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The CE4 Corner

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Yeeoow - is it 2015 already? And furthermore, have I really been involved in MUFON for nearly 20 years? As I look at the history of my involvement with MUFON - mostly with the local UFO scene - I find myself asking two important questions: What has changed in those twenty years? and What have we accomplished in that time?

What is different now, outside of each of us being about twenty years older? To me, the answer is that a lot of details have changed and yet, fundamentally we have accomplished very little.

The biggest change seems to be that we now have realize just how little we really understand the UFO/CE4 phenomenon. When I became increasingly involved in UFO studies - in about the 1994-1996 time frame - I imagined that simply by acquiring enough data, we could solve the problem. All we had to do was to observe and/or reconstruct flight dynamics of UFO sightings, make physical measurements of ground traces, analyze radar/visual reports, etc. And at the core has been the field investigation of sighting and encounter reports. Twenty years later MUFON is deeply involved in this - and while it has yielded a lot of data, it does not appear to have gotten us much closer to a definitive answer.

Yet while we may be little closer to a solution, I believe we have accomplished a lot in twenty years. Now, we appear to have a better idea of the scope of the problem. I believe we have established without a doubt, the reality of UFOs. Purely by the volume of reports in our database, we have developed a statistical picture of the events that make up sightings and close encounters, a pixel by pixel portrait of the phenomenon. And in all of this, we see that there are no easy answers to the fundamental question - what is going on?

In twenty years, the close encounter phenomenon has moved from being a fringe element within UFO studies to being in some ways at the core of the mystery. What is the nature of the visitor presence and why are they here? I suspect we are still no closer to truly understanding this. But we have begun to see that the answers we thought we would find were merely first steps. The problem is far more complicated than we ever imagined.

What will a solution to the UFO/CE4 mystery require? Will we be able to understand this phenomenon within the framework of our present-day picture of how the world/universe works? Or will it require a



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fundamental change to at least some aspect of our world-view? I suspect it will be the latter. Once we understand the problem of UFOs and close encounters, I believe we will have learned much about the very fabric of reality, itself. And what we learn will probably be very different from what we think we know, today.

Understanding the UFO/CE4 mystery will require us to understand parapsychology. How do the visitors communicate by thought alone. Encounter reports also contain myriad ways in which they seem to be able to manipulate our reality. How is it that they can affect our minds and our perception in such strange ways?

In addition, we have come no closer to understanding their location of origin. Do they come from among the stars or are they, in some way, from right here? Is there even a distinct location of origin? Is there really a location they call home? Or is there an over-arching civilization that spans the cosmos, a universe of many homes?

To understand the visitors, we will need to understand their technology. How can they simply walk through walls, float through the air and ascend/descend over beams of light. How can their vehicles stop on a dime, hover, and then zip to a new location, all without experiencing the forces encountered in the Newtonian world? I suspect that the answer to this will shake the foundations of our present-day physics to its core - and to some extent perhaps it already has.

In twenty years, we have acquired a lot more data. We have begun to piece together a picture of our interactions with the UFO/CE4 phenomenon. But have we come any closer to a full understanding of what is really going on? In some ways, perhaps we have made some progress. But fundamentally, I believe we still have a very long way to go.

And to all a good night
By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune
December 22, 2014

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/15019/and-to-all-a-good-night/>

Forty-five years ago this month — as everybody here knows — the U.S. Air Force managed to slither out of UFO research by shutting down Project Blue Book. It did so by hiring the University of Colorado to make its UFO stuff go away, and UC project director Edward Condon was the man who could

deliver the goods. Less than a year into his panel's review, Condon declared the subject was “nonsense,” and added, “but I’m not supposed to reach that conclusion for another year.” The USAF got its \$313,000 worth when Condon officially announced UFOs were a massive waste of time and beneath the dignity of serious scientists.

But he couldn't just stop there. In the condescending “Conclusions and Recommendations” portion of the report, Condon actually made a play at equanimity: “We think that all of the agencies of the federal government, and the private foundations as well, ought to be willing to consider UFO research proposals along with the others submitted to them on an open-minded, unprejudiced basis. While we do not think at present that anything worthwhile is likely to come of such research, each individual case ought to be carefully considered on its own merits.”

Yeah right. Nearly half a century later, anyone who thinks Condon's poisoned wellwater is safe for mainstream science to drink should check in with British chemist Erol Faruk about how easily institutional thinking accepts dissenting opinion on The Great Taboo today. And yet, this time of year, maybe it's the egg nog, De Void gets a little sentimental about the prospects for alternative scenarios. Especially after watching Obama shake up the moribund status quo on Cuba last week.

Here's why the time is now: Despite giving Capitol Hill an 11 percent approval rating, Americans last month not only ratified the most impotent and unpopular legislative body since Harry Truman, they gave it a mandate to do even less as Obama completes the final years of his lame-duck term. Having nothing to lose can be tremendously liberating — witness the president's gambit on Cuba. To the extent that he can navigate around Congress, the next two years could be the most productive of Obama's presidency. He could start with another no-brainer, like ending Dick Nixon's war on weed with a stroke of the pen.

