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BACK TO THE BASICS

By William I. McNeff

In the alphabet soup that is floating around in our culture these days, one acronym is FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Now that I am retired, I often get questions to the effect of "What are you doing with your time?" This is a perfect lead-in for me to tell them that I have a music hobby and also am pursuing my interest in UFOs, in fact, I am State Director of the Minnesota chapter of MUFON, the largest private international UFO research organization. This immediately leads to more questions; for example, one of my wife's friends asked FAQ# 1: "Is anyone in your group willing to say what UFOs are?" I told her that some UFOs are misidentified common things, but there is evidence that some are craft under intelligent control, most probably from some place outside earth. A more complete answer would be that from a scientific standpoint, that question can't be answered yet. We would need a craft to land (say, on the proverbial White House lawn), analyze it, and verify that it has isotopes or materials or technologies that can't be produced here on earth. (That may have been done already.) But most of us don't try for scientific certainty in our daily lives; we may marry a person that we can't be sure will be a good spouse; we take jobs that may or may not turn out to be what we had hoped, etc. In other words, we take a practical approach. Personally, I take an "engineering approach", which is a form of the practical approach, making use of all the scientific principles that can be used given the time allotted for the task. It's good enough for government work, which I have done a lot of (at Univac, Honeywell, Mayo and General Dynamics).

For example, if John Doe, of generally honest reputation, says he saw a strange craft fly over on such and such a day, and describes it, and thousands of other citizens describe similar and in some cases, identical craft, and some of them photograph and videotape them and catch them on radar, we can be practically certain that such craft are flying around. And since they performed maneuvers decades ago that even today our own craft cannot duplicate, we can be practically certain they did not originate here on earth; they are alien. This is the "engineering approach". This was the approach taken by our military during the late 1940s even before the Kenneth Arnold sighting. There is documentation that they were already aware of the "Foo-Fighters", the "ghost rockets", and flying disk reports from members of the military, and evidence they were primed to respond to reports that might indicate a crash of one of these craft, as at Roswell.

FAQ#2: My friend Jon, whose wife was a member of NICAP until its demise, has discussed UFOs with me a few times. He asked me, "If UFOs are really alien craft, why doesn't the government tell us about them?" First of all, the government is notorious for keeping secrets past the time when there is any logical reason for doing so. Part of the reason is that the secrets must be reviewed for declassification, a long and arduous process, and everybody and his government dog must sign off on the release. A second reason, surely the most important, is that crashed alien craft most probably contain technology beyond our wildest dreams, technology which if assimilated could

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assure the security of our country against any earthly enemy (and maybe some unearthly ones). Most assuredly, this is the way the military and the government view it, and rightfully want to keep that technology secret. So, why can't they tell us about the aliens, and keep the technology secret? They could, but what would they tell us? If they are as ignorant of the purposes of the aliens as many of us suspect, but are honest, they would have to tell us, "Alien craft are flying about our skies, and aliens are interacting with our populace, but we don't know what their purposes are. We don't know whether they are hostile, want to take over the earth, or help us." They probably fear that some percentage of the population would irrationally buy automatic weapons, supplies of food and water, and head for the hills and the caves. This could produce a significant disruption of our society. So, I'm betting that they are holding off an announcement until most of us who care about such things are aware that alien craft are here, and are not up to anything horrendous.

FAQ# 3: "Could the UFO aliens be hostile to humans?" This is hard to answer with certainty. But my conclusion is most probably not. First of all, there have been upwards of 50 different alien types reported, and that may be on the conservative side. If some of them had hostile intent, we might expect the others to keep them in line. Furthermore, there is evidence aliens have been visiting earth for hundreds and probably thousands of years. If any of them had hostile intent, we should have noticed it by now! The alleged alien abductions of humans are not good evidence of hostility; we still don't know what the motives for this might be. Their motives could be to preserve human DNA against possible (or known) future catastrophe; to solve reproductive or genetic problems of their own; to prepare "hybrid" beings to assist them with future contacts, or all of the above. According to some (Col. Philip Corso for example), we have developed technology that can counter alien technology. Surely a nuclear weapon could annihilate an alien craft (although the aliens might be able to keep it from firing). If aliens wanted to take over our good earth, they would logically have done it by now. Forgedaboutit!

Arthur C Clarke demands cold fusion rethink
By BBC New Online's Jonathan Amos
from: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/in_depth/sci_tech/2000/festival_of_science/newsid_919000/919953.stm
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The author and visionary Sir Arthur C Clarke says society has made a huge mistake in rejecting out of hand the idea that cold fusion may be possible.

And he mocked editors and journalists at the British Association's Festival of Science for not giving the technology serious consideration. He said the age of fossil fuels was coming to an end and society needed to find new sources of energy. Cold fusion or other "anomalous sources of energy" might just turn out to be the answer, he said.

Cold fusion first hit the headlines in 1989 when researchers Martin Fleishmann and Stanley Pons suggested it was possible to generate heat through the fusion of atoms at normal temperatures. But when leading scientists failed to reproduce their results and Fleishmann and Pons retracted some of their early claims, cold fusion was dismissed as nonsense.

