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The CE4 Corner - Callers from Out There

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My phone rang a few nights ago - at about 1 O'clock in the morning. This has happened several times over the last month, with varying degrees of seriousness. On a few occasions, it's been someone who had a few too many and decided to call the 'UFO guy' he read about on the web a few days before. Those calls don't last long, fortunately. Then there are the other ones - the calls that really get my attention - calls from someone who has had a very legitimate and very frightening experience.

I've gotten a few more of those in the last few weeks. I'm not sure why, but I suspect that the common mythology of 2012 has something to do with it. The person sounds genuinely puzzled and legitimately frightened. A few days ago (as of the time of this writing), I got a call from someone who had just gotten a 'download'. She didn't think she had been abducted, but somehow she awoke in the morning with a vast storehouse of knowledge in her mind and an urgent mission - she just didn't know what that mission was. All she knew was that she had received an uninvited and unwelcome call from 'out there.'

Another caller told me about his abduction and sudden knowledge. Until about a year before, he had never had anything unusual happen. Then, suddenly, he had begun to experience unexplained events - close UFO sightings, missing time, strange health problems, etc.

When a person tells me they have never had anything unusual happen before that point, I wonder - do they simply not remember such events or is this a sudden new aspect to their lives? If so, has something in their relationship with the Universe abruptly changed? Alternatively, has their mental health changed? How do we know the difference? Can we really tell that difference at all?

Another caller, a couple of weeks before told me that he too, had begun to have strange occurrences. A particular being had begun routinely showing up in his life. Not human, the caller felt the being was an alien trying to contact him. When I asked further, the caller told me that he had never had anything happen until a few years before. When I asked him how old he was at that time, he said 'twenty'.

Alarm bells went off in my mind. If you have seen the movie, 'A Beautiful Mind', you will recall that this is about the age when the main character began experiencing wild scenarios in his life, scenarios that turned out to be entirely fantastical. Several mental illnesses apparently begin to onset at that age. Why? I don't know. This is a topic of intense research. But for me, the best thing to do is to make sure that the caller is connected with his/her mental health system.



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Many experiencers - regardless of what they are experiencing - tend to be leery of that same mental health system. Regardless of whether their unexplained events are the result of physical entities from beyond our world, or from within their own central nervous system, the implication that their phenomenal visitation is the result of some illness is at best, invalidating. Yet, if there is a medical problem, the health system is the very place they need to go.

Usually, it is important to visit a mental health professional, if only to rule out the more prosaic events. If there really is a health concern, hopefully, the general health process will catch it. If not, then we are left with the elements of a phenomenon that can defy ordinary explanations.

In the case of my twenty-year-old caller, I asked him if he had visited his doctor. He indicated that he had, and that he had been diagnosed with Schizophrenia. He didn't believe the diagnosis and refused to take any medications. I thanked him for his time and told him there wasn't much I could do. In order to distinguish between health issues and other causes, I suggested he needed to work with his doctor. Our conversation ended at that point, with the unhappy caller giving me a few choice words, quickly followed by a dial tone.

Unfortunately, I couldn't help the person on the other end of the line. However, on most occasions, I have been able to connect him/her with a local MUFON organization, a hypnotherapist in their area, or something along those lines. For many, simply knowing that there are resources available is a great relief. Ultimately, I can only hope that the particular caller has completed the connection and found the help they need.

Is the volume of experiences increasing? Judging by the number of people I have heard from in recent months, it appears to be picking up in pace. Is this a sign of the times? As we gallop toward the historically critical moments of December 21, 2012, will researchers continue to hear more reports of - of what? Is there a real phenomenon out there - extraordinary and unexplained? Is its interaction with humanity picking up in pace? Is this a social phenomenon - perhaps partially driven by the cultural intensity of the 2012 narrative? Or might it be something else entirely, perhaps something we don't understand at all?

In the end, I can only guess - and wait for the next caller from out there.

If We Discover Aliens, What's Our Protocol for Making Contact?
Natalie Wolchover, Life's Little Mysteries Staff Writer, 29 March 2012
<http://www.livescience.com/19360-humans-discover-aliens.html>

It is conceivable that humans could someday discover aliens. We scour the cosmos looking for their radio signals, and though we're not capable of interstellar space travel, it is remotely possible that we could find what we're looking for right here in our solar system.

Life could theoretically exist on Mars, or on Europa, a moon of Jupiter, which appears to have an underground ocean. It's even possible (though highly unlikely) that these nearby life forms could be sentient. "It is consistent with current human exploration of the solar system that intelligent beings could have evolved in the deep oceans of Europa," said Jacob Haqq-Misra, an astronomer at Pennsylvania State University.
<http://www.lifescience.com/19360-humans-discover-aliens.html>

Another possibility, Haqq-Misra said, is that "intelligent extraterrestrial beings have traveled from a distant star system and taken up residence in the solar system. They might be living in an underground base on Mars or the moon, or they could be residing in the asteroid belt (or any number of other plausible, albeit unlikely, options)."

Considering these scenarios, what would we do if we encountered an alien race? As it turns out, the question has garnered considerable academic thought since the first reported flying saucer sighting in 1947, not just as an inquiry in human psychology, but also as a way of contemplating what aliens might do if they ever found us. From astronomers to ufologists to anthropologists, scholars who have contemplated the various "contact scenarios" believe our course of action would strongly depend on the relative intelligence level of the newfound beings. Here, we outline what would happen if we encountered primitive, humanlike, and godlike aliens.
<http://www.lifescience.com/1544-flying-saucers-turn-64-look-back-origins-ufos.html>

Voyage of discovery

According to Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., the most likely contact scenario is that the alien race we

discover will be extremely primitive. This assumption is based on reality, given that the habitable worlds we're capable of exploring — such as Mars and Europa — show no signs of harboring advanced beings. But it also makes sense philosophically: Judging by how long inhabitants of Earth spent in the insect-like trilobite stage compared with how long humans have been around, there's a better chance that life found anywhere in the universe will be primitive.