Anyhow, with the 2016 horse race right around the corner — and you may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one — how difficult is it to imagine Hillary's opposition dogging her with every datapoint at its disposal? You wouldn't even need the Beltway crowd to attack her “little green man constituency”; Limbaugh, Hannity, Ingraham, et al, could get that ball rolling easily enough. Or maybe, in an even more perfect world, they'd skip

Hillary altogether and lob little green man tomatoes directly at one of Obama's key insiders. And then, in a surprise flanking maneuver, emboldened by the Cuba momentum, No. 44 takes the mike at a press conference and delivers a what-the-hell:

"You know, folks, it's been half a century since we took a serious look at UFOs. And given the revolution in digital technology, and given longstanding public interest in the subject, and after extensive discussions with senior White House counsel John Podesta, I've decided to take the late great Dr. Condon up on his word by setting up an exploratory panel, for less than one-twelfth the cost of a single Reaper drone, to --"

It's Christmas, man. 'Tis the season to be jolly.

WHAT IS THE REALITY BEHIND THE UFO/ET PHENOMENON?

By William I. McNeff

A recent emailing from perennial e-mailer Victor Martinez contained this header:

"THE MIRAGE MEN: How the US Government created a myth that took over the world. \$16.49. 1 hours and 25 minutes. A review: 'MIRAGE MEN chronicles the testimony of an ex-Air Force counterintelligence officer's efforts to promote the UFO mythology as a cover for secret aviation technology developed during the Cold War. That's just the beginning. Did the government have a secret program to fan the flames of UFO paranoia? What was the NSA doing beaming radio traffic into the homes of private citizens? Is the subject telling the truth now, or is he still running interference for the Air Force?'"

After over six decades of studying UFO reports, I think I have learned a few things. It seems to me that it certainly would serve the government to fan suspicions that secret craft were actually UFOs. Then later, when careful students of the UFO phenomenon offered evidence that UFOs were not ours, they could claim that UFO reports were actually secret craft. It was a double-edged sword!

The article quotes the CIA as saying that a large percentage of the UFOs reported during the period of 1954 to 1974 were secret aircraft developed during the cold war. The U2 is mentioned. To claim that secret aircraft generated most of the UFO reports is completely beside the point. What

matters when it comes to UFO reports is not the approximately 90% which can be identified as ordinary objects but the 10% or less that cannot be identified and that show evidence of being unconventional or even exotic: apparent craft which make sudden starts and stops, right-angle turns, or even seem to disappear in place, and which are shaped nothing like conventional earthly aircraft.

The most recent issue of the Journal for Scientific Exploration contains the following in the lead editorial by Stephen Braude:

"Critics [of subjects on the frontiers of science] ...state their opinions as dogma, usually seasoned with a generous helping of contempt...and they do this with a certitude totally disproportionate to their knowledge of the facts."

Braude is writing about "intransigent skeptics", which he says could really be called "passionate deniers". This applies to many of those "skeptical" of UFOs. While we should give a hearing to the "skeptics", we should also check whether or not they cite any facts to support their positions.

We have the facts on our side: The Air Force, in spite of throwing many reports in the circular file, ended up with over 14,000 reports in the Project Blue Book file, and in spite of reaching patently false conclusions about many of them, such as frequently ascribing a sighting to the Planet Venus when Venus was not visible in the sky, ended up with several percent unidentified. MUFON now has over 60,000 reports in its CMS files, with a large percentage unidentified, and other repositories have large numbers of reports. There are validated photographs and radar detections of unknown, unconventional craft. There are analyses of implants and metal from alleged unknown craft showing unearthy isotopes. In other words, we have massive data, and the "skeptics", that is, the "passionate deniers", have mostly false arguments and nasty words.

So, the UFO Phenomenon is real. What might it be? IMHO, the leading theory is that it is extraterrestrial craft, some of which contain living beings, also known as the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH). Of course, the word extraterrestrial means "from outside of Earth". Besides craft and beings from other star and planet systems, the term "extraterrestrial" can include those from other times, if these beings have achieved space/time travel, which has never been

ruled out scientifically, and some scientists believe is theoretically possible. It could also include beings from other “universes” or “dimensions”, however those are defined. If you can trust the testimony of people who say they have “been there”, such as Roger Kvand, who tells of being abducted by an intelligent craft which had the capability of space/time travel, then it is real. Kvand reports seeing several times a “flat” presentation of our universe, presented to him by the craft, which he understood to represent all of space/time for our universe. He wrote about this over ten years ago, before physicists had hatched their theory of the “flat universe”, by which theory our four-dimensional reality is a form of holographic projection! Such successful prediction is strong evidence for the truth of a theory or an account such as Kvand’s. Kvand also tells of seeing other universes during the space/time jump process, which agrees with the latest theories in physics which envision multiple universes. Furthermore, I have a friend who at this time must remain anonymous, who tells of seeing parallel universes during hypnotic regression.

