

A PROBABILITY ASSESSMENT ON SIX RESPONSES TO THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL HYPOTHESIS

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ABSTRACT: When confronted with the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH), either by peers or by current and former members of the military, the average person typically responds in one of six possible ways: (1) An honest theory to explain what was discovered from unidentified aerial vehicles which had crashed and had been recovered by the military, (2) An incorrect conclusion which does not account for the seemingly interdimensional, paranormal, and psychic elements, (3) A mass delusion by ignorant people who do not recognize prosaic explanations such as hoaxes, plasmas, stars, temperature inversions, swamp gas, ball lightning, airplanes, or planets, (4) A modern myth by people who misidentify altered states of consciousness (such as schizophrenia and sleep paralysis), or manifestations of the “collective unconscious” which expressed itself from wartime anxieties about a nuclear holocaust and the desire to escape, often assuming the cognitive forms imbued by popular literature and science fiction, (5) Federal disinformation to either *protect* classified sources, methods, and procedures regarding secret aircraft programs, *unite* the world under one common fictitious enemy, *hide* immoral experiments and crimes against humanity, or *manufacture* a fake new world UFO religion to specifically destroy the influence of Christianity, (6) Demonic deception by supremely malevolent, disembodied entities on Earth pretending to be extraterrestrials with the express purpose of gaining the trust and obedience of humans to engage in occult spiritual practices and ultimately enslave us under one world government whose allegiance is to Satan. Each hypothesis differs quite dramatically in explanatory power, and a winning theory emerges simply because it must explain less than all the others. According to this assessment, Response (1) represents the highest probability of being true.

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INTRODUCTION

The Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH) is the assertion that non-human intelligence(s) originating from beyond Earth have been visiting and/or interacting with the human species on this planet. When confronted with the extraterrestrial hypothesis, either by peers, professionals, or by current and former members of the military, the average person typically responds in one of six possible ways:

Response #1:	An honest theory to explain what was discovered from unidentified aerial vehicles which had crashed and had been recovered by the military.
Response #2:	An incorrect conclusion which does not account for the seemingly interdimensional, paranormal, and psychic elements.
Response #3:	A mass delusion by ignorant people who do not recognize prosaic explanations such as hoaxes, plasmas, stars, temperature inversions, swamp gas, ball lightning, airplanes, or planets.
Response #4:	A modern myth by people who misidentify altered states of consciousness (such as schizophrenia and sleep paralysis), or manifestations of the “collective unconscious” which expressed itself from wartime anxieties about a nuclear holocaust and the desire to escape, often assuming the cognitive forms imbued by popular literature and science fiction.
Response #5:	Federal disinformation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Protect</i> classified sources, methods, and procedures.• <i>Unite</i> the world under one common fictitious enemy.• <i>Hide</i> immoral experiments and crimes against humanity.• <i>Manufacture</i> a fake new world UFO religion to destroy Christianity.
Response #6:	Demonic deception by supremely malevolent, disembodied demons on Earth pretending to be extraterrestrials with the express purpose of gaining the trust and obedience of humans to engage in occult spiritual practices and ultimately enslave us under one world government dedicated to Satan.

The goal of this essay is to thoroughly elaborate the facts and evidence supporting or refuting each response scenario to then provide a probability assessment and explanatory power table informed by the explanatory power of each—based on the ratio of what each response can explain relative to what it must additionally explain. But before this, we must go through a brief history of aerial phenomena leading up to the modern UFO phenomenon.

A History of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Pharoah Thutmose III witnessed a star descend from the sky and defeat the Nubians in 1460 BCE.¹ During the march of Hannibal in 216 BCE, “flying shields” were witnessed in the sky.² The same was

¹ George Andrew Reisner, “Reisner, Inscribed monuments from Gebel Barkal Pt. 2 The granite Stela of Thutmosis III” *Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde*, Vol. 69 (1933), pp. 24-39.

² Titus Livius Livy, *The History of Rome*, 22.1.

reported from Amelia and Todi, Italy in 103 BCE during the Cimbrian War.³ When Jesus Christ was born, Persian Zoroastrians followed a guiding light in the sky to his exact location in order to honor him.⁴ In 70 CE, Jewish historian Flavius Josephus reports that chariots were seen flying in the clouds.⁵ Around 271 CE, the Christian monk Anthony of Egypt happened upon a “large silver disk” in the Egyptian desert, which quickly disappeared after he found it.⁶ In 776 CE, two flying, flaming shields were witnessed in the sky, defending Charlemagne’s castle of Syburg against the invasion of the Franks.⁷ In 815 CE, the French Archbishop Agobard was found arguing with the common folk that “aerial sailors” do not exist and cannot control the weather, contrary to popular belief.⁸ In 1271 CE, the Japanese Buddhist priest Nichiren Daishonen was saved from execution by a flying orb in the sky that blinded his enemies.⁹ In 1561 CE, residents of Nuremberg, Germany witnessed a variety of flying objects in the sky which was so extreme that they thought it must be a sign from God.¹⁰ In 1897 CE, a cigar-shaped airship crashed into a windmill in Aurora, Texas revealing a dead pilot not of this world, and the locals believed it may have been a creature from Mars.¹¹ In 1929 CE, Russian theosophist Nicholas Roerich witnessed a metallic, flying saucer in the skies of Kukunoor, Mongolia, traveling at high speeds and changing directions.¹² Throughout the early 1930s, flying cappello romanos¹³ were reported in the skies of Mestre, Italy (see below),¹⁴ and “ghost aviators” were reported all over Scandinavia.¹⁵

³ Plutarch, *Plutarch's Lives: Demetrius and Anthony Pyrrhus and Caius Marius*, Vol. 9, translated by Bernadotte Perrin (Harvard University Press, 1950), p. 509.

⁴ Matthew 2:1-12.

⁵ Flavius Josephus, *The Wars of the Jews*, 6.5.3.

⁶ Athanasius, *Life of St. Anthony*, 11.

⁷ *Carolingian Chronicles: Royal Frankish Annals and Nithard's Histories*, translated by Bernhard Walter Scholz and Barbara Rogers-Gardner (University of Michigan Press, 1970), p. 55.

⁸ Agobard of Lyons, *On Hail and Thunder*, 2.

⁹ “The Actions of the Votary of the Lotus Sutra,” *Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, Vol. I (Gosho Translation Committee, 1999), pp. 766-767.

¹⁰ See Hanns Wolff Glaser’s 1561 broadsheet.

¹¹ S.E. Haydon, “A Windmill Demolishes It,” *The Dallas Morning News* (April 19, 1897), p. 5.

¹² Nicholas Roerich, *Altai-Himalaya* (Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1929), p. 361.

¹³ Round, broad-brimmed clerical hats worn by Roman Catholic priests in the 1930s.

¹⁴ See also Roberto Pinotti’s *UFO Contacts in Italy* series.

¹⁵ “Finnish Alarm Grows Over ‘Ghost’ Planes; Vast Military Survey Hinted in Mysterious Night Flights Over Northern Europe,” *The New York Times* (February 4, 1934), p. 9. See also John A. Keel, “Mystery Aeroplanes of the 1930s, Part 1,” *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (May/June 1970), p. 13.

Non sapevo che non, e questo fatto
 spiega la frattura di un aerostato.
 una persona con 14 palloni che ha
 una più vicina al vertice. Il per cento
 che è stato veduto da altri piloti.
 D'aria, e da due altri Meri-
 belli da la via fatta il rapporto da
 è andato a mano di Liana.
 (A) Di cinque aerei a ore, dopo la
 parte per me, forse per Meri-
 e stato visto (e questo aereo fu uno
 da) una volta di lungo tubo metal-
 lico, grigio, a due. Nel rapporto
 del capitano J. X. è esemplificato:

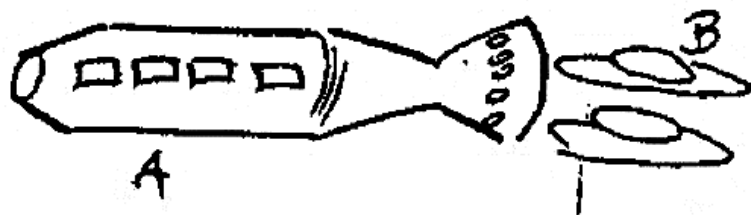


Figure 1. Agent "Andrea" hand-written telegram to a "Valiberghi" explaining the mystery airship event in Mestre, Italy (1936), p. 2.

On April 12, 1941, Southern Baptist Rev. William G. Huffman encountered a strange crash site in Cape Girardeau, Missouri with dead pilots not from this world.¹⁶ On February 25, 1942, a few months after the Pearl Harbor attack, the sleeping California residents of Los Angeles were treated to a massive citywide blackout preceding the United States Navy launching a barrage of 1,430 anti-aircraft rounds at a large flying saucer hovering in the sky, many American citizens thought they were being attacked yet again by Japan. Though what became of the event is shrouded in mystery, the scene was photographed and placed into the Los Angeles Times for all to see.¹⁷



Figure 2. LA Times photograph of Los Angeles air raid, depicting nine Navy searchlights pointed at a flying saucer as they fire at the object (February 25, 1942).