Crooks and cranks

However, the research has gone on, with little funding and largely underground, and Sir Arthur said the results coming out of some labs demanded attention.

"Over the last decade there have been literally hundreds of reports from all over the world from highly qualified people and distinguished institutions of anomalous sources of energy," he said in a recorded video address to the festival. "They may or may not be cold fusion and in some cases have nothing to do with nuclear power."

"Although there are lots of crooks, cranks and cowboys in this field, I believe there is now enough published evidence to prove that something strange is going on."

Carbon Age

He urged journalists to do serious investigation so that they could "start to see the future". Sir Arthur also said he believed we were entering the Carbon Age. He prophesized that the discovery of molecules like C60 - the soccer ball-shaped cage of carbon atoms - would lead to extraordinary new materials.

"We will soon have materials a hundred times stronger than any metal and perhaps weighing no more than ordinary plastics," he said. "Their impact on every aspect of life will be enormous: buildings that are kilometres high, and land, sea and air vehicles that are only a fraction of their present weight."

THE MARS FACE: JPL'S CATBOX FRAUD

EXPOSED by George A. Filer, Dir., MUFON
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Lan Fleming writes, the September 8, Fox News article stated: "according to the disparate band of believers who since the big letdown have kept the torch of artificiality burning on Web sites and in newsletters and books. They branded NASA's image "the Catbox" or "the Footprint" and said a poor-quality picture was deliberately released as a public relations move to kill the topic."

http://foxnews.com/science/090800/mars_face.sml

While there is no way, of course, to prove what the motives were behind JPL's release of the shoddy Catbox "enhancement" of the MGS Face image to the world news media two years ago, it can be proven beyond reasonable doubt that a deliberate fraud was perpetrated once it is understood what extreme and bizarre image "processing" had to be done to produce the Catbox from the raw image. What I think is a very likely procedure is described at:

<http://vgl.org/webfiles/mars/face/catbox2.htm>

While the resulting "enhancement" is not an exact replica of the Catbox, it's close enough for government work. The process involves the use of a high-pass filter, which has long been suspected to be the primary culprit in the creation of the Catbox. But to get something as truly bad as the Catbox, it was also necessary to apply the Photoshop noise filter and embossing filter. Both of these latter two filters are used for fancy special effects in computer graphics, but are bogus in the extreme for any image purporting to depict a real scene. In summary, it appears likely that JPL used a high-pass filter to remove visual cues to the true height and shape of the object, a noise filter to obscure unwanted features that couldn't be removed, and an embossing filter to add features that don't exist, but that make the terrain look rougher and more "natural" than it would in an honest enhancement. I see very little chance that this is anything other than deliberate fraud. It seems unlikely that even gross incompetence could explain the Catbox. Thanks to: Lan Fleming.

Filer's Note: It seems obvious JPL is attempting to hide the Mars face. An ancient Face on Mars was already accepted as fact by the public. Why go to all the trouble to carry out steps to deny its reality? This infers that other secrets are also being hidden such as ancient cities, underground bases come to mind.

Val Johnson: "Encounter of the Decade"

Chris Rutkowski August, 1996

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I first heard about Val Johnson's UFO experience on the WDAZ late news one night, several days after it had occurred. I called the station and was told that as far as they knew, it had already been investigated by CUFO. Since it was just within UFOROM's investigation range, I would have left to check out the site, were it not that I figured it would by then have been adequately looked into by Allan Hendry of CUFO. But by chance, a close associate, Guy Westcott, was vacationing in Minnesota around that time, and he took time out to visit the area on his own. Not only did he come back with a rather detailed investigation report, he reported that Hendry had not been there by the time he had left. Westcott went back to verify a few things on September 16, 1979, and obtained a taped report from Deputy Johnson, in his own words:

"This is Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson ... I report in connection with an incident which happened August 27th, 1979, at approximately 1:40 a.m., western section of Marshall County, approximately ten miles west of Stephen, Minnesota. This officer was on routine patrol, westbound down Marshall County Road #5. I got to the intersection of #5 and Minnesota State #220. When I looked down south #220 to check for traffic, I noticed a very bright, brilliant light, 8 to 12 inches in diameter, 3 to 4 feet off the ground. The edges were very defined. I thought perhaps at first that it could be an aircraft in trouble, as it appeared to be a landing light from an aircraft. I proceeded south on #220. I proceeded about a mile and three tenths or a mile and four tenths when the light intercepted my vehicle causing damage to a headlight, putting a dent in the hood, breaking the windshield and bending antennas on top of the vehicle. At this point, at the interception of the light, I was rendered either unconscious, neutralized or unknowing for a period of approximately 39 minutes. From the point of intersection, my Police vehicle proceeded south in a straight line 854 feet, at which point the brakes were engaged by forces unknown to myself, as I do not remember doing this, and I left about approximately 99 feet of black marks on the highway before coming to rest sideways in the road with the grille of my hood facing in an easterly direction.