There is other evidence from “others who have been there”: Science writer Patrick Huyghe’s book “Field Guide to the Extraterrestrials” shows about fifty sketches by eyewitnesses, or based on their accounts, of intelligent creatures associated with UFO reports, and it does not include any of the several reported types of “Greys”. Other sources state that there are over 80 different races of extraterrestrials in the vicinity of Earth at this time!

Howard Storm was someone else “who was there”. I attended a presentation by Storm at the Theosophical Society in 1989. This was the most interesting presentation that I have ever heard! Howard Storm was an atheist art professor who in 1985 went to Paris on an art tour, where he suffered a ruptured duodenum and nearly died. Like many people, Storm had a “Near Death Experience” (NDE). After finding himself staring down at his body lying in bed, he was lured into a place that can only be described as hellish, from which he prayed to be rescued (It was not easy for this atheist to pray!), and was rescued by a “Being of Light”. He then met with several of these beings, had a long discussion, and was given the opportunity to ask questions. Storm said he had about a thousand questions and had pretty good recall of the answers. One of the things he asked was, “What is the best religion?” He was told “Whatever religion brings you closest to God.” He also asked if there were

intelligent life forms elsewhere in the universe and was told, “Yes, millions and millions of them,” and was asked if he would like to see some of them. He replied affirmatively, and was shown a multitude of life forms, starting with some that were barely distinguishable from humans and going on to stranger and stranger forms until finally he saw an amoeba-like blob creeping along which was not recognizable as an intelligent being, but it was. He was told that some intelligent life forms were operating in the vicinity of Earth at present, but was told “They are not allowed to interfere with human society.” In other words, here is the solution to the UFO puzzle – they are manned by intelligent life from elsewhere.

To state in effect that UFOs are real and manned by Extraterrestrials took real courage in 1989, and was an invitation to instant ridicule. When I heard Storm say that, I was immediately convinced that Storm was telling the truth as he knew it, without fear or favor! Howard Storm impressed me as one of the most open and honest people I had ever seen. He described the good and bad things he had done in his life with complete candor. In other words, I believe that what Storm said and wrote about his experience was the truth to the best of his knowledge and ability (and it is plain to me that he is a very intelligent man!). Storm became a U.C.C. minister a few years after I heard him. His full story is told in the book “My Descent Into Death...”. Three editions are available. The latest edition is my favorite.

A couple of years ago, I interviewed a UFO witness, a successful businessman, and in the course of our discussion NDEs came up and I told him briefly about Howard Storm. He phoned Storm, had over an hour conversation with him and later emailed me with words to the effect that he had an extremely high opinion of Storm. The two have since become best friends. You may hear more about this someday.

What more can we say about ET? From a scientific as well as a theological standpoint, we should expect that different ET races and individuals within those races will display a range of qualities that can be considered to be “good” and “bad”. For example, you could define a “bad” race as one which displays such hostility between groups that they exterminate themselves. A “good” race would be one which shows concern for the well-being of all the individuals and groups of the species. (This pretty well fits the theological definition of good

and evil also.) If you speak of the intelligent races as a whole, you would expect a "Bell curve" in which most races are neither very good or very bad, with a few very good actors at one end of the curve and a few bad at the other. Our witnesses who have been there, Storm and Kvande, tell us that is in fact the case. Kvande says the generally good galactic confederacy is battling the few bad species. I would think that as time goes by, intelligent beings are learning, and all races that survive will learn to get along and help each other thrive. If there is a divinity, a Creator, that is concerned about its creation, the universe (or universes!), I would expect some help from that quarter, although generally not overriding the free will which most of us believe we have to some degree.

I would discourage discussion of religion from the podium during Minnesota MUFON meetings, because the strong feelings many have about their particular beliefs can lead to heated arguments and bad feelings. For those of you who feel that I should not have discussed a subject with religious overtones in a MUFON publication, I ask you to consider the following: I believe in freedom of religion and freedom to have no religion. Written discussions tend to be more civil, at least when the parties know each other. While the purpose of MUFON is to study the UFO phenomenon and educate the public about it, it has not foreclosed the subject of religion and at least at one time MUFON had some consultants in theology. It is plain that the subjects of theology and UFOs intersect. Opinions about the theological implications of UFOs vary greatly. The opinions I have expressed in this article are based on long study, looking for correlations, and they represent something of a consensus between many thinkers. With over a reported 80 races involved, it is an extremely complex situation. Some knowledge of the characteristics of a few of these races seems to be emerging, but that is a subject for future study. Disclosure is slowly taking place, but apparently without help from official government sources. We won't begin to know anything approaching the full truth about UFOs and ETs until more disclosure and possible government confirmation take place (some won't trust government statements about this subject!) and we achieve open communication with Extraterrestrials.

In Supernatural, and in his talk at the Paradigm Conference, Hancock offered the idea that close encounters may be at least in part, a type of shamanic journey. He described events of the

shamanic experience - star beings, trials and tortures, sexual encounters, and other elements that have a similar ring to those described by abductees. This suggests that the experiences have something in common, yet at the same time, it does not even begin to explain the physical aspects of the phenomenon.