Furthermore, in light of the immense difficulty of space exploration, it is thought that explorers will typically be far more advanced than the creatures they discover. This makes it easy to set the protocol for a first encounter: If we landed on Mars or Europa and discovered the alien equivalents of trilobites, "you would do what Darwin did — collect samples and take them back home," Shostak told Life's Little Mysteries. <http://www.lifessmallmysteries.com/>

Seven steps

Despite the tendency of Hollywood films and sci-fi novels to depict malevolent encounters between evenly matched space adversaries, Shostak says the size of the universe and the rarity of life makes it extremely unlikely that two races of roughly equal intelligence will encounter one another in the cosmos. That said, reports of UFO sightings led some scholars to develop theories about this scenario. They asked: what would we do if we were aliens discovering us? [Science Fact or Fiction: ET Will Look Like Us]

According to Robert Freitas, author of several books outlining possible alien contact scenarios, in 1950 the U.S. military developed a procedure called "Seven Steps to Contact," laying out the logical steps we would take upon discovering creatures with roughly human-level sentience. According to the steps, we would begin with remote surveillance and data gathering, and would eventually move on to covert visitations with the goal of gauging the performance characteristics of the aliens' vehicles and weaponry.

If we judged our technological capabilities to be superior to those of the other race, we would attempt near approaches to the planet to determine whether the alien beings were hostile, and if so, by what means. If all went well, we would then make brief touchdowns in isolated areas, securing specimens of plants, animals, and of the intelligent beings themselves. In other words, this phase would involve non-harmful abductions similar to

those reported by some Americans. (Interestingly, the "Seven Steps to Contact" plan predated the first reported alien abduction incident in 1957, suggesting the theory could have influenced such reports.) [Alien Abductions May Be Vivid Dreams, Study Finds

<http://www.lifessmallmysteries.com/1871-alien-abductions-encounters-dreams.html>]

Next, we would make our presence known, making low-level approaches where our craft and its operators could be seen, but not reached. We would try to be witnessed by the greatest possible number of inhabitants, and would demonstrate our existence and our non-hostile nature. Lastly, if all went well and there was no reason to think that contact would be disastrous for the two races involved, we would land and attempt to communicate face-to-alien-face.

Half a century since that military report was penned, we'd still follow much the same procedure. "Let's say that a near-future mission to Europa reveals indisputable evidence of intelligent beings/civilization, Haqq-Misra said. "Continued remote exploration would probably be the most likely progression, with attempts at remote communication with the subterranean intelligent beings included as part of the missions. Eventually humans would want to land and make contact (wearing astro-scuba suits?), but a 'precautionary principle' might delay human exploration until robotic exploration has confirmed that Europa's inhabitants are safe."

Alien overlords

What if, as in the second scenario proposed by Haqq-Misra, we happened upon a race of aliens who were orders of magnitude smarter than us — beings capable of interstellar spaceflight who had established a base somewhere in our solar system? Just as ants can't make sense of human behavior, it's difficult or impossible for us to understand how this advanced race would react to us. "[The renowned astronomer] Carl Sagan figured any aliens that might be able to travel between the stars would be so advanced that they would be beyond all this business of aggression and war and so forth," Shostak said. "But that may just be a projection of what he hopes humans would do eventually."

Shostak tends to think differently. Aggression, he says, evolved as a trait among Earthlings because it helps us obtain and protect resources. Though aliens would probably have evolved under totally different conditions, pressure to secure finite

resources would probably have molded their behavior, too. "I suspect resources would be finite anywhere in the universe."

If Sagan is right, then the wise race we encountered would treat us with immense consideration and respect, while having the technology to ensure that we treat them similarly. If Shostak is right, and the incredibly advanced aliens we stumbled upon were also as aggressive as we are, we'd probably be toast.

Well, not toast exactly. In Haqq-Misra's opinion, "A society capable of interstellar travel should have solved their development issues such that they do not need humans for food."

UFO Dangers Examined By U.S. News & World Report by Lee Speigel

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Why are UFOs dangerous? U.S. News & World Report is tackling that question in a special Mysteries of Space magazine that recently hit newsstands.

Every year, thousands of UFO sightings from around the world are reported. And, as the magazine points out, about 95 percent of those reports are explained as ordinary things like military aircraft, balloons, misidentified astronomical objects -- such as planets or meteors -- and meteorological phenomena.

That leaves 5 percent of unexplained UFOs -- but with so many reported, even 5 percent is pretty large.

While the debate rages over whether some of the residual UFOs are interplanetary or interdimensional spacecraft, the magazine is exploring the potential danger of UFO encounters with commercial airline pilots.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/12/ufo-aircraft-safety-hazards_n_1422206.html

"Our objectives are to make flying safer for the public, and we're convinced there's a potential threat posed by nearby unexplained aerial phenomena to commercial and private airplanes," former UFO skeptic and NASA research scientist Richard Haines told The Huffington Post.

Haines is currently the chief scientist of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous

Phenomena, a private venue for pilots, crews and air traffic controllers who want to file UFO reports without fear of ridicule.

"One encounter is where the airplane is flying along, minding its own business, usually on autopilot, when the phenomenon or phenomena will come alongside, approach the airplane, pace it, sometimes do maneuvers around it and then fly away," Haines said.

"That's very important because it implies an intelligence behind the phenomena that is selecting the airplane as a focus of attention or interest," he added.