At 2:19 a.m., I radioed a 10-88 (Officer Needs Assistance) to my dispatcher in Warren. He dispatched an officer from Stephen who came out, ascertained the situation as best he could, called for the Stephen Ambulance to transport me to Warren Hospital for further tests, x-rays and observation. At the time the

officer arrived, I complained about having very sore eyes. At Warren Hospital, it was diagnosed that I had a mild case of welder's burns to my eyes. My eyes were treated with some salve and adhesive bandages put over and instructed to keep them on for the remainder of the day, or approximately 24 hours.

At 11:00 a.m., Sheriff Dennis Breckie, my employer, picked me up at my residence in Oslo, and transported me to an ophthalmologist in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He examined my eyes and said I had some irritation to the inner portions of the eye which could have been caused by seeing a bright light after dark. That is all I have to add except to say that my timepiece in the Police vehicle and my mechanical wrist watch were both lacking 14 minutes of time to the minute."

A fascinating account of a very close encounter. What's more, the UFO incident was thoroughly investigated by police immediately after it had occurred. Westcott's interpretation was that the ball of light was ball lightning. He makes an interesting case in that the previous evening had been hot and humid and could possibly have created a charge in the atmosphere during that day. Another supporting point is that Johnson estimated the object to have been 5 kilometres away near some trees, which just happen to be along a power line.

If we can assume that the plasma carried a large charge of some sort, upon contact with the leading edge of the car (the grille and headlights), it discharged some or all of its energy through the electrical system. This is quite amenable to effects noted for some theories of the creation of ball lightning. It has been proposed that the power output from a ball lightning plasma may be between 103 and 107 joules, nothing to sneeze at in any case. However, to explain all the EV effects, we have to allow the plasma ball to have mass in order to create a tangible and definite dent in the hood, or at least possess some sort of force, let us say, in newtons?

The bending of the antennas, in Westcott's opinion, is not due to an object traveling at high speed and striking the two aerials. Allen Hendry was widely quoted as saying that the bends occurred from an impact with an object. Westcott suggests that the aerials bent after whipping forward when the brakes were applied and struck the red outside dome light on the roof. In support of this, Westcott noted two melted indentations in the rear of the dome light that could have been caused in that manner, and the bends are at what were appropriate heights in the antennas, each with "discoloration" of the metal.

The aerials were taken to the Honeywell Labs in Minneapolis, which concluded that they were bent "by force" and "not heat." The magnetic pattern scan done on the car showed it was not subjected to a strong magnetic field.

These details come from various sources, and cover the salient points of the investigation. A UFORUM consultant in physics questioned the mechanism of the cause, but not the actual cause itself. Was it, therefore, a true case of ball lightning? Or was it something non-terrestrial?

UFORUM's investigation continued, and reached a major stage when all Johnson and the investigating officers were invited to Winnipeg to address the first Manitoba Conference on Ufology on March 16, 1980. Johnson's experience was the main focus of the meeting.

Frankly, it is one of the most puzzling incidents in the history of ufology. This strong statement is partly because of the fact that the case involves a man who has been described as "the perfect witness." At the time, Johnson was a Deputy Sheriff in Marshall County, Minnesota, and is a trained observer as well as an experienced police officer.

The physical evidence suggests that something very strange happened to him in the early morning on a lonely stretch of road near the Red River. The time sequence of events is very firmly established by both tape recorded and written logs of his actions that morning. The physical traces were examined and measurements were made immediately after the encounter by trained police investigators, and Johnson was taken to a hospital by ambulance directly from the site.

At MCU, the case was discussed and reviewed in detail by all participants, as presented by guests Val Johnson, Everett Doolittle and Greg Winskowski. Doolittle was the first individual to reach the site after Johnson radioed for help, and Winskowski conducted the initial police investigation. Many fascinating points were noted, as follows:

The Physiological Effects

When Val Johnson was found by Everett Doolittle, he was slumped forward over the steering wheel and in mild shock. A bruise later appeared on Johnson's forehead, presumably caused by impact with the steering wheel. He was dazed, and said that "everything was in slow motion." He had an intense pain ("excruciating") in his eyes, and, having done some welding in his career, knew what welders' burn was like, comparing his pain to this.

"It was as if someone had hit me in the face with a 400 pound pillow," he said of the sensation of his head. However, he stated repeatedly that the only pain he experienced was from his eyes. This is extremely interesting in the light of dental examinations he had one week previous and one week after his experience. At the first, he had an extensive series of x-rays taken, in preparation for major dental work. His bridgework, including the caps on his front teeth, was intact. At the second examination, the dentist found that Johnson's bridgework was broken at the gums. Yet, no swelling or pain was felt.

The Physical Evidence

When Everett Doolittle arrived on the scene, Val Johnson's police car was front-end-first in the left-hand ditch, with the other end sticking out into the left-hand lane of the road. The "impact point" was determined by the location of the broken glass of the headlight on the road, 953 feet from where the car was found. From that point, "yaw marks" (described as faint skid marks caused by putting a car out of gear without applying the brakes) traveled in a straight line for 854 feet down the road. These became dark skid marks from there to where the car stopped moving, going in a straight line for most of the remaining length, turning abruptly at the end toward the ditch.