A significant fraction of the UFO abduction cases in the MUFON data base, including a number of them in our own case files, have both physical evidence and shamanic or metaphysical aspects to them. The implications of this are profound. It suggests that there is an overlay of realities between this world and the world(s) beyond our everyday reality. And in many cases, these overlapping worlds can interact with each other, leaving marks on our physical world.

Does this mean the UFO/Close-encounter phenomenon is primarily metaphysical in nature? I don't believe we can conclude that. However resemblance between shamanism and UFO abduction suggests that the visitor interaction with us is far beyond our everyday experience. The UFO phenomenon is often physical, leaving traces in the dirt and marks on the experiencer. Our visitors might just be biological beings in nuts-and-bolts craft, visiting from nearby stars. Yet the UFO encounter is often also spiritual, a shamanic, metaphysical experience that often resembles dreams more than alien space ships.

This suggests that the nature of the phenomenon and who/whatever is behind it is still far beyond our understanding. It is far from being either a simple nuts-and-bolts visitation or a purely dream-like metaphysical experience. Rather, it is at once a phenomenon of many worlds, of spirit, hardware and mystery.

Tales from a Martian rock

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http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2014-12/uoc--tfa121814.php

New chemical analysis of an ancient Martian meteorite provides clues to the planet's history of habitability

University of California - San Diego

A new analysis of a Martian rock that meteorite hunters plucked from an Antarctic ice field 30 years ago this month reveals a record of the planet's

climate billions of years ago, back when water likely washed across its surface and any life that ever formed there might have emerged.

Scientists from the University of California, San Diego, NASA and the Smithsonian Institution report detailed measurements of minerals within the meteorite in the early online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this week.

"Minerals within the meteorite hold a snapshot of the planet's ancient chemistry, of interactions between water and atmosphere," said Robina Shaheen, a project scientist at UC San Diego and the lead author of the report.

The unlovely stone, which fell to Earth 13 thousand years ago, looked a lot like a potato and has quite a history. Designated ALH84001, it is the oldest meteorite we have from Mars, a chunk of solidified magma from a volcano that erupted four billion years ago. Since then something liquid, probably water, seeped through pores in the rock and deposited globules of carbonates and other minerals.

The carbonates vary subtly depending on the sources of their carbon and oxygen atoms. Both carbon and oxygen occur in heavier and lighter versions, or isotopes. The relative abundances of isotopes forms a chemical signature that careful analysis and sensitive measurements can uncover.

Mars's atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide but contains some ozone. The balance of oxygen isotopes within ozone are strikingly weird with enrichment of heavy isotopes through a physical chemical phenomenon first described by co-author Mark Thiemens, a professor of chemistry at UC San Diego, and colleagues 25 years ago.

"When ozone reacts with carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, it transfers its isotopic weirdness to the new molecule," said Shaheen, who investigated this process of oxygen isotope exchange as a graduate student at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. When carbon dioxide reacts with water to make carbonates, the isotopic signature continues to be preserved.

The degree of isotopic weirdness in the carbonates reflects how much water and ozone was present when they formed. It's a record of climate 3.9

billion years ago, locked in a stable mineral. The more water, the smaller the weird ozone signal.

This team measured a pronounced ozone signal in the carbonates within the meteorite, suggesting that although Mars had water back then, vast oceans were unlikely. Instead, the early Martian landscape probably held smaller seas.

"What's also new is our simultaneous measurements of carbon isotopes on the same samples. The mix of carbon isotopes suggest that the different minerals within the meteorite had separate origins," Shaheen said. "They tell us the story of the chemical and isotopic compositions of the atmospheric carbon dioxide."

ALH84001 held tiny tubes of carbonate that some scientists saw as potential evidence of microbial life, though a biological origin for the structures has been discarded. On December 16, NASA announced another potential whiff of Martian life in the form of methane sniffed by the rover Curiosity.

Carbonates can be deposited by living things that scavenge the minerals to build their skeletons, but that is not the case for the minerals measured by this team. "The carbonate we see is not from living things," Shaheen said. "It has anomalous oxygen isotopes that tell us this carbonate is abiotic."

By measuring the isotopes in multiple ways, the chemists found carbonates depleted in carbon-13 and enriched in oxygen-18. That is, Mars's atmosphere in this era, a period of great bombardment, had much less carbon-13 than it does today.

The change in relative abundances of carbon and oxygen isotopes may have occurred through extensive loss of Martian atmosphere. A thicker atmosphere would likely have been required for liquid water to flow on the planet's chilly surface.

"We now have a much deeper and specific insight into the earliest oxygen-water system in the solar system," Thiemens said. "The question that remains is when did planets, Earth and Mars, get water, and in the case of Mars, where did it go? We've made great progress, but still deep mysteries remain."