In May 1943, British RAF pilot Sgt. G. N. Cockcroft and Canadian RAF pilot Ray Smith witnessed a long, cylindrical object hovering in the sky at a 45 degree angle before ascending vertically into the sky at thousands of miles per hour.¹⁸ In late December 1944, the military pilots reported seeing UFOs in the form of flying, metallic spheres over Germany, leading people to think the Nazis developed a secret

¹⁶ Paul Blake Smith, *MO41: The Bombshell Before Roswell* (W & B Publishers, 2015).

¹⁷ "Searchlights and Anti-aircraft Guns Comb Sky During Alarm," *Los Angeles Times* (February 26, 1942).

¹⁸ John Hanson; Dawn Holloway, *Haunted Skies, The Encyclopedia of British UFOs: 1940-1959*, Volume 1 (Fortean Words, 2010), pp. 33-34.

anti-air weapon.¹⁹ On October 9, 1946, a dozen California residents from San Diego witnessed a UFO, and the only local civilian investigator was the Fortean parapsychologist Dr. Newton Meade Layne, who used the medium Mark Probert to channel possible information about these objects. Probert's occult source stated that some of the spaceships ("kareetas") traveled here from the moon, and that they would be coming back in a big way the following year.²⁰ It is hardly worth mentioning that 1947 would become one of the most significant single years in all of human history with the Roswell incident, followed by the National Security Act and the invention of a functioning transistor by Bell Labs.

The classified U.S. Air Force's (USAF) Project SIGN began immediately to study UFOs, which soon became Project GRUDGE. In response to the June 1952 public relations nightmare that the UFO swarms over Washington, D.C. represented, Project BLUE BOOK was created to appease public curiosity. The 1953 classified Robertson Panel represented the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) dictating Air Force policy on UFOs, which ultimately culminated in the Condon Committee conclusion of 1969 that UFOs were no national security threat and uninteresting to the Air Force. This was when the Air Force sent its UFO investigative responsibility to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), though it took little time before the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) became intimately involved in the 1970s, which led to further compartmentalization between intelligence agencies,²¹ bringing us to where we are today. Suffice it to say, there have always been strange phenomena in our skies, and this fact is undeniable. The question is, of course, *what explanation of the data has the most explanatory power?*

I. ASSESSMENT OF "HONEST THEORY" SCENARIO

One response many people have when they hear someone assert that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth is simply that extraterrestrials are indeed visiting the Earth. This response is an uncomplicated acceptance of the assertion based on certain evidence, though the metaphysical cosmology of the individual may vary. It is important to revisit history, because many qualified individuals have long believed that the flying saucers represented extraterrestrial civilizations from other planets.

In 1948, the famous civilian pilot Kenneth Arnold stated (a year after his own encounter on June 24, 1947) that the saucers were not meteors or fireballs, but probably extraterrestrial spaceships.²² In the early 1950s, USMC Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, who was to become responsible for leading Thomas Townsend Brown's National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), boldly stated his opinions openly for all to see: arguing that flying saucers come from another planet, and have been here for at least two centuries.²³ However, the metaphysics of a pilot and soldier like Arnold and Keyhoe were quite simple compared to that of a parapsychologist like Dr. N. Meade Layne, founder of the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF). As early as 1946, Layne also believed that the

¹⁹ cf. "Floating Mystery Ball is New Nazi Air Weapon," *The New York Times* (December 14, 1944); "Berlin's Device Futile," *The New York Times* (December 21, 1944); "The Silver Spheres Puzzle," *Newsweek Magazine* (December 25, 1944).

²⁰ "San Diegoans See (?) Visitor," *The Eugene Guard* (October 14, 1946); "Parapsychologist Impatiently Repeats, 'Twas Space Ship in Sky,'" *San Diego Union* (October 18, 1946); Meade Layne, "Welcome? Kareeta!" *The Round Robin*, Vol. 2, No. 10 (October 1946), "Kareeta Business," *The Round Robin*, Vol. 2, No. 11 (November 1946), *The Coming of the Guardians: An Interpretation of the "Flying Saucers" As Given from the Other Side of Life* (BSRF, 1957), p. 55.

²¹ See Richard Doty's interview with Vinnie Adams of *Disclosure Team* (April 13, 2022).

²² Kenneth Arnold, "Are Space Visitors Here?" *Fate Magazine* (Summer 1948), pp. 4-21.

²³ Donald E. Keyhoe, *The Flying Saucers are Real* (Fawcett Publications, 1950); *Flying Saucers from Outer Space* (Holt, 1953).

flying saucers were extraterrestrial in the sense that the intelligences did not originate from Earth, writing his conclusions about flying saucers in a memo to the Federal Government on July 8, 1947, making many assertions which were far ahead of its time. He said some of the flying disks are remotely controlled and do not always carry crews, they have light ray energy beam weapons, that the human-like visitors are giants, are not disembodied human spirits but extraterrestrial beings who do not live on planets in the same rate of vibration, but is analogous to Hindu Lokas. However, Layne (possessing a more eastern, hermetic metaphysics) believed the saucers were phasing into our physical plane from the *etheric* plane of either Venus or Mars, and not the surface of either planet as we know it.²⁴

In 1954, founding father of rocketry Dr. Hermann Oberth stated that flying saucers must be constructed by extraterrestrial beings who adapted to space travel, because they are too advanced to have been constructed here.²⁵ Oberth stated that the saucers fly by artificially constructed gravity fields producing strong magnetic fields which interact with ionized air, and the high-tension electric charges create an uninhibited travel path.²⁶ This conclusion is no different from biophysicist and geophysicist Dr. Norman J. Holter, who stated that he was involved with Project SAUCER, and that flying saucers are from another world and have humanoid pilots which he had seen.²⁷ On October 19, 1966, Arizona physicist and professor of meteorology Dr. James E. McDonald said that given all the data, the extraterrestrial hypothesis represents the “least unsatisfactory hypothesis” concerning the anomalous data that remains unexplained, claiming that Project BLUE BOOK investigations were “completely superficial,” having a “very low level of scientific competence” and “almost absurdly erroneous.”²⁸ Dr. McDonald wrote a letter to Secretary-General U Thant on June 5, 1967, urging immediate action be taken by the United Nations’ Outer Space Affairs Group to create a systematic, scientific study of the global UFO phenomenon which appears to be fundamentally extraterrestrial in nature.²⁹ McDonald would meet his tragic end in 1971, not being able to see if his attempts with the United Nations would produce anything fruitful. However, in 1978 the United Nations General Assembly’s Special Political Committee would indeed attempt to take the subject seriously under the leadership of Sir Eric Matthew Gairy, the first Prime Minister of Grenada. Gairy himself has had an encounter with a UFO, stating, “I have myself seen an unidentified flying object, and I have been overwhelmed by what I have seen,” and adding that he was convinced UFOs were space vehicles used by “highly intelligent aliens of extraterrestrial origin.”³⁰ Dr. Wellington Friday, Grenada Minister for Education agreed. Those involved with these meetings included Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallee, Army Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Coyne, Stanton Friedman, and astronaut Gordon Cooper.

Some additional data to keep in mind is the fact that many UFO crash retrievals reportedly involve *physical* crashes, cadavers, and ground traces. Whistleblowers have been stating this since the beginning, culminating in the recent National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) whistleblower David Grusch, who testified before Congress concerning the reality of a legacy UFO crash retrieval

²⁴ N. Meade Layne, *The Ether Ship Mystery and its Solution* (BSRF, 1950), p. 2; *The Coming of the Guardians: An Interpretation of the Flying Saucers as Given from the Other Side of Life* (BSRF, 1954), pp. 25-26, 32, 49, 59.

²⁵ Hermann Oberth, “Wir werden beobachtet,” *Deutsche illustrierte* (September 11, 1954), pp. 10-11, 24-28.

²⁶ Hermann Oberth, “Dr. Hermann Oberth discusses UFOs,” *Fate Magazine*, Vol. 15, (May 1962), pp. 36-43.

²⁷ Brad Steiger; Joan Whritenour, *Flying Saucers are Hostile* (Award Books, 1967), pp. 100-101. Steiger writes “Dr. Holther,” but it is almost certainly the case that this person was Norman Holter.

²⁸ See James E. McDonald’s speech “The Problem of the Unidentified Flying Objects” given to the American Meteorological Society (October 19, 1966).

²⁹ James E. McDonald, *Letter to U Thant* (June 5, 1967).

³⁰ Kathleen Teltsch, “U.N. Hears Call to Debate U.F.O.’s,” *The New York Times* (October 8, 1977).

program and the recovery of non-human bodies.³¹ The authority on crash retrievals is no doubt the work of Leonard Stringfield, but there are multiple declassified military documents which speak of crash retrievals. Perhaps the single best proof is the declassified TOP SECRET United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) recorded Telecon Transcript (TT) from November 4, 1948 sent to USAF Directorate of Intelligence:

For some time, we have been concerned by the recurring reports on flying saucers. They periodically continue to crop up; during the last week, one was observed hovering over Neubiberg Air Base for about thirty minutes. They have been reported by so many sources and from such a variety of places that we are convinced that they cannot be disregarded and must be explained on some basis which is perhaps slightly beyond the scope of our present intelligence thinking.

When officers of this Directorate recently visited the Swedish Air Intelligence Service. This question was put to the Swedes. Their answer was that some reliable and fully technically qualified people have reached the conclusion that “these phenomena are obviously the result of a high technical skill which cannot be credited to any presently known culture on earth.” They are therefore assuming that these objects originate from some previously unknown or unidentified technology, possibly outside the earth.

