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This issue features more on the "First Contact" theme. Greg Wheeler delves into it some more, and our transcribed interview is with Dr. Albert Harrison, a social scientist who discusses what we do after Contact is made. A new column debuts this issue: The Lone Gunmen, named affectionately after the group of the same name on the X-Files. The editor of this column, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a long time ParaNet researcher who will use this column for reviews of all kinds - books, magazines, websites and more. Let us know how you like it. We also have another installment of my book "Close Encounters of the Revelation Kind", which explores the book of Revelation and interprets it as an alien landing rather than a vision. ParaNet Postings returns with more fascinating comments pulled from alt.paranet.ufo on the Internet. And there are lots of extra goodies packed around the pages to fill up the pages. Hope you like it!

See you next quarter.

Brian

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by Greg Wheeler, Ph.D.

Coming to Terms.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the UFO endures forever, to paraphrase the Biblical writer. Like an object of worship, Ufology attracts believers and skeptics in equal proportions, while most leave the perennial mystery of identifying "flying objects" to others.

But in our opinion, the UFO enigma has made First Contact more a theme for entertainment than a thesis for enlightenment.

Our goal is to seek understanding, but we have found the tools of Ufology

experiments, conducted according to scientific principles, as one avenue to discovery. We could ask, can you have science without SF?

Speculation about our place in the Universe is unavoidable as astronomical and biological discoveries continue to reveal more ways that life could evolve beyond Earth. SETI is the natural scientific response to these discoveries and speculations. But SETI's focus is narrow: to detect electromagnetic evidence of a non-Terran civilization. As a technical tool, SETI is not prepared to address the consequences of such detection, nor is SETI focused on ways an advanced civilization might prepare for the discovery of such signals.

Even if historical evidence of a First Contact could be confirmed, it is not the historical event itself that is significant, but the date of its confirmation. That would become the de facto date of "First Contact", i.e. the exact moment in history when confirmation of First Contact is publicly recognized. E.g., if Roswell really was a crashed UFO, the real date of First Contact remains in the future, when such facts are finally disclosed, and not July, 1947. An effective cover-up prevents a publicly announced politically recognized event. Cultural denial is allowed to continue, or is fostered, thereby delaying the birth of the Post-contact assimilation crisis—the phase when a planetary society transfers the reality of other planetary civilizations

Do UFOs Prove First Contact?

lacking and the methods insufficient. This quest has led us to suggest that we need a new approach—what we have come to call First Contact Science.

The reader might rightfully ask, how can one have a science about something that hasn't happened? Whatever an individual might say about UFOs, there has not been an official declaration by any authoritative institution that Earth has made contact with extraterrestrial intelligence. Does this reduce First Contact Science to First Contact Speculation, and reduce science into the handmaiden of Science Fiction?

To complicate matters further, the reader might inquire why we need First Contact Science when we have SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence? Is there a difference? Isn't it all Science Fiction?

Science Fiction as a genre is certainly speculation. However, we have noted before the strange way that yesterday's SF speculation can turn into today's commonplace fact.

Without SF, would scientists still do science? Of course! But if one could conceive of SF as a form of faith seeking understanding, then in the same way one could consider thought

We advocate the development of First Contact Science because it is clear that a civilization conducting SETI should prepare for success. Furthermore, the time to study a Pre-contact society is before First Contact occurs.

We must define our terms. Our own Pre-contact civilization can be recognized as such by the lack of a publicly recognized declaration that contact with a non-Terran intelligence has occurred. This crucial declaration must be politically meaningful, i.e. the result of an authoritative public confirmation that "we have been contacted by" or "we have made contact with" an off-planetary intelligence, in order to truly consummate the First Contact event.

This definition allows us to place possible phenomena of undeclared contact in the category of "unofficial" and thus of a preliminary quality. Such events, while perhaps powerful and definitive to a few, never reach the threshold for a First Contact Event. They are worthy of much study, and perhaps one of them could eventually reveal evidence so compelling that an official and final declaration of First Contact results. It is only with this sanctioning that a society begins the great movement to accommodate this revelation.

into its awareness of itself. To understand such political duplicity, we must first recognize the concept of "readiness."

Since we cannot know when First Contact will be declared, our window for studying our own Pre-contact Earth may be short—or infinitely long. All the diverse phenomena collectively referred to as Ufology, what we are calling Pre-contact events—the rumors of abductions, sightings, and conspiracies that are happening now, prove to some that First Contact has already happened. For others, such "evidence" is all fantasy. We believe our First Contact definition frees us from this 50 year-old, tiresome debate, and immediately moves us to higher ground.

From this perspective, we believe we can see a unification of purpose behind the seemingly disparate poles of UFO belief and skepticism, by recognizing both as natural reactions to the truth of a Pre-contact awakening.

Without science fiction, would scientists still do science?

While we seek to use the methods of science--nurtured by social science, and educated by SETI--First Contact Science must also understand the connections between a society advanced enough to develop space travel and SETI, while at the same time having a legacy of 50 years of Ufology.

The value of First Contact Science is that by these methods, human beings can inform themselves, perhaps perform themselves, to prepare for First Contact, to foster a capacity to cope with an unprecedented historical challenge.

First Contact Science is needed because it rises above the technical issues of individual UFO sightings or abductions to seek wider definitions of being human, and to give us the flexibility and resilience we'll need to survive our exposure to the workings of an extraterrestrial culture. In our opinion, First Contact Science is about survival and growth in the face of what could be our greatest planetary challenge so far--global culture shock.

The Times are a Changin'.

The End of the Second Millennium is at hand--a time when many are speculating about the future of Earth. A wave of "Millennial Madness" is upon us, and with it, an inevitable examination of Earth's place in the Galaxy.

This 1000 year cycle in our collective date numbering system is seen by some to herald the coming or return of a messiah. Still others see tragic limitations coming our way, such as an end to adequate food supplies, clean air and water, or a loosing on Earth of a cleansing virus that again reduces humankind to tiny bands of survivors. Add to this list random disasters of the universe--colliding masses, solar flares, a toxic burst of x-rays, or a stray mini-black hole, and there is much to fear! Yet the Pessimist's Dirge stops not for a second the din of commerce, political spinners, military strategists, and everyday workers in their course. Life goes on, and very likely will go on, well into the next Millennium. Denial is our main defense, and it is mostly justified.

A blue haze of denial stands too between Earth and any civilizations which might lay beyond earth's atmosphere. Where light pollution is low, the clear, dark night sky presses more on human consciousness, but because it is the time of sleep and dreams, thoughts of extraterrestrials blend into the night's more mundane images and worries. The stargazer's imagination dims when the Sun comes out and the duties of the day begin. In the next Millennium, this haze is likely to clear forever.

The simple awareness of the possibility we are not alone in the Galaxy is increasing. A Harris poll conducted in August 1996 showed 53% of Americans believe life exists other than on Earth, while the French version, the October 1996 SOFRES poll for the weekly *Tele K7* magazine found 48% of those surveyed believe in extraterrestrials.

Basic psychology labels denial as a defense mechanism. This means that the mind has developed strategies along the evolutionary path to assure continued survival of the species (if not also the individual). In earlier days, one can imagine that without denial, no hunter or gatherer would dare go out into the wilds. Predators and natural hazards would keep the fully aware humanoid timidly starving around the campfire. Luckily for us, along with the capacity for denial, other mental strategies like intense curiosity and bold self-representations (the narcissism of the hunter), urged the hunter to feel powerful enough to take on the predator and secure dinner, clothing and offspring.

Just so we now venture into space, at first peering with our sharp Hubble eye and listening with our keen SETI ears, then making our residences there.

Early humans decorated their cave walls with representations about the outside world which may have had ritual value for helping them overcome their fears and sense of powerlessness. By these portrayals of predators and prey, our ancestors seemed to

bolstered their confidence and denial against overwhelming obstacles.

So too we have our movie talismen and our TV charms, portraying the alien threat in *Special FX*, and overcoming it.

Perhaps our descendants, 10 millennia from now, will marvel at our own capacity for survival by such methods, although many doubt Earth has much of a chance of making it 10,000 years. I'm sure it seemed pretty gloomy to those few surviving late Ice-age cave families of 40,000 years ago, seeing not a soul around them for weeks at a time, their food dwindling. If any of them had held Millennialist ideas, perhaps none of us would be here today!

The Stages of Awakening.

Based on our own planetary culture, we suppose that pre-Contact civilizations have no scientific conceptions of aliens, but only conceive of beings mythologically. The earliest cultural representations never seem to leave the flat planetary surface, and all seem "access-based". That is, a hunter-gatherer band will tell stories of beings who live on the top of a remote mountain, beyond an uncrossed body of water, or in the billowy white clouds above, clearly beyond the access of the storyteller.

If a planetary system has visible nighttime skies, then the stars will speak of the ultimate unreachable domain. Belief systems of proto-societies mark off the boundaries of knowledge by placing denial markers around them. By making places sacred, alien forces are contained.

A survival oriented, pre-astronomical culture will make no meaningful sense of First Contact, even if it does occur. This type of First Contact may occur, but with likely colorful results as suggested in the Nickelodeon TV program *Kablam!* cartoon segment called "Prometheus and Bob". In these animations, Bob cannot recognize the significance of his benefactor nor his gifts, and persists in seeing these novelties in the same old ways as he views ordinary objects.

The pre-astronomical stage of mythical beings in inaccessible places seems to be followed by an early astronomical stage, in which cultures try to measure astronomical events (e.g., orbital-based recurrences) in order to regulate survival strategies (when to migrate, when to plant crops, etc.). This skill is followed at some point by the development of a first "scientific" cosmology, which for Westerners was the Ptolomaic geocentric astronomy.

With Copernicus came the first movement beyond the boundaries of human uniqueness and into the possibility of other worlds. Advanced speculations, like those of Nicholas of Cusa, could recognize geocentric thinking, and advocate a larger view. But even after Copernicus was old news, Giordano Bruno burned at the stake for his foresight, and a little later, Galileo nearly escaped the same fate.

But eventually, the truth will out, and Earth passed into a fully astronomical civilization with growing technical ability to recognize our galactic environment. The development of space exploration, vigorous astronomy, and SETI sets the stage for First Contact Science.

From proto-societies to an advanced, Pre-contact planetary civilization is a vast domain in which to study conceptions of a civilization's view of itself in the universe. First Contact Science has much work to accomplish just with our own Terran version of this discipline. We must define its terms, refine its stages, and draw recognizable boundaries between preliminary First Contact episodes and the firmly established, formal First Contact event, after which will come the process of a hopefully successful assimilation that turns a Pre-contact planetary culture into a Post-First Contact galactic society.

In the life of a long-lived space faring culture, there may even be several additional phases of First Contact beyond contacting a single extraterrestrial planet. There may be a First Contact with a star system alliance, a First Contact with an extra-galactic

civilization, a trans-temporal First Contact, and perhaps, a trans-universe First Contact. Of course, a civilization must learn to live long enough to have such experiences, and be cohesive enough to transmit this knowledge effectively between generations. But from these examples we can detect the utility of the underlying open system basis for First Contact Science.

In our analysis of the Pre-FC civilization, we have taken only the view of the contactee. It may be that the contactor civilization has certain rules of engagement. This idea was popularized by Gene Rodenberry in his ST concept of the Prime Directive of "noninterference." This concept was further described by the late Carl Sagan in his movie *Contact*, when the alien presence told Ellie, the ambassador from Earth, that they would move slowly with further contact, because "it's the way it's been done for billions of years." Sagan hinted that contactor civilizations may follow a format, carefully staged, based on a mind bogglingly huge inventory of First Contact experiences, which might include a judgment of "readiness" for such direct evidence.

Perhaps Dr. Sagan knew something about First Contact that he could not publicly disclose. But as he suggested, the announcement of First Contact is a sociopolitical event, falling within a political framework, and is a crucial moment that can theoretically be manipulated by either the contactor or the political apparatus of the contactee planet, or both, each for its own purposes.

First Contact for the contactor civilization may be analogous to parachuting into a hurricane. Where the jumper will finally lands will be wildly unpredictable without a full understanding of very complex, rapidly changing systems. Much will depend on the receptive conditions of the contactee civilization, from this point of view.

