

## "UFOs – ARE WE ALONE ?"

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Let me say right now that I am not an "expert" on UFOs. Probably no one is. Thirty or forty years ago, it might have been possible to claim a sort of expertise by reading everything written on the subject, a large part of which was little more than sensationalist garbage. Today, the subject is so vast and complex that specialities have developed in such areas as cattle mutilations, crop circles, landing traces, abductions, and so on. A few people, like Drs. Jacques Vallee and the late Allen Hynek have studied really deeply and written extensively and authoritatively on the subject but usually ended up as the Rubaiyat has it, by going "out by the same door as in they went".

Now, have you ever personally sighted something in the sky in circumstances that defy conventional explanation?

Before I go into the more or less official history of the UFO phenomenon, I'd like to mention that, for many years, because of personal interest, and quite apart from the officially recorded episodes I shall be discussing tonight, I've personally been accumulating reliable reports from unpublished but unimpeachable sources that have actually witnessed such phenomena. I realize that this is what is called "anecdotal" material, but we must remember that much if not most of our experience is anecdote, that is simply, a "narrative of an interesting or detached incident". I do not accept the opinion of the late Carl Sagan, who misused the term "anecdotal evidence" to mean either confused or invented. I have collected seven of these anecdotes.

The first is a report by a 16-year old college student, who was out peddling household goods from door to door to earn money to pay for his education. He sat down on his sample case for a rest, and noticed what appeared to be a small biplane, at about 3,000 feet altitude. He watched as it flew into a puff-ball cloud, about 100 yds in diameter, the only cloud in the sky. He watched and waited for about 10 minutes for it to emerge, but it never did! Odd as this incident was, we can only call this an unidentified flying object, notwithstanding the fact that it took the prosaic form of a lone cloud and an associated airplane.

Then, in June 1954, the head of the Visa Section of a foreign embassy in Rome was driving his car up Via Veneto, towards the Porta Pinciana, on a sunny, cloudless, but slightly hazy, Friday afternoon, at about 3:00 o'clock. He reports that as he drew past the Excelsior Hotel, he saw dozens of people, mostly tourists, standing at their tables at Doney's Café, looking up at the sky. At the same time, to his left, he saw hundreds of streamers of what he later described "as if 1,000 people at the top of the building had been squeezing tubes of toothpaste down toward the street". Stopping his car, he got out, turned, and looked up. According to his report, he saw "3 ½ saucer-like objects, discs that could have been 50 to 75 feet in diameter, at an altitude of perhaps a 1000 feet or so (difficult to estimate because the exact size itself is only a guess). These vehicles, no details of which were clearly visible from below, were moving slowly out of sight over the roof-line, in the general direction of the Roman Forum. These "flying objects" were the talk of the town for several days. It was later surmised that the so-called "toothpaste" was what later came to be called "angel hair".

In a separate incident the next morning, again in downtown Rome, he saw, at a very high altitude, two disc-like objects circling each other for several minutes before they moved rapidly off in opposite directions and disappeared from view.

It later appeared that the summer of 1954 was a period of great UFO activity all over Western Europe, particularly in France.

The next report is from a defence production technical officer, a government official, who was flying the Atlantic to attend the Paris air show in June 1965, flying “low and slow” in a military transport aircraft. He awoke in the morning while they were still a hundred miles or so west of Ireland. Looking out the window, he saw a commercial jet aircraft on a roughly parallel course, perhaps 300 feet higher and 1000 yards away on the port side. As it was moving faster it slowly drew ahead. Then he noticed a most peculiar object, perhaps one-eighth the size of the airliner, shaped somewhat like an egg, but with a flat bottom, about the same colour, a light tan, trailing the airliner by no more than 50 yards or so, slightly lower, in the airliner’s “blind spot”. The report states that it looked at first as if the airliner were towing it, as a small sailing vessel tows a lifeboat. He nudged the passenger in the adjoining seat who was also a senior technical officer in his department’s aircraft division and, like him, a former military pilot. Without saying a word, he pointed at the strange object. His companion just looked, shrugged, grinned, and said “UFO”. The airliner continued to pull away, still faithfully followed by its mysterious companion, until they disappeared to the east. The crew of the aircraft in which they were flying were also completely mystified by this sighting. He never knew if they reported it officially.

The next report is from a senior official of the United Nations, manager of a UN project in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. For an entire week in 1979, he and thousands of others observed two glowing objects resembling the bright planets Venus and Jupiter hovering over Kuala Lumpur. They were widely reported in the newspapers as USOs (for unidentified stationary objects). They remained in the same places, day and night, without moving, until one day they were simply gone.

The final two reports are closely juxtaposed events here in Cyprus about 10 years ago. A retired expat who was interested in astronomy was preparing to observe the M-31 spiral nebula in Andromeda. It was a clear evening in late summer or early autumn 1993. While waiting for his telescope to cool down, he looked for M-31 through his binoculars, facing east, with north to his left. He saw what appeared to be a typical satellite, in a north-to-south orbit, and assumed it was Russian, as American satellites usually follow an equatorial orbit. To his amazement, as he watched, quote “it did a 180 degree turn to starboard, then having reversed its course, did a sharp 90 degree turn, again to starboard, crossing its original track, then simply faded out, just like the Romulan cloaking device in “Star Trek”. A few seconds later a second virtually identical satellite–appearing object came along, but this one continued on a track parallel to that of the first one, on a conventional course until lost to sight in the south.