The right member of the left pair of headlights was broken. There was a round dent, approximately one inch in diameter, directly over the master brake cylinder, on the hood. This dent appeared as if a hammer had struck the hood at an angle between 45 and 75 degrees from the horizontal. A photograph taken with a UV filter showed that there was a deposit left on the flat bottom surface of the dent.

The windshield of the car had an interesting pattern of breakage, in the shape of a teardrop (point up). This was located on the driver's side. There were three main impact points visible, though the lowest of the three was largest and most complex. Testing of the glass by the Ford Motor Company suggested that there were signs of both inward and outward motion of the windshield. They were apparently unfamiliar with the breakage pattern. It is fairly obvious, though, that even a small stone would have been driven through the windshield, even at relatively low speed, so it is hard to interpret the shattering as an actual impact. However, it was noted at the Conference that the analytical findings bear some resemblance to those of a shock-wave-induced breakage.

The roof light which was affected had its glass knocked out. The police radio antenna on the center of the roof was bent about 5 inches up from the roof, at about a 45 degree angle. The CB antenna on the trunk was

bent near its tip, at an angle near 90 degrees, 3 inches from the top.

An interesting observation, made by the police investigators was that all the damage on the vehicle occurred in a straight path no wider than twelve inches in diameter. Because of this "linear" formation, it was suggested that an object had struck a glancing blow to the car, initially impacting the headlight, rolling over the hood, up the window and over the roof. However, at the Conference, it was realized that this scenario could not account for all the damage in the form it was observed. An object hitting the car at the front would not have the capability to redirect its force downward further up the hood, graze the window and still have enough force to bend the antennas.

The antennas are spring loaded, so anything bending them would have to have been traveling extremely fast to create the shape they are now in. It was also proposed that the antennas were bent by a strong deceleration, causing them to whip forward. But the design of the antennas is such that they can withstand a strong deceleration without acute bending. Any deceleration of sufficient strength to bend them backwards as they moved forward might have killed the occupant. Most curiously, the insects adhered to the antennas were not wiped off from the impact, as might be expected.

The battery of the car can no longer hold a charge. It has been proposed that the headlight and roof light were imploded by a high-energy electrical source. Ball lightning was suggested as a cause, but it could not have created the dent in the hood, nor the impacts on the window, let alone the bending of the antennas. The electric clock in the car was found to be missing 14 minutes. Strangely, Val Johnson's mechanical wristwatch was also lacking 14 minutes. This is indeed odd, because both were synchronized with the clocks in the police station earlier in the night, and all time checks after that agreed, as late as 01:00, only a short while before the incident.

Finally, the CB radio in the car, although it was said not to have been in the best working order before the incident, was described as being "even worse" after it. Allan Hendry, of the Center for UFO Studies, sent a gauss-meter to the police investigator, in order for them to test for changes in the car's magnetic pattern. These results were, apparently, negative. There was evidence of dust particles in the shattered glass, and it was suggested that this dust was the residue found in the round dent in the hood.

The Psychological Effects

When Val Johnson called for help, his voice was described as being "weak," and like "someone coming out of a daze." He had been, apparently, unconscious for 39 minutes, from the time he heard glass breaking and felt the light "hit" him, to the time he woke up, opening one eye to see the red ENGINE light on his dashboard. During that period, the car had traveled in a straight line for 953 feet, before veering to the left over the left lane into the ditch. He does not remember applying the brakes, yet the skid marks belie the fact that they were definitely applied.

At MCU, Johnson was asked what he thought had happened to him that morning. He said that he believed he "had seen something (he) wasn't supposed to see." Questioned on this, he could only speculate that he had stumbled upon somebody doing something that wasn't meant to be observed, and that his powers of observation had been effectively neutralized.

He also was asked if the procedure of regressive hypnosis had ever been suggested to him. He replied that the National Enquirer had asked him to submit to a regression, and offered to pay him for the exclusive rights of the results. He had rejected their offer. He was then asked if he would agree to a hypnotic regression with a clinical hypnotist, for research purposes, and not for publication. He said no, and added that he was "not curious" about what had happened to him that morning.

Everett Doolittle said after this that their file on the case is now closed, and that their investigation is now terminated, after reaching no conclusions. They stated that their investigation was over, and that the matter is now in the hands of the ufologists. They will not subject Johnson to either a polygraph or a regressive hypnosis, as they feel it is not necessary for their investigation. All three were asked if the Air Force, CIA or FBI had approached them, and they all answered to the negative.

Val Johnson was asked if he had since experienced any other unusual incidents such as extremely vivid dreams, MIB or psi phenomena. In response, he revealed a highly interesting thing; from time to time, he said, he will find himself thinking three words, which somehow stick in his mind. The words stay with him "like a McDonald's commercial," and he can find no reason for thinking them. The three words are: "I AM COMMITTED."

He concluded by noting that if he ever saw that light again, he'd stop the car and "yell for help!"

Discussion

This case was reviewed in detail at the conference, and photographs of the car were examined closely. Additional evidence was brought forth and theories were presented to try to account for all the evidence. Guy Westcott, a NOAP investigator, stated that he had found a "burn mark" in the field beside the road, while he was examining the site. This mark, about 6-7 feet in diameter, had no vegetation on its surface and bore some resemblance to a fertilizer burn. Val Johnson said that a representative from the USDA (Agriculture Rep) expressed a personal interest in the case and had taken infrared aerial photographs of the site. These showed that the ditches on either side of the site had a "different" chlorophyll absorption than the surrounding fields.