Haines said he is also concerned about another potential danger to airlines. "What I call cockpit confusion or distraction, where the presence of the phenomenon is seen by the flight crew up front and they're so taken by it that they aren't quite as responsible in flying their airplanes."

The Mysteries of Space edition of U.S. News & World Report exploring the danger of UFOs is on newsstands for the next three months.

How Uruguay's "Area 51" Responds to UFO Reports by Scott Corrales **04/18/2012**

Inexplicata-The Journal of Hispanic UFOlogy-UFO Digest Latin America Correspondent

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Uruguay: Thirty-two years ago, the Uruguayan Air Force (FAU) created the Comisión Receptora e Investigadora de Denuncias de Objetos Voladores No Identificados (CRIDOVNI – Commission for the Intake and Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object Reports), making it the first Latin American country to have an agency devoted to researching this phenomenon.

It came about as a result of the number of reports on UFO sightings received in the 1970s. Currently, with new technologies, the Commission continues receiving images and complaints, such as the one that occurred recently in Durazno.

In order to learn the protocol followed when a UFO report is received in Uruguay, El Observador newspaper consulted Col. Ariel Sanchez, president of CRIDOVNI, at the office that carries out tasks that resemble those performed by the legendary "Area 51" in the United States.

UFO Does Not Mean Extraterrestrial

With the appearance of digital cameras and cell-phones, CRIDOVNI receives several photos a month from citizens who report having captured UFOs in their pictures. “They send us many digital photos. When they transfer them to their PCs and see a little spot, they associate it with aliens when in fact it was an insect or a bird,” said Sanchez, giving the example of the photo taken when the Uruguayan football team returned home after the World Cup.

After performing an investigation, it was determined that the image did not show a UFO. It took a visit to the scene of the events (Avenida Del Libertador) to ascertain the formation of wind tunnels in the area, which cause a considerable number of plastic bags to take flight.

Cases such as this are legion. CRIDOVNI has a mechanism for eliminating possibilities, among which the extraterrestrial alternative is the very last option. “People translate UFO into extraterrestrial, and we endeavor to inculcate that the acronym stands for an object that flies and cannot be identified. But a number of things must be eliminated before considering the final alternative.”

When a photo or record is received, an investigation process takes place. “To us, the photo loses value if the witness saw nothing at all and has just found them on his or her computer. This opens a vast array of possibilities, which can range from an insect to a camera defect.”

CRIDOVNI has an evaluation table that has been in use for several years, one that stresses “the level of strangeness, the eyewitness account and the psychological profile of the person” who reports the case, remarked the colonel. “What the witness actually saw is the most valuable thing to us. The photo or video are secondary and may have supporting value or not when [the witness] testifies to the sighting.”

“We call it the UFO phenomenon because the phenomenon is not only the object that was seen or that can be photographed, but everything that surrounds it, such as the press that goes after the story and the witness who presents the report,” said Sanchez.

Controls

FAU monitors Uruguayan air space. “Today more than ever, with the radar systems we employ, we try to make sure they aren’t drug or illegal weapon smugglers. Moreover, we also keep track to act in cases involving aircraft in a communications blackout mode, possibly caused by some illegal agent aboard who has kidnapped the aircraft,” explained CRIDOVNI’s president.

Several items must be cleared before a phenomenon can be deemed extraterrestrial: aircraft, weather events, astronomical phenomena, space junk, low-atmosphere physical phenomena, even military maneuvers such as those that use flares.

Furthermore, even radars sometimes capture unidentified flying objects that turn out to be planes who’ve lost contact with radar stations. There are also unidentified aircraft that try to remain unidentified to engage in illicit activities.

Other possible UFOs include eucalyptus forests in upland areas that may be picked up by radars due to some atmospheric alteration, as may also occur with buildings or metallic roofs. Other “deceptions” include “clutter losses” formed by data exchange problems between the radar systems’ computer protocols, simulating the on-screen existence of something that isn’t there.

“There are many hypotheses and at the end we come to the extraterrestrial subject. This has the least support, as there is no evidence of any kind about this possibility,” Sanchez stressed.

However, the colonel acknowledged that there have been cases that do not respond to any of these phenomena, which are classified as UFOs. “They have been seen, and we have been able to corroborate through radar that they were there when the witness saw them. They have even been photographed, which enables us to complete the photo-radar-witness circle, which is a rather important fact to research”.

“These are the UFO cases that we have been unable to determine. We are working with a couple of situations in Montevideo that are under investigation,” he noted.

Disinformation

“People still don’t have an understanding of the heavens, or are able to identify many things flying

over us and which we cannot see,” said Sanchez, who understands that there is “disinformation” about UFOs.

“Over time, it has been a subject that has been handled more by the communications media, movies, the press and books, which have placed added value on the subject because it captivates peoples and sells well,” he remarked, adding: “the phenomenon exists and manifests itself in the sky. Broadly speaking, it is a luminous phenomenon that has been reported by pilots and air traffic controllers, picked up on radar and is a subject that really exists. What we must do is investigate what causes it.”

He also admitted that the extraterrestrial possibility is also within the working hypotheses. “It is the one that attracts people the most,” but cautions” without dismissing that possibility, there are others that may cause the phenomenon to come about.”

An Agreement with Chile

To have more information on the subject, CRIDOVNI recently signed an agreement with its Chilean counterpart. “We undertake to work jointly, perform investigations, exchange information and anything relevant that may provide information on the UFO phenomenon,” said Sanchez.

This is the world’s first agreement between two air forces to approach the subject. “What we have done in the region is significant. We hope that more countries will sign on to this accord,” he noted.

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What Are UFOs? Terrestrial, Extraterrestrial & Metaterrestrial Theories...