AN ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION
JANUARY 2015
By William I. McNeff

Efforts by the UFO lobbying group, the Paradigm Research Group, to get Congressional hearings on UFOs are in full action mode. DVD's with hours of testimony by reliable military personnel, government officials and others about UFOs they have witnessed personally or reports that they have dealt with as a result of their positions of responsibility have been sent to the U.S. Congressmen and Senators and their staffs. Hundreds of emails and "tweets" have been sent to these same staffers and Congressmen and Senators. I personally sent emails to our two Minnesota Senators and the Representative for my district. Here is a "boilerplate" version of that email:

As a constituent in [city], Minnesota who has studied UFOs extensively and has discovered that there is massive evidence for the reality of this phenomenon, some of which is documented on a DVD set which you and your staff have received from the Paradigm Research Group, I am urging you, as a Senator/Congressman with a reputation for down-to-earth work in the Senate, to (1) review the record of the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure (2) meet with PRG's lobbyist Stephen Bassett to discuss the CHD and (3) push for hearings immediately for the scores of military/agency/political witnesses ready to testify under oath to events and evidence confirming an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. Thank you for your attention to this!

Here are some guidelines from the Paradigm Research Group:

You can help this PRG initiative to succeed. Here's how. IMMEDIATELY begin sending tweets, Facebook posts and emails to members of Congress asking they:

1. review the record of the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure
2. meet with PRG's lobbyist Stephen Bassett to discuss the CHD
3. hold hearings immediately for the scores of military/agency/political witnesses ready to testify under oath to events and evidence confirming an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

Guidelines for the CHI Tweet-Email Storm:

1. tweet or email as many times as you like to as many members of Congress as you like. Hashtag #Disclosure

2. IMPORTANT: make sure you mention you are a constituent to your three representatives, i.e., I live in Carson City and.....
3. keep emails brief (not a problem with tweets), respectful and to the point.
4. don't repeat the same wording. Mix it up.
5. focus on the three requests listed above.
6. If the Members have a Facebook page, post there as well.

And, of course, share this link with as many as you can. [End of PRG Guidelines]

I wanted to give you all email addresses for Senators and Congressmen, but it turned out not to be quite that simple.

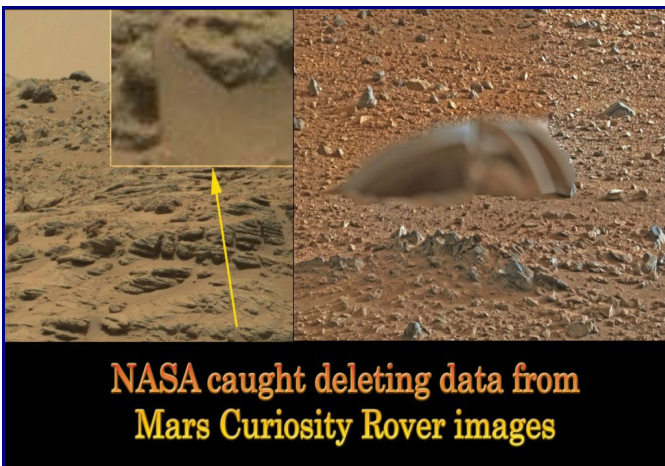
Instead, to contact a senator, go to www.senate.gov click on "Find your Senator", and click on the "Contact" link, then fill out the form and type or paste in your message.

To contact a Congressman or Congresswoman, go to: www.house.gov, slide down to "House Overview". On the map provided, click on Minnesota, click on the name of your Representative, click on "Contact", and follow instructions to fill out a brief form. You can then type or paste your message into the form. Let's give 'em an eyeful!

What will be the result? Will it be the same as two Nebraskans I knew who inquired about UFOs with the late Senator J. James Exon of Nebraska? After repeated efforts by these two people, they received a letter from the Senator which said in effect that he had been advised to back off by some higher authority. My guess is that the advice the Senator received was part of the continuing government effort to protect the high technology which has allegedly been "harvested" from crashed alien craft. This is understandable, but there is some point at which the American people need to be made aware of the true state of affairs: IMHO, we humans are not the "Wizards of the Universe". The evidence is that we are not the most intelligent species in the universe, and our technology is primitive compared to the most advanced Extraterrestrials. However, the evidence also indicates that some of the ETs are not the most advanced morally. They abduct humans without permission for medical and other tests; in most cases, they give their "subjects" apparent hypnotic suggestions that they will not remember the incidents.

Some, however, remember, and while some take this relatively in stride, some are badly frightened by the experience. There is some evidence that at least one species forces sexual intercourse on human females, with mixed results: Some of the recipients said they were raped by the creatures, while others said something like, "It was the best sex I ever had!" (This based on the careful studies of Kathleen Marsden.) This kind of behavior makes it more and more important that disclosure takes place. Of course, disclosure is taking place, slowly and surely. More and more people are becoming aware of the evidence for UFOs/ETs. Besides disclosure, we need to, some time, have government confirmation of the existence of alien craft and extraterrestrials. There are big problems for government in providing confirmation. But it will happen; when it will happen, only time can tell.

NASA caught deleting data from Mars Curiosity Rover images
by Dr Michael Salla on Nov.17, 2014
<http://exopolitics.org/nasa-caught-deleting-data-from-mars-curiosity-rover-images/>



Images from the Mars Curiosity Rover have been digitally altered by NASA's JPL affiliate to cover up objects discovered on Mars. The latest digital alteration was revealed in a [November 15 video](#) released on Youtube that showed how an object caught by the Rover had been obscured by removing data to hide something from view. The alteration follows another incident revealed on [November 9](#) of NASA JPL tampering with Rover Curiosity images where an object appears to have been digitally blurred. What is it that NASA doesn't want the public to see on Mars?