After much debate, it eventually was concluded by the MCU participants that the incident was inconsistent with the theory of the car having been struck by an object of some sort, including ball lightning. The idea of hits by multiple objects was considered and found marginally tenable. However, there are 39 minutes to account for, a complex sequence of impacts by several objects and some effects caused at a short distance that still need satisfactory explanations. Actions by unknown individuals can be included in the list of possibilities. It is easily demonstrable that something very unusual happened that morning.

At the present time, there is no adequate explanation for the effects noted in the case, based on the proposed theories. Many questions still remain unanswered, and they may remain unanswered for some time to come. The Stephen, Minnesota, incident is listed in UFOROM files as "unknown."

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN AIDS AND THE GRAYS?

by Richard Moss, MN MUFON ASD

One of the uncertainties in following UFOs is trying to imagine what new development will confront us tomorrow. Whether it be the alien autopsy film, arrival of the big triangles, Navy jets being absorbed into a UFO, an alien kept in a freezer, videos of UFOs cavorting in and out of chemtrails, or removed implants, we are all conditioned to wonder, "What next?" For my part, I never once imagined any of these in advance, nor a new issue called the AIDS-ET Connection.

Proposed by Phillip S. Duke, PhD of Omaha, Nebraska, accepting this one at face value challenges even those of us who consider ourselves paragons of the open-minded. After all, the mainstream media had a lot to

say about HIV and AIDS when it first appeared and we all remember some of it, such as, the monkeys did it! But, I don't think anything was ever said about AIDS being a possible product of extraterrestrial R&D.

In the March, 1989 issue of Flying Saucer Review a letter was published in which connections between cattle mutilations and AIDS were suggested, such as: The blood of mutilated animals is drained. / AIDS is a blood disease. Reproductive organs are taken. / AIDS is transmitted by sexual contact. The anal canal is removed. / At the human level this is a preoccupation of gays. Mutilations began in 1972 and diminished by 1978, while the AIDS syndrome began in 1977. / A five-year incubation period was suggested. The anonymous writer offered a new definition for AIDS, Alien Induced Disease Syndrome.

By the way, Flying Saucer Review is published in England and for \$35 you can receive four quarterly issues. Send to FSR Publications Ltd, PO Box 162, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 5DZ, UK, England. In FSR you will find topics that are not usually covered by other UFO publications.

There appeared in the 10/98 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal a short letter by Dr. Duke which briefly outlined the main points of his line of reasoning. A hostile rebuttal by Richard Hall followed in the 11/98 issue. In the summer, 2000 issue of FSR there is a three-page article written by Duke which is a much condensed version of his book The AIDS - ET Connection. It was this article that caught my interest and inspired me to buy his book.

Be advised that, as yet, I am not playing the role of a strong advocate for Dr. Duke's conclusions. This article is written in the spirit of FYI. For me, it is an interesting amalgamation of presumptions about the alien agenda along with some ideas about HIV, most of which I have never heard. In relation to the work of David Jacobs, Duke's ideas possess a certain logic. But, his hypothesis will succeed or fail due to the results of possible future research, and not by what advocates or critics have to say about it.

Before getting into his hypothesis, here's a bit about Dr. Duke: Phillip S. Duke, B.S. in Chemistry UCLA, Ph.D. in Experimental Pathology USC Medical School, numerous publications in professional journals, former owner and director of Duke Labs licensed by FDA, CDC, & Illinois Dept. of Public Health while holding all licenses personally, and is listed in Who's Who in American Science. He is obviously academically and professionally qualified to speak to this issue with authority. Dr. Roger Leir, author of The Aliens and the

Scalpel, wrote the Foreward to Duke's book and is very supportive of his work.

WHERE DID HIV COME FROM AND WHEN?

In the 09/19/98 issue of Science magazine, Limitations of a Molecular Clock Applied to Considerations of the Origin of HIV-1, Korber, Theiber, & Wolinsky employed viral evolution in an attempt to estimate the time of HIV's origin. Their result was that it came into existence around 1940 - 1950. More exacting work by geneticist Dr. B. Korber puts the date at around 1930. Stored blood samples have been found that contain HIV antibodies back to 1950, but not before then. HIV was first identified in 1983. When the epidemic began, three different strains of HIV were initiated simultaneously on two continents. Two strains of HIV-1, infecting homosexually, surfaced in central Africa and on both coasts of America. HIV-2 appeared in west Africa and infects heterosexually.

Duke maintains that three different strains, on two different continents, all at the same time, is contrary to how natural infectious diseases work. Mirko Grmek MD, PhD, who was a professor of History of Medicine and Biological Sciences in Paris, wrote in his 1990 The History of AIDS that "Such a coincidence (HIV-1 & HIV-2) is extremely improbable, even impossible, if held to be the result of chance biological mutations." He further stated that particular factors must have favored such a double emergence of the pandemic. In his book I was unable to find any elaboration on what these particular factors might have been. (These particular factors are represented in Dr. Duke's book.)