One of these objects was observed by a Swedish technical expert near his home on the edge of a lake. The object crashed or landed in the lake, and he carefully noted its azimuth from his point of observation. Swedish intelligence was sufficiently confident in his observation that a naval salvage team was sent to the lake. Operations were underway during the visit of USAFE officers. Divers had discovered a previously uncharted crater on the floor of the lake. No further information is available, but we have been promised knowledge of the results. In their opinion, the observation was reliable, and they believe that the depression on the floor of the lake, which did not appear on current Hydrographic charts, was in fact caused by a flying saucer.

Although accepting this theory of the origin of these objects poses a whole new group of questions and puts much of our thinking in a changed light, we are inclined not to discredit entirely this somewhat spectacular theory, meantime keeping an open mind on the subject. What are your reactions?³²

This early document clearly demonstrates not only hovering and crashed flying saucers, but salvage teams. The March 22, 1950 FBI memo from Washington Field Office special agent Guy Hottel to J. Edgar Hoover similarly reports that an Air Forces investigator stated that 50’ flying saucers were recovered in New Mexico, with each being occupied by 3’ tall humanoids dressed in very thin metallic clothing, partnered with the speculation that they must have crashed due to interference with the high powered radar systems in that region.³³ The circumstantial evidence is undeniable that something physical was indeed recovered, and probably more than once.

As for evidence of physical ground traces of these objects, Ted Phillips documented many such cases with circular rings, landing tripods, and footprints. Furthermore, Phillips extracted and scientifically examined the soil samples both inside and outside the landing site showing that only the soil *not* touched by the craft could absorb water.³⁴

³¹ See the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs Hearing on “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Implications on National Security, Public Safety, and Government Transparency” (July 26, 2023).

³² United States Air Forces Europe, “Item 14, TT 1524” (November 4, 1948). Records Group 341, Entry 214, General Files, Top Secret Control # 2-5317, National Archives II, College Park, Maryland. See also Jan L. Aldrich, “Early Top Secret UFO Document Discovered,” *MUFON UFO Journal* (April 2000).

³³ Guy Hottel, “Flying Saucers Information Concerning,” *FBI Office Memorandum* (March 22, 1950).

³⁴ Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated With UFO Sightings* (Center For UFO Studies, 1975). See also the documentary *UFOs Are Real* (Ed Hunt, 1979).

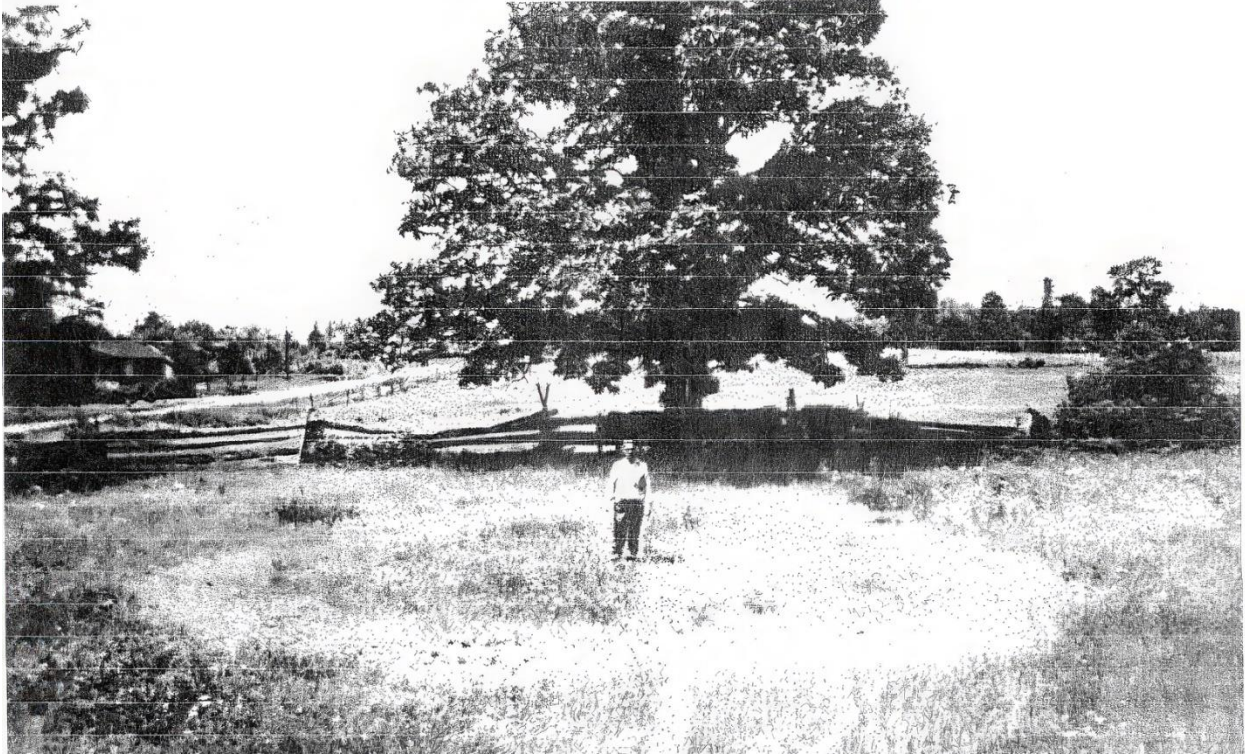


Figure 3. Photograph of 54-year-old Leo Paul Chaput in Chapeau, Quebec standing inside the circular, 28' diameter dehydrated depression in his field caused by the landing of a flying saucer (May 11, 1969). Image from Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated With UFO Sightings* (Center For UFO Studies, 1975), p. viii.

Beyond scientists and military personnel, indigenous peoples around the world, such as the Native Americans or South American Maya, have already embedded into the religious culture that they came from extraterrestrial “star people.”³⁵ Even the popular Indian guru Jagadish “Sadhguru” Vasudev openly speculated that, based on the strange details of Hindu tradition, Shiva might indeed be an extraterrestrial being who came to Earth from somewhere else.³⁶

Further evidence of the extraterrestrial hypothesis is the witnessing of star maps. For instance, a Native American case in 1945 involved tall humanoid pilots of a crashed spaceship which revealed a star map matching the constellation of Taurus.³⁷ Betty Hill’s abduction case in 1961 involved her witnessing a star map, which after the investigation of Marjorie Fish, is believed to be of Zeta Reticuli.³⁸ A military photographer in Dugway, Utah named Raymond Powtroisky encountered beings in 1968 and witnessed a star map that he interpreted to represent Pluto.³⁹ Related is the fact that the abductee Clarisa Bernhardt, known for her accurate predictions of earthquakes, stated her “space brother” contacts told

³⁵ cf. Ardy S. Clarke, *Encounters with Star People: Untold Stories of American Indians* (Anomalist Books, 2012); *Sky People: Untold Stories of Alien Encounters in Mesoamerica* (New Page Books, 2015).

³⁶ “Sadhguru Talks About Aliens in Kailash Manasarovar Lake | Mystical Stories” *Mystics of India* (November 26, 2018).

³⁷ Clarke (2012), Ch. 2.

³⁸ See Stanton T. Friedman; Kathleen Marden, *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience* (New Page Books, 2007), p. 86.

³⁹ See Richard Doty’s interview with Emery Smith in “Field Investigations with Contactees,” *Cosmic Disclosure*, S12.E2 (Gaia Inc., 2018).

her they came from a planet in the constellation of Pegasus.⁴⁰ If any of these accounts are in any sense accurate, and if there are additional such cases, then there is, in fact, an extraterrestrial element to some contact.

Altered states of consciousness also lend support to the extraterrestrial hypothesis. Tried and true Project STARGATE remote viewers for the CIA, such as Ingo Swann, have psychically witnessed non-human activity on the moon,⁴¹ and scientifically investigated experiences with *Dimethyltryptamine* (DMT) have also resulted in many people having out of body experiences where they literally traverse outer space in a distinct, overlapping parapsychical dimension of physical cosmic space, which led to close encounters with extraterrestrial entities.⁴²

If one were to grant this scenario, it must be explained why spaceships are witnessed descending and ascending into and out of bodies of water, but this can be explained simply with the suggestion that the extraterrestrials have already settled for a subterranean abode for a variety of possible reasons. Their living here would also explain something else which must be explained: why many ufonauts seem to care a great deal about the human-caused destruction of the earth. It must also be explained why spaceships appear to shift between dimensions, but we do not know for certain if this is true, as it could also be a form of warp teleportation from Point A to Point B, which would appear to Point A observers as a sudden disappearance, and Point B observers as a sudden apparition. But even if it is truly a shift in dimension, this does not necessarily indicate a reality *outside* of geographical cosmic space. One final point of explanation is why there is a relationship between ufological entities and occult entities, as many have drawn the aesthetic comparison between Aleister Crowley's large-headed "Lam" drawing and the anatomical features of Grey aliens. However, this is actually a false comparison for at least four reasons: (1) We have no firm definition of what "the occult" means, (2) We do not understand the mechanics of "the occult," but merely observations of the results of vastly different practices which are often conflated, (3) We do not know if "the occult" puts us into communication with extraterrestrial intelligences, which would indicate a *cart-drawn horse* objection, (4) *Christian* spiritual practices, such as the Pentecostal experiencer Kelly Cahill,⁴³ have also put people into communication with ufological entities (not to mention school children minding their own business⁴⁴), which makes the occult connection largely irrelevant to the broader mechanics of close encounters (a connection which appears to be fundamentally psychical in nature, perhaps through the external monitoring of brain wave emissions). Thus, all major objections for this model are easily explainable. It is therefore quite evident that even accounting for potential hoaxes and disinformation, the extraterrestrial hypothesis is nonetheless a genuine theory put forward by many individuals with many different experiences and backgrounds analyzing the evidence, and this has been the case for a very long time. This scenario explains much, and has little remaining to be explained.