The following morning, of a cloudless day, at about 4am, the same individual was on his verandah when an extremely brilliant, whiter-than-white light, the apparent size and shape of the full moon, moving very rapidly, came from the direction of the open sea and passed almost overhead. Strictly visual, no sound, no sign of anything in the land behind his house. No plausible natural explanation. Although scoffers might say something about “ball lightning”, ball lightning is itself a much misunderstood phenomenon, never properly explained.

Now what do we make of all these stories?

These are only anecdotes. Carl Sagan would dismiss them at once. They have no scientific validity and we normally can accept such testimony only if the witness can be considered thoroughly trustworthy and reliable, as well as sound of mind and body.

Normally, like you and Carl Sagan, I might have trouble accepting these experiences as valid, except for one thing. As you may have guessed, every single one of these was my own personal experience. They are the absolute truth and I vouch for them. It is up to you to believe me or not. But let me say this: all the sceptics, scoffers and most highly-credentialed establishment scientists in the world can argue until they're blue in the face. But I know because I've seen them, and they have not!

So if you have had similar experiences, don't let them try to "con" you into thinking there's something wrong with you. It's their "will to disbelieve" and that's their problem, not yours!

Like an estimated 9 out of 10 witnesses, however, I never reported these to anyone – even though I have been a member of and a research specialist for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network! My reasons for this failure are complex – laziness, for a start, followed by a quick realization that, except for the USOs in K.L., I was effectively alone. At least two reliable people must witness an event to make it suitable for an official report. Moreover, I would surely have been accused (especially 50-odd years ago) of being a nut case (and as I held responsible positions at the time, I couldn't afford to run that risk). For whatever reason, I confined the information to a small circle comprising immediate family and a few trusted friends.

The quick answer to the question, "are we alone?" is an emphatic "of course not"!

While I am persuaded, and hope that you will also be convinced, that something is definitely going on, the really tricky questions are "what?"; "who or what is doing this?"; "why?"; and, above all, "why is the truth of these phenomena being deliberately withheld from us?" It's hard to know where to start. I could relate any number of cases that provide absolutely unimpeachable evidence of UFO activity. Many large books have been devoted to relating case after case in agonizing detail. Some of these books are included in the list of recommended publications that I've provided. A selection of them is available for your inspection.

It's probably best to start with a brief history of the UFO phenomenon. There's nothing really new about it, although because of the recent vast increase both in the amount of such activity and in our ability to detect and to analyse it, we are becoming much more knowledgeable, in spite of the best efforts of various authorities to keep a lid on the subject.

To begin, let me quote from the annals of the Pharaoh Thutmose III (circa 1504-1450 b.c.). The original is in the Vatican library. "In the year 22, 3<sup>rd</sup> month of winter, 6<sup>th</sup> hour of the day, the scribes of the house of life saw a circle of fire coming in the sky. No head, a foul odour, one rod long and one rod wide. No sound (voice). Confused. They laid themselves prostrate. Reported it to pharaoh. His majesty ordered it all to be recorded in the papyrus rolls of the house of life. His majesty meditated on what had happened. Some days later these things became more numerous in the sky than ever. They shone brighter than the sun and extended to the limits of the four supports of the heavens. Powerful was the position of the fire circles. The army of the pharaoh looked to him in their midst. It was after supper. Thereupon, these fire circles ascended higher in the sky towards the south ..."

Since then there have been many thousands of recorded sightings of strange ships and other objects in the sky down through the centuries, from the “flying shields” of early Greek and Roman times up through the middle ages, all the way to us. What we might call the modern era began with the mysterious airships seen in North America in 1896 -7, followed by the so-called "foo-fighters" of World War II. (I may say that toward the end of the war, no longer fit for operational flying duties as a pilot, I was posted as an intelligence officer to a Canadian bomber wing in Yorkshire. When debriefing crews returning from raids, we were on the lookout for reports of any unusual phenomena, and occasionally heard stories about mysterious lights that appeared and disappeared in the vicinity of aircraft while on operations.)

After the war, large numbers of so-called "ghost rockets" were reported from Sweden in 1946/47. President Truman sent the famous American General Jimmy Doolittle to investigate. Doolittle's report was never made public. In the States, there were many strange episodes throughout the spring of 1947. Then, on 24 June 1947, private pilot Kenneth Arnold spotted some nine aerial vehicles playing around among the peaks of the Cascade Mountains in the American northwest. He described their movements as similar to what one would see by skipping a saucer across the surface of a lake. Although they were not, in fact, saucers but rather crescents in shape, the name "flying saucer" was seized upon by the newspapers, to describe any unidentified aeroform of apparently unknown type.