Jay Levy and others had tested blood and tissue samples collected in central Africa between 1964 - 1975 and found no evidence of HIV infection. The group concluded that HIV appears to have emerged in Africa at about the same time as in the United States.

Laurie Garrett, a health and science writer for Newsday and formerly a science correspondent for National Public Radio writes, in her 1994 The Coming Plague, that in light of this duality of occurrence, many people sought conspiratorial explanations for the appearance of HIV-1. She further says that the official line of the World Health Organization is that AIDS emerged simultaneously on at least three continents. Garrett also writes that though it had been the focus of attention of some of the greatest minds in biomedical science on at least four continents, nobody by 1994 had yet pinpointed a time, place, or key event responsible for the emergence of HIV-1.

It would seem to negate the idea, originally proposed, that AIDS was imported to America from Africa. It also negates the idea of the "monkey bite" origin of AIDS in

humans unless there were monkeys simultaneously biting people in New York, Miami, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Too complex to describe here, Duke describes some research on Simians that suggests their lack of involvement in creating AIDS. It was, however, a politically correct explanation at one time. Duke uses 1945 or earlier as a reasonable time for the appearance of HIV. Since no man-made technology existed at that time to create such a virus, and since biological mutations are seemingly improbable, Duke takes the position that the origin of AIDS lies outside of nature and gives the grays credit for developing it. This may, or may not, be enough evidence to reach such a conclusion. But, there is more to consider.

AIDS AS A BIOLOGICAL WARFARE AGENT -

BWAs are living things used in warfare as weapons of mass destruction. They can spread and increase rapidly at the enemy's expense. They do not damage structures or leave radioactive hot spots. They are self-limiting. When the hosts are all dead the agent disappears. No need to clean up after them. Given time, nature does that job free of charge.

HIV has a 10-year asymptomatic infectious period. The infected person, not knowing he/she is under attack, then has a long time to spread HIV which facilitates its overall spread. You might think that the very contagious Ebola might do even better. But, infected persons can be quickly quarantined until that disease disappears. Compare maybe 1000 deaths this century from Ebola with 50,000,000 infected with HIV and no end in sight.

HIV is a retrovirus, meaning that it's code works in terms of RNA, and not DNA. But, they have a special problem. HIV's RNA code must be converted to DNA before it can force the host cell's DNA to make RNA copies of itself. To do this, HIVs employ an enzyme called Reverse Transcriptase which is notoriously prone to transcription errors. It does a lousy job of transferring genetic information from RNA to DNA. This does, in fact, make it an ideal BWA because it results in the creation of many genetically different strains which makes the production of a generally effective vaccine difficult, if not impossible. The major mode of HIV transmission is by sexual relations, ensuring the infection of the most productive age group. The continual spread of the pandemic is guaranteed. This disease can be transferred from mother to infant. If a BWA's job is to eliminate people, why kill only adults? Why not also kill babies and speed up the destruction of the enemy.

HIVs attack the very immune system which is supposed to protect us from it. No other organism does this! A parasite that kills all its hosts is self-limiting. Nature

has always worked to create a balance between parasite and host. But, not HIV. By attacking the defenses against it, eventual self-destruction is guaranteed through the absence of new human hosts. When everyone at risk is gone, so is HIV. HIV's dependence on other microorganisms to cause death is an ideal BWA characteristic because it is very difficult to combat all the opportunistic infections. There are so many of them. HIV appears to be the perfect BWA if an enemy is thinking in terms of eliminating a large part of an entire planet's population.

THE ROLE OF CATTLE MUTILATIONS

Cattle mutilations consist of blood removal, anal coring, and removal of vaginal and reproductive material. An eye, the left ear (possibly containing a locator device), some skin, part of a mouth/jaw, and udder are also taken. Many mutilation sites correspond with human HIV transmission sites.

Yes, infected blood in the eye could maybe cause HIV transmission. Remember the art center a few years ago at which an artist appeared and slashed himself, splattering blood on some of the audience as an example of artistic expression? The newspaper account said that if blood had gotten into somebody's eye, it could have transmitted HIV. If I remember correctly, the artist was HIV+ and was trying to make some kind of "statement."

Mutilated cows are usually missing their left ear, where Duke contends that there is probably an implant. In order to find implants in an animal's left ear, one would have to "ride the range" and somehow inspect the left ears of many animals. A portable fluoroscope would detect any ear implant. If some were found, it would imply that the animals were implanted at a prior time for a later mutilation. It would also add credence to Duke's hypothesis. But, why the elapsed time?

The removal of all blood suggests that the grays have a use for large amounts of it. Duke suggests that the main objective might be to harvest HIV antibodies. This means that the cattle would have to first be selected and inoculated with HIV. The taking and mutilation of the cattle would be directed at recovering their blood from which antibodies could be separated out. What might they do with these antibodies? Perhaps they are simply given to abductees to keep them free of HIV. Remember that the hybrid program needs humans from particular family lines. It is in the aliens' best interest to keep these people around for as long as possible.

