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### Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?

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>>Roy's original question was:

>>>Could you please tell us if you personally believe at anytime  
>>in >the last 25yrs or perhaps beyond that there has been at  
>>least >one visit to this planet by any form of Extraterrestrial  
>>craft?

>>That is a very good question and since there are so many  
>>'ufologists' out there maybe one kind soul could answer that  
>>(what I perceive to be) simple question.

>>Dave Bowden.

>Hi,

>But I would also like to see others add their responses to this  
>question. Heres a stat for you. I bet there will be a far higher  
>number of US replies saying 'yes' and a far lower percentage of  
>UK/European responses that say no spacecraft has provably (or  
>probably) landed in their estimation.  
>Jenny Randles

I wouldn't describe myself as a ufologist, I'm just an ordinary wage-slave who's interested in the field. I've seen a couple of lights that weren't easily explicable, but probably weren't spacecraft. But I'd like to add my views.

I've read lots of books and lots of web-pages. I've seen some very strange videos. But the thing that makes me wonder the most about what is going on is the attitude of the military to the UFO phenomenon. The evasive answers and the denials of official interest don't tally with documents coming out of the UK Public Records office and FOIA docs in the States.

The one thing I wouldn't attempt to do, and I don't think anyone else should do, is to put probabilities and percentages. What's

the universe you're studying? All UFO sightings? You can't know them all, as I would think most are never reported. Then what percentage are explained? Well, most explanations I see put about are full of 'likely' and 'probable'.

Jenny asked what others think. I don't know quite what to think, and I expect most people are the same. I admire the certainty of the ETH people and the Brits who think they are all advanced human aircraft. I don't see how anyone can know - the evidence is too contradictory. I can summarise my views as:

a) I think it's likely that some UFO sightings are caused by technology that is far beyond what is generally accepted as human knowledge. There must be 'secret' aircraft (like Aurora, though I don't think we can describe it as secret anymore, can we?), but not as advanced as some of the things people have seen.

b) I think that if this technology had been developed on Earth, the secret would be out - I've worked in both the academic world and the defence contracts world, and there are a lot of 'secrets' that everyone knows. Gossip would emerge.

c) I think that cattle mutilations are connected in some way with all of this, but I don't know how or why.

d) I think abductions are mostly imagined.

I take most notice of expert witnesses - scientists, pilots, etc. There are a hell of a lot of them seeing things they don't understand. And when our British Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Hill-Norton, says these things aren't ours, I tend to believe him - you don't get to be the man who presses the nuclear button if you're flaky.

After spending 25 years reading everything I can, the UFOlogists haven't managed to make me certain about much. In fact, as time goes on I'm more confused. I expect this confusion will only grow.

Martin Phillips

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