By davidjones, March 15, 2012

<http://www.newdawnmagazine.com/articles/what-are-ufos-terrestrial-extraterrestrial-metaterrestrial-theories>

If there’s one thing we learn from studying UFOs, there is no simple answer to what it’s all about. Most of the public – and even many Ufologists – tend to lump together all UFO incidents into a single phenomenon. But the evidence indicates there is no single explanation for all the material categorised under “UFO experience.”

According to author and researcher John White, we are actually looking at a multilevelled phenomenon – terrestrial, extraterrestrial and metaterrestrial – and each is qualitatively different from the others. Each has its own unique forms of UFOs, and each form has to be distinguished from the others of that level.

John White has extensive experience in the fields of consciousness research and paranormal phenomena. He has personally investigated the UFO phenomenon.

John holds degrees from Dartmouth and Yale, and is the author of 15 books. He has lectured at educational institutions and spiritual centres throughout the United States and Canada, and before public and professional organisations.

He is a contributor to a newly compiled collection of the knowledge and insight of the world’s leading experts on modern Ufology. Exposed, Uncovered, and Declassified: UFOs & Aliens reveals startling evidence of famous sightings and contact with aliens, and uncovers classified files from archives.

In the following interview with New Dawn magazine, John White defines ‘UFO’ and outlines three different levels of understanding this mysterious phenomenon that has both a physical and metaphysical dimension.

NEW DAWN (ND): What is the definition of UFO?

JOHN WHITE (JW): I use the one developed by the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, which is an international group of lay people and scientists who’ve been investigating the subject for decades. MUFON says UFOs are objects observed in the skies or on the surface of the Earth which defy conventional explanation after a thorough study and investigation by competent people.

Now, lots of sightings have been shown to be due to misperception of more familiar things such as balloons, planets, meteors, satellites, stars, advertising aircraft, falling aerospace debris, and so forth. These are IFOs or identified flying objects. The sightings which are yet to be explained are what MUFON calls daylight discs – objects with unusual lights which are simultaneously tracked visually and on radar at fantastic speeds. Also, some sightings involve objects which leave physical evidence after landing. Still other sightings involve authenticated photographs. And of course there are

cases involving visitations or close encounters by humanoids or entities.

The UFO phenomenon is multilevelled and can't be explained in a unified fashion. Little green men in spaceships with Martian license plates may be part of the puzzle, but that is only one piece of it. There is much more.

ND: Such as?

JW: In my judgment, the evidence of Ufology falls into three major categories, and so I say there are three "answers" to the UFO problem – three qualitatively different answers. Those answers – all genuine, all real – relate to what can be called different levels of reality or different aspects of our existence.

To put it simply, the levels or aspects are: terrestrial, extraterrestrial and metaterrestrial. Metaterrestrial is a term coined by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the US astronomer-ufologist. He meant it to denote an unseen world beyond the familiar three-dimensional world we know. (He also coined the term "close encounters of the first, second and third kind.") This three-part explanation for the UFO problem is the overview I hold. We don't have time to go into the evidence in detail, so I'll just sketch it in very broad strokes in order to give an outline of the overview I've come to hold of the UFO phenomenon.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL

I'll start with the most common idea of what UFOs are, namely, extraterrestrial. It's most common simply because it's been around longest and has gradually gained widespread acceptance.

ND: The question is whether there's any truth to it.
JW: I think there is. In fact, judging from the Humanoid Catalog data base of more than 3,000 modern UFO sightings in which a wide variety of humanoids were present, I regard Earth as one of the major crossroads of local space. Some UFO experiences seem best understood exactly as the public does – namely, as constructed physical vehicles occupied by ETs. The case for the existence of ETs somewhere in the universe has been solidly established over the last five decades by astrobiology, quite apart from the data of Ufology. Astrobiologists are pushing SETI, or the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, by using radio telescopes to listen for signals from space. And although the scientific community, by and large,

does not accept Ufology as a colleague discipline, that rejection really is illogical and unscientific. But even that is changing as astronomy discovers planets revolving around other stars than the Sun – and the list of planets is now more than 1,200.

ND: What is the evidence astrobiologists should consider?

JW: There's the world-famous case of Barney and Betty Hill, which was reported in a 1965 book entitled *The Interrupted Journey*. For me, the most persuasive aspect of the case is the Hill Star Map.

ND: Tell our readers about it.

JW: While driving on a deserted road near Exeter, New Hampshire in 1961, the Hills were reportedly abducted by small, thin, gray beings with large heads who took the couple aboard a UFO. Betty was shown a hologram-like map of space with the route indicated which the beings followed from their home star to Earth. She saw the route which the aliens followed and she saw it in full 3-D, as if she were looking out a porthole into space.

In 1964, Betty and Barney underwent hypnotic therapy for symptoms which, they discovered, arose from their abduction experience. At the suggestion of their therapist, Boston psychiatrist Benjamin Simon, Betty drew a picture of the three-dimensional map she'd seen on board the craft in 1961. Her map was a flat reconstruction on paper which showed our Sun and other stars from the perspective of the aliens' home star. When it was published in *The Interrupted Journey*, an Ohio school teacher named Marjorie Fish saw the picture and got the idea to use an astronomical catalogue of stars to help her build a model of space by stringing beads on a wooden framework. The beads represented stars up to 40 light-years away, accurately placed around the centre, representing Earth, in accordance with the astronomical catalogue data. It took Fish three years, working off and on, to finish her model. When she was done, she looked at it from every angle in an attempt to find the pattern of stars which matched Betty Hill's map. But she couldn't find a matching pattern. All her attempts at the time failed.