The date when the First Contact event becomes public is the anchor date for further cultural developments. These criteria recognize the crucial importance of the First Contact event as a

cultural phenomenon and not just a matter of technical reductionism. First Contact Science studies these late stage events, shadowy at times, sometimes bold, but always at the edge of conclusiveness, and seeks to understand resilient denial until the final public event is marked.

Late stage skepticism and denial will likely be identified within First Contact Science as important factors presaging the final acceptance of First Contact. The greater the denial, the longer and more difficult the First Contact assimilation. First Contact Science will seek to understand fully what processes—personal, social, and political—bolster denial, or promote acceptance, in the presence of intense First Contact evidence?

First Contact Science allows a dual view of this process. From the skeptical side, the belief phenomena, with its sightings, pose an important milestone in planetary consciousness about the off-planet possibilities. From the belief side, the resilience of skeptical conceptions for events beyond a doubt of extra-planetary origin represent the last throws of a threatened worldview, struggling to retain power. We believe both are key players in a civilization's last moments before First Contact, and ultimately as necessary for development as an adolescent's battle with his or her parents over who drives the car or how late is "late."

We believe that First Contact Science can help guide our planet's maturation through adolescence and into the exciting but unknown challenges of a galactic adulthood. With experience, someday, perhaps, we might need First Contact Science to guide us through our own First Contact with some other adolescent world.

—Special thanks to my associate Scott Scribner for his typically incisive editorial comments. This article's shortcomings, however, are my own darn fault! ■ ■ ■



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<http://www.cs.bgsu.edu/~jzawodn/ufo/misc/enigma.html>

The Psychology of Dreamland by Terry Hansen.

<http://www.psytek.com/coa19.html>

Project Bluebeam (mentioned on 11/17/96 show).

<http://www.ensc.sfu.ca/people/SupportStaff/girling/personal/hill>

New ideas regarding the starmap of Betty Hill (mentioned on 12/29/96 show).

<http://207.179.129.61/index.htm>

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UFO Folklore.

The Book of Revelation: Angels or Aliens?

by Brian Wood

Fourth in a Series

The following excerpts are from an unpublished book that I wrote a few years ago. I spent about a year studying the Bible, the Koran and other religious works throughout history with an eye toward making sense of them in terms of UFO landings rather than visions. The commentary that follows is meant to stimulate your imagination, not to discredit Christianity. It's one of many possibilities. . .

Chapter 11

The Last Plagues: Troop Carriers?

15:1-16:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

John has already described the viewscreen as a sea of glass. In the passage above, he sees the same sea of glass mingled with fire. He also sees the ones who triumphed over the beast, again on the screen. This is merely a recap of earlier statements. Then he sees a door open, and several aliens approach one of the consoles. Each of the aliens takes something from one of the four consoles and then leaves the room. He also hears voices in the other room. The aliens are wearing the same type of clothing that the first alien was wearing outside the ship when John first made contact.

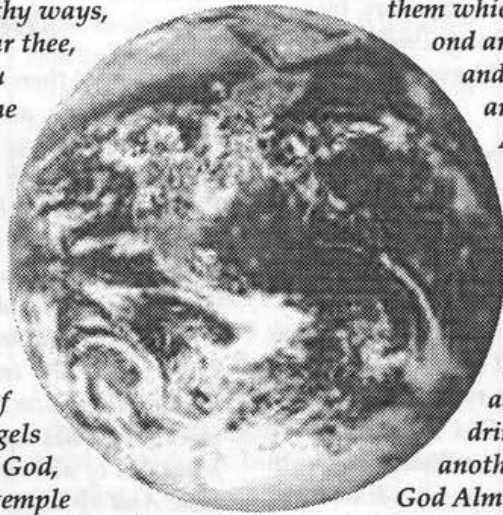
John then claims that he heard a voice telling the angels to pour out their vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. This is just a dramatic way of introducing more of the pain and suffering he saw. Whereas the earlier images were of natural disaster, the following images are of personal suffering. Modern biblical commentary still ascribes these vials of death to demons. Demons! Can't a more rational, scientific explanation be found?

Vials 1-5: Pain and sores...

16:2-11 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Many men developed skin cancers. The oceans and rivers became blood red. Men were scorched with fire. The sky darkened. This is just more of the same. But soon, John describes a war that has come to be known as Armageddon...

Vial #6: Prelude to Armageddon...



16:12-16 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The Euphrates river is in present day Iraq. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers provide the greenbelt that sustains this otherwise desolate region. Ancient Babylon was located near what is now Baghdad, along those rivers. Some scientists believe that the birthplace of civilization (Eden) was located in the delta at the mouth of these rivers. Although the Euphrates river might be recognizable to John by sight, it is more likely that he simply means "a large river." When he says that it was dried up, a possible scenario is that an alien craft used a gravitational force beam to open a passageway through the river for the kings of the east. In *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, by Barry Downing (J.B. Lippincott Publishing, 1968), the author suggests that such a force could have accounted for Moses' parting of the Red Sea.

The place called Armageddon is believed by most to be the valley of Megiddo, (Har Megiddo in Hebrew) located in Israel, site of many battles throughout history. Thus, it would be a logical place for him to set a major confrontation between good and evil if he believed one was to happen.

There are three evil spirits represented here: a dragon, a beast, and a "false prophet." These are typically called the unholy trinity by most Bible scholars. Out of the mouths of these spirits, John saw frogs emerge. If military land vehicles are substituted for the three beasts, as was done in a previous chapter, the frogs could be green land vehicles emerging from the openings in landing craft.

John uses the phrase "Behold, I come as a thief." This is derived from an expression in 1 Thessalonians 5, written by Paul to the church of the Thessalonians: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." A similar invocation occurs in Mark 13:33: "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." The latter is Jesus' message that one must always be ready for his coming, for no one will know the hour. John's use of that imagery sets the tone for the final battle of Armageddon.

Vial #7: Battle of Armageddon...

16:17-21 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of

heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

This is not really a "battle." No armies or soldiers are mentioned. It is simply a continuation of the great catastrophe that John has been describing all along. How the nations of the Earth deal with the catastrophe is the real issue. Will the people unite to try to ward off the inevitable and help each other deal with the consequences, or will they use the confusion to get an advantage over others? Both scenarios are conceivable.

Chapter 12

Babylon the Great: The First Astronaut

17:1-6 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

John was taken into "the wilderness" and shown an impressive sight which he likened to a whore sitting on a beast. It was a great mystery, and he was in awe. In an earlier chapter, the possibility was raised that the "wilderness" was really outer space. This section reinforces that speculation. The whore that sits on the waters is actually a land mass seen from space.

17:7-18 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven

heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

The alien asked why John marveled, and offered an explanation. He said that they were now high above the planet and that he was looking at land masses surrounded by ocean, with white clouds above. There was no "beast." There were mountain ranges that could be seen clearly. What looked like a woman was really a city at night with the burning campfires resembling pearls.

Here again, it is difficult to tell where the alien's explanation ends and John's embellishment begins. When he says "and there are seven kings..." he is taking liberties with the alien's explanation. He was shown the Earth from above, but could not relate what he saw to what he knew of his planet! If the wording is examined carefully, it is evident that the alien is only attributed to have described mountains and cities and nations. The rest is all John's misguided interpretation.

John knew well the prophecies of Daniel, which also deal with the end of the world. It is possible that, seeing the Earth from above, he attempted to make a connection between this and Daniel's prophecy.

18:1-8 *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful*

bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

John saw a bright object light up the ground. The first sentence is the only useful data in the whole section. The remainder is devoted to an explanation of what was bad about the city of Babylon. It is again unlikely that John meant the actual city of Babylon. As mentioned earlier, the city of Baghdad is the nearest modern major city located near the ruins of Babylon. Saddam Hussein and the government of Iraq, despite ruthless aggression against others, have spent much time and money restoring the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, once regarded as one of the wonders of the world. Still, restoration of Babylon as a functional city is not likely to ever occur.

It is conceivable that the massive air bombardment of Baghdad is what John was describing in the above excerpt. In that case, a loose translation is required, for the passage refers only to a single angel coming down from the heavens and lighting up the city - an image we would associate with an atomic bomb - and that did not occur during the Gulf war. Certainly many nations could be said to have engaged in "fornication with her," including the United States, in the sense that Saddam Hussein's atrocities were overlooked in the desire to engage in trade with Iraq and to use Iraq's power in the region to keep Iran under control. In the excerpt above, the city is said to be destroyed in one day. In a later passage, the time is said to be one hour. Although the air bombardment of Baghdad lasted many days before the ground war occurred, it is certainly true that major destruction occurred in the first hour and the first day. If this war is not the one being described, the only other logical interpretation that fits modern times is the destruction that would be unleashed with the explosion of a nuclear weapon over a city. This does not seem likely anymore, despite the huge US and Russian nuclear stockpiles, because of the amazing disintegration of the USSR that occurred in 1991.

18:9-18 *And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment,*

saying, *Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!*

Alas, Babylon...

Obviously, a great city is destroyed very quickly. Nuclear weapons are certainly capable of this, but so are collisions with celestial objects. It does not take a great leap of faith to realize that the total loss of any city would be lamented, whether such a city was destroyed as an act of random terrorism or by natural causes.

18:19-24 *And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

John's lament for the great city continues. Of particular interest in this passage is the description of a mighty angel heaving a millstone into the sea. A millstone is a round grinding wheel. A mighty angel would be a good descrip-

tion of an unseen force causing an object to move through the sky. It is possible that John is referring to a UFO diving into the ocean here. UFOs have been reported to do this occasionally in modern times. In fact, the oceans may have been a reasonable hiding place from any planetary disasters, not to mention from the local populace.

19:1-5 *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*

Here, John says that the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped the being on the throne, whom he refers to as God for the first time. He then says that a voice came out of the throne! Did it come out of the throne, or was it uttered by God? If this is indeed an alien ship, the quote attributed to the being that is probably the captain is not likely to have actually been made by him. A voice may have come out of the throne, but in all probability it was spoken in an alien tongue. Hearing this, and believing he was in heaven, John would naturally assume that if the commander spoke and the elders made a gesture of obedience ("Yes, Sir!") they were praising God.

Chapter 13 Recapitulation

The Marriage of the Lamb

19:6-10 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

When John falls to his knees to worship the commander, the commander says "See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant." This is a clear attempt to get John to understand that he is among mortals just like himself, not deities or angels.

The Holy War

19:11-21 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

This appears to be a recapitulation of many of the events already seen. The white horse appears again, still making war. There is a slight indication that John is referring to space-based objects in the same manner he did when he saw the shuttle releasing a satellite. Again he mentions the sharp sword, the rod of iron, the winepress and strange writing. Then he says he saw an angel standing in the sun! This angel calls together all the other fowl that fly in heaven and together they defeat the two beasts and cast them into a lake of fire. The only logical interpretation of this passage is that the war-making machinery which com-

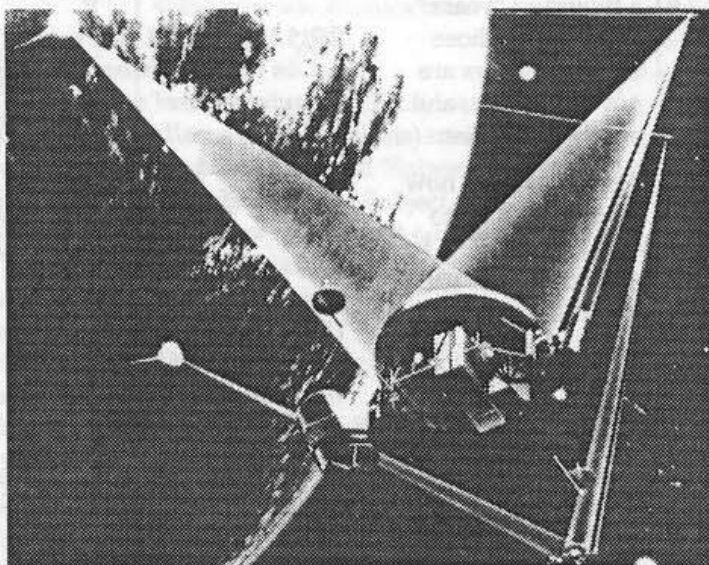
prised the two beasts was destroyed in a blinding flash of light. An interesting possibility is that a laser or particle beam weapon is fired from a SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) space-based platform. Such a discharge might look like a sharp sword proceeding out of its mouth. If true, this adds further fuel to the theory that the timing of the catastrophe is near, because the SDI program is now mature enough that some portions are already in place.