⁴⁰ Brad Steiger, *Alien Meetings* (Ace Books, 1978), pp. 184-186. In 1965, Russian astronomer Gennady Scholomitsky stated they may have received intelligent signals from region of the Pegasus constellation. See Henry Tanner, "Moscow is Cautious," *The New York Times* (April 13, 1965), pp. 1, 29.

⁴¹ Ingo Swann, *Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy* (Ingo Swann Books, 1998), pp. 30-31.

⁴² Rick Strassman, *DMT: The Spirit Molecule* (Park Street Press, 2001), p. 189.

⁴³ Kelly Cahill, *Encounter* (HarperCollins, 1996).

⁴⁴ See the 1966 Westall School incident in Melbourne, Australia, and the 1994 Ariel School incident in Ruwa, Zimbabwe.

R E S P O N S E # 1 E X P L A N A T O R Y P O W E R T A B L E

CAN EXPLAIN	MUST EXPLAIN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why declassified military documents contain speculation that flying saucers could be extraterrestrial technology. • Where “demons” may originate. • Why the Bible features <i>corporeal</i> genetic hybridization and <i>corporeal</i> angels. • Why UFO crash retrievals involve physical material and bodies. • Why some CE-III events involve some individuals witnessing star maps. • Why some ufonauts claim to be from extraterrestrial locations. • Why some members of official government Working Groups investigating the data believe the ufonauts to be extraterrestrials. • Why the flying vehicles travel in outer space and are verified by radar detection. • Why physical ground traces either in the shape of the vehicle or the landing gear are so commonly discovered by researchers. • Why CIA Remote Viewers report alien intelligence on other celestial bodies in the solar system. • Why experiencer testimony and autopsies of the crashed ufonauts resulted in discovering a completely foreign anatomical structure not found in other creatures on Earth. • Why Christians with no connection to the occult encounter ufonauts and not the religious figures they anticipate. • Why school children who witnessed ufonauts land at their school and draw nearly identical images of what they saw. • Why the appearances of the ufonauts are manifestly alien and do not conform to the already established beliefs of the individuals (such as Jesus or saints) if the intent is to deceive and gain obedience. • Why other cultures with UFO experiences, such as the indigenous Native American tribes or South American Maya, already believe themselves to come from “Star people.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why many flying saucers are witnessed going in and out of large bodies of water rather than outer space. • Why many ufonauts appear to care a great deal about the Earth. • Why many flying saucers appear to be phasing in and out of dimensions. • Why there seems to be a phenomenological relationship between ufological and occult close encounters.

II. ASSESSMENT OF “INCORRECT CONCLUSION” SCENARIO

A second response many people have when they hear someone assert that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth is that it represents an incorrect conclusion. John Keel,⁴⁵ as well as Dr. Jacques Vallee (both fundamentally believing the phenomenon is indeed real and paranormal) argued that flying saucers are likely not extraterrestrial simply because they seem to be so much more than that: phasing in and out of our reality. John Keel summarized the sentiment as follows:

I abandoned the extraterrestrial hypothesis in 1967 when my own field investigations disclosed an astonishing overlap between psychic phenomena and UFOs... The objects and apparitions do not necessarily originate on another planet and may not even exist as permanent constructions of matter. It is more likely that we see what we want to see and interpret such visions according to our contemporary beliefs.⁴⁶

I think the potential failures of Dr. Vallee and Keel are subtle and based in differences of metaphysical expectations. It is telling that Dr. N. Meade Layne’s successor to BSRF, Riley Crabb, harshly criticized the writings of both as “metaphysically illiterate.”⁴⁷ While it does seem harsh, there does seem to be no doubt that at least John Keel was guilty of almost neurotically stating and restating what should be self-evidently understood to be a false dichotomy. Why assume advanced extraterrestrials could not have higher brain function than we currently understand, perhaps with the aid of projection technology, which would encompass paranormal phenomena? I am unsure why Keel concludes that the phenomenon appears according to our contemporary beliefs, but he seems to have based this belief solely on his experience talking to people in India who claimed to have seen entities which resemble members of the Indian pantheon. However, the rest of the evidence suggests exactly the opposite conclusion to be true. For example, the Evangelical Christian experiencers Betty Andreasson,⁴⁸ Kelly Cahill,⁴⁹ and Chris Bledsoe⁵⁰ encountered beings that did not fit at all with their inherited religious expectations, challenging them on a deeply existential level. They did not meet Jesus, or Mary, or the saints, or even the gods of other religions, but rather bizarre, alien creatures they could hardly describe. This is true of the vast majority of experiencers. Even going back to the 16th century, the Catholic nun Teresa of Avila did not encounter an angel which comfortably fit in any inherited Christian category of angel, and was left confused on the nature of the strange creature who she—with much effort and panting—awkwardly pushed and squeezed into the “cherub” category.⁵¹ The idea of a single, shapeshifting phenomenon which simply exploits already established expectations is demonstrably false.

Jacques Vallee once wrote, “the extraterrestrial theory is not good enough, because it is not strange enough to explain the facts.”⁵² Why assume that the manner in which extraterrestrials travel here is *not* strange and beyond our current unimaginative, materialistic expectations which has plagued modern science? As Stanton Friedman persuasively argued, we are not bound to yesterday’s technology, and it

⁴⁵ John A. Keel, *Operation Trojan Horse* (Putnam Books, 1970); *Our Haunted Planet* (Fawcett, 1971).

⁴⁶ Ronald D. Story, *The Mammoth Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters* (Constable & Robinson, 2001).

⁴⁷ See Håkan Blomqvist, “Riley Crabb, UFOs and Theosophy,” *Håkan Blomqvist’s Blog* (April 28, 2014).

⁴⁸ Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair* (Prentice Hall, 1979); *The Andreasson Affair, Phase Two* (Prentice Hall, 1982); *The Watchers: The Secret Design Behind UFO Abduction* (Bantam Books, 1990); *The Watchers II: Exploring UFOs and the Near-Death Experience* (Wild Flower Press, 1995); *The Andreasson Legacy* (Marlowe & Company, 1997).

⁴⁹ Kelly Cahill, *Encounter* (HarperCollins, 1996).

⁵⁰ Chris Bledsoe, *UFO of God: The Extraordinary True Story of Chris Bledsoe* (Independently Published, 2023).

⁵¹ cf. Teresa of Avila, *The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila by Herself*, translated by J. M. Cohen (London: Penguin Books, 1957), p. 210.

⁵² Jacques Vallee, *Dimensions: A Casebook of Alien Contact* (Anomalist Books, 1988), p. 270.

is wrongheaded to assume advanced extraterrestrials traverse the cosmos with our conventional 20th century rocket technology:

“Relativity says you can’t go faster than the speed of light!” It also says when you get close to the speed of light, time slows down. But we don’t want to talk about that. All the evidence indicates that if you’re smart enough, you can get here from other stars—*not using 747s*. I mean, why people want to restrict themselves to yesterday’s technology instead of tomorrow’s, I don’t know... It’s funny that people talk about interstellar travel as if you got to use a chemical rocket. That’s like saying you got to do a whole bunch of calculations with your slide rule... If you’re going to talk about going to the stars, don’t talk about riding bicycles.⁵³

Friedman was right to say this, and he was not attacking strawmen either. This highly arguable presumption about the composition of spaceships can be found in declassified documents like the December 13, 1948 SECRET report from RAND scientist Dr. James E. Lipp, who wrote, “space ships must be based on the assumption that they will be rockets.”⁵⁴ Ironically, despite the conclusions of the report having highly debatable presuppositions, the report itself is evidence that the Air Force suspected the UFOs were of interplanetary origin.

Addressing Jacques Vallee’s Formal Critique

It seems to be the case that Vallee somewhat changed his mind on the subject in recent years,⁵⁵ and I would say for the better. However, it must be said that in 1990 he wrote an essay in which succinctly laid out his arguments for why he did not believe the UFOs were extraterrestrial craft.⁵⁶ His five arguments are as follows:

- (1) Unexplained close encounters are far more numerous than required for any physical survey of the earth.
- (2) The humanoid body structure of the alleged "aliens" is not likely to have originated on another planet and is not biologically adapted to space travel.
- (3) The reported behavior in thousands of abduction reports contradicts the hypothesis of genetic or scientific experimentation on humans by an advanced race.
- (4) The extension of the phenomenon throughout recorded human history demonstrates that UFOs are not a contemporary phenomenon.
- (5) The apparent ability of UFOs to manipulate space and time suggests radically different and richer alternatives.