Then, in 1969, a new catalogue with revised astronomical data made it possible for Fish to construct a more accurate model of nearby space. It took another three years, but when she was done, she found a pattern of beads which matched the pattern in the Hill Star Map almost perfectly. The

home base of the aliens appeared to be the star Zeta Reticuli, in the constellation Reticulum, about 37 light-years from Earth. Astronomers and Ufologists debated the matter and it is now settled in favour of Fish rather than being just a random matching of stars.

Now, here's the reason this is persuasive. The Hill Star Map was drawn in 1964 yet it contained information unknown to anyone on Earth at the time. Fish had to wait until the revised astronomical catalogue was published in 1969, before human knowledge was sufficient for her to construct an accurate representation of local space. So how did Betty Hill get her knowledge of stars in space eight years before the catalogue? Logic tells us that the holographic map she claimed to see aboard a UFO was real and thus the information on which Betty Hill based her map strongly suggests that it was of extraterrestrial origin.

TERRESTRIAL

ND: What about the second category of UFOs you mention – the terrestrial?

JW: It would be nice if all UFO cases proved to be extraterrestrial in nature, but some are best understood as originating from Earth itself. In other words, these are terrestrial.

Some UFO sightings have taken place at sea and on large bodies of water, and involve craft which observers say burst through the surface of the water and take off into the sky. The late American biologist Ivan Sanderson wrote about this in his book *Invisible Residents*, which gives the best description of this aspect of the UFO phenomenon. Sanderson felt these sightings might be due to the presence of an undersea civilisation native to Earth. He reasoned that since life began in the sea, when some organisms came ashore it slowed their development while sea-living organisms continued to evolve. Look at cetaceans, Sanderson said. Although porpoises, dolphins and whales are not technological, they are highly intelligent. We humans are able to weld metal under water and we can mix concrete which sets under water. So today there may be advanced forms of sea life more intelligent than humans and capable of UFO technology, living invisibly on Earth under the oceans and other large aquatic bodies. Of course, it may also be that ETs have established undersea bases.

ND: What else is in the terrestrial category?

JW: Some UFO experiences seem best understood as human contact with a lower form of animal life native to Earth's atmosphere. The discovery of these strange aerial creatures is told in Trevor James Constable's 1976 book *The Cosmic Pulse of Life*. He simply calls them "critters." His text and photographs reveal a class of elemental fauna unknown to official science. These amoeba-like aerofoms are neither solid, liquid nor gas. They exist in the fourth state of matter – plasma – and are normally invisible for several reasons. First, their native habitat is high in the atmosphere far beyond human gaze but nevertheless well below the astronomers' usual telescopic focus. Second, they are bioenergetically propelled and move at a very high speed – thousands of miles per hour. Last, their usual condition is in the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. However, they have the capacity to change their density and thereby pass from one level of tangibility to another. Thus, they sometimes do appear in the visible portion of the spectrum where, if seen by humans, they are quickly labelled UFOs – which, of course, they are. But they are not mechanical spacecraft; they are living creatures. They grow anywhere from the size of a coin to at least half a mile in diameter. They give a solid radar return, even though invisible to the naked eye. When they're visible, they pulsate with a reddish-orange glow. They can change their form, but generally are seen as discs or spheroids. Their diaphanous structure allows a limited view of the interior. When Ivan Sanderson saw Constable's photos, he said they made him feel like he was looking through a fishbowl. Some critters have been seen close up on the ground in full physical density, according to Constable's research.

ND: Do you have other evidence for terrestrial UFOs?

JW: Still another plausible terrestrial explanation for some UFO sightings is given in the term "earth lights." It was coined by the English researcher Paul Devereux in his 1982 book *Earth Lights* and amplified in his 1989 book *Earth Lights Revelations*. The books present evidence to show that geophysical activity in crystalline rock structures, especially along fault lines, produces a piezoelectric effect. That subsurface pressure generates electromagnetic fields above the fault lines, and in those fields, hot electrified balls of gas are formed – ionized plasmas. Those ionized plasmas are luminous atmospheric phenomena, and that is what Devereux calls earth lights.

Now, aerial luminosities have been noted throughout history around the world, but their origin has been attributed to supernatural causes and labelled as “will-o’-the-wisp,” ignis fatuus, ghost lights, and so forth. Dr. Michael Persinger, a psychologist at Laurentian University in Canada, and Gyslaine Lafrenière, a research scientist there, demonstrated in their 1977 book entitled *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events* that such phenomena may have a terrestrial origin and be capable of inducing many effects in the minds of human observers, depending on their distance from the site, such as have been noted in UFO sightings and even abductions. Devereux and his colleagues’ research, independent of Persinger and Lafrenière’s, has enlarged upon the possibility that tectonically generated earth lights may account for some UFO sightings and mysterious ghostly figures.

This line of research is collectively known as the tectonic strain theory. Geophysicists have investigated this phenomenon for a long time because of reports during earthquake activity that the shaking earth was accompanied by aerial lights. The lights weren’t called UFOs, of course – just strange luminosities which sometimes appeared in association with earthquakes. In the mid-1980s, the US Geological Survey, in its journal *Earthquakes and Volcanoes*, published the first photo of one ever. It was snapped by someone with enough presence of mind to shoot it during an earthquake here in the US. A vaguely defined ball of light about six feet wide is clearly visible in the air.

So there you have several terrestrial-based phenomena which seem to me to explain some UFO sightings and, except for the possibility of undersea ET bases, they have absolutely nothing to do with craft from outer space. But the list of terrestrial-based explanations needs to be enlarged by one – and a very strange one, indeed. It takes us right up to the border of physical nature and passes over into the metaphysical, or more precisely, into the parapsychological. I’ll call it the psychokinetic explanation.