The Binding of Satan and Reign of the Martyrs

20:1-6 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

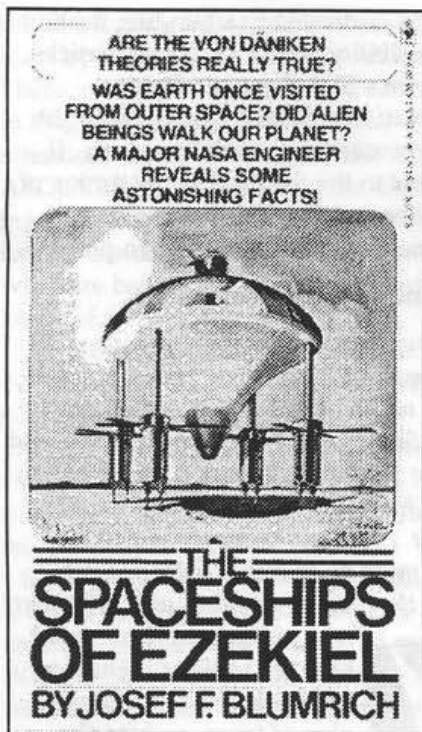
And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment

was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.



Could the "sharp sword" be a blast from the SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) space-based platform?

This section is usually interpreted to mean that God and His angels win the war and give the Devil his due. The resultant peace then lasts 1000 years. Many interpreters like to redefine the year to suit their expectation of the coming end-times. Grant Jeffrey, in *Armageddon, Appointment with Destiny*, goes to great lengths to get several different analyses of Biblical prophecy to agree on a date for Armageddon of near the turn of this century (about 2000 A.D.). Like many interpreters, Mr. Jeffrey argues that Daniel's vision of seventy weeks leading to Armageddon begins March 14, 445 B.C., when the command to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem occurred, and that the first 69 of those weeks occurred from that point until April 6, 32 A.D., when Jesus was killed. The 69 weeks represents 483 "Biblical years" of 360 days each. Following the 69 weeks is the long period we have been in



Others have found correlation between the Bible and possible alien visitation. This is one of them.

"prove" that Armageddon is just around the corner. It has been shown in this book that the description of our space shuttle and other warming machinery indicates that a major catastrophe of natural causes could take place within our lifetimes, but the notion that Biblical era people could foretell future ages to the accuracy claimed in the above example is absurd. Since Biblical prophecy was not new to John, it is most likely that this section is simply a continued recap of Daniel's prophecy.

Gog, Magog

20:7-10 *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

As mentioned before, John was well versed in biblical prophecy. He uses the terms "Gog" and "Magog" here for the first time. This term is first used in a prophecy of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 38-39), an Old Testament "end-times" seer. It is curious that the visions of Ezekiel have also been likened to a UFO visitation in *The Spaceships of Ezekiel* by Joseph F. Blumrich (Bantam Books, 1974). In Ezekiel, Gog is king of the land of Magog, a land to the far north. The similarity to Gorbachev, from Moscow, is striking,

ever since - the "Church age". This is to be followed by one very bad "week" of seven years, split exactly in half, with the Antichrist taking over a newly rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and initiating the final war during the last 3.5 "days" (3.5 years). Only now, of course, the years are our 365 day version. After the battle, Christ vanquishes the Antichrist and reigns with those who died for Him for a thousand "years." Presumably those thousand years are now real years, and not the fake ones.

This shows just how far one must go to

and it's an alliteration that has not escaped the televangelists of our time. However, the disintegration of the USSR and concomitant rise of Boris Yeltsin, would tend to throw that analogy out, at least for now. Since the use of Gog and Magog predates Revelation by several hundred years, John is borrowing from old prophecy here rather than stating anything new. There was said to be one thousand years of peace before the time of Gog and Magog. Many evangelists have tried to convince their congregations that Jesus' return is just around the corner, so they have gone to great lengths to explain away the thousand years of peace that intervenes between the end-times and Gog/Magog. Since the bulk of Revelation is concerned with the detailed exposition of planetary catastrophe, and since John already knew the story of Gog/Magog, the only fitting conclusion is that this event as well as the next (judgment day) are simply borrowed from the Old Testament.

The Last Assize: Judgment Day

20:11-15 *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

John is foreshadowing an event that occurs in the next chapter when he says that heaven fled away from the one who sat on the throne. However, his main message is that God judges all men (and presumably all women, too), and sends them off to their reward. This is not original with John. He is assuming that judgment day is a natural outgrowth of the events he has seen. He makes no allowance for the possible misinterpretation of the visions.

Chapter 14 A New Heaven & Earth: Trip into Space

John next describes a new heaven and a new Earth. Without even reading it, these terms evoke images of being taken into space...

21:1-8 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall*

be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

John was one of the world's first astronauts! After his Earth disappeared, he saw a new Jerusalem appear. Having never before seen a planet from space, with the white clouds looking like a bride's dress, he is probably moved to tears.

21:9-14 *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

One of the aliens told John he would give him a better look at the planet. The ship traveled to a high place on the outskirts of a large, beautiful city. It was night, but the city was brightly lit. John is transported "in the Spirit" to see a new heaven and new Earth! What could be more descriptive of a trip to another planet, one that is technologically advanced and that has cities lit by electricity.

21:15-27 *And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an*

emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1-5 *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

The alien had an instrument that John took to be a measuring rod. The city measured 1500 miles long, wide and high. There was a wall that measured 72 yards high surrounding it. The buildings had glass windows, and the light coming from the buildings was gold in color. The street lights and environmental lighting looked like precious stones.

An obvious problem here is with John's description of the city's dimensions. A city that's the shape of a cube 1500 miles on a side is a little hard to comprehend! If John was physically standing in front of a city, he would not be able to measure such a city in a normal lifetime. If he measured it on a screen, a scaling factor (for example, 1 reed = 1000 furlongs) must have been used. Just such a scale factor is implied by the statement "according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel." Even so, the city is so large that we are forced to conclude that either it wasn't a city he saw, or he misunderstood the scale factor.

Another problem is with the wall. City walls were common things in John's time, as protection against invasions. However, a city 1500 miles high would have little need for a 72 yard high wall. John is obviously overwhelmed with the beauty of the city, and the amazing manner in which it is lighted, and is simply attempting to describe it as mag-

nificent. The lighting is described several times, so John is clearly impressed. John, never having seen so much as a light bulb, had to have been awestruck. His description of the wall and gates is his futile attempt to compare an alien city on another planet with cities of his own planet. To John, a city with so many gates and foundations would have been very impressive, and that is his essential message. This passage contains a reference to the "pearly gates" that form the basis of historical descriptions of heaven. John also mentions that he sees no temple: Of course not, since this was not a city like Jerusalem! The city "had no need of the sun." It was well lit. Not to detract from the imagery, but had John been taken to a modern slum, he might have said the same things.

Chapter 15

Attestations, Invocation and Benediction

22:6-13 *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

22:14-21 *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quick-*

ly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

John, says he heard and saw these things. He does not say that it was a dream. He fell down on his knees to worship, but the alien told him not to do that because they were not God and angels, but people like him. The alien also told him to tell everyone what he had seen. This is not the first time that the aliens have admonished John for trying to revere them as angels. Clearly, the aliens are trying to tell John that they are beings like him, not deities, and that he should spread the word that there will be a great catastrophe in Earth's future. Unfortunately, he misses the point. As always, what precious little John describes objectively is embedded in religious fervor, and serves only to further confuse the facts.

Chapter 16

The Letters to the Seven Churches

As mentioned earlier, the vision of the ship is interrupted by the letters to the churches. There is little new information here, but as an indication of the word that John tried to spread after his close encounter, they are interesting.

There were more than seven churches in the area in John's time, so again the conclusion must be drawn that the usage of the number seven is bogus. It is likely that John saw an opportunity to speak for Jesus and did so. The churches that are represented are the ones in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

The reader is directed to a Bible for the lengthy letters. They appear in Revelation starting at 2:1 and continuing to 3:22. There are many commentaries available that explain the location and situation of the various cities.

The wording of the letter to Philadelphia is taken by some commentators to mean that all the true believers will be called to join God in heaven (the so-called rapture). Some believe that this will occur "in the wink of an eye," with people literally shooting up into the sky. Doesn't it seem amazing that a God that could create the Universe would use such crude methods?

There are various camps of people who believe in a rapture. Some believe that this rapture will occur before the tribulation (the great Earthly cataclysms to follow), while others believe it will occur during the tribulation and still others believe in a post-tribulation rapture. As has already been explained, this entire section of the book was written as an admonishment of the churches, and the words are all those of John, not God. There are Old Testament verses that refer to events of the end times too, verses that John was familiar with. He was simply playing off the fear of the end-times that was already present (since people of the first hundred years A.D. were the first to believe that the end times were just around the corner).

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HUBBLE FINDS AN HOURLASS NEBULA AROUND A DYING STAR

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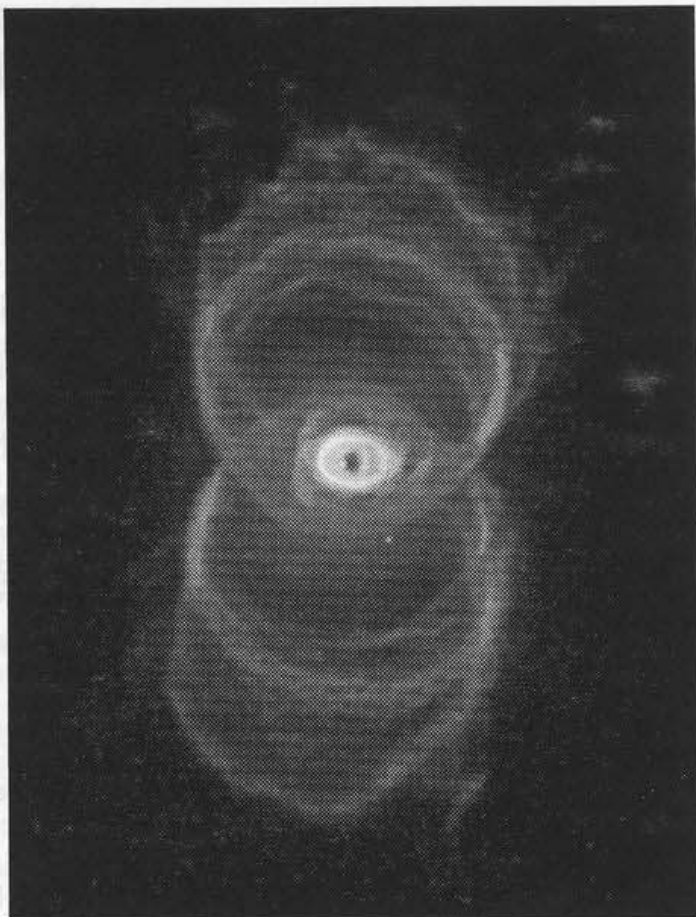
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This is an image of MyCn18, a young planetary nebula located about 8,000 light-years away, taken with the Wide Field and Planetary Camera 2 (WFPC2) aboard NASA's Hubble Space Telescope (HST). This Hubble image reveals the true shape of MyCn18 to be an hourglass with an intricate pattern of "etchings" in its walls. This picture has been composed from three separate images taken in the light of ionized nitrogen (represented by red), hydrogen (green), and doubly-ionized oxygen (blue). The results are of great interest because they shed new light on the poorly understood ejection of stellar matter which accompanies the slow death of Sun-like stars. In previous ground-based images, MyCn18 appears to be a pair of large outer rings with a smaller central one, but the fine details cannot be seen.