Response to (1): The quantity of unexplained close encounters actually has nothing to do with whether the entities involved are *extraterrestrial* in origin. Vallee’s argument is simply against the presupposition that ETI are exclusively engaged in earth surveys. Vallee writes, “It is difficult to claim that space explorers would need to land 5,000 times on the surface of a planet to analyze its soil, take samples of the flora and fauna, and produce a complete map.”⁵⁷ Of course, this is an error of conflation for rhetorical purposes. For the sake of argument, it could be that 5,000 extraterrestrial species are landing once for surveys, or that different extraterrestrial civilizations have colonized subterranean dwellings on the planet long ago and are not landing on the surface *merely* for surveys, or that a

⁵³ Stanton T. Friedman, “Exposing the UFO Debunkers,” *International UFO Congress Lecture* (2011).

⁵⁴ L. H. Truettner; A. B. Deyarmond, “Unidentified Aerial Objects: Project ‘Sign,’” *United States Air Force Air Materiel Command* (February 1949), p. 34.

⁵⁵ See Jacques F. Vallee; Paola L. Harris, *TRINITY: The Best-Kept Secret* (StarworksUSA & Documatica Research, 2021).

⁵⁶ Jacques Vallee, “Five Arguments Against the Extraterrestrial Origin of Unidentified Flying Objects,” *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (1990), pp. 105-117.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 107.

minority of landings involve surveys and the rest do not, or any other number of possible ratios that would work against this line of reasoning. He then continues his argument and totals an estimate of 14 million worldwide landings in a 40-year time frame by calculating equal distribution and reporting of human witnesses over the surface of the earth, as well as accounting for the nocturnal overrepresentation of activity. However, this methodology is also flawed, because it contradicts his own finding that the phenomenon indicates “a pattern of avoidance of population centers, with a higher relative incidence of landings in deserts and in areas without dwellings.”⁵⁸ This would indicate that, granting Vallee’s equal distribution of witnesses, there would be *less* landing activity, not more, because his scenario would cause a change in the behavior of the very thing he is trying to report.

Response to (2): The presupposition that extraterrestrials must not be humanoid is founded upon nothing but theories and speculations which could all be false. It is evident that Vallee did not account for intelligent creators making any form of life in the universe, and adheres to a strict, natural evolution without outside meddling. However, for the sake of argument I will grant Vallee’s presupposition, because it is still inadequate even if I grant it. The scientific wave of discovering exoplanets did not occur until after 1990, so Vallee is forgivable here, but of course now we must be certain of exoplanets with extremely similar conditions as our planet, which would then cause Vallee to grant as a certainty the probable existence of an extraterrestrial humanoid form. We also must grant the possibility of prehistoric space exploration and colonization, since we know from historical experience that the speed of technological advancement inevitably reaches an astronomical burst threshold, and cannot be assumed to be slow and steady. We must also grant the likelihood that if earth has different traversable dimensions, other planets do as well. Vallee says “how, then, can we expect that extraterrestrial visitors from a completely different planetary environment would not only resemble us but breathe our air and walk normally on the earth?”⁵⁹ Of course, the problem is only in the presumption of the question. Vallee does not know if the visitors are *actually* from a planet with a different environment, so I consider this to be simple rhetoric. This is also true of his following presumption about the visitors not modifying their bodies to enhance their ability to work and survive in space, which is also an argument constructed atop something he does not ultimately know. The same is true for his third point, walking over all the reports of *human-looking* extraterrestrial visitors just to say how strange it is that the aliens do not make themselves biologically indistinguishable from humans.⁶⁰

Response to (3): This argument is probably the most convincing of the five. Vallee argues that when we consider the crude medical techniques of many abduction reports, they do not seem fitting for an advanced extraterrestrial race, since the average American doctor in 1990 can extract blood, sperm, ova, and tissue samples without leaving permanent damage or trauma. Why abduct people at all, if you have the technology to simply hover over a blood bank or sperm bank and take whatever you need without having to extract it from humans.⁶¹ To this I will grant that the techniques do not seem advanced in some abduction reports, but not all. It does seem strange that in 1961, Betty Hill was given a pregnancy test using a needle to her navel, which sounds a lot like amniocentesis, which was a known procedure in the 1950s. However, Grey aliens and star charts were not common. In 1975, the abductee Travis Walton described a 5-inch thick, smooth, curved, gray, metal device which was placed on his chest and emitted green light onto his body,⁶² and this describes no known technology today, let alone the 1970s. Betty Andreasson drew with great detail the strange technology she experienced which was not used by humans, such as a wand with a tulip-shaped head to measure ontological light, luminous

⁵⁸ Ibid., p. 108.

⁵⁹ Ibid., p. 111.

⁶⁰ Ibid., p. 112.

⁶¹ Ibid., p. 113.

⁶² Travis Walton, *Fire in the Sky: The Walton Experience* (Marlowe & Company, 1979), Ch. 8.

handheld spheres with autonomous motion,⁶³ or strange soil testing devices that humans do not use (see image below). Dr. John Mack also revealed probing devices reported by different abductees which are not found in any doctor's office.⁶⁴

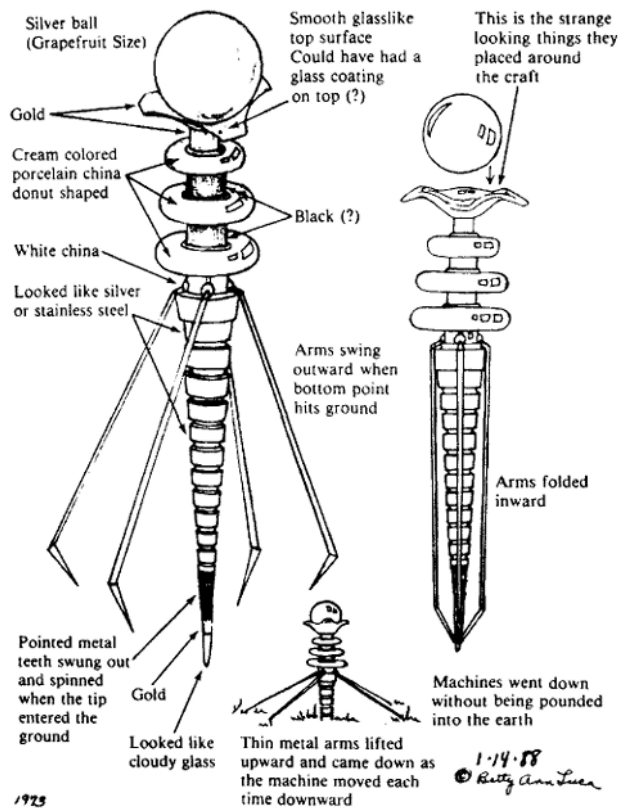


Figure 4. Drawing by Betty Andreasson in Raymond Fowler, *The Watchers* (Bantam Books, 1990), p. 66.



Figure 5. Diagrams by abductees Julia (left) and Dave (right) drawn independently from one another.

It is also seemingly the case that the Grey clones could be a clumsy form of artificial intelligence, a worker race of cognitive simpletons, and/or cloned human fetuses which were extracted from women prematurely and grown in artificial containment chambers. There is no reason to expect all extraterrestrial beings to be intelligent and free from ignorance, or have a superior moral sensibility

⁶³ Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair* (Prentice Hall, 1979).

⁶⁴ John E. Mack, *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens* (NY: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1994), p. 264.

simply because there is one or more elements of their civilization(s) which is technologically more advanced. If an extraterrestrial came here thinking all humans were of supremely advanced cognition and moral maturity because advanced aircraft and iPhones exist, they would be guilty of either ignorance or idiocy, so the same principle surely applies in a reversed scenario.

There are historical instances of aerial abductions which precede all modern technology,⁶⁵ so all abductions cannot be reduced to delusions and military experiments. However, it is certainly possible that some abduction cases represent secret, unethical military experiments performed on the human populace without their knowledge or consent, evading consequences by the use of drugs and cloaking their activities under the guise of being aliens, which would have to also be real to be effective and to explain the technological advancement. Vallee states, “Even gene therapy and the creation of hybrid species is well within our theoretical horizon,”⁶⁶ but if extraterrestrials do not exist, and are not creating a hybrid species of *us* and *them*, we can someday artificially create hybrids of what exactly?

Response to (4): Vallee is absolutely correct to draw attention to the fact that the Close Encounters phenomenon is historical and not modern—which is why I am confused by why he was so fixated on the idea that extraterrestrials must have just arrived here to conduct surveys in order to be classified as *extraterrestrial*. This premise is pregnant with its own refutation, so I need not say more. Furthermore, the connection to an ancient phenomenon does not mean that the ancient phenomenon is not also extraterrestrial in nature. For instance, if the first octopus was long ago dumped into Earth waters from the depths of Saturn’s moon Enceladus, it does not mean the octopus is now *not extraterrestrial* simply because it has a long history of living in our oceans.

Response to (5): Vallee argues against Stanton Friedman’s conviction that UFOs are someone else’s spacecraft. His reason is because UFOs tend to appear and disappear suddenly, change shapes, or merge with other physical objects, and these things “seem absurd in terms of ordinary physics” which we “cannot duplicate today.”⁶⁷ Failure of imagination is never a good argument against something being true. I find no reason to believe that any such things are beyond the capabilities of a hypothetically advanced extraterrestrial race with rational faculties. All of those problems are simply problems of knowledge, not necessarily possibility. If we grant that it is possible that someone in the universe has knowledge of how to bridge distances through teleportation or the manipulation of different dimensional modalities, then appearing and disappearing immediately becomes possible. Just because we do not understand how it is possible does not mean it is therefore categorically impossible.