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The digital alteration involved an object that has a portion of it removed and replaced by surrounding sand. Close image analysis of the altered object in the November 16 video shows how a straight line portion was changed. This created an unnatural looking effect where no shadows appear where they should for the affected object. Whoever had digitally altered the image had done a sloppy job in hiding evidence of their tampering according to the [video description](#):

It has become more and more blatant and in your face what NASA and JPL have been doing to the "Raw Images" being beamed back from the Curiosity Rover on Mars. This is a prime example of how they have been using the blur tool and fake sand to remove artifacts and objects that someone does not want you to see. Whoever worked on this one over at JPL needs to be fired they did a horrible job with the blending of the fake sand.

The digital alteration follows an even more visually striking case of [evidence tampering by NASA](#), this time blurring what appears to be an artificial object. In the second digital alteration (see below), it is clearly seen how an object with straight edges and smooth curves has been blurred using some kind of blurring software. The blurring is easy to see relative to the rest of the environment, and striking evidence of NASA's JPL altering raw visual data to hide what is being discovered on Mars.



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NASA is no stranger to accusations that it has deliberately altered or even destroyed images to hide evidence of artificially created objects found by its spacecraft. Donna Hare worked for NASA contractor Philco Ford, had a "Secret" security clearance, and was shown a picture of a UFO flying over the moon's surface captured during an Apollo mission by one of her colleagues. She recalled the [following conversation](#):

I said, is this a UFO? And he's smiling at me and he says, I can't tell you that. I can't tell you that. What I knew he meant was, it was [a UFO] but he couldn't tell me. So I said, what are you going to do with this information? And he said, well, we always have to airbrush them out before we sell them to the public. And I was just amazed that they had a protocol in place for getting rid of UFO pictures on these things...

Hare decided to go public in November 2000 with her whistleblower testimony released through the [Disclosure Project](#).

Other whistleblowers have also come forward to claim that NASA and affiliated government agencies have a policy of destroying or altering photos that reveal artificial structures on the moon or in space. Karl Wolfe, for example, claims that he witnessed NASA, the NSA and the US Air Force cooperating to remove such structures from Apollo and satellite imagery when detected. At a highly classified military facility [Wolf says he was shown](#) NASA images by a colleague revealing a base on the far side of the moon:

... he pulled out one of these mosaics and showed this base on the moon, which had geometric shapes – there were towers, there were spherical buildings, there were very tall towers and things that looked somewhat like radar dishes but they were large structures.... I was a little irritated that the government had been lying about all this for years and covering it up.

Yet another whistleblower is Dr Ken Johnston who was a manager of NASA's Data and Photo Control Department. [Johnston claims](#) that he also witnessed moon photos showing artificial structures and was asked to destroy the photos. He refused and was fired by NASA.

The two recent November 2014 cases of digital alteration of Mars Curiosity Rover images are striking examples of a policy by NASA to hide evidence that some of the objects photographed by its spacecraft and probes are artificial in origin, and have been found on the Mars surface. Together with whistleblower claims that NASA has a decades-long policy of photo tampering with objects that appear artificial, it is not too hard to reach a firm conclusion of what NASA and its JPL affiliate is doing with Curiosity Rover images. NASA is not in the business of discovering extraterrestrial life, but is instead hiding such a discovery from the general public. © Copyright 2014. Michael E. Salla, Ph.D. Exopolitics.org

Further Reading

- [NASA caught deleting UFO photos from its website](#)
- [Apollo 11 photo reveals base on far side of moon](#)
- [Is the US Congress investigating alien bases on the moon? \(Photos\)](#)
- [Is NASA muzzling scientific results from Mars Curiosity Mission?](#)
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**Phenomena Magazine
Newsclipping Library
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A nice collection of scanned newspaper articles about UFOs (mainly from UK newspapers, apparently mostly from around the 1980s) is gradually being posted on Facebook by the people behind the (free) online "Phenomena" magazine:

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Four Tips for Having a Close Encounter James M. Deem

<http://jamesmdeem.com/stories.ufo5.html>

Although there are no magic ways of making sure that you see a UFO, there are things you can do to improve your chances. Here are four tips for finding one.

TIP 1: STAY UP LATE

This may not be an idea that your parents will like, but it's a good way to have a UFO experience. According to UFOlogist Jacques Vallee, almost all UFO landings take place after 6:00 p.m. Sightings rise in number until about 10:30 p.m. and then begin to decline. Very few sightings of TRUFOS take place between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The number of sightings decreases after 10:30 because most people go to bed around that time. The more people there are in bed, the fewer there are to spot a UFO. Of course, some people see strange lights outside their bedroom windows, so being in bed doesn't rule out the possibility of seeing a UFO.