According to one theory for the formation of planetary nebulae, the hourglass shape is produced by the expansion of a fast stellar wind within a slowly expanding cloud which is more dense near its equator than near its poles. What appears as a bright elliptical ring in the center, and at first sight might be mistaken for an equatorially dense region, is seen on closer inspection to be a potato shaped structure with a symmetry axis dramatically different from that of the larger hourglass. The hot star which has been thought to eject and illuminate the nebula, and therefore expected to lie at its center of symmetry, is clearly off center. Hence MyCn18, as revealed by Hubble, does not fulfill some crucial theoretical expectations.

Hubble has also revealed other features in MyCn18 which are complete-

ly new and unexpected. For example, there is a pair of intersecting elliptical rings in the central region which appear to be the rims of a smaller hourglass. There are the intricate patterns of the etchings on the hourglass walls. The arc-like etchings could be the remnants of discrete shells ejected from the star when it was younger (e.g. as seen in the Egg Nebula), flow instabilities, or could result from the action of a narrow beam of matter impinging on the hourglass walls. An unseen companion star and accompanying gravitational effects may well be necessary in order to explain the structure of MyCn18.



BACKGROUND: PLANETARY NEBULAE

When Sun-like stars get old, they become cooler and redder, increasing their sizes and energy output tremendously: they are called red giants. Most of the carbon (the basis of life) and particulate matter (crucial building blocks of solar systems like ours) in the universe is manufactured and dispersed by red giant stars. When the red giant star has ejected all of its outer layers, the ultraviolet radiation from the exposed hot stellar core makes the surrounding cloud of matter created

during the red giant phase glow: the object becomes a planetary nebula. A long-standing puzzle is how planetary nebulae acquire their complex shapes and symmetries, since red giants and the gas/dust clouds surrounding them are mostly round. Hubble's ability to see very fine structural details (usually blurred beyond recognition in ground-based images) enables us to look for clues to this puzzle.

CREDITS: Raghendra Sahai and John Trauger (JPL), the WFPC2 science team, and NASA

Guest: Albert A. Harrison, Ph.D.

Book: "After Contact: The human response to extraterrestrial life"

Publisher: Plenum Press

Date: 12/7/97

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What do we do after contact is made? The book we're going to discuss deals with the structure and formation of political, social and religious policy. How would contact change our institutions. Would it lead to a one-world government?

Albert A. Harrison is professor of Psychology and Director of the Internship and Career Center at the University of California at Davis. He is the author of many papers and books on the psychology of space exploration.

ParaNet: Doctor Harrison, please give us a quick sketch of what your book is about.

Harrison: What I do is come in from the perspective of a psychologist with some background in the social sciences. My point of departure is the SETI project - the scientific search for extraterrestrial intelligence by means of microwave and optical searches, looking for robot probes, and so on. Where my book differs from others is that I try to provide a framework for looking at extraterrestrial intelligence including individual organisms, societies, collections of societies known as galactic clubs, but the real meat of my book is what do we do, how do people react after "acquisition day", as some of us call it.

ParaNet: We never hear much discussion of this. Why?

Harrison: There are people who have given it thought - people who have been involved with the search, people affiliated with the department of state, other kinds of organizations, the occasional social scientist. The SETI people believe that after verification of the signal there should be an announcement to the world as a whole - no one country should have

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Albert A. Harrison, Ph.D.

an edge - and assuming that the contact is by radio, the decision to

respond should be the decision of the whole world. Not everyone agrees with that. Some people feel that the scientist who is lucky enough or clever enough to detect something should be able to proceed however he or she wishes. The people I hang around with would like to see this as a triumph of humankind which involves a world response, because, after all, it involves every one of us.

ParaNet: Do you think that it could unite the world?

Harrison: I think it could. Unfortunately, one of the things that history tells us is that one of the things that unites people is when they're attacked and I would hope that that would not be the case! What I would hope for is that it would pique international curiosity and that it would unite people in the sense of a desire to learn more about this and to try to have a better take on our own place in the universe. So it's an optimistic view.

ParaNet: The forerunner of SETI was a project called Ozma. Tell us about that.

Harrison: All of these programs were all attempts to acquire radio signals or electromagnetic evidence of intelligence elsewhere. Frank Drake was in charge of Ozma. Twenty minutes into the first search, he thought he had detected something, which of course turned out not to be true. The critical thing here is that the technology has moved forwards by leaps and bounds since 1959 so that what happens now is that people are using equipment that can analyze signals on millions or billions of channels at once. What you find then is an acceleration of the search. In about 1974, Professor Drake actually transmitted a message sent in the vicinity of Messier 9, many thousands of light years away. It's conceivable that long after

we're all gone, some kind of response could come back.

ParaNet: The early SETI program became concerned about what kind of response we should give. Let's talk about this.

Harrison: There was tremendous concern voiced by certain key people within the astronomical community. One of them was the astronomer Royale, from England, who was sure that if we sent a message out there is that we would be inviting larger, more belligerent societies to come and take us over. As a result of this kind of bad publicity, the decision was made that it should be a very passive kind of search. In some quarters, there's now discussion that more active search should be done - that is, broadcasting our presence. There's some thought that some advanced civilizations may not consider us ready to talk to unless we're ready to reveal our presence in the universe. It's not exactly "heresy", but it represents a change in thinking.

ParaNet: What are the odds of a superior culture actually taking us over?

Harrison: I think a civilization has to be very old, it has to be around for a long time if we're to hear from them. One of the more controversial parts of my book is that I try to prove that the way a civilization gets to be old and stable is by peaceful means, not by gobbling up smaller civilizations. I bring in information from sociology, political science and computer modeling. When I started graduate school 30 years ago, I was very concerned about international tensions, somewhat pessimistic. But I discovered that we are moving in the direction of a world without war and a world that within 200 years may become quite stable. Small consolation for places that are torn by war right now. But the direction is moving towards greater peacefulness. I argue that these underlying principles that

account for this could account for the longevity of other civilizations as well.

ParaNet: *It seems, though that we are moving toward more peace only because of the threat of force.. If we did encounter a galactic civilization that is technical and highly superior to ours. What's to say that they wouldn't be tempted to use there power to overtake us?*

Harrison: It certainly can't be guaranteed one way or the other. I admit that I'm trying to extrapolate from political science on Earth to events elsewhere in the universe. But I guess the way I look at it is - what's the advantage of taking us over? Why would one want to do that? The Drake equation implies that for every planet like ours, there must be dozens of others out there with metals, water, and other resources that are there for the taking and whoever wants them isn't going to have to put up with trouble from the natives like us. It's a question of motives. Governments that tend to be belligerent and go to war also tend to put themselves out of business. It may be that they're stronger than other countries, but that others can team up to hold them in check. I know that's a daring statement in a century that saw two of the bloodiest wars that ever happened and coming out of a very uncomfortable cold war, but there are a lot of encouraging signs out there.

ParaNet: *What is wrong with the extraterrestrial hypothesis? You're a social scientist. What are we dealing with here?*

Harrison: Well, I've read a lot of books on the UFO phenomenon. As I looked at SETI and tried to determine how to structure my book, I concluded that the reality is that there is no definitive proof that UFOs carry beings from elsewhere in the universe or other dimensions or interesting things like that. Psychologists have recently gotten interested in the phenomenon due to the abduction reports. What I come away with is that we're at a point in time where there's a lot of speculation, a lot of claims, a lot of fragmentary evidence

but nothing solid yet. I'm tired of waiting for the other shoe to drop. I think I'm better off working with people who are working with the microwave search. It's not due to a lack of interest, though!

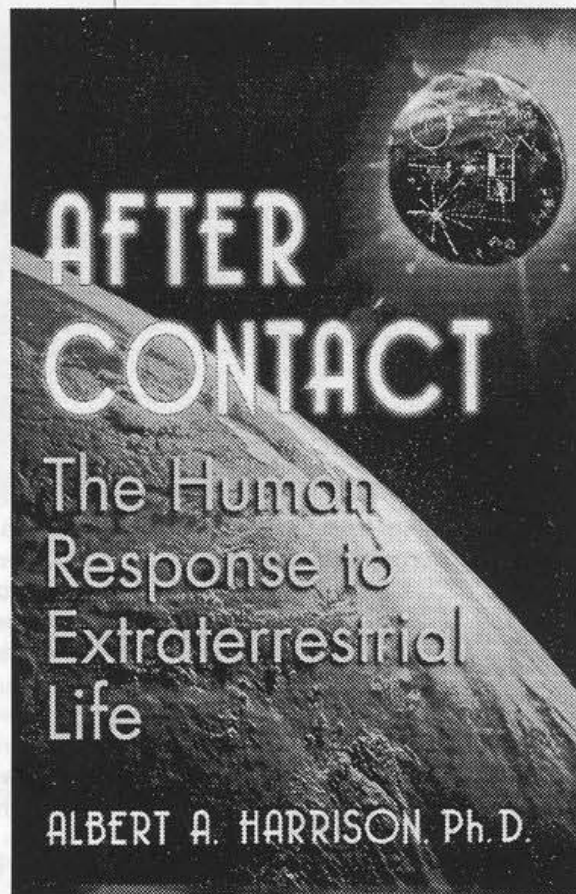
ParaNet: *What's the real problem with the E.T. hypothesis, though?*

Harrison: We need proof that everybody can get a hold of. Eyewitness reports don't do it. The production of an artifact that is clearly not of earthly origin is need. There are very smart people working on it, but so far - no cigar. There are lots of smokescreens, promises that never materialize - like the inserts in people's noses that are being studied in a lab in Cleveland! You hear things like that but nothing ever happens. I do not consider myself a debunker. I think of a debunker as someone who steals Christmas presents and pours carborundum powder into crankcases and things like that. But I am a skeptic, and I've backed off from that area because I can make a better contribution by studying other things. I am one of the few people who is enthusiastic about both human exploration of space and SETI.

ParaNet: *Well, I agree, but I wonder how this is going to happen with someone like Dan Goldin at the helm, who is more interested in defense applications than exploration, like Richard Truly was.*

Harrison: Yes, this is very discouraging. I'm sort of working on that problem right now. How do we turn it into something manageable where a company can invest in something and expect to see a return in one or two lifetimes! Even the English Chunnel is an example where the investors' grandchildren will be rich rather than the investors themselves. Here's a wild one for you - we could be sitting here a thousand years from now waiting for something to happen. What if

we could start a fund now where a thousand people would invest a thousand dollars each and just let it grow for a couple hundred years and then just do it! It may be the only way to make it happen! Goodness - it's been 30 years since we walked on the moon! It is discouraging! The SETI search has been funded by private funds since NASA removed the funds a few years ago. It's been set up so that it can live on.



ParaNet: *Do you think the Martian rock will rekindle people's interest in space?*

Harrison: There are a lot of things going on. That's one of them. The idea of trying to image extrasolar planets, the Sojourner rover and other things are also helping. The interest in UFOs and the public interest in movies like Contact and the progress on the international space station can't hurt either.

ParaNet: *There seems to be some kind of social engineering going on, or some*

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This is ParaNet's news column. It's called Random Walk after the mathematical concept in which the direction of each successive move in a sequence of movements is determined entirely at random. In other words, this is a random assortment of interesting news tidbits culled from the WorldWide Web, news wires and magazine stories.

Ultraviolet rays killing amphibians?

Biologists have shown that deformities in frogs and other amphibians can be caused by UV-B radiation from sunlight, in a study published December 9, 1997 by the National Academy of Sciences.† Scientists say that this study sharpens concern about the thinning of the ozone layer, which has been blamed primarily on chlorofluorocarbons produced by man.

Sun, Jupiter Zapping Earth with Electrons.

A University of Colorado research team has discovered that high energy electrons from the sun and from Jupiter constantly bombard the Earth, causing Earth to "bob like a cork" in space. These high energy electrons are known as "killer electrons" because they are capable of disabling spacecraft and satellites. The electrons emanating from the sun tend to cause the aurora borealis as well as other magnetic disturbances that can disrupt communications.

ParaNet investigates two mysteries.