For the grays, cattle would be the animal-of-choice. Dr. James Womack of Texas A&M, announced in 1984 that they were finding big chunks of cattle chromosomes

identical to large regions of human chromosomes. The genes fall in the same sequence. Perfect-match-chromosomes in cattle would be a reason for aliens to use their blood in replicating human HIV. I remember news articles years ago suggesting that cattle blood might be able to be processed and used for human blood transfusions. If the hypothesis is true, it could also be that cattle blood was used in the creation of HIV by the grays.

Duke's position is that during an abduction the emphasis is always on examining body locations and samplings of biological materials related to transmission sites for HIV. The anus, vagina, mouth, eyes, and skin are examined during an abduction, along with blood, sperm, vaginal secretion, saliva, tears, and milk. Part of their program could be to monitor the spread of HIV.

WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE ABDUCTEE?

The final matter has to do with a known male abductee who initially tested positive for HIV antibodies. In Duke's book there is a copy of a letter to him from Dr. Roger Leir, who writes that the abductee had an implant in his leg which was removed by another doctor. It turned out to be a crystalline material that had a central hollow area from which some kind of potassium substance might have been secreted. After the object was removed, the abductee became HIV negative. Remembering that an HIV test actually detects the presence or absence of antibodies, the implication is that whatever the substance was, it might have been providing the abductee with immunity from HIV so that there never was actually HIV in his body. If he did have HIV, then removal of the implant would not be expected to eliminate the antibodies.

For Phillip Duke this is an extremely important development. By his own words, it encouraged him to write his book. We have a situation in which a change in HIV test results correlates with alien activity. No matter what the truth of anything else in this article, this issue needs follow-up research.

Those who have read *Abduction* by John Mack may have forgotten, as I did, about the experiences of "Scott." His memory of alien messages included statements such as, "Major changes in the world are coming. The aliens will only come when it's safer. But, that will not occur until there are less and less of us as we die off from disease, especially AIDS that will reach epidemic proportions." He also related that the intention of the aliens was to live here, but without us, unless humans change, in which case we might be able to live together. See pp 104.

But, how are we supposed to change? We had better find out!

You have to wonder how the grays even know that the word "AIDS" is part of our vocabulary. Maybe through mind scans they know everything. But, aliens may have spread a lot of their own disinformation through abductees, so there's no way to know if this message is valid. Let's hope not.

So, there you have it. These are the major points of the unified AIDS-ET Connection Hypothesis. Any combination of finding HIV antibodies in abductees, of finding implants in cattle that are later mutilated, and of showing that these cattle are themselves carrying HIV antibodies would strengthen the hypothesis. But, if all results are negative, then the hypothesis fails. And there is also the possibility that some kind of natural evolution for HIV will be discovered. It doesn't sound very likely, but you never know.

Some people with HIV are doing well due to experimental therapies, especially those who can afford it. It could be that these results are only temporary and that a pandemic will eventually explode. It is Duke's thinking that by 2017, or thereabouts, the AIDS situation could become really bad. I think we all understand that only x% of the world's population will fall in the face of AIDS. Children, the elderly, the sexually abstinent, those who use drugs with new needles each time, and faithful AIDS-free couples are not at risk. If most of the world's population falls into these categories, then we will survive. If it's the other way around, then we have cause for concern.

It's also possible that if HIV is an alien creation that fails to work, they might develop something else that's even worse.

I would like to close this discussion by relating an abductee's story I once read. A woman was on the metal table and had undergone a hysterectomy since her previous abduction. When the gray leader discovered this, in a rare display of alien emotion he became very upset. Why would an alien become upset? We can only guess, but this woman must have been important to them. By extension, all abductees must be equally important to them. Whatever their program is, they are putting in an enormous effort and place great value on it.

I want to personally thank Phillip Duke for giving me permission to pick and choose from his book and inject some of my own thoughts into putting together this little essay. His book is available through Arcturus Books at 561-398-0796, at Amazon.com, or from the author at 2503 South 47th Street, Omaha NE 68106. The cost is \$20. In it you will find many more details plus additional issues not mentioned in the above.

Dr. Duke's book "The AIDS-ET Connection" is shipped immediately on Email request. Payment of \$20.00 is requested after book receipt. If desired return without payment. Credit card purchase is available from: DrPDuke.com and Amazon.com.

Field Investigator Update: October, 2000 By Craig R. Lang - MN MUFON FI Coord.

It's good to be back after another absence, again due to a very busy day job. While I have had my nose to the corporate grindstone, the skies have been very busy over Minnesota. News of much of this activity comes to us through the new MUFON Worldwide UFO Database (WUFOD). Since the database has gone online, they have cataloged many of our previously existing investigation reports, entering them into the growing body of UFO statistics, as well as logging new reports.

One feature of the MUFON Database is that reports can be submitted directly by the public. In the last month four new cases have been sent to us in this way. Bill McNeff, the Minnesota State Director, has begun to follow up on at least one of these. The rest of these will be (and as of press time, may already have been) assigned to other Minnesota MUFON field investigators (CL Note: reports in this article may be paraphrased or otherwise altered to protect witness anonymity).