It is quite apparent that Vallee did not actually address the question of extraterrestrial visitation, but rather he questioned the astrobiological and metaphysical models of those who believe in it. He writes, “The arguments raised here are not intended as a complete refutation of the ETH... At a minimum, the idea of extraterrestrial intervention should be updated to include current theoretical speculation about other models of the physical universe.”⁶⁸ While I agree with Vallee that much of ufological speculation is unsophisticated and insufficient, I do not think he has actually argued much of anything against the extraterrestrial hypothesis itself, nor is his “control system hypothesis” a sufficient refutation.

⁶⁵ Elijah was abducted into the air in 2 Kings 2, Ezekiel was abducted into the air in Ezekiel 3:14, Jesus was abducted into the air in Matthew 4, Jesus talks about future abductions in Matthew 24:42, Philip was abducted into the air in Acts 8:25-40. Furthermore, a child was abducted into the air in 438 CE which led to the Trisagion hymn. See John Damascene, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, 3.10. Also, Hungarian king Stephen Istvan was abducted into the air in 998 CE. See Ebenezer Cobham Brewer, *A Dictionary of Miracles* (Chatto & Windus, 1901), p. 217. Additionally, in 1626 CE, Russian monk Diodorus of George-Hill witnessed a metallic, cylindrical UFO abduct monks into the sky. See Seraphim Rose, *The Northern Thebaid: Monastic Saints of the Russian North*, Vol. I., Fifth Printing (St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 1975/2020) p. 209.

⁶⁶ Vallee (1990), p. 113.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 114.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 116.

R E S P O N S E # 2 E X P L A N A T O R Y P O W E R T A B L E

CAN EXPLAIN	MUST EXPLAIN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why many flying saucers appear to be phasing in and out of dimensions. • Why many ufonauts appear to care a great deal about the Earth. • Why there seems to be a phenomenological relationship between ufological and occult close encounters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Top Secret military documents contain speculation that flying saucers could be non-terrestrial technology. • Why disembodied “astral projections” or altered states of consciousness in higher dimensions include entity encounters in outer space. • Why UFO crash retrievals involve physical material and bodies. • Why some CE-III events involve some individuals witnessing star maps. • Why some ufonauts claim to be from extraterrestrial locations. • Why some members of official government Working Groups investigating the data believe the UFO pilots to be extraterrestrials. • Why the flying vehicles travel in outer space and are verified by radar detection. • Why physical ground traces either in the shape of the vehicle or the landing gear are so commonly discovered by researchers. • Why CIA Remote Viewers report alien intelligences on other bodies in the solar system. • Why experiencer testimony and autopsies of the crashed ufonauts resulted in discovering a completely foreign anatomical structure not found in other creatures on Earth. • Why Christians with no connection to the occult encounter ufonauts and not the religious figures they anticipate. • Why the appearances of the ufonauts are manifestly alien and do not conform to the already established beliefs of the individuals (such as Jesus or saints) if the intent is to deceive and control. • Why other cultures with UFO experiences, such as the indigenous Native American tribes or South American Maya, already believe themselves to come from “Star people.”

III. ASSESSMENT OF “MASS DELUSION” SCENARIO

A third response to the extraterrestrial hypothesis is essentially a form of gaslighting people into thinking they are delusional and do not know how to identify the basic aspects of reality which we all deem common occurrences. These dismissive skeptics reject all paranormal experiences entirely, like the famous “debunkers”⁶⁹ Dr. Donald Menzel,⁷⁰ Dr. Edward Condon, and Philip Klass believed the phenomenon identified as spaceships are misidentified hoaxes, plasmas, stars, temperature inversions, ball lightning, airplanes, or planets.⁷¹ J. Allen Hynek was also caught up in the CIA/USAF debunkery against his personal knowledge to the contrary, and famously felt forced to explain away the March 20, 1966 Dexter, Michigan flying saucer sighting as swamp gas, which even Michigan Rep. Gerald Ford knew was an absurd explanation of the data, rightly calling it “flippant.”⁷²

Dr. Donald Menzel’s dismissive arguments were immediately met with the refutation of USMC Maj. Donald Keyhoe,⁷³ and whose unscientific rigor inspired physicist and aerospace engineer Dr. Robert M. Wood of McDonnell Douglas to take the subject seriously, simply because something foul was clearly afoot.⁷⁴ It was later discovered (by Stanton Friedman) that Menzel was a deeply embedded intelligence asset for the NSA, CIA, and ONI with a TOP SECRET ULTRA clearance,⁷⁵ which of course colors everything he said on the matter as counterintelligence propaganda.

It seems correct to say that nobody was more of a thorn in the side of the federally sponsored debunkery of Dr. Edward Condon, Dr. Howard P. Robertson, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, than Arizona physicist and professor of meteorology Dr. James E. McDonald—described by Dr. Jacques Vallee as a man “afraid of nothing,”⁷⁶ and by BLUE BOOK personnel as “an outstanding nuisance.”⁷⁷ In the late 1960s, McDonald made the rounds on television and radio shows, authoritatively eviscerating the blatant failures of Project BLUE BOOK, as well as the Condon Report, with far superior scientific field investigations; rapidly convincing a large number of people that the official, dismissive narrative could not be more *unscientific*.⁷⁸ Supporting McDonald were aerospace engineer Dr. Robert M. Wood,⁷⁹ and NICAP’s Donald Keyhoe,⁸⁰ who also exposed Dr. Condon as an unscientific fraud.

The aviation journalist and UFO cynic Philip J. Klass also decided to play the role of unimpressive public UFO disinformant beginning in 1966, explaining UFO sightings as plasma or ball lightning. This was shut down by McDonald—an *atmospheric* physicist—and Klass was shown to be an ignoramus

⁶⁹ I use quotes to denote the fact that little was actually debunked, and that “debunkers” are interested only in the *aesthetic* of debunking rather than exposing a concealed truth.

⁷⁰ Donald H. Menzel, *Flying Saucers* (Harvard University Press, 1953).

⁷¹ Philip J. Klass, *UFOs—Identified* (Random House, 1968), p. 290; *UFOs: The Public Deceived* (Prometheus Books, 1983), Ch. 14.

⁷² Gerald Ford, *Letter to George Miller and Lucius Mendel Rivers* (March 28, 1966); *Press Release* (March 28, 1966).

⁷³ Donald E. Keyhoe, “Flying saucers—fact or fancy?” *The Airline Pilot*, Vol. 22 (October 1953), pp. 9-10.

⁷⁴ See Robert Wood’s interview with Steven Greer.

⁷⁵ Stanton T. Friedman, *Top Secret/Majic: Operation Majestic-12 and the United States Government’s UFO Cover-up* (Da Capo Press, 1996), p. 31. See also “Final Report on Operation Majestic 12,” *Fund for UFO Research* (April 1990).

⁷⁶ Jacques Vallee, *Forbidden Science: Journals 1957-1969* (North Atlantic Books, 1992), p. 186.

⁷⁷ J. Allen Hynek, *The Hynek UFO Report* (Sphere Books, 1977), p. 112.

⁷⁸ See James McDonald’s lecture “Science in Default” delivered to the *American Association for the Advancement of Science* (AAAS) Symposium (December 27, 1969).

⁷⁹ Robert M. Wood, “A Little Physics...A Little Friction: A Close Encounter with the Condon Committee,” *International UFO Reporter* (July/August, 1993), p. 9.

⁸⁰ Donald E. Keyhoe, *Letter to President Lyndon Johnson* (April 30, 1968).

speaking out of his element.⁸¹ Klass' only value as a public figure was his love of chatting with the Intelligence Community which ran so deep it should be considered pornography. This, of course, made him the most useful of idiots, and he essentially functioned as a federal spy.⁸² After McDonald's tragic premature death in 1971 preventing him from further debate, Klass was to be famously met with constant defeats by the rhetorically gifted and bombastic nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, who—like Hynek—pivoted careers from conventional science to ufology. However—unlike Hynek—Friedman's quest for the classified truth came in the familiar, fiery spirit of James McDonald.

Dr. Carl Sagan popularized the idea that there are no interesting UFO sightings where there is good data, suggesting that the mystery is simply in the cases where more data is needed to definitively show why it is prosaic rather than exotic in nature.⁸³ However, Stanton Friedman put that argument to rest by showing that Project BLUE BOOK found exactly the opposite to be the case—that the better quality of data, the *more likely* that the conclusion was considered unknown.⁸⁴ This ruling out of conventional explanations is one of the reasons why Dr. James McDonald considered the extraterrestrial hypothesis to be the least unsatisfactory hypothesis to explain the unknown data, and there is no evidence that I can find suggesting he was wrong.