TIP 2: BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Most UFOs are observed by witnesses who are outside at the time. But it's not just a matter of being outdoors. Where you are may make a difference. Here's a list of the top thirteen states for UFO sightings, based on recent studies:

California
Florida
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Minnesota
Missouri
New Mexico
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Texas

This doesn't mean that you won't see a UFO if you live somewhere else. Your chances may be a little better in these states, that's all. What's more, a rural area in any state is better for UFO spotting than a heavily populated area. However, while it's true that you'll be less likely to see a UFO in New York City or Los Angeles or Denver or Chicago, it's also true that

UFOs have been sighted just a few miles from almost every large urban area in the country.

TIP 3: BE YOUNG

Many UFOlogists distrust stories told by children, but collectively, more children see UFOs than any age group of adults. Do children see more UFOs, or are they more likely to report what they see? In general, children have fewer preconceptions about things and report just what they've seen — no matter how odd it is.

Being young, however, is not the only factor in UFO observing. Other studies have suggested that people with red or blond hair are more likely to see a UFO and that left-handed individuals may also have more close encounters. But seeing a UFO is probably a matter of luck for many people.

TIP 4: TAKE AN AUTOMOBILE RIDE

No one knows how often UFOs have been spotted by people in cars, but many people have this experience while driving or riding. Mark Rodeghier of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago reviewed reports of vehicles that encountered UFOs and uncovered a number of facts: First, most vehicular encounters occurred on rural roads in clear weather. Second, most lasted for less than ten minutes. Third, most did not involve any UFO occupants. Finally, most of the UFO observers had trouble with their vehicle's engine, headlights, and/or electrical equipment before and during the encounter.

One example occurred in Marshall County, Minnesota, on August 27, 1979. On this clear night, Deputy Val Johnson was patrolling County Road 5 in his Ford LTD when he noticed a white light above the tree line perhaps two miles to the south. The light seemed too bright to belong to another car or a truck, so he decided to investigate. He wondered if it might belong to a light aircraft involved in a drug-smuggling operation across the Canadian border.

He turned onto Highway 220 and accelerated to 65 mph, keeping his eyes on the light. Suddenly it swept toward his windshield, blinding him. At that moment he passed out.

When he came to, he realized that his car had skidded across the highway into the oncoming lane. Fortunately, no other cars were traveling that night

or he surely would have been involved in an accident. Still, Johnson was not in good shape. His head had hit the steering wheel, and his eyes felt raw and sore. He radioed for assistance.

"Something hit my car," he reported. "I don't know how to explain it. Something attacked my car. I heard glass breaking, and my brakes locked up, and I don't know what the hell happened."

Officer Greg Winskowski arrived quickly, along with an ambulance, and Johnson was taken to a nearby hospital. He was treated for eye irritation, which the doctor said was similar to what might happen to a welder who wasn't wearing a mask, and released a few hours later.

That wasn't the end of the case, though. Sheriff Dennis Brekke inspected the site of the accident carefully. He discovered that the damage done to the patrol car (a smashed headlight, a cracked windshield, an almost broken radio antenna) could not have been caused by anything then at the scene.

What Sheriff Brekke found most interesting, though, was that the clock in the patrol car and Johnson's own wristwatch were both exactly fourteen minutes slow. By looking at the deputy's earlier radio messages that night, Brekke was able to confirm that Johnson's watch had been correct prior to the accident. What could have caused both timepieces to lose fourteen minutes?

Brekke called a nearby UFO center, but an extensive investigation proved nothing conclusive. However, some people believe that Johnson did encounter a TRUFO and somehow collided with it or with the electrical field that surrounded it. As to where those fourteen minutes went, no one knows.

While Deputy Johnson's experience is thought-provoking, it is even more amazing to compare it with an encounter that Russ Johnson (no relation to Val Johnson) had two days later, at almost exactly the same time — only four hundred miles away in Vermillion, South Dakota.

Russ Johnson saw a light ahead of him on the highway. It rushed toward him and covered his car with bright light. Blinded, he slammed on the brakes and skidded sideways to a stop. He opened his eyes and watched an object zoom into the sky behind his car.

No newspaper had yet carried word of Val Johnson's encounter, so if Russ Johnson was making up a story, he did so without reading anything about Val Johnson's experience. He did not claim to be injured and his watch did not stop.

A strange similarity? Two encounters with the same TRUFO? This is the kind of case you may be asked to handle as a UFOlogist. © James M. Deem. Originally published in *How to Catch a Flying Saucer* (Houghton Mifflin, 1990). All rights reserved.

Skeptics and their dogma (excerpt) **Bill McNeff**

It is definitely interesting that a "skeptic" like Michael Shermer would tell a story, if I remember correctly, about an old radio with no batteries suddenly playing music from decades ago. However, I smell a rat. I am fairly familiar with Shermer, and my most recent issue of the *Journal for Scientific Exploration* contains the following in the lead editorial by Stephen Braude:

"Critics [of psi and other things on the frontiers of science] ...state their opinions as dogma, usually seasoned with a generous helping of contempt...and they do this with a certitude totally disproportionate to their knowledge of the fact."