One report describes a sighting in northwestern Minnesota, in late October. The witnesses observed a glowing ball, which approached to within one thousand feet at low elevation. The witnesses indicate that they felt tingling effects as it approached. The object then dimmed, began to move away and suddenly disappeared.

Another couple of reports, both from the same witnesses, come to us from Central Minnesota. Both of these events occurred in early to mid October. In each case, the witnesses observed boomerang shaped objects with amber lights at low elevation.

The fourth case, recently submitted, describes a apparent close encounter (within 25 feet) occurring in early June. This was with a landed triangular shaped object, which may have left physical traces. This may have been of many minutes duration and if validated, may contain some extremely significant information.

Additionally, some major investigation reports come to us from Bill McNeff, who has been involved in some very interesting work. His report is as follows:

White Tear Drop Exudes Orange Flames: This sighting occurred October 21 in mid afternoon. The primary witness was working in his field and saw an object in the sky, which he described as white, like a saucer but more like a ball. There was a little orange color on the front, and something like orange flames coming out the sides. The witness watched it about 5 minutes, and realized he should get his father. He drove to the house, which was about 1/8 mile away, got his Dad, and drove back out to the field. His father looked at the object with 10 x 50 binoculars. It was more or less a round white ball, reminding him of a type of jelly fish called a "cabbage head". It was streaming an orange-colored flame which covered about half of the left side of the object, as seen thru the binoculars. The father said it was about 5 times as wide as the stream (contrail) that a jet leaves, and comparable in size to a dime held at arm's length. He estimated it was in view for about 20 minutes. His son estimated it was in view for 10-15 minutes.

Large Missile Shaped Object: On August 28, a witness observed a large, bullet-shaped silver streak, comparable in size to a jet plane 2 miles up. It was breaking up, shedding material in small chunks like sparks. There was no smoke, however. This report seems to suggest a satellite or booster re-entry, or similar phenomenon. However, Minnesota MUFON is following up on it to obtain further details.

Stay tuned to this column, and to the Minnesota MUFON website for further details on these and other sighting cases.

If you know of any information that might bring to light any sightings or encounters, or have any further updates on events discussed in this column, please contact Craig Lang (ph: 763-560-1532, e-mail: crlang@mm.com, or contact Minnesota MUFON through our webpage at: www.mnmufon.org. You can also check the website for current UFO reports and the results of completed sighting investigations.

For those wishing to become a field investigator themselves, classes are conducted approximately three times a year, as sufficient interest is indicated. The next class is tentatively scheduled for January of 2001. If you are interested, and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity to be a UFO investigator, please contact Craig Lang. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We always need more investigators in our effort to better understand the UFO phenomenon. Those who

seriously take up the study of UFO events, will always find a trail of challenge and mystery to follow.

Happy investigating...

Globs In Space by Roland Pease

<http://www.spacedaily.com/news/stellar-00b.html>

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Princeton - August 23, 2000 - Could bizarre giant particles nearly as big as galaxies, but lighter than electrons, dig cosmology out of a hole? Physicists suggest the Universe is jam-packed with these strange particles, which might explain why small galaxies are far rarer in the Universe than theory predicts.

"I know it sounds crazy," says team member Andrei Gruzinov of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. "But so far as we can tell, no observations rule it out."

The weird particles could solve a problem related to galaxy formation. Observations suggest galaxies formed when the Universe was less than a billion years old as matter clumped together under gravity. But astronomers have trouble explaining how they formed so early on. The normal matter that makes up galaxies and stars should have taken much longer to collapse into lumps.

To resolve this, they've suggested the Universe contains lots of so-called cold dark matter, which is different from ordinary matter and clumps together more readily under gravity. Shortly after the big bang, the cold dark matter would have collapsed into pools whose gravity subsequently dragged in the ordinary matter that builds galaxies, speeding up their formation.

But computer simulations since 1996 predict the cold dark matter should have continued to collapse under its own weight, forming dense nuggets not just at the cores of big galaxies, but at random points in space as well. These nuggets should also have attracted normal matter, forming huge numbers of dwarf galaxies--far more than we can actually see.

Now a team led by Wayne Hu of the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study has come up with an extraordinary solution to this predicament from the quantum world. According to quantum theory, matter can behave as both particles and waves. Normally we don't see the wavelike characteristics of matter because their wavelengths are so small--usually atom-sized.

But Hu's team says that if a particle was light enough--just 10-24 times as heavy as an electron--its wavelength would be a massive 3000 light years. In other words, each particle's size would be a significant fraction of the size of a whole galaxy. So a collection of these giant particles would not collapse into small nuggets, explaining the dearth of dwarf galaxies. Instead, these particles would form giant globs of "fuzzy" cold dark matter.

David Spergel, an astrophysicist at Princeton University, calls it a cute idea. But he adds that to avoid upsetting everything else we know, fuzzy matter could only feel one force--gravity--and that it would be almost impossible to detect. Hu argues that looking at the shapes of dwarf galaxies could help reveal whether fuzzy matter really does exist. Although the idea is speculative, adds Gruzinov, it sets up a challenge to their peers: "Can you prove this wrong?"

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