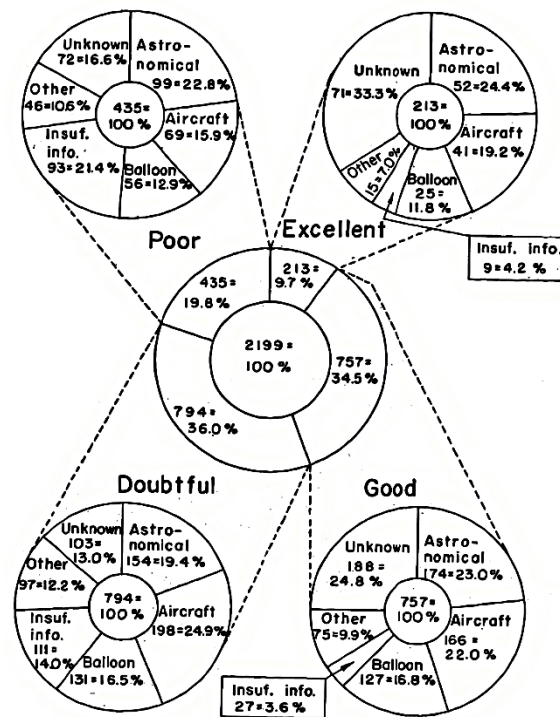


Figure 6. "Distribution of Object Sightings by Sighting Reliability Groups with Evaluation Distributions for Each Group," *Special Report No. 14: Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects* (May 5, 1955), p. 24.

⁸¹ See James McDonald, "UFOs—An International Scientific Problem," *Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute Astronautics Symposium* (March 12, 1968).

⁸² See Richard Dolan's conversation with Kathleen Marden titled, "Disinformation Agent: The Truth About Philip Klass." (March 17, 2020).

⁸³ Carl Sagan, *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* (Random House Publishing, 1995), p. 82.

⁸⁴ Stanton T. Friedman, *Top Secret/Majic: Operation Majestic-12 and the United States Government's UFO Cover-up* (Da Capo Press, 1996), p. 140.

Though many UFO sightings are misidentifications, this is irrelevant when considering the fact that a significant portion of the *declassified* reports remain unknown. We still have no idea what has been learned of these “unknowns” behind the *classified* clearance firewall which are considered by the NSA to be threats to national security. Given the evidence, it seems clear that Response #3 represents federal counterintelligence disinformation regarding a genuine, historical phenomenon. There has never been any evidence, in any era, that witnesses of UFOs are disingenuous fabricators. For these reasons I must consider the mass delusion hypothesis to have too little explanatory power to be entertained by any serious researcher.

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IV. ASSESSMENT OF “MODERN MYTH” SCENARIO

A fourth response many people have when they hear someone assert that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth is that it represents something psychological and imaginary. The celebrity psychologist Dr. Carl Jung popularized this view in the late 1950s, and academics have been uncritically copying him ever since.⁸⁵ However, Jung himself knew that there may be a reality to these sightings after all, as they were confirmed by radar. On December 12, 1957, Jung wrote a letter to magazine editor Gilbert Harrison, stating the following:

The problem of the Ufos is, as you rightly say, a very fascinating one, but it is as puzzling as it is fascinating; since, in spite of all observations I know of, there is no certainty about their very nature. On the other side there is an overwhelming material pointing to their legendary or mythological aspect. As a matter of fact the psychological aspect is so impressive, that one almost must regret that the Ufos seem to be real after all. I have followed up the literature as much as possible and it looks to me as if something were seen and even confirmed by radar, but nobody knows exactly what is seen. In consideration of the psychological aspect of the phenomenon I have written a booklet about it, which is soon to appear. It is also in the process of being translated into English. Unfortunately, being occupied with other tasks I am unable to meet your proposition. Being rather old, I have to economise my energies.⁸⁶

In August of 1958, Jung went out of his way to make sure people did not associate him with believers in flying saucers, so he told TIME Magazine that the sudden popularity of ufology may represent:

A spontaneous reaction of the subconscious to fear of the apparently insoluble political situation in the world that may lead at any moment to catastrophe. At such times eyes turn heavenwards in search of help, and miraculous forebodings of a threatening or consoling nature appear from on high.⁸⁷

Jung assumed that the ancients saw *different things*, like dragons—whereas we see spaceships manned by extraterrestrials.⁸⁸ He reasoned that the collective unconscious of the human species projects different manifestations depending on their current beliefs and social anxieties. We moderns are all about technology and outer space and the threat of nuclear war, so we psychically project an archetype of aliens from outer space coming to rescue us from global catastrophe, and the power of this archetype may be so strong that it even manifests physically.

The problem with this is twofold: (1) if flying saucers can be truly physical, then there is no reason to distinguish the physicality of flying saucers from the physicality of a person, tree, or table, which would mean everything that exists physically with express form is *also* a manifestation of the collective unconscious—and this undermines the explanatory power of the entire analytical system itself, and (2) the fact that there is no evidence suggesting that the ancients *actually* saw anything different, and rather merely articulated what was seen with different cultural semantics. For instance, what a modern man calls a “cigar-shaped UFO,” an ancient man may call the same elongated flying object a “dragon.” For the sake of argument: it could just as easily be the case that the ancients saw technology from outer space and did not know how to describe it in a way that was *not* mythological.

Jung’s 1959 book *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies* (which is mostly an allegorical interpretation of UFO experiences) was sadly held back by the era in which it was written. Allegorizing reality and imbuing it with deeper meaning does not make it a distinct psychical manifestation. Had the book been released a decade later to be informed by additional revelations—after

⁸⁵ cf. Benson Saler; Charles A. Ziegler; Charles B. Moore, *UFO Crash at Roswell: The Genesis of a Modern Myth* (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1997).

⁸⁶ Carl Jung, *Letter to Gilbert A. Harrison* (December 12, 1957).

⁸⁷ “Science: Dr. Jung & the Saucers,” *TIME Magazine*, Vol. 72, No. 6 (August 11, 1958).

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*

Dr. James McDonald pried open the declassification of the SECRET 1947 Twining/Schulgen AMC memo (see below) and the SECRET Robertson Panel's CIA disinformation plan,⁸⁹ both exposing the *reality* of the subject—Jung would have published a completely different book. The only ufological sources Jung had to work with were USMC Maj. Donald Keyhoe of NICAP, Coral Lorenzen of APRO, and USAF Cap. Edward J. Ruppelt of Project BLUE BOOK. Much has been revealed since then.

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ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen
AC/AS-2

1. As requested by AC/AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this Command concerning the so-called "Flying Discs". This opinion is based on interrogation report data furnished by AC/AS-2 and preliminary studies by personnel of T-2 and Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division T-3. This opinion was arrived at in a conference between personnel from the Air Institute of Technology, Intelligence T-2, Office, Chief of Engineering Division, and the Aircraft, Power Plant and Propeller Laboratories of Engineering Division T-3.

2. It is the opinion that:

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.

Figure 7. Nathan Twining AMC memo to George Schulgen (September 23, 1947).

The only Jungian intellectual worth mentioning in relation to the flying saucers is the ethnobotanist and philosopher Terence McKenna, who took Jung's ideas to their most sophisticated metaphysical places. McKenna is most known for his psychedelic experiences, but he also recounted a time in the Amazon when he very soberly witnessed a cloud transform into a metallic flying saucer which looked identical to the images of George Adamski (someone McKenna believed was a hoaxer who photographed a 1937 Hoover vacuum cleaner).⁹⁰ While he was in Kau, Hawaii, McKenna also encountered malevolent Mantis aliens (a popular alien phenotype in ufology) who hijacked his psilocybin experience after he

⁸⁹ "Report of Meetings of Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects Convened by Office of Scientific Intelligence," *Central Intelligence Agency* (January 14-18, 1953), p. 20.

⁹⁰ See Terence McKenna's "UFOs" lecture in Lorenzo Hagerty, *Psychedelic Salon*, 150.

was conversing about the propulsion system of flying saucers.⁹¹ McKenna knew more about the reality of alien intelligences than did Jung, which is why he did not use myth as a means to dismiss reality. Rather, McKenna's metaphysics did the opposite in suggesting that we can only experience what is fundamentally a *hidden* reality through a kind of visible, symbolic myth, and that the reality observed through psychedelic experiences is *more* real than the physical plane. Therefore, in one sense McKenna is to be viewed as a Jungian, but in another sense, he has significantly developed Jung's thought in a unique way that that is not dismissive of the Close Encounters phenomenon.

The psychologists would eventually enter the scene with a new way to dismiss the UFO phenomenon with prosaic semantics—"Sleep paralysis." Originally, the term was used by spiritualists who believed impish demons, or the tormenting souls of wretched witches were visiting people: symbolically depicted as folkloric *mares* of the *night*, carrying souls out of their bodies to frightening places with the swiftness of a horse, and imbuing a burdensome level of dread upon on the heart which causes the body to be fearfully paralyzed. Of course, these spiritual concepts represent the origin of where we get the common word *nightmare*.⁹² However, when this traditional, spiritual backdrop was eventually replaced by materialist atheists filling the psychologist positions—people so metaphysically uninformed they do not know humans are incarnate spirits which survive bodily death—the term now unhinged from its original context evolved into a condition with no explanatory power whatsoever. What used to be considered the meddling of external agents is now blamed on mere imagination. Perhaps the clearest example of a credentialed dismissing of experiencer claims in favor of the "sleep paralysis" diagnosis is Dr. Susan Blackmore's 1998 essay for *Skeptical Inquirer*.⁹³ I have already addressed the multiple failures of this essay elsewhere,⁹⁴ so I will refrain from repeating myself here. Suffice it to say, "sleep paralysis" explains nothing, nor has it been scientifically demonstrated, and merely describes what is observed. An impish demon and/or an extraterrestrial alien might explain sleep paralysis, but not the other way around. In my assessment, the modern myth scenario is of no use to us whatsoever. McKenna's developed version, on the other hand, may prove to be relatively useful.