ParaNet has begun an investigation of two areas of strangeness in Colorado. A house in Black Forest, Colorado, which has been the site of a Sightings investigation a few years ago, continues to elicit unusual events. ParaNet researchers have been in contact with the owner of the house and have started an investigation into the strange events, which include fogged film, beams of coherent light, ghostly apparitions and much more. The owner has been prohibited by

the judicial system from even taking pictures of his neighbor's property, which has been the source of an army of military men disappearing down a small out-house into an area presumably underground. We'll let you know what we find out.

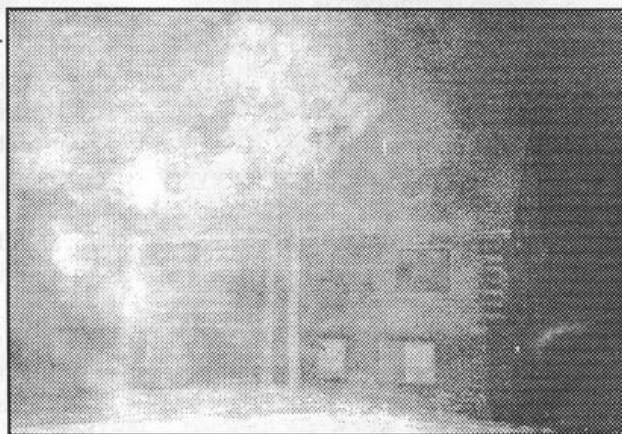
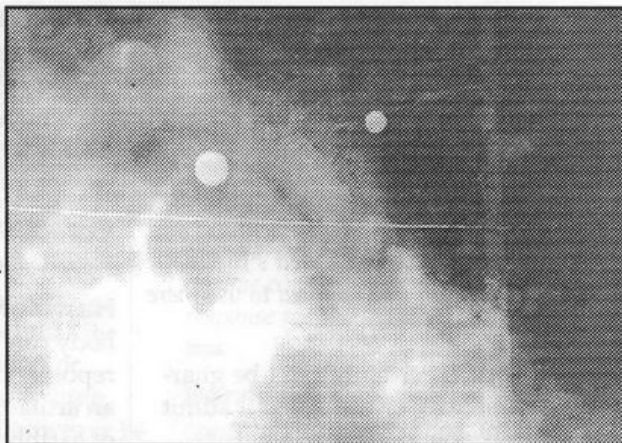
A second mystery is also being investigated. Strange noises have been reported in the small town of Masonville, Colorado, northwest of Loveland. This area is noted for its extremely rocky terrain, and several quarries are located in the area. Others have reported seeing ball lightning in the area. The ghostly sounds seem like water rushing or trains rumbling along tracks. We'll also keep you up to date on these happenings.

Galileo Gets within 124 miles of Europa.

The Galileo spacecraft drew to within 124 miles of Europa, one of Jupiter's moons recently. It detected signs of magnesium salts that point to the possibility of a briny ocean, possibly capable of sustaining life forms beneath an icy crust. Slushy material has been observed pushing upwards and then freezing, in pictures returned a few weeks ago. Because Galileo's main antenna did not deploy correctly, it takes weeks for the images to be sent back to Earth using the low gain antenna and a much slower data rate. Galileo has already surprised scientists with the data it has collected, including a magnetosphere around Ganymede.

Gravity Waves to be studied.

Sometime in the next three years, the first of three gravity wave labs will be built. Called LIGO, for Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, the first one will be built in Livingston parish, La. The other two labs are planned for Hanford, Wash. and Pisa, Italy (appropriate, considering that the "leaning tower of Pisa" is a testimonial to gravity's effects!). The National Science Foundation is funding the \$200 million project. The design calls for laser beams to be shot at each other down two



2.5 mile long tunnels. Scientists anticipate that gravity waves, which are predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, will bend the beams enough to be measured by the interferometers.

Dust storm covers 20% of Mars. A massive dust storm that's brewing in the southern hemisphere of Mars has forced controllers to make minor corrections in the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft's orbit, according to Arden Albee at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union. It is unknown whether the storm will subside or grow until it covers most of Mars.

Deadly form of flu spreads from poultry to humans. A deadly influenza virus called H5N1 that until now has affected only poultry has spread to humans in Hong Kong and is causing the medical community much consternation. Four people have been infected, and two have died. More than a million chickens were killed by the disease in southern Guangdong Province in February. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has sent a team to China to study whether person-to-person transmission is possible.



ParaNet Postings

This column presents selected posts from people who have expressed their opinions on the ParaNet computer network regarding topics from Angels to Zeta Reticuli. You can participate simply by having a computer and modem. Log onto your Internet service provider and access the network via the Usenet newsgroup alt.paranet.ufo. Spelling and grammatical errors have not been fixed—these articles are exactly as posted.

From: Dr. Richard X. Frager
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Subject: American Air Defense Command Almost Destroyed World/A Brush With Nuclear Disaster

Date: Saturday, January 17, 1998
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American Air Defense Command Almost Destroyed World/It Wasn't A Movie - In a new book, appropriately titled "From the Shadows" (Simon and Shuster, \$30), Robert Gates, a former top White House national security adviser and a director of the Central Intelligence Agency, tells of one night during the Cold War when the nuclear nightmare seen in special effects movies almost happened. In a 3 a.m. phone call, Zbigniew Brzezinski, a former national security assistant to the President, was told of a U.S. National Military Command Center report that the Soviet Union had just launched missiles carrying 220 nuclear warheads at targets in the United States. According to Gates, Brzezinski knew that President Carter had a "window" of three to seven minutes in which to decide whether to launch a retaliatory U.S. missile strike. Brzezinski held off waking the President for a minute or two to await a confirming report.

One minute before he was going to alert the President to push the nuclear button, Gates says Brzezinski got another call saying that the original report was inaccurate—that the Soviets had actually launched 2,200 warheads in an all-out attack. Then, just as Brzezinski was about to call the President to suggest vaporizing the U.S.S.R., he got a third call that someone had put a training drill in the computer at the North American Air Defense Command. Sorry—false alarm.

A Brush With Nuclear Disaster/Secret US Accident Nuked UK

Forty years ago, a B-47 aircraft bomber crashed into a nuclear weapons store in Lakenheath in the English countryside, setting on fire three Mark Six nuclear bombs. "Preliminary exam by bomb disposal officer says a miracle one Mark six with exposed detonators sheared didn't go," said Gen. James Walsh, the commanding officer of the U.S. Seventh Air Division, in a private cable to his superior in Washington. At the time of the crash and again in 1979, when the story first emerged in the press, The Pentagon denied that nuclear weapons were damaged or that civilians were ever at risk. The Washington-based National Resource Defense Council uncovered the declassified documents, including the smoking-gun cable, in the U.S. Library of Congress last year. The papers prove the occurrence of a near-disaster on English soil—and the U.S. government's scandalous initial cover-up.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has revealed a previously secret investigation of a 1958 fire that destroyed a US-B-47 bomber at Greenham Common, a former US air base in Britain. Researchers traced "high concentrations" of uranium-235 around the base to the accident site. According to the report, the bomber was carrying a nuclear device, and radioactive ash and dust from the fire spread over more than 200 square miles of Berkshire. The "Scottish Daily Express" expressed anger that the accident "was kept secret for near-

ly 40 years" and reported that "demands are being made for an inquiry into child cancer levels in the country."

The first from the September 1, 1996 edition of "The Washington Spectator"

The second from the 9/16/96 edition of In These Times

The third from the Fall 1996 edition of Earth Island Journal

From: Rotes Sapiens
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Subject: Re: ACC ANNOUNCES THAT 1947 TRANSISTOR RIG PHOTO IS A HOAX!

Date: Friday, January 16, 1998 12:00 AM

On Mon, 12 Jan 1998 04:25:22 GMT, bhenry@spamfree.polarnet.com (dr. digger) wrote: geezer@nursing.home (Glen Quarnstrom) wrote: "ufotruth@ix.netcom.com" ufotruth@ix.netcom.com wrote: The American Computer Company has posted an article stating that the most common 1947 test rig photo of the transistor is a HOAX. A consultant forensics expert has determined that it was really a high back voltage Rectifier! ACC states that this HOAXED photo was taken to HIDE the TRUE nature of the transistor.

What's a "high back voltage Rectifier?"

It's a diode that is able to withstand high reverse voltage before the junction breaks down. Something you might use for rectifying high voltage ac, for example, as opposed to a low-voltage switching diode. It's not clear how this could be determined from a photograph, though. Without doing destructive tests, you might need to do x-ray crystallography or some other fancy test on the diode, which was likely beyond 1947 capabilities. I'm not sure how a forensics expert would know anything about this either.

I think the whole idea of saying that a transistor is a fake because it's a diode is flawed. A transistor is a modified

diode. It's a diode with another terminal added to control current. Does it then seem surprising that the transistor looks a bit like a diode?

Sometimes things are so bad I'm glad I sleep at home. Otherwise I would have trouble getting home every morning.

From: Joseph Polanik

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Subject: Mind Scan Paradox

Date: Saturday, January 17, 1998 5:37 PM

The Respond.txt document dealing with resistance to alien abduction has been greatly expanded and seriously written by John Archer, D.Ph. (Doctor of Phenomenology), and it has been incorporated into the website I maintain for the Trionic Research Institute: The URL is <http://www.trionica.com/response.htm>

Respond.txt is still available in a plain vanilla form from ASP-L by sending the command 'Get-Respond.txt' (without quotes but with the file extension) in the Subject: field of a msg to the list address: nightflyer@mindspring.com

However, as soon as technical difficulties can be resolved, it will be incorporated into the ASP FAQ and placed into T.R.I.'s autoresponder, info@trionica.com. It will then be available at any time not just when I'm on-line.

Reshma Kamal Defeats Aliens by Spiritual Technique

One new section of "Respond" is titled: "Reshma Kamal Defeats Alien Mindscan with Arabic Religious Phrase while Moving her Eyes Rapidly".

Archer writes: In his new book, "The Threat," Dr. David M. Jacobs presents his case for the view that abductees are involuntary participants in a 'Breeding Program' conducted by aliens. Naturally, the aliens need to control the involuntary human participants in this program. Without the ability to manipulate the human

brain, the aliens would be unable to control the abductees physically or mentally and the Breeding Program would not be feasible in its present form.

Dr. Jacobs postulates that the dreaded 'Mindscan' procedure, a feature of many abductee reports, allows the aliens to control the humans by 'somehow' giving the aliens access to the abductee's optic nerve and those sections of the brain to which it is linked. By exercising this control over the abductee's brain, the aliens acquire the power to make the abductees see, hear or feel whatever illusions the aliens present to them.

Notice the paradox? If Dr Jacobs postulates that aliens use this power of illusion to delude abductees selected to participate in the alleged breeding program then nothing in abductee reports may be relied on. But Dr Jacobs relies exclusively on Abductee reports to support his thesis that aliens are conducting a breeding program with abductees who need to be controlled by this power of illusion.

Anyway, Dr Jacobs reports one case where the nefarious plans of these high tech mental giants were defeated by means that may be of interest to others.

But another abductee successfully resisted mental engagement. During a recent abduction, Reshama Kamal found that she had more muscle control than usual and she used it to prevent a neural connection. She shifted her eyes back and forth rapidly while reciting an Arabic religious phrase. The first alien tried to lock into her eyes but could not. He diverted her attention by causing a pain in her head, and he threatened not to take her home, but she refused to give in. Another alien took over and increased the threats. Still she refused to stop, although she was getting dizzy moving her eyes back and forth. A third alien tried, and then a fourth. They could not stop her from shifting her eyes. Eventually they gave up and said that they would continue the procedure at the next abduction.

[Jacobs, David M. (1998). "The Threat – The Secret Agenda: What the Aliens Really Want ...And How They Plan to Get It". New York: Simon & Schuster. p. 87]

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If my theory is correct that Alien Abduction Experiences, AAEs, occur when the brain is in its REM-sleep state and the body is in the corresponding state of REM-state paralysis, but the consciousness is nevertheless aware, then there is no mystery as to why Ms Kamal was able to move her eyes. The eyes are not subject to the paralyzing signal! She might have become conscious of their movements and that may have assisted her, but it would seem that the effectiveness of her resistance came mainly from her recitation of the Arabic religious phrase.