ND: Psychokinetic? As in mind over matter?

JW: Yes. The Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung is known for his contribution to psychology of the concept he termed “the collective unconscious.” He hypothesised that we human beings have not only a personal unconscious, which Freud demonstrated, we also have a deeper layer of mind which is somehow shared by everyone, and this aspect of our minds includes memories of human experiences

from the beginnings of our race. Ancient symbols reside in our minds, such as the Wise Old Man, the Hero and the Evil One, representing the collective experience of humanity in certain basic categories. In his book *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky*, Jung proposed that UFOs are symbolic projections of deep human yearnings for wholeness and transformation in the collective psyche of humanity. Without denying their physical nature – because, of course, UFOs have been photographed and tracked on radar – Jung speculated that UFOs are either our own psychic projections perceived objectively in the sky or they are the appearance of real objects which afford humans an opportunity to project mythological symbols from deep in the collective psyche. The oldest symbol of wholeness or totality is the circle. So flying saucers, Jung said – those round shining objects in the sky – require a psychological interpretation as a symbol of the human yearning for certainty and completeness in an age of rapid change and uncertainty.

Some UFOs may be the creation of our own minds. Sounds wild, doesn’t it? But there is some research supporting that. In the 1970s, Dr. Gertrude Schmeidler, a parapsychologist at City College of New York, conducted research with the well-known psychic Ingo Swann. In a completely darkened laboratory, she photographed Swann as he used mental intention and his psychokinetic power of mind over matter to envision light streaming from his outstretched arms. Guess what? The photos showed a visible glow around Swann’s hands. So if one person’s mental intention can produce a physical effect such as that, what might the collective intention and unconscious psychic ability which everyone seems to have in some degree produce?

I don’t think that’s far-fetched. In fact, one psychic I know, Stella Lansing of Massachusetts, used to get photos of UFOs which no one else ever saw in the sky. They were beautiful 35 mm colour slides of well-formed, clearly visible, apparently metallic craft. The only problem with her photos was this: in at least one instance which I examined, the image of a UFO extended from one frame across the intervening section of film onto the succeeding frame! Now, as you know, that intervening section of film is not exposed to light from outside the camera. It’s mechanically impossible to do that. There’s absolutely no way those two frames could represent an actual object in space outside the camera. So the image had to have been generated directly inside the camera by Stella’s own

psychokinetic power. This psychic phenomenon is called thoughtography, and psychiatrist Jules Eisenbud, who investigated the phenomenon in a man named Ted Serios, has established the case for such mind over matter photography.

This interaction between mind and matter, between the physical brain and the metaphysical mind, and taking place at a distance, points toward the last major category of UFO phenomena which I see as yet another piece of the puzzle.

METATERRESTRIAL

Metaterrestrial means something which originates outside the ordinary three-dimensional space-time framework in which we normally function. The word is synonymous with metaphysical, meaning “beyond the physical,” but it has a more scientific connotation to it, like hyperspace and quantum space do. Some people call that realm extradimensional, interdimensional, ultraterrestrial and supraphysical. Whatever word we use for it, this category of answer provides evidence that some UFO experiences are due to nonphysical but real entities which come not from other locations in our physical universe but from other sets of dimensions or other realms which interpenetrate our more familiar space-time.

In short, and as Dr. Jacques Vallée first pointed out in his 1968 book *Passport to Magonia*, many UFO incidents appear to be contemporary versions of what was recorded long ago in mythology, religious scripture and spiritual traditions as encounters with angels, demons and the various inhabitants of other planes of existence. Through a process we don't understand, these metaterrestrial beings materialise into our space-time from other levels or other realms of reality. Those levels or realms have a wide range of beings which are native to them, just as our own level of reality has creatures ranging from viruses to whales and from algae to redwoods.

I think the best case to illustrate this is the famous miracle at Fatima, Portugal, which occurred in 1917. It's popularly known in Roman Catholic tradition as “the day the Sun danced” and as “the day the Sun fell” because a brilliant Sun-like object came near the ground. Thousands of people witnessed it.

Some Ufologists regard the Fatima events as a display of advanced technology in which ETs are manipulating human belief systems via holographic projections. I acknowledge that possibility. But there is another tradition – namely, Eastern

religion – which offers detailed information about a class of celestial beings whose characteristics are remarkably similar to what was seen at Fatima.

Moreover, some UFO contactees describe meetings with nonphysical entities who materialise into our space-time continuum from other sets of dimensions or higher planes of existence. Those nonphysical entities have been called names such as Space Brothers, extradimensionals and ultraterrestrials, and their existence is said to be on a scale enormously beyond the human, just as ours is beyond that of insects, which in turn are similarly beyond microbes. From the metaterrestrial level of reality, it is said, these higher forms of life influence and even guide human affairs.

The most common name for them is deva, a Sanskrit word which means “shining one” or “radiant being.” It is the conceptual equivalent of what we moderns call an angel. More generally, it means a being of light. Devas are said to belong to another kingdom of life. They are a separately created, very high order of existence which has the role of supervising lower orders. Devas exist in a nonphysical but ontologically real form magnitudes of cosmological order beyond the human level. Considered abstractly in scientifically oriented terms, devas can be described as conscious, formative principles which guide and regulate life forms below them in the ladder of creation or the great chain of being, irrespective of space-time coordinates.

Hinduism and Tibetan Buddhism are especially rich in information about devas. Some signs which announce the presence of these normally unseen entities are the sudden appearance of rainbows and perfume, multicoloured flower blossoms falling from the air, sudden high winds, various celestial phenomena such as shooting stars and lights in the sky, and multicoloured clouds forming themselves into unusual shapes. That sounds a lot like the Fatima UFO to me.