⁹¹ Terence McKenna, *True Hallucinations* (CA: HarperCollins, 1994), pp. 215-222.

⁹² cf. Thomas A. Green, *Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Beliefs, Customs, Tales, Music, and Art* (ABC-CLIO, 1997), pp. 588-590.

⁹³ Susan Blackmore, "Abduction by Aliens or Sleep Paralysis?" *Skeptical Inquirer*, Vol. 22, No. 3 (May/June, 1998), pp. 23-28.

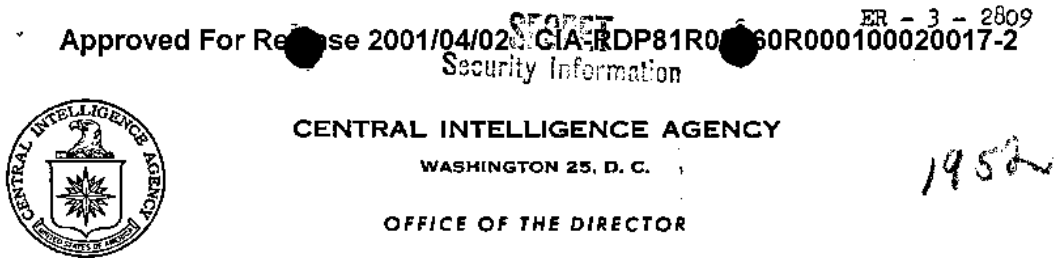
⁹⁴ Ambrose Andreano, *Angels, Archons, and Aliens: An Assessment of the Theological Implications and Psychological Impact of the Close Encounters Phenomenon* (Black Crow Books, 2022), pp. 71-74.

R E S P O N S E # 4 E X P L A N A T O R Y P O W E R T A B L E

CAN EXPLAIN	MUST EXPLAIN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why declassified documents say flying saucers are <i>real</i> and not imaginary. • Why UFO crash retrieval teams obtained physical materials. • Why physical ground traces either in the shape of the vehicle or the landing gear are so commonly discovered by researchers. • Why school children who witnessed UFOs and ufonauts draw nearly identical images of what they saw. • Why modern sightings cannot differ from ancient sightings only in semantic expression. • Why a variety of people with “sleep paralysis” independently report nearly identical entity descriptions. • Why many people report being abducted by aliens, and in some cases, are verifiably missing. • Why some CE-III events involve some individuals witnessing star maps. • Why some ufonauts claim to be from extraterrestrial locations. • Why some members of official government Working Groups investigating the data believe the UFO pilots to be extraterrestrials. • Why the flying vehicles travel in outer space and are verified by radar detection. • Why CIA Remote Viewers report alien intelligences on other bodies in the solar system. • Why experiencer testimony and autopsies of the crashed ufonauts resulted in discovering a completely foreign anatomical structure not found in other creatures on Earth. • Why Christians encounter ufonauts and not the religious figures they anticipate. • Why other cultures with UFO experiences, such as the indigenous Native American tribes or South American Maya, already believe themselves to come from “Star people.”

V. ASSESSMENT OF “FEDERAL DISINFORMATION” SCENARIO

A fifth response many people have when they hear someone assert that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth is that it represents federal disinformation. “UFOs and aliens are not real. It’s all just a government psychological operation to create a narrative that hides what they’re *really* doing,” they say. However, the number of federal agencies who have publicly acknowledged the existence of extraterrestrials at any time since the 1940s (to help bolster the aims of such an alleged psyop)—is in fact zero. The Department of Defense has always quite clearly rejected this hypothesis, and the actual *domestic* psyop found in the Robertson Panel, Project BLUE BOOK, and Condon Committee is exactly the opposite: to convince the public that all UFOs have prosaic explanations. This is certainly true at least of the Air Force. Even still, there does seem to be evidence of a *foreign* psyop strategy by the Central Intelligence Agency to take advantage of and exploit cultural and religious expectations. We know for a fact that psychological operations were indeed considered by the military in connection with the UFO phenomenon, such as the declassified SECRET 1954 CIA memo below from former Director of Central Intelligence Walter B. Smith.



MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. I am today transmitting to the National Security Council a proposal (TAB A) in which it is concluded that the problems connected with unidentified flying objects appear to have implications for psychological warfare as well as for intelligence and operations.

2. The background for this view is presented in some detail in TAB B.

3. I suggest that we discuss at an early board meeting the possible offensive or defensive utilization of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes.

Enclosure

Walter B. Smith
Director

Figure 8. Declassified SECRET 1952 CIA memo from Walter B. Smith suggesting that the broad UFO phenomenon be utilized by the military for purposes of psychological warfare.

Thanks to the investigations of the Church Committee, we also know that in 1962, USAF Maj. Gen. Edward G. Lansdale, creator of Operation MONGOOSE, seriously proposed to use submarines shooting starshells into the sky to fake a manufactured, anticipated second coming of Jesus in order to manipulate the popular, local Roman Catholic eschatological expectations among the populace, convincing them to fulfill religious prophecy and overthrow Fidel Castro as their Antichrist:

[Lansdale] had a wonderful plan for getting rid of Castro. This plan consisted of spreading the word that the Second Coming of Christ was imminent, and that Christ was against Castro who was anti-Christ. And you would spread this word around Cuba, and then on whatever date it was, that there would be a manifestation of this thing. And at that time—this Is absolutely true—and at that time just over the horizon there would be an American submarine which would surface off of Cuba and send up some starshells. And this would be the manifestation of the Second Coming and Castro would be overthrown.⁹⁵

It seems clear that even if extraterrestrials are real, the military will always exploit *cultural expectations* to their advantage, and the fact of such exploitation is not proof that the expectations themselves are unfounded. Perhaps nothing makes this clearer than the counterintelligence work of Richard Doty.

Richard Doty and Counterintelligence Operations

What most people in ufology mean by “government disinformation” is simply one man: AFOSI Special Agent Richard C. Doty, as popularized by the rather dishonest *Mirage Men* narrative put forward by Mark Pilkington in his 2010 book and 2013 documentary of the same name, which was in essence a sensationalizing of certain portions of Greg Bishop’s 2005 book *Project Beta*. This material often gets reduced to a two-dimensional, black & white cartoon villain scenario where a conniving, moustache-twirling Richard Doty was sent by the Air Force to break into Dr. Paul Bennewitz’s house to make him go insane and kill himself. And if Paul Bennewitz ever happened to accidentally stub his toe getting up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, that rascal Richard Doty must have surely moved his bed a few inches. None of this is true, of course. Bennewitz did not kill himself—he died in 2003, long after his involvement with Doty in the early 1980s. Bennewitz also had a chronic addiction to cigarettes, coffee, and Coca-Cola, substances which he abused daily his entire adult life. Doty also did not break into Bennewitz’ house, he was given a personal key by Bennewitz. A sober narrative surrounding Project SEVEN LAMBS is evidently not what many people in ufology want to believe simply because it is not sensational and does not have the boogeyman people want to hate.⁹⁶

Richard Doty’s role at Kirtland AFB was to protect the security of the base and their classified projects (working also with DIA, NSA, DOE, and Albuquerque Police), and he stated that he was tasked to prevent Bennewitz from spying on the Manzano facility and leaking highly classified information about a NSA satellite and drone program, and Doty’s counterintelligence strategy was to nudge Bennewitz away from making nuanced distinctions between genuine alien UFO activity and classified government activity (both of which were considered to represent genuine activity in that area) because AFOSI knew Bennewitz potentially had connections to Russian informants (especially because of his connection to Bill Moore), and so it was too risky for him to actually know classified secrets. Bennewitz had observed a classified NSA laser defense system that would blind Russian satellites from the ground. Doty’s story about this has been consistent from the beginning, stating that he was tasked to convince a

⁹⁵ *Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders: An Interim Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities United States Senate together with Additional, Supplemental, and Separate Views*, 94th Congress, Session 1, Report No. 94-465 (November 20, 1975), p. 142.

⁹⁶ See some of these tropes perpetuated in Alejandro Rojas, “Ex-Air Force Law Enforcement Agent Says He Hoaxed Major UFO Mythologies,” *Huffington Post* (May 13, 2014).

man who was already convinced (having years of prior experience with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization):

[2005] We didn't really have to say anything. [Bennewitz] had the forethought already that what he was picking up—he had an idea. Initially, he thought maybe it was classified [government technology]. He told us, “Listen, if I tapped into something, let me know.” Well, we weren't going to do that because we don't know who his friends were... What we did was we were using everything that he gathered, and we were just turning it around and convincing him what he was looking at wasn't anything from the base but unknown in origin.⁹⁷

[2013] It wasn't a whole lot that we did. There was just a simple—really, really—a simple nod, and statement to Paul that what he was seeing was probably UFOs.⁹⁸

[2016] So we had to figure out how to get him away from what he was doing. We started slowly convincing him—or, not really convincing him, but giving him the idea that this might be extraterrestrial, and he ran with that. I know I had a lot of criticism about how I “fed him all this disinformation,” and I “made him go crazy,” but Paul thought a lot of this stuff up on his own. It wasn't very difficult to convince him of what he was seeing—he just told me it's UFOs.⁹⁹

However, it was not simply AFOSI that was studