, every day of the year, and that's not counting the non-American abductees either!

(On a side issue, if millions of Americans _are_ being abducted then they are mighty busy little greys - or whatever.)

Getting my drift? No? Well its simple. Statistics can say whatever you want them to say. My personal feelings are that the figure of _real_ UFO's (or alien space craft) is less than ONE percent! And that is of the amount of UFOs unexplained!

I would love to point out, much to the annoyance of the likes of Andy Roberts, that no matter how many cases his (or her) hard work and research explain I still _believe_ in aliens and in "flying saucers".

Whilst I am rambling, many hundreds of _genuine_ unidentifieds are seen each year [3] and many, many more are explained by hard work and research. This insignificant little mudball that we call Earth, is astronomically at the back end of beyond, so if we are getting visited at hundreds of times each year why has there been no PUBLIC contact? Is this because _they_ are monitoring is or is there some "Prime Directive" about non-interference?

So this brings me to a conclusion. Yes we are being visited, but nowhere near the quantity that _some_ would have you believe.

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sources that he supplied me with.

1) Project Blue Book claimed 95% IFOs, but their sample was highly biased toward NL cases which typically yield more IFOs than CE cases. The somewhat better Condon sample attained only 30% IFOs. It is likely that a CE only investigation would have 50% or lower IFOs.

2) The high numbers for abductions come from the Roper poll, which most reputable researchers consider highly flawed. Indeed, given the various potential psychological side effects if abductions are real, it is possible that there are many fewer abductions than even reported by the abductee population.

3) The best database of UFOs is Larry Hatch's *U* Database, which contains 16,000 unexplained sightings, with (I believe) most in the fifty year interval since 1947. 16,000 sightings over 50 years implies 320 a year, or about one a day. However, there are some days with many more and many days with none. The 1952 wave alone contains a significant percentage of all reports ever made. See:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/wave/index.htm>

for more info.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
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