My Experiences with Frozen Eyelids

Has anyone noticed the movements of their eyes during an episode of ASP?

Dr. Jacobs does not indicate whether Ms Kamal had her eyes open or closed while moving them about as she recited the phrase (which was not published either)

While some ASP experiencers report being able to open their eyes and see their surrounding – which may be accurate or slightly altered – I have never been able to do this. I 'come to' in a state of total blackness *already* struggling to open my eyes.

Somehow, it seems significant to me that the struggle preceeds the awareness.

Anyway, when I am relaxed I might look within and 'up' and see a distant light. I'm a little hazy on what follows but it seems that in attending to the light I cease to attend to the feelings of bodily immobility and I end up in a non-lucid dream that is not remarkable except for having followed an episode of frozen eyelids.

In other cases, I imagine myself running in the blackness. I 'receive' and feel the feelings of running, but my body does not move. Sometimes (not

often) consciousness or awareness suddenly becomes situated in the 'running me' rather than in the 'frozen eyelid me' and I proceed to enter a dream scene knowing it is a dream.

Comments?

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Moderator, ASP-L What is ASP-L All About?

Have you ever found yourself lying fully conscious or in a dreamlike state, unable to move or cry out, while perhaps experiencing auditory or visual phenomena? If so, you have experienced Awareness during Sleep Paralysis [ASP].

ASP-L is a mailing list for the discussion of Awareness during Sleep Paralysis [ASP] and experiences with which it has been associated: Lucid Dreaming, Out-of-Body Experiencing, Alien Abductions, Old Hag Attacks and Supernatural assaults such as the Incubus/Succubus assault.

ASP experiencers feel intense fear and may even believe that they are dying. Experiencers often sense the presence of an unseen, malevolent being. An episode of ASP can occur while the body sleeps in any position, but it is much more likely while sleeping on one's back. Often experiencers feel the pressure of a crushing weight on their chest as if being pushed downward into the bed. A few sense a what seems to be a phantom being sitting on their chest. They may be unable to feel the breathing process continue, but those who see their chest can see it continue to inhale and exhale—they just don't feel it as the body has gone to sleep and the awareness has lost contact with sensory input from the body.

The name of the list reflects the fact that everyone experiences sleep paralysis every time they cycle into REM sleep, about every 90 minutes of every night. What's remarkable in some cases is that the consciousness retains a degree of Awareness while the body descends into the paralysis of the

REM state.

You may subscribe to ASP-L to discuss: how to resist Alien Abduction or other psychic assaults, how to turn the unpleasant experience of ASP into the pleasant experience of a lucid dream or Out-of-Body Experience or other issues related to Awareness during Sleep Paralysis.

To subscribe to ASP-L send an email msg with the word 'Subscribe' (without quotes) in the Subject: field to the list address: nightflyer@mindspring.com.

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From: Noah's Dove <noahdove@lightspeed.bc.ca>

Subject: UFO'S PREPARING HUMANS FOR A NEW ORDER?

Date: Saturday, January 17, 1998 5:30 PM

UFO's are showing up over more and more cities, Reno, Mexico city, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Paris, and over many countries: Mexico, England, Canada, Brazil, United States, Israel, Scotland, Australia, South Africa, Japan, China, etc. according to UFO ROUND UP Database and web site...They seem to appearing for longer periods of times and flaps are more frequent.

As researcher Lee Elders puts it "They seem to be on a world tour".

The question is why?...Perhaps the following file will give some reasons and a warning about what appears to be a "Control System," as Dr. Jacques Vallee calls it. The UFO phenomena may be preparing the human race for further contact and a New Order on this planet.

According to USA Today and other newspapers, Henry Kissinger, in an address to the Bilderbergers meeting at Evian, France on 21 May 1992, stated, "Today Americans would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told there was an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all the peoples of the world will plead with world leaders to deliver them from this evil. The one thing that every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well being granted to them by their world government." It seems evident to me that some of our leaders know a lot that many people are not ready to hear. Perhaps our alien visitors can decide who is ready for the truth and who is not. Perhaps it is a matter of individual choice." The Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control.

"The Threat: The Secret Agenda; What The Aliens Really Want And How They Plan To Get It" by David M Jacobs, Ph.D., Temple University. ISBN0-684-81484-6

In my most recent research, I have uncovered information that allows UFO researchers to solve the UFO mystery—at least the questions that will have the greatest impact upon us. I have put many pieces of the puzzle together. I have focused the picture, and I do not like what I see. For the first time in over thirty years of researching the UFO phenomenon, I am frightened of it. Understanding... has led to a profound apprehension for the future. The abduction phenomenon is far more ominous than I had thought...I know why the aliens are here — and what the human consequences will be if their mission is successful."

Millions of people in many parts of the world are having sightings and sometimes encountering UFO entities in one way or another. They have had what is called an "Close Encounter of

the Third or Fourth Kind", a term used by ufologist J. Allen Hynek. There is also growing public interest in this phenomena due to media attention. Some CONTACTEES AND ABDUCTEES...as well as some claiming to be channelling ET's or establishing contact through remote viewing are being revealed the following kinds of information:

- We are not alone in the Universe. We are told - this earth has been visited many times in the past and presently by different types of extra-terrestrials. These ET's have been involved with our creation, evolution, religions, myths, beliefs, etc.
- Some contactees are being told that humans are the consequence of ET encounters with earlier forms of man. Without this contact man never would have evolved to the point we have. Rael, the chosen prophet and messiah of the Raelian movement was told as a contactee, that mankind was created by a group of ET's called the Elohim using advanced genetic engineering in laboratories 4. Others who believe in the messages of the Pleadians are told, that the Pleadian ancestors were some of the Original Planners of Earth who seeded this and other worlds.¹² What ever the explanation we are told ET's are involved with our evolution and creation.
- Some contactees are being told that: "Humankind stands now in the transitional period before the dawn of a New Age. (With peace, love and understanding, the people of Earth will see a great new era begin to dawn.) The Space Beings are here to teach, to help awaken the human spirit, to help humankind rise to higher levels of vibration so that the people of Earth may be ready to enter new dimensions. 1. We are poised for a quantum leap forward on both the biological and spiritual levels. The human soul will evolve.
- "If the Earthlings should not raise their vibratory rate within a set period of time, severe earth changes and major cataclysms will take place. (Such disasters will not end the world, but shall serve as cataclysmic

crucibles to burn off the dross of un-receptive humanity. Those who die in such dreadful purgings will be allowed to reincarnate on higher levels of development so that their salvation will be more readily accomplished through higher teachings on a higher vibratory level.)" 2

- Others are being told that the receptive or chosen will be saved by benign ET's and their ships when these disasters take place. Some like the Raelians are told they will experience some kind of eternal existence through further genetic engineering ie. cloning.
- A major leap in consciousness and evolution is about to take place: Crop circles, UFO sightings and contactee and abductee experiences are preparing those who are receptive of these changes. Events such as the Harmonic Convergence are lifting the veil so the Higher Galactic intelligences of the universe will be able to channel their energies and influences to facilitate the shift towards a New Age.¹²
- Evidence for these claims are: the many abductee and contactee experiences with similar stories and messages, physical scars, hybrid babies, recognition of some kind of symbolic or hieroglyphic language etc. There seems to be according to researchers increasing cases worldwide of UFO sightings, crop or landing circles, animal mutilations, abductions of men, women and children.
- According to Dr. Karla Turner, who has worked with over 400 abduction cases and has written the book "Into the Fringe", says if abduction accounts can be believed and there is confirmation of many of these facts with other researchers-the abduction phenomena includes some of the following details: from -UFO Universe, Spring 1993. "Aliens -Friends or Foes" by Dr. Karla Turner:
- Aliens can alter our perceptions of our surroundings.
- Aliens can control what we think we see. They can appear to us any number of guises and shapes.
- Aliens can be present with us in an invisible state and can make themselves only partially visible.
- Abductees receive marks on their

bodies other than the well-known scoops and straight-line scars. These other marks include single punctures, multiple punctures, large bruises, three-and four fingered claw marks, and triangles of every possible sort.

- Female abductees often suffer serious gynecological problems after their alien encounters, and sometimes these problems lead to cysts, tumors, cancer of the breast and uterus, and to hysterectomies.
- A surprising number of abductees suffer from serious illnesses they didn't have before their encounters. These have led to surgery, debilitation, and even death from causes the doctors can't identify.
- Abductees often encounter more than one sort of alien during an experience, not just the greys. Every possible combination of grey, reptoid, insectoid, blond, and widow's peak have been seen during single abductions, aboard the same craft or in the same facility.
- Abductees report being scoffed at, jeered at, and threatened by their alien captors. Painful genital and anal probes are performed...Unknown fluids are injected into some abductees.
- Abductees-"virgin" cases- report being taken to underground facilities where they see grotesque hybrid creatures, nurseries of hybrid humanoid fetuses, and vats of colored liquid filled with parts of human bodies.
- Abductees report seeing other humans in these facilities being drained of blood, being mutilated, flayed, and dismembered, and stacked, lifeless like cords of wood. Some abductees have been threatened that they, too, will end up in this condition if they don't co-operate with their alien captors.
- Aliens come into homes and temporarily remove young children, leaving their distraught parents paralyzed and helpless. In cases where a parent has been able to protest, the aliens insist that "The children belong to us."
- Aliens have forced their human abductees to have sexual intercourse with aliens and even with other abductees while groups of aliens

observe these performances. In such encounters, the aliens have sometimes disguised themselves in order to gain the cooperation of the abductee, appearing in such forms as Jesus, the Pope, certain celebrities, and even the dead spouses of the abductees.

- Aliens perform extremely painful experiments or procedures on abductees, saying that these acts are necessary but give no explanation why.....Painful genital and anal probes are performed, on children as well as adults.

- Aliens make predictions of an imminent period of global chaos and destruction. They say that a certain number of humans...will be "rescued" from the planet in order to continue the species, either on another planet or back on earth after the destruction is over. Many abductees report they don't believe their alien captors and foresee instead a much more sinister use of the "rescued" humans.

"In every instance from this list, there are multiple reports from unrelated cases, confirming that such bizarre details are not the product of a single deranged mind. These details are convincing evidence that, contrary to the claims of many UFO researchers, the abduction experience isn't limited to uniform pattern of events. This phenomenon simply can't be explained in terms of cross-breeding experiments or scientific research into the human physiology.....Before we allow ourselves to believe in the benevolence of the alien interaction, we should ask, do enlightened beings need to use the cover of night to perform good deeds? Do they need to paralyze us and render us helpless to resist? Do angels need to steal our fetuses? Do they need to manipulate our children's genitals and probe our rectums? Are fear, pain, and deception consistent with high spiritual motives?"

.....Dr. Karla Turner.

SOME PHILOSOPHICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THESE MESSAGES

While there seems to be evidence for UFO related activities as mentioned above, perhaps there are other possi-

ble explanations. There seems to be from reports and research, components which parallel paranormal, psychic, and spiritistic manifestations, etc.5,6.

Many UFO abductees, contactees and researchers, for instance, believe there is an interdimensional or multi-dimensional quality to the UFO phenomena and related experiences. Although the UFO phenomena may appear real enough, it also could be a holographic illusion or a transmutation of matter and energy.

Perhaps certain intelligences have the power to shape matter and spirit. Some ufos and their occupants seem to have an ability to shape shift and appear and disappear 5,6.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek suggested the phenomena appears to be more psychic than extra-terrestrial and perhaps comes from a parallel world. This also seems to be Dr. Jacques Vallee's explanation 6, 9.

- Dr. Vallee also notes that there are authoritarian overtones to some of the messages given to contactees 8 ie. democracy is obsolete, elections should be done away with 4, racist ideologies are encouraged - some have more alien DNA etc., a New World Order is needed and will be set up with alien help. He also believes that some kind of control system is being set up by the UFO phenomena which challenges our traditions and human beliefs systems 6,8. Many abductees report implants and feel they are being manipulated for some unknown purpose that's yet to be revealed.