Just over a week later, in early July 1947, the US Army Air Force announced the recovery of a crashed "flying saucer" near Roswell, New Mexico. On orders from Washington, the news was quickly squelched and it was put out that all that had been recovered was the wreckage of a more or less standard weather balloon. I'll return to this later.

In September, the Air Force quickly established a contact center, "Project Saucer", to gather information on all of the various sightings. In subsequent developments, we move to:

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| January 1948   | Project "Sign" initiated, to gather and collate UFO information for the U.S.A.F., replacing “”Project Saucer"  |
| 24 July 1948   | Captains Clarence Chiles and John Whitted, piloting an Eastern Airlines commercial aircraft had a very close brush with a large cylindrical UFO , over Montgomery, Alabama   |
| 20 August 1949 | Famous astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, and a planetary expert, sighted a geometric formation of rectangular lights. He had also previously had a sighting of a long, cigar-shaped UFO that passed almost overhead.  |
| 15 August 1950 | Manager of the Great Falls, Montana, baseball team took a moving picture of two large, bright lights travelling across the daylight sky in echelon formation, producing the famous "Montana movie". His film was “borrowed” by the USAF and when returned it was missing the 35 most important frames.   |
| August 1951    | The "Lubbock lights" appeared in Texas, a long crescent of lights that appeared over Lubbock and other Texas towns for several weeks – never adequately explained away. They appeared again in 1998 over Phoenix, Arizona. You may have seen them on TV. They were shown here in Cyprus. The US Air Force tried to dismiss them as its own flares - which for many |

reasons is absurd. Flares are very dangerous things and never dropped over built-up areas.

- October 1951 New project "Grudge" established, replacing Project "Sign"
- April 1952 Project "Blue Book" established, under Air Force Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, replacing Project "Grudge", located in the air technical intelligence center, at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.
- 2 July 1952 The "Tremonton movie" taken at Tremonton, Utah, by a navy chief photographer, Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse, while driving to California with his family. His wife spotted them first. About a dozen shiny disc-like objects. From close up, they looked like two joined saucers. 21 years in the navy, with over 2000 hours as an aerial photographer, he had "never seen anything like this". The official decision was that "they must have been birds"! A decision not agreed with by the US Navy!
- 1952 The Battelle Memorial Institute was commissioned by the Air Force to do a statistical study of UFO reports up to that time. It established that it was the unsolved cases that were of the highest calibre as to both witness and evidence. "Blue Book" was ordered never to discuss the cases. Military investigators were ordered by the CIA to "fix" the statistics to show that there were hardly any "unexplained" cases left. The study was not published for 3 years, and the actual statistics on which it is based have been released only recently, some 40 years later.
- July 1952 Over a 2-week period dozens of UFO s buzzed the Capitol bldg. And the White House in Washington, D.C. Detected both visually and by radar, from the air and from the ground. F-94 interceptors scrambled very late, failed to intercept.
- January 1953 Robertson Panel convenes – a CIA set-up. Claims no risk to the USA, recommends debunking and deliberate deception of the public on the UFO problem as well as spying on private UFO study groups. I'll go into this later.
- Summer 1954 Wave of UFO sightings in Western Europe, including France and Italy, where I had my two of my own sightings in Rome in June.
- 1956 Captain Ruppelt wrote "the report on unidentified flying objects" in which he made it clear that the USAF constantly suppressed valid information on UFO activity. He recounted a large number of UFO sightings, including radar/visual sightings, that simply cannot be "explained away". Approximately one-third of all reported incidents are probably of genuine UFO activity. A "hard-core" of about 25 per cent are virtually certain.
- 13 august 1956 At Lakenheath/Bentwaters RAF/USAF base (near Ipswich) UFO s were seen in the air and on the ground, tracked by radar, examined from a near distance. Travelled up to 4000 mph, displayed sudden course changes in the air. The American Deputy Base Commander's report on this event has been published.
- 15 October 1957 Antonio Villas Boas, Brazilian, has sex with an alien aboard a spaceship in Brazil. If you'll pardon the expression, this was the first documented interplanetary or extraterrestrial screw since Genesis, when the sons of God saw the daughters of men and found them fair! Taken ill, examined by a doctor who found indications of radiation poisoning even four months after this encounter.