ND: Please sum up what you've told our readers.

JW: The UFO phenomenon appears to be multifaceted and there is no neat, simple answer to what it's all about. In my judgment, the public and even many Ufologists are indiscriminately lumping together UFO sightings and incidents into a single phenomenon. But the evidence indicates that no single explanation can cover all the experiences and events brought together under the label “UFO experience.” It is a multilevelled phenomenon. And

each level – terrestrial, extraterrestrial and metaterrestrial – is qualitatively different from the others. Each has its own unique forms of UFOs, and each form has to be distinguished from the others of that level.

Our understanding of the UFO phenomenon can be compared to our evolving understanding of the atom. In ancient Greece, the atom was regarded as the ultimate unit of matter. However, the rise of science demonstrated that the atom was not “rock-bottom reality.” Rather it was composed of protons, electrons and neutrons. Thus, a new level of reality emerged – the subatomic. Continuing scientific research discovered a host of new particles, such as neutrinos, quarks, mesons, bosons, and other exotic forms of matter below that of the atom. Most recently, science has discovered a still more basic or fundamental aspect of reality, the quantum level. Our present understanding regards it as the level from which all the particles and the four fundamental forces – gravity, electromagnetism and the weak and strong nuclear forces – arise.

The UFO experience can be regarded in a somewhat similar manner. There is no single “unit” of the UFO experience. There are different phenomena, outwardly appearing to be the same thing, but actually qualitatively distinct from one another. And they can be classified not only in the horizontal dimension as discrete phenomena, they also can be classified vertically as belonging to one or another level of reality.

Only when we understand the UFO phenomenon as multilevelled and multifaceted will we move to a deeper understanding of this intriguing and mysterious topic, and begin to solve the puzzle called the UFO experience.

Exposed, Uncovered, and Declassified: UFOs & Aliens (New Page Books, 2001) features contributions from experts such as Larry Flaxman, Erich von Daniken, Micah Hanks, Marie D. Jones, Kathleen Marden, Stanton T. Friedman, Nick Pope, Nick Redfern and John White. Available from all good bookstores or www.amazon.com.

The above interview appeared in New Dawn Special Issue 17. <http://www.newdawnmagazine.com/special-issues/new-dawn-special-issue-17>

Two Original Witnesses to Walton Abduction Go on Record - with Video Published on Apr 13, 2012 by openmindstv

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/2012/waltonwitnessesonvideo.html>

For more than 36 years, the Travis Walton abduction story has been told countless times through film, print and presentations. Now two eyewitnesses who were present the night of the abduction, are stepping forward to tell their side of the story.

For the first time since the incident, more than 36 years ago, Travis Walton, John Goulette, and Steve Pierce were reunited at the 2012 International UFO Congress.

Producer Lori Wagner of Digital Films in San Diego and Regression Therapist Yvonne Smith sat down and interviewed all three. They have shared their interviews with Open Minds, and during the conference, in these interviews Goulette and Pierce reveal much of what they personally went through directly after that night, and what their lives have entailed since.

That night, they observed the blinding light, sensed the beating pulse, and felt the fear that comes from seeing your friend and co-worker disappear before your eyes.

What followed was a stream of disbelief and accusations from law enforcement and the local community. Even after passing lie detector tests, these men's lives have continually been harassed.

John Goulette eventually moved out of town, put the memory aside, and went on with his life. Steve Pierce was pressured repeatedly by UFO skeptic Phil Klass to take a bribe and say the whole incident was a hoax.

After showing the film made about the event to his daughter, she encouraged him to come forward with his story.

The Travis Walton story has stayed consistent and exact for more than 36 years. Now, with additional eyewitness testimony to back up his claim, his amazing ordeal will hopefully be seen with less skepticism, and his journey for the truth appreciated.

See original case file, The Travis Walton Abduction. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6n7tGo8WLM&feature=related>

Minnesota UFO Sightings

Lights over Rice MN

On 2/23/12 at exactly 7:18 pm I was driving north on hwy 10 one mile south of Rice Mn. Just minutes earlier I noticed a bright white light in the western sky position angle 40-50 deg. As I was driving my f350 pickup with a large trailer and a heavy load I then noticed two sets of three triangular lights rotating counter clockwise moving from west to east across my field of view that seemed to originate from the white light. I reached for my iPhone 4 to video them when ahead of me the yellow warning lights for the stop signal ahead changed, meaning I had to prepare to stop. I tried to record them but they moved so swiftly across the sky I couldn't get them on video. As a pilot and former member of the US Coast guard I have been trained to identify lights, their colors and their configurations. These colors were unidentifiable and the way they rotated counterclockwise as a perfect triangle made me send a text to my closest friend that read I Just Saw My First UFO! Hoping someone else saw the same and reported it.

MUFON MN Turns 25 Years Old

MUFON MN celebrated 25 years of monthly meetings in April. We were very fortunate to have top-notch investigator Kevin D. Randle join us and present "Reflections of a UFO Investigator." This was very fitting since Kevin began his "career" of UFO investigating about the same time that MUFON was being formed. The presentation was excellent and Kevin fielded many thought provoking questions afterward..

MUFON has had a presence in MN almost since its inception in 1969, but it was while Bill McNeff was state director in 1987 that he decided to get the members together for monthly meetings. We were very blessed to have three former state directors attend our anniversary meeting: Bob Engberg, Bill McNeff, and Dick Moss.

The announcement was made at this meeting that Lorna Hunter has resigned as state director and has passed the gavel to Craig Lang. We hope that the "mystery" of the UFO will be solved and disclosed long before another 25 years passes!

Thank You to everyone who attended our anniversary meeting, and Thank You to everyone who attends our regular monthly meetings!