- Much of the messages given to abductees and contactees seem to be New Age in philosophical orientation and language: there are no moral absolutes, reincarnation is taught, monistic beliefs such as a vague "kinship with the Cosmos and it's oneness with the Universe or the Universe as a

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supreme being" are common, we are being told that "we stand on the precipice of a quantum leap forward on both a biological and spiritual level." Man is or is becoming God...etc. 3,13.

- If man is one with the cosmos or some impersonal concept of God there cannot be a basis for truth or ethics. The impersonal, as such is silent about such things. There is no basis for saying anything is right or wrong if all is one with God. What you are left with is total relativism or the arbitrary absolutes of the controllers who ever they may be. "If All is One, good and evil are reconciled, then one can do nothing bad; thus Manson was only acting logically.... the fact that Manson's followers knew him as both Satan and Christ highlights the collapse of distinctions between good and evil under moral relativity" 13.

- As well, finite alien creators cannot provide sufficient absolutes. You have the same problems as pagan polytheism - the gods are too small to

account for the creation of the universe and not good enough to provide a basis of morals and truth. Is abducting and raping women okay if extra-terrestrials do it? Also, why all the authoritarian overtones to some of the messages? Do they really have our best interest in mind or is there evidence of some kind of control system?

- There are several alien types taking credit for the creation of man and now some contactees like Rael and Benjamine Cream are claiming to be prophets of some messianic authority. In fact Rael is claiming to be the new final prophet and chosen "Messiah" of this age...chosen by a group of extra-terrestrials who call themselves the Eloheim who told Rael that they created the human race through genetic engineering. Rael has over 35,000 followers world wide who call themselves Raelians...and they wish with the Eloheim's help -to usher in a world government ruled by an authoritarian elite. 4.

Cream is promoting another "messiah" he calls "Maytre". Full page ads in newspapers around the world has announced that this world teacher is in the world to-day. Cream is also convinced that the intelligences behind the crop circle phenomena are paving the way for the soon unveiling of his messiah who will usher in a New World Order and a New Age.

Skye Ambrose, a famous abductee who was "born again" as she said as a result her encounter with a strange "grey" type alien with bright sparkling eyes, predicted at a recent UFO conference in Bellevue, Washington; that "evolution was entering a "peak cycle" that will create a New Order on the planet. Polarization is occurring on this planet to separate those who will accept the message and evolve toward Unity and Oneness and self-realized Godhood and those who will not not."

-Many alien prophecies to contactees of the 50's or to-day have failed to come true or appear to be outright lies. 14. Many contactees and abductees to-day are again delivering warnings of coming earth changes

and disasters along with promises of help from aliens...they feel chosen to deliver a message to mankind ...the prophecies may be creating a false hope and dependency in their abductors who they know little about.

- So what are we dealing with? New Age aliens with some promise of a golden age or some unimaginable deception to enslave undiscerning minds. The evidence seems to point to the latter. There have been many false messianic claims and those foolish enough to repeat history by following the voices of deceiving entities have been warned to "beware of false prophets and Christs who come disguised as sheep but underneath are ravenous wolves ".10 We should be reminded of the likes of Adolf Hitler who not long ago promised a New Age to unsuspecting Germans.

- Whitley Strieber, in a recent issue of the monthly MUFON Journal, Sept. 93, states - "I've come away from this experience convinced of one thing: if there aren't demons out there, there might as well be, because these guys are indistinguishable from demons. Indistinguishable. To see them, to look into their eyes, is to be less - forever....." Strieber seems to swing from horror to naive trust.. you see this in his books and statements to the public. Perhaps, he is not so sure of the visitor's intentions.

- Perhaps we should heed the old warning; 'If, anyone says to you then, "Look, here is the Christ" or, "He is there", do not believe it; for false Christ and false prophets will arise and produce great signs and portents, enough to deceive even the chosen , if that were possible."11

- Some UFO researchers suggest that perhaps the so called 'aliens' aren't much of a threat, after all if they have been around for this long and have not taken over then why should we be concerned. However, if they are not what they appear to be, and the phenomena has other potentials and realities which include: deception, false messianic claims, dangerous ideologies, the formation of cults, etc., then for historical, social and political reasons we should not abandon our need for discernment and caution.

Here are some great UFO quotes that shed light on the deceptive nature of the "alien" presence.

"But the UFO phenomenon simply does not behave like extraterrestrial visitors. It actually molds itself in order to fit a given culture."

...John Ankerberg, *"The Facts on UFOs and Other Supernatural Phenomena,"* p. 10

"Human beings are under the control of a strange force that bends them in absurd ways, forcing them to play a role in a bizarre game of deception."

...Dr. Jacques Vallee, *Messengers of Deception*, p. 20

"We are dealing with a multidimensional parapsychical phenomenon which is largely indigenous to planet earth."

...Brad Steiger, [cited in] *Blue Book Files Released in Canadian UFO Report*, Vol. 4, No. 4, 1977, p. 20

"We are part of a symbiotic relationship with something which disguises itself as an extra-terrestrial invasion so as not to alarm us."

...Terrence McKenna [from a lecture]

"One theory which can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships."

...Arthur C. Clarke, *New York Times Book Review*, 07/27/75

"There seems to be no evidence yet that any of these craft or beings originate from outer space."

...Gordon Creighton, *Official 1992 Flying Saucer Review Policy Statement*

"A large part of the available UFO literature is closely linked with mysticism and the metaphysical. It deals with subjects like mental telepathy, automatic writing and invisible entities as well as phenomena like poltergeist [ghost] manifestation and 'possession.' Many of the UFO reports now being published in the popular press recount alleged incidents that are strikingly similar to demonic possession and psychic phenomena."

...Lynn E. Catoe, *UFOs and Related Subjects: USGPO, 1969; prepared under AFOSR Project Order 67-0002 and 68-0003*

"UFO behavior is more akin to magic than to physics as we know it... the modern UFOnuts and the demons of past days are probably identical."

...Dr. Pierre Guerin, *FSR Vol. 25, No. 1*, p. 13-14

"The UFO manifestations seem to be, by and large, merely minor variations of the age-old demonological phenomenon..."

...John A. Keel, *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, p. 299

"Studies of flying saucer cults repeatedly show that they are part of a larger occult social world."

...Stupple & McNeece, 1979 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings, p. 49

"The 'medical examination' to which abductees are said to be subjected, often accompanied by sadistic sexual manipulation, is reminiscent of the medieval tales of encounters with demons. It makes no sense in a sophisticated or technical framework: any intelligent being equipped with the scientific marvels that UFOs possess would be in a position to achieve any of these alleged scientific objectives in a shorter time and with fewer risks."

...Dr. Jacques Vallee, *Confrontations*, p. 13

"The symbolic display seen by the abductees is identical to the type of initiation ritual or astral voyage that is imbedded in the [occult] traditions of every culture...the structure of abduction stories is identical to that of occult initiation rituals...the UFO beings of today belong to the same class of manifestation as the [occult] entities that were described in centuries past."

...Dr. Jacques Vallee citing the extensive research of Bertrand Meheust [*Science-Fiction et Soucoupes Volantes* (Paris, 1978); *Soucoupes Volantes et Folklore* (Paris, 1985)], in *Confrontations*, p. 146, 159-161

"[The occultist] is brought into intelligent communication with the spirits of the air, and can receive any knowledge which they possess, or any false impression they choose to impart...the demons seem permitted to do various wonders at their request."

...G.H. Pember, *Earth's Earliest Ages and Their Connection with Modern Spiritualism and Theosophy* (1876), p. 254

"These entities are clever enough to make Strieber think they care about him. Yet his torment by them never ceases. Whatever his relationship to the entities, and he increasingly concludes that their involvement with him is something 'good,' he also remains terrified of them and uncertain as to what they are."

...John Ankerberg, *The Facts on UFOs and Other Supernatural Phenomena*, p. 21

"I became entirely given over to extreme dread. The fear was so powerful that it seemed to make my personality completely evaporate... 'Whitley' ceased to exist. What was left was a body and a state of raw fear so great that it swept about me like a thick, suffocating curtain, turning paralysis into a condition that seemed close to death...I died and a wild animal appeared in my place."

...Whitley Strieber, *Communion*, p. 25-26

"Increasingly I felt as if I were entering a struggle that might even be more than life and death. It might be a struggle for my soul, my essence, or whatever part of me might have reference to the eternal. There are worse things than death, I suspected...so far the word demon had never been spoken among the scientists and doctors who were working with me...Alone at night I worried about the legendary cunning of demons ...At the very least I was going stark, raving mad."

...Whitley Strieber, *Transformation*, p. 44-45

"I wondered if I might not be in the grip of demons, if they were not making me suffer for their own purposes, or simply for their enjoyment."

...Whitley Strieber, *Transformation*, p. 172

"I felt an absolutely indescribable sense of menace. It was hell on earth to be there [in the presence of the entities], and yet I couldn't move, couldn't cry out, couldn't get away. I'd lay as still as death, suffering inner agonies. Whatever was there seemed so monstrously ugly, so filthy and dark

and sinister. Of course they were demons. They had to be. And they were here and I couldn't get away."

...Whitley Strieber, *Transformation*, p. 181

"Why were my visitors so secretive, hiding themselves behind my consciousness. I could only conclude that they were using me and did not want me to know why...What if they were dangerous? Then I was terribly dangerous because I was playing a role in acclimatizing people to them."

...Whitley Strieber, *Transformation*, p. 96

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From: Bob & Louise <lotech@sprint-mail.com>

Subject: Re: What Evidence Are Skeptics Looking For?

Date: Sunday, January 18, 1998 12:58 AM

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you presented to them a 25 foot tall, 4-armed, 3-legged slimy alien that they would accuse you of pulling a hoax by using genetically-engineered earth animals. These skeptics claim to be opened to the concept of extraterrestrial life, but their every reaction to ufo sighting testimony repeatedly shows absolutely no sign of considering even the possibility that these unidentifiable objects could be of alien origin.

Bob

From: twitchb@worldnet.att.net
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Well, since no metal fragment has ever been shown in a lab to be even suspect, I think they are being very reasonable.

The photos are hoakie, the videos even worse. They are of lights in the sky or suspect.

The landing sites have never really been shown by reputable scientists to be anything strange, except for the fairy rings.

And, eyewitness testimony is worthless without some external confirming evidence.

All you do is to post suspect info and then wonder why it isn't accepted.

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From: Jean van gemert
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In article, Bob & Louise
<lotech@sprintmail.com> wrote:

The skeptics, who continuously loiter in the ufo newsgroups, have claimed that they will accept an alien artifact as proof. I've been watching them. The most amusing thing I read was a skeptic who suggested a full-blown broadcasted landing of ETs would not even compell the ETH unless the ETs themselves would submit to dissection! ROFL.skeptics claim to be opened to the concept of extraterrestrial life, but in my view, most "skeptics" would love some sort of *open* contact, with friendly ETs sharing knowledge. The UFO phenomenon doesn't seem to offer this (if ETs are behind it they seem to have their own interests in our planet without letting us know what they are). This is the sort of contact that "skeptics" *don't* seem to want at all (their expectations of what ETs would do aren't met), so denial kicks in and the validity of the ETH for UFOs is denied. Witness statements by UFO skeptics like Sagan or Clark who think contact with ETs "would" be more obvious and open, so UFOs can't be the real deal.

Science, Logic, and the UFO
Debate:<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/index.html>

From: Geoff Price
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Date: Thursday, January 15, 1998 7:50 PM
In article <69i6vj\$51q\$1@news.clt.bellsouth.net>, "Alex P. LeClair"
"saucer@bellsouth.net"@mail.clt.bellsouth.net wrote:

Geoff Price wrote: [...] Well, in fairness to Walton, the polygraph exam he *did* pass in '75, by Pfeifer, also used the now discredited "straight relevant/irrelevant" test, albiet apparently on more modern equipment than McCarthy's. And it was because

of this that Walton agreed to Black's challenge to be retested in 1993. This despite the fact that relevant/irrelevant's dramatic trouble was with false positive (incorrect "deceptive" result) rather than false negative error (that is, you could make a case that a *passed* r/i test was significant without being in complete contradiction of the polygraph evidence.) [...]