- 26/27 June 1959 The Rev. William Gill's New Guinea sighting involving responsive humanoid figures aboard a UFO , many witnesses providing sworn testimony in corroboration. I'll discuss this later.
- 1960 Brookings Institution produced a report for NASA titled "Proposed studies on the implications of peaceful space activities for human affairs". Its section on "The implications of a discovery of extraterrestrial life" strongly recommended a policy of suppression of any such information, and seems to have been taken as a justification for a policy of deliberate down-playing and direct deception. I'll tell you more about this in a few minutes.
- 19 September 1961 The famous Betty and Barney Hill abduction case – sexual probing by aliens – the first recorded abduction and the first experiences recovered by hypnosis.
- 24 April 1964 Patrolman Lonnie Zamora in Socorro, New Mexico, spots two humanoids, watches as they take off in a UFO, examines with his superior officer Sergeant Chavez the damages left by the UFO (smoldering bushes, landing marks on the ground).
- 1 July 1965 Maurice Masse, of Valensole, France, encountered humanoids and saw a landed UFO on his farm. Fully investigated and confirmed by the Gendarmerie Nationale.
- January 1969 The University of Colorado "Condon Report" issued. Its findings were a complete whitewash, and the summary by Dr. Edward Condon himself, claiming that there was nothing to UFOs, was sharply contradicted by the individual contributions in the body of the report itself. I'll go into details later.
- December 1969 Project "Blue Book" closed down and not replaced as a consequence of Condon's tainted findings.
- December 1978 New Zealand. Many UFO s photographed from aircraft on several occasions. Showed pulsating lights, picked up on radar as well.
- 21 October 1979 Frederick Valentich, flying over Bass Strait from Melbourne to Tasmania, reports huge UFO over him. Also picked up on radar. Valentich and plane disappeared, never found.

I must say that the few classic cases I've mentioned here aren't even a snowball on the tip of the iceberg.

Since then, throughout the '80s and '90s, we've been inundated by UFO-related events. In particular, we seem to have entered the abduction era. Much work has been done by researchers to get to the bottom of this. Employing hypnosis, qualified people have elicited myriad stories of abductions aboard UFOs, time and space dilations and contractions, and a bewildering variety of experiences which are, however, far from random. Abductions even seem to run in families. Significantly, they fall into distinct and now predictable patterns, to the extent that this phenomenon could be examined by a team of highly qualified people, at an Abduction Study Conference held on June 13 to 17, 1992, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A 1991 Roper Poll concluded that something in the order of five million people had by then been abducted (and presumably processed in some way) in the United States alone. There is growing evidence that alien entities may be engaged in an effort to create a hybrid, partly human species.

Charles Fort suggested that "we are property". Whitley Strieber says, "They are farming us. We are a self-perpetuating crop". Shades of the movie "Matrix"!

Where do they come from? We just don't know. There are many possibilities. Are they from :

- (a) another planet in our solar system?
- (b) a planet in another solar system in our Milky Way galaxy (which contains about 200 thousand million suns, each of which may have a family of planets – over 100 of which have already been detected by astronomers)?
- (c) a planet in a solar system in another huge galaxy (hundreds of millions of which exist)? It's a very large universe!
- (d) past or future civilizations on this planet or elsewhere which have mastered time travel?
- (e) civilizations hitherto concealed somewhere inside the earth or under the oceans?
- (f) parallel universes, from which they travel back and forth, inter-dimensionally? This is suggested by their ability to change shape and size, divide and merge, and fade in and out.

Or are they, however unlikely, psychical projections produced by us? Karl Gustav Jung is often and quite loudly quoted as having claimed that "UFO s are a 'projection' of our human need for religious belief". What is less known and certainly *not* publicized, is that, towards the end of his life, he had a change of heart, and declared that UFOs are probably vehicles of some sort.

Claims are made that they come from various specific star systems, but nothing definitive is really known about their origins. There seem to be a variety of alien life forms being encountered, as well as different types of presumed extra-terrestrial vehicles.

Who are they? Again, we don't know.

All sorts of beings have been reported, such as the very common little large-headed "greys" with big black wrap-around eyes, "praying mantis" and "lizard" types, so-called "Nordics", and even "Bigfoot". Their vehicles (or other means of transport) seem to take many forms, including balls of light, spheres, triangles, boomerangs, saucer shapes, cylinders, cigars, peculiar clouds, and so on. There seem to be a number of different species that don't necessarily get along with each other or treat humans in the same way.

What is their purpose?

None of it seems to make any sense to our way of thinking.

They are reported to collect specimens of flora and fauna; to mutilate tens of thousands of cattle and other livestock, excising body parts with better than surgical precision, cutting around, not through, individual cells; abducting human beings in vast numbers and subjecting them to various indignities, including impregnating females and removing the foetuses two or three months later for incubation, apparently intending to develop a hybrid species; implanting humans with strange, incomprehensible devices, a number of which have been surgically removed by Dr. Roger Leir, who has published his findings; and leaving indecipherable apparent messages in crop circles, in a long series of what, to our way of thinking, is a whole catalogue of bizarre activities. Obviously, we don't seem to think the way they do. Their doings appear to have a logic of their own, quite incomprehensible to us.

Jacques Vallée believes that "UFO s are a control system to change consciousness" ... "with every new wave of UFOs, the social impact becomes greater. Young people become fascinated with space, psi phenomena; new frontiers of consciousness. We are too oriented towards technical progress. The next step may be a massive change in human attitudes towards paranormal abilities and extraterrestrial life". He adds:

"The distinction between the paranormal and ufology is beginning to blur". A growing awareness of this change is one of the things that persuade me that the UFO phenomenon is a legitimate area of study for parapsychologists, in addition to the usual domains of extra-sensory perception, psychokinesis and human survival: this despite the fact that Parapsychology as a discipline has not yet, at least so far, formally recognized this. To me, the study of consciousness is also relevant here, as is our whole way of perceiving things. Indeed, who, or what, are we? Really?