Photos: Former State Directors Bill McNeff and Dick Moss



Former State Director Bob Engberg with Kevin Randle



Kevin Randle Q & A

MNMUFON Calendar:

May 12: MUFON MN - New Brighton - Dean will have the program which includes a video from the 2012 International UFO Congress: "Life After Contact" by Bryce Zable. www.mnmufon.org Find MUFON MN on FaceBook too for more details on upcoming meeting agendas.

May 19: Paranormal event (ghost investigation) at Heaven and Earth Essentials in Sauk Centre, MN - 320-828-2774 for details. (also check the facebook page)

June 4: Lakes Area Paranormal Interest Group: Waite Park, MN - Speaker Niara Terela, abductee, tells her story. www.lapig.weebly.com (We're on FB too)

June 9: MUFON MN - New Brighton - Preston will present "What if it were True?" You don't want to miss this one:

***What if it Were true?
That Extraterrestrial Travelers Live
Among Us!!!***

What if it were true that entities from other worlds and dimensions are present around us daily and we never notice their presence?

Recently collected evidence is about to be revealed which may blow the lid off this undisclosed reality!!!

***Come and decide for yourself when on
June 9th. 2012
at the New Brighton Community
Center,
New Brighton, MN
2:00-5:00PM***

Preston Matke, MN MUFON Field Investigator and 20 year Wilderness Inquirer in the area of Cryptozoology will present slides and video evidence collected secretly over the past 4 years. This new evidence will likely rattle your beliefs and possibly knock your socks clean off as you consider the facts that point to the reality of Extraterrestrial Visitors Living Among Us.

For up to date information on MUFON Minnesota meetings and agendas, including special speakers, visit: <http://www.mnmufon.org/agenda.htm> or <http://www.mnmufon.org/event.htm>

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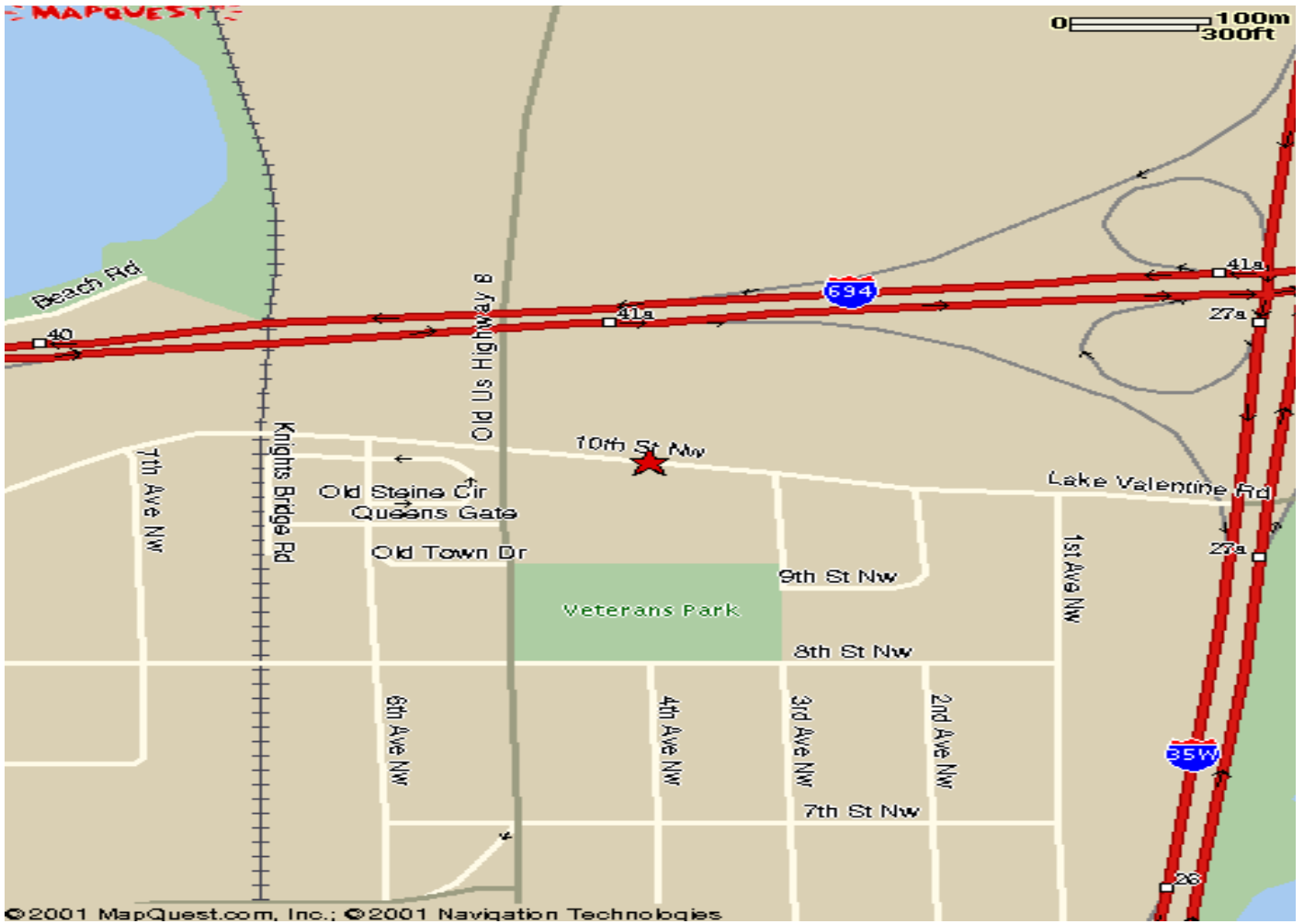
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