The word I've gotten over the years is that Travis was traumatized/in shock. Therefore an examiner that did not take this into consideration might conclude that the person is lying, due to the needle jumping all over the place because of the emotional shock. Can you tell the difference in a response that indicates lying from one that indicates shock?

Well, I don't know of specific studies on this particular topic. However, in general polygraph is trying to sniff out a "deceptive/truthful" signal in the noise of various physiological data. The evidence is pretty overwhelming that such a signal exists, but different tests are better at picking it out and none are perfect by any means. As a result, you always want to limit your variables, and remove any other abnormal conditions that might skew results one way or the other. So it's been a professional standard of polygraph examiners for years that individuals not be tested under duress or adverse circumstances. This created contention in the McCarthy test as defenders argued that Walton was too traumatized and critics replied that this was a copout. In this, the critics were somewhat undone by one of their own, as the cynical Jeff Wells who covered the story for the National Enquirer would later write (in a critical piece): "Our first sight of the kid was at dinner in the hotel diningroom that night. It was a shock. He sat there mute, pale, twitching like a cornered animal." And: "The kid was a wreck and it was all the psychiatrist could do to get him ready for the lie-detector expert we had lined up." McCarthy himself in the transcript of the test apparently berates Walton for some of his confusion about dates, snapping

"Where have you been, in a vacuum?"

But in any case, this is really here nor there in the context of the test's reliability. The problem with McCarthy's test format is that it can't distinguish *apprehension* or nervousness about the critical question from deception. It was this fatal flaw in the basic relevant/irrelevant test which led to its banning by law in most states (in fact it was illegal in neighboring states such as Nevada at the time of the McCarthy test.) In some lab tests, *truthful* respondents would be tagged as deceptive as high as 80% of the time (this was the false positive error problem.) As Charles Honts put it (see the article Jean referred to,) "a false RI test should be given no weight for any purpose."

What Scott, on the other hand, is citing is McCarthy's personal perception that it was the "clearest case of deception he'd ever seen", or some such, i.e. citing the negative impression of an individual who came into contact with Walton, albeit one without any reliable evidence one way or the other to support his opinion. And it's true, McCarthy didn't like Walton, and apparently the feeling was mutual (as the Walton brothers considered McCarthy condescending and accusatory and ended up in a heated argument with him.) So take that for what it's worth.

-Geoff Price

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way to raise the public's consciousness. Do have any idea who's behind it and why?

Harrison: I'm not convinced it's orchestrated, but I agree it seems to be going on. I can give you a very specific example. I know that the movie Contact, with Jodie Foster, increased the use of the SETI Institute's home page on the web by 5000 hits a day. Even though the movie isn't totally accurate scientifically, it has built up goodwill and positive intentions toward SETI. Some of the others, though, like Independence Day don't generate positive expectations. I eagerly await more data.

ParaNet: A few years ago, we wouldn't have discussed UFOs in the public venue - mainstream. It's now in the pop culture, etc.

Harrison: It reflects some real changes in science. I don't want to say that the line between science and science fiction is blurring, but scientists are more open and more forward looking than they used to be and this is filtering down into the educational system. ■ ■ ■

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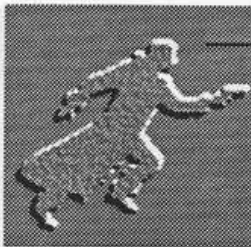
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Encyclopedia Mythica

<http://www.pantheon.org/mythica/>

Encyclopedia Mythica contains over 3600 definitions of gods, goddesses, supernatural beings, legendary creatures and monsters from all over the world. Entries on mythology, folklore, and magic reign. For instance, the description for "Gwyllion" assures us these creatures are innocent, but nevertheless spooky: are harmless elfish creatures who live in the mountains of Wales. They have the unpleasant habit of placing themselves on both sides of a mountain trail between the rocks, and silently following those who pass-by with their eyes.

Exploration of Neighboring Planetary Systems (ExNPS) Study <http://techinfo.jpl.nasa.gov/www/ExNPS/HomePage.html>

The Exploration of Neighboring Solar Systems (ExNPS) is part of NASA's Origins Program. NASA's Office of Space Science chartered the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to develop a long term road map "... to explore neighboring planetary systems and to characterize and image individual planets in those systems." Similarly, the Darwin Space Infrared Interferometer [<http://ast.star.rl.ac.uk/darwin/mission.html>] is a project of the European Space Agency (ESA), and will employ a space telescope capable of finding Earth-like planets and possibly detecting signs of life on them.

Eizenstat Report: U.S. and Allied Efforts to Recover and Restore Gold and Other Assets Stolen or Hidden by Germany During World War II

<http://www.ita.doc.gov/media/assets1.htm>

About \$580 million of central bank gold (approximately \$5.6 billion in today's market) along with indeterminate amounts of other assets, were stolen by the Nazis during the second world war. At President Clinton's request, Stuart E. Eizenstat, undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Chief Historian of the State Department, Dr. William Slany, reviewed 15 million pages of official U.S. records in the National Archives. Although this website is a summary of the actual report, there is enough information available to draw many conclusions. Hmm...any relationship between Project Paperclip and stolen gold?

MICAP-Vallee Rating System

http://www.xxedgexx.com/paranet/html/micap_vallee_rating_system.html

This rating system was devised by Jacques Vallee and has been adopted by MICAP. More accurate than the

simple Hynek rating system that most investigators are familiar with (CE1-CE4), this system takes into account all aspects of human interaction with UFOs.

Parascope

<http://www.parascope.com/>

Parascope is the mother of all conspiracy websites. Consisting of "Conspiracy Newslines" that is updated daily for your reading pleasure, "Nebula," a UFO news service, "Enigma," a Fortean, paranormal news page, and "Dossier," which contains hundreds of declassified government documents and analysis of covert ops, Parascope is hip.

Ultimate Ufologists WWW Page

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/AndyPage/>

In addition to being easy to navigate, this site has a very helpful "UFO Glossary," a "Who's Who of Ufology," and a UFO book review section.

The Lone Gunmen

The origin of the Lone Gunmen was recently explained in an X-Files episode entitled "Unusual Suspects." Set in 1989, X-Files junkies were finally able to see how Byers, Frohike and Langly joined forces to become the Lone Gunmen. "X," Mulder's mysterious informant and protector, when asked by an angry Byers if he belonged to the same rogue group responsible for JFK's assassination, replied: "I thought it was a Lone Gunman." Multitalented and paranoid, the Lone Gunmen provide research support to Agents Mulder and Scully on the many fringe cases that are the X-Files.

[Taken in part from the Official X-Files website at <http://www.thex-files.com>]

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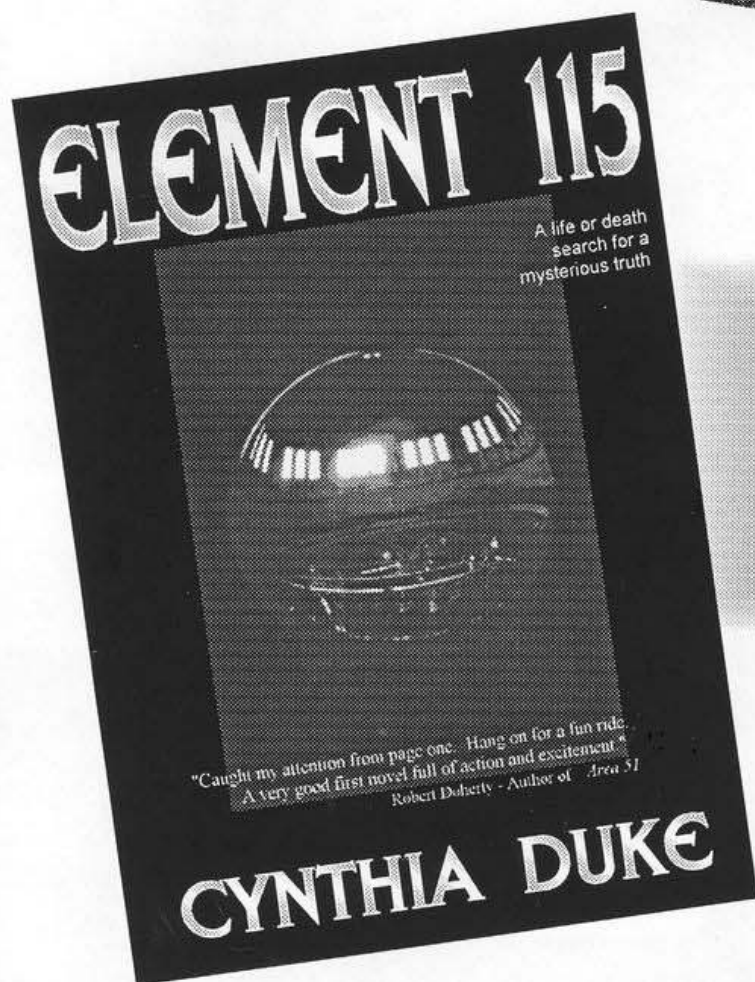
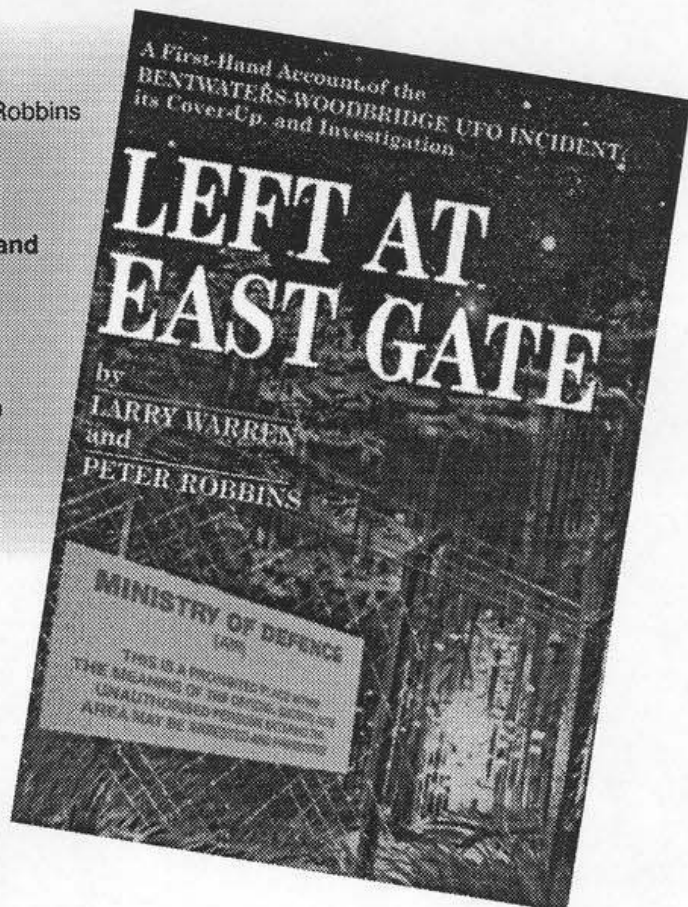
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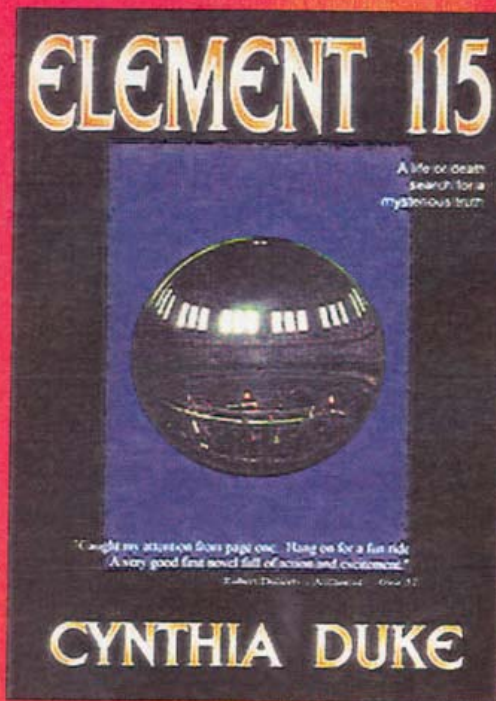
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