Whitley Strieber says that, "If we come to a correct understanding of the phenomenon, we may well, in the process, destroy the whole basis of our beliefs about reality." Jacques Vallée adds: "UFO s present an exciting challenge to our concept of reality itself." Many UFO abductees claim to have received dire warnings of coming disasters due to our failure as stewards of this planet. Vast destruction is predicted, together with a great down-sizing of populations. It has been alleged that at least some of them are trying to help us to cope with these problems. Dr. John Mack claims that abductions "open the consciousness" of abductees.

The world around us is suffused with infinite meaning. Our senses are designed to shut things out, like the blinders on a horse or a welder's goggles. There is no "normal" reality that we all share willy-nilly; only a "consensus" reality. But consensus reality changes. Fifty years ago, few people in Europe or North America believed in the genuine existence of UFOs. Today, the figure is well over 50 percent and constantly climbing. Not only that. Polls indicate that the higher the level of intelligence and education, the greater the belief in the actuality of UFOs! The UFO phenomenon has already changed this aspect of our consensus reality – which, as Colin Wilson points out, may well be part of its aim! Undoubtedly, there is a clear and definite connection between the UFO experience and the experience of wider and deeper states of consciousness.

### The Cover-up:

Now I shall touch briefly on the famous cover-up and will make some attempt to understand it. Briefly, because I shall be discussing it in depth in a separate presentation. No one who seriously studies the literature can be in doubt any longer that, virtually from the very beginning of the current era in 1947 there has been a vast conspiracy, controlled at the highest government level, particularly in the United States, to conceal the actuality of the UFO phenomenon. To their credit other countries, particularly France, refuse to go along with this.

Unfortunately, right from the start, the whole subject has been thoroughly contaminated by so-called "contactees", and "wanna believers", not to mention a horde of imbecilic hoaxers. Like death and taxes, we seem always to have the hoaxers and the screwballs with us. This of course makes it immensely easier for the debunkers, some of whom are sinister, others wilfully blind or simply stupid, who by pointing to these people, manage only too effectively to undermine the efforts of serious researchers.

The US government cover-up (the French do things better!), is complex indeed. Presidents Reagan (twice) and Carter have admittedly both seen UFOs. Jimmy Carter, himself a nuclear physicist and, quite unlike Reagan, not a dummy, actually stated that, if elected, he would see to it that the subject would be fully aired. Yet after his election, he was strangely silent. There was a time when we might have charged the government's inaction off to sheer ineptitude. In Hynek's words, "I'm not sure if it's a cover-up or just a foul-up". Although I am also among those who consider military intelligence to be a conflict in terms, nevertheless there is too much evidence of deliberate concealment of the truth. Occasionally, we get a peek through the cracks. Senator Barry Goldwater, a former presidential candidate and himself a Brigadier-General in the US Air Force, categorically stated, "flying saucers, unidentified flying objects – or whatever you call them, are real." While on a visit to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Goldwater asked his old friend, then Commanding Officer of the base, General Curtis Lemay, for permission to inspect the contents of the so-called "Blue Room", alleged to contain hard evidence of the existence of UFOs. He was told most emphatically, "No! You can't go in, and I can't go in! Don't ever ask me that again!"

Canadian scientist Wilbert B. Smith, who was working closely with top US authorities in conjunction with the Canadian Defence Research Board attaché at Canada's Washington Embassy reported, with respect to UFOs, in a classified memo in November 1950:

- "1. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb (which, at that time, had not yet been publicly announced).
2. Flying saucers exist.
3. Their modus operandi is unknown, but a concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush (not to be confused with the infamous presidential family - JK).
4. The entire matter is considered by the US authorities to be of tremendous significance."

Smith also publicly stated, "There is no question that they exist. Their reality is known and recognized by those in authority, but deliberately, nothing is said about it because the problem of what to do about them remains unsolved."

US policy, from the very start, has been one of complete denial. Countless thousands of responsible, worthy citizens have in effect been called liars. An already hostile academic community simply refuses to examine the evidence, encouraged by official denials of the existence of anything worth examining.

The famous Greek scientist, Paul Santorini, investigated the Swedish "ghost rocket" phenomena of 1946-47, but testified that he was pressured by the US government to suppress his findings.

In Jacques Vallée's words, "there is a campaign of disinformation". As a consequence, this UFO problem has been well described as "the greatest and most misunderstood mystery of all time". The government's attitude of denial has been supported by an impressive, but increasingly discredited clique of so-called scientific authorities, like the late physicist Carl "I didn't think of it first, so it can't be" Sagan and the late astrophysicist Donald "it must have been Venus or a temperature inversion" Menzel.

Sagan's opposition is particularly odd, since he was a strong promoter of the government's multi-billion-dollar "Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" (SETI) program, now privately-funded.