Braude mentions Michael Schermer among other "intransigent skeptics", which he says could really be called "passionate deniers". While we should give a hearing to the "skeptics", we should also check whether or not they cite any facts to support their positions.

Project Core released (experiential data)

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Project CORE was a massive online survey asking questions and gathering data of those reporting "paranormal" experience. Questions ranged from physiological data to ancestral heritage and outlier data. The questions asked by the survey were comprised of questions submitted by all Project CORE members, and then as a team questions were edited, subtracted and added until we arrived at the final version that was ultimately used.

Participants were asked to give written account of their experience(s), and there was a written

stipulation of the survey page: The survey required complete, raw honesty in relating the experiences. No matter how utterly bizarre or self-negating those experiences may have been. We also asked that the accounts submitted not be edited, sanitized, nor derived from hypnotic regression.

The survey actively collected data via the internet from participants over the course of a full calendar year, and the survey was widely promoted on social media, message boards, and podcasts. After data gathering, the work presented here in it's final form comprises nearly 2 years worth of analysis and discussion between team members.

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At the website below you can download and view the synopsis of results, 3 commentary papers, and a PowerPoint click-through of graphical representations of the results for ease of viewing.

Visit: www.projectcore.net

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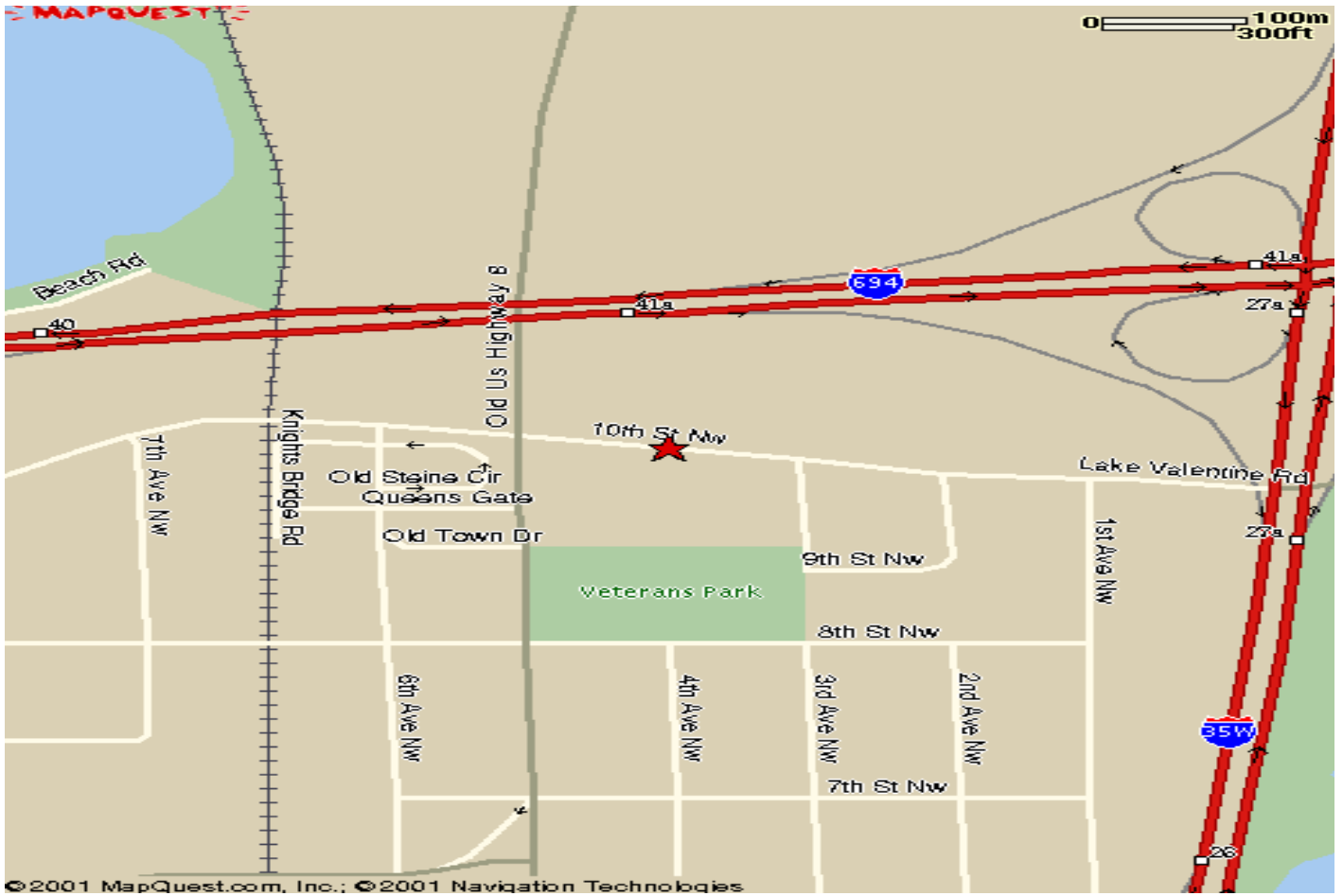
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