The SETI program, which involves monitoring the radio frequencies for interplanetary and intra or extra-galactic radio signals, resembles a man trying to place a long distance telephone call while the person he's trying to reach (in the form of a UFO ) is ringing the bell and banging on the door. This is totally illogical. Perhaps scientists feel safer acting on the assumption that if they're very far away, they're no threat to anyone.

A word about science in general: the scientific method demands repeatability of observations. Random events, typical of UFOs, do not lend themselves to scientific analysis because they cannot be controlled for variables. We're dealing with the unpredictable product of an advanced intelligence. The professional academic world breeds a cycle of ignorance about UFOs. Virtually all scientific research is aimed to achieve something specific and is paid for by somebody, primarily governments. No one in academia knows anything about UFOs or is qualified or willing to undertake new UFO research.

Nevertheless, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Emeritus Professor of Astrophysics at Stanford University, conducted a survey of professional astronomers in 1977 which revealed that:

53% felt that UFOs deserved further study, of whom:

23% "certainly"; 30% "probably"

significantly,

(a) 65% of these were under 30 years of age

(b) only 23% were over 60

The problem would appear to be funding, not unwillingness to investigate.

In a survey by "Industrial R & D" publication, of 1200 scientists & engineers :

(a) 61% said UFOs definitely or probably exist;

(b) only 28% said probably or certainly not.

Again significantly, respondents under the age of 26 were twice as likely as "over-65s" to say that UFO s exist.

Still, at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., in 1968, several hundred astronomers at a conference learned that UFO activity was going on right over the hotel. Not a single one of them bothered to go outside and look!

Captain Ruppelt, who headed project "Blue Book" for nearly 3 years, said that, internally, there was enormous USAF interest in UFOs; that there was any number of totally unexplainable sightings by experienced aircrews, military and civilian. In his 1962 book, he frankly confessed to having witnessed a vast suppression of UFO information by the military during his period of office in the early 1950s.

As indicated in our historical review, the Robertson Panel was convened by the CIA in early 1953 to evaluate UFOs. While not directly disclaiming their existence, it declared UFOs to represent no risk to the USA. So far so good. But it then went on to recommend the debunking of UFOs, the calculated and deliberate deception of the public, and a program of "monitoring" (i.e., spying upon) the activities of private UFO-interest groups.

According to Colin Wilson, Jacques Vallée turned up a "secret" letter in Allen Hynek's files that left no doubt that the USAF was engaged in a "disinformation" operation. It was dated three days before the Robertson Panel, of which Hynek was a junior member, was to meet. It recommended setting up monitoring systems to identify areas of the greatest UFO activity, then secretly and purposefully to schedule many different types of the Air Force's own activities in these areas. This would make it easy for the Air Force to discredit the thousands of public UFO sightings that would inevitably occur in those "hot" areas by explaining them away as the Air Force's own operations. Moreover, it said that "reports for the last five years could be re-evaluated". In other words, past UFO sightings could also be debunked. In this way, the American public could be reassured – and of course, deliberately, and with malice aforethought, deceived.

This is all of a piece with the positively ludicrous effort to debunk the UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico. First, after the highly responsible U.S.A.F. unit (the 509 Bomber Group, the only atomic bomber unit in the world at the time) publicly announced the retrieval of an alien spacecraft, higher authority substituted the wreckage of a common weather balloon. Under pressure, they later admitted the substitution but claimed that it was done to protect a then highly secret "Mogul" balloon, which, in fact, in no way resembled the wreckage picked up. Then, to account for the persistent reports of alien bodies having been recovered, they trotted out the absurd "crash dummy" yarn only a few years ago. Absurd because crash dummies weren't even invented until 1952, five years later!

In January 1969 the University of Colorado "Condon Report", sponsored by the US Air Force, was issued. Three months before this 18-month project got underway, the project administrator, Robert Low, made the following statement in a subsequently leaked memo, "The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer." The two people who leaked this memo were identified and fired. Condon then viciously tried to induce the University of Arizona, the employer of Dr. James McDonald, to whom the memo had been leaked and who made it public, to fire him as well. Happily, he did not succeed.

The late Dr. Condon himself, when only three months into this project, stated, in public, "It is my inclination right now to recommend that the government get out of this business. My attitude right now is that there is nothing to it. But I'm not supposed to reach that conclusion for another year." - reportedly said with a self-satisfied smirk. So much for a scientific, objective approach! Together with the fact that Condon's summary, which is all of the Report that most people ever read, was contradicted by much of the material in the Report itself, these statements make it quite clear that the Condon Report was nothing but an expensive (to the taxpayer) charade - a thoroughly dishonest document that effectively killed any formal support from academia or government.

As a direct consequence, and probably its original purpose, it strongly discouraged scientific interest, and Project "Blue Book" was closed down at the end of the year 1969. We know that the UFO phenomenon is actual. We also know that frantic efforts are being made by the government (or an inner clique thereof) to keep the lid on. Why? Many people have trouble understanding this.

There are many reasons for this that I do not have the time to go into here. Suffice it to say that enormously powerful industrial vested interests are behind the cover-up, which threatens to destroy us all if we don't do something about it. What we are up against are disinformation and so-called debunking. Some of the reasons for this are obvious. Some are obscure.

Debunking has a long and honourable history. It originally meant deflating absurd claims. Nowadays, however, it simply means "scoffing". Today it may be defined as the undermining of a serious enquiry into unusual phenomena by the use of various propaganda methods, all of them intellectually dishonest.

A splendid example of this is the famous Father Gill case. The Reverend William Gill, an Anglican priest and graduate of Brisbane University, was a missionary in New Guinea in June 1959. He and some 30-odd members of the mission had very clear sightings, over two nights, which actually climaxed a relatively short but acute period of UFO activity in the area. UFOs had been observed by both educated and illiterate Papuans as well as by many Europeans. In what has become a classic case, the Rev. Gill and his people saw, first, a bright light and eliminated Venus, which was known to them and was also visible. The object came closer and three humanoid figures were seen on it, who actually waved back when waved to, responding to both one arm and two-arm waves in like fashion. All of the mission members witnessed these things and took part in them, and signed statements to that effect. The self-styled "arch-enemy of UFOs", Dr. Donald Menzel, dismissed the entire case as a sighting of Venus under the hypothesis that Gill was not wearing his spectacles at the time. Father Gill was, in fact, wearing them, and knew perfectly well where Venus was, and had said so in his report. Menzel dismissed the testimony of all the other witnesses, who had signed the report, as unconvincing. Menzel said he "doubted very much that they knew what they were signing or why. They would certainly have been mystified as to why their great leader was seeing something that was invisible to them ... after all, they looked upon Father Gill as a holy man. Father Gill simply assumed that the other people were seeing what he saw. "

All of this in the face of the overwhelming testimonial evidence of all of the witnesses. Menzel didn't dare to come right out and call a well-educated Anglican priest a liar. He had to resort to the most far-fetched and totally inane non-explanation of those events, to try to explain them away. In my opinion, he made a fool and a liar of himself in the process.

The Gill case is only one example of the extraordinary lengths to which people will go, actually, or ostensibly, to defend their cherished beliefs. The Menzel story, however is more sinister than that. A keen investigator, Stanton Friedman, himself a nuclear engineering physicist, learned that Menzel, a top astro physicist, had all along been a member of the inner circle of the US government that was responsible for the policy of suppressing public knowledge of UFOs. In Menzel's case, far from being a disinterested scientist concerned only with the facts, he was, behind the scenes, one of the manipulators and a prime source of disinformation.

Menzel was also the scientist who tried to debunk the famous Washington DC "flap" of July 1952, when, over a period of two weeks, dozens of UFOs were detected, in forbidden air space right over the White House, both visually and on radar, from the ground and from the air, both by commercial and by military pilots who had been scrambled in F-94s to intercept them. Menzel's "explanation"? a temperature inversion.

When challenged by a Canadian scientist, who pointed out that the inversion would have had to amount to over one thousand degrees to have yielded these effects, Menzel admitted that his explanation didn't stand up. Such was his reputation, however, the damage had been done. It's still officially a "temperature inversion".

Now let's pause a moment to consider these debunking efforts. It is, frankly, impossible, and I expect you will agree with me, to believe that scientists, of the stature of Donald Menzel and Carl Sagan could seriously be so suffering from that strange debunker's disease called "the will to disbelieve" that they were not genuinely aware of the factual nature of UFO phenomena. Only the most hardened, wilfully blind sceptic, can still pretend that UFOs do not exist! Their far-fetched explanations, of the sort typified by Menzel's rejection of the overwhelming evidence presented by the Rev. Gill and his colleagues in New Guinea, leads us to only one conclusion: Menzel knew perfectly well that the sightings were authentic, but for undisclosed reasons chose to go to the most patently absurd lengths to try to explain them away.

I believe that it is not too much to say that he, as well as others, was following a script, and prostituted himself and his professional standing in this way so as to perform what he considered to be his patriotic duty. Intensive investigation by a number of crack investigators has revealed him to have been one of the very key insiders; one of the prime generators of the policy of keeping the public in the dark.

What it comes to is this, and it does represent a dilemma: on the one hand, it can be argued that the people have a right to know the truth, however difficult to swallow or, for that matter, depending upon the individual, however inspiring that truth may be. On the other hand, a small but critically-placed coterie of powerful, mostly American individuals have concluded that society's best interests (not to mention their own private interests!) will be served by keeping the truth from it for as long as possible, while they try to play "catch-up" and allow only bits and pieces to leak out over a long period of time, thus conditioning us slowly to face the facts when they inevitably are released, as they must be in the end. Maybe they're right! And maybe not.

These manipulators might also consider the effect on us all of not only the knowledge of the existence of more advanced alien life forms, but also the revelation that we have been systematically lied to for over 50 years. Our political masters (a nasty, undemocratic term which, in this context at least, reflects the truth of the situation) are totally helpless when faced by a technology so far in advance of ours that we can scarcely begin to imagine it. What will happen to all of our pathetic illusions of world dominance? To established religions? To the currently dominant military/industrial complex that Eisenhower warned us against? To the oil industry and the chemical companies that have been poisoning us for decades? Will the people rise up in righteous anger and string the flim-flam artists up on the nearest lamp-post? Anything can happen according to this scenario and they're obviously scared. Put simply, they fear they are losing control; they are being forced to acknowledge the existence of infinitely greater power than they have ever had or are likely to acquire *on their own*, in a reasonable time. I'll have a lot more to say next week, in a very much updated report on the cover-up.

Undoubtedly there will be repercussions, some of them severe. But I'm convinced that if we maintain our balance and face the future calmly and with courage, in a spirit of good will and entirely without hostility, all will be well. UFOs have been with us forever, whether we knew it or

not. To me, it is significant that UFO occupants have rarely, if ever, displayed behaviour that could be called in any way overtly hostile, or have intentionally inflicted injury, although they do seem to be using us for purposes of their own; which is, in a way, understandable. We ourselves treat the so-called "lower animals" that way. At least, as far as I know, they don't eat us - yet!

Whatever the situation really is, it is! Let's face it and deal with it, not burst into tears, run away, and hide in a corner.

I mentioned earlier that the French do things better. Their country-wide police force, the Gendarmerie Nationale, has a post in even the smallest village. All personnel have detailed instructions to be on the lookout for and on how to investigate and report on any UFO activity. Four years ago, a document was published titled, "Les Ovni et la Defense; a quoi doit-on se preparer?" ("UFOs and Defence: What must we be prepared for?"). This in-depth study of UFOs, covering all aspects of the subject especially defence questions, was written over several years by Cometa, the committee for in-depth studies, made up of qualified experts from many fields. General Bernard Norlain, former head of the Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, wrote the preface. A preamble was written by the head of the French equivalent of NASA. It was addressed to the President of the Republic and to the Prime Minister. Without going into further detail, I assure you that it takes UFOs very seriously indeed. It concludes that the accumulation of well documented observations compels us to consider all hypotheses as to the origin of UFOs, especially extraterrestrial hypotheses. The report stresses the importance in the USA of private, independent organizations like MUFON, and the Society for Scientific Exploration. I'm proud to be a member of both. It notes that the subject is one of great concern and interest to both the media and the public, as compared to the official position, especially that of the U.S. Air Force, which is one of denial. This is called a "most strange" attitude in the face of the evidence. Would that the Americans were as rational and sensible as the French.

There can no longer be any doubt that alien entity-operated UFOs exist. They have been detected by day and night, both visually and on radar, by unimpeachably reliable, honest witnesses, both from the ground and in the air in the tens or even hundreds of thousands. Millions of us are said to have been abducted by them for as yet undetermined reasons.

Notwithstanding the debunking efforts of governments or individual scientists, who are clearly pursuing a hidden agenda of their own, I believe you will find that what you are about to see speaks for itself, in a much louder voice than the debunkers can ever produce.

### Space shuttle films as analysed by Dr. Jack Kasher

In September 1991, space shuttle Discovery videotaped several anomalous, glowing objects moving steadily along. These sharply changed direction and accelerated, apparently in response to a flash detectable in the lower left portion of the picture. Almost immediately afterwards, two streaks passed through the regions vacated by some of the objects, giving rise to wild speculations about star wars! The film attracted much attention because of the possibility that the accelerating objects were spacecraft manoeuvring outwards into space in a direction away from the shuttle. Four NASA scientists viewed the videotape. They suggested that the objects were probably ice particles accelerated by the shuttle's attitude adjustor rockets. However, and this is important, they did not analyse the videotape in any way to try to justify this suggestion. It was sheer unsupported speculation. I'm showing you now a 15-minute segment of the NASA film, with an analysis by

physicist, Dr. Jack Kasher, who did conduct a quantitative, scientific study of the videotape and developed five separate proofs that the main object could not have been an ice particle near the shuttle. This and other prosaic explanations, such as that they could have been dust particles close to the camera, can be easily dismissed. The only viable alternative is that the main object was an intelligently controlled spacecraft. And the other objects, since they reacted at the same time as the main one, and in similar fashion, were probably spacecraft too.

I shall also be pointing out to you several strange objects that display pulsating lights. These are really worth looking at and remembering, as they are quite unique – the only light-pulsating ice particles known to science!

I should say that the speeds that have been calculated for this apparently dodging UFO depend upon the distance from the camera. If at the horizon (1710 miles) the acceleration involved would be about 18,000 g's, with a final velocity of 430,000 mph. If at a distance of 1,000 miles, acceleration would be some 10,500 g's, with a final velocity of 250,000 mph. Even if only 100 miles away (probably much too short), the figures are 1,050 g's and a speed of 25,000 mph. Any of these figures involve stresses far beyond what the human body can stand (8-10 g's or up to 30 flat on your back, for a few seconds) and speeds in excess of any conventional human-designed aeroform.

The topic of this presentation is, "Are we alone?".

Draw your own conclusions. As for me, I rest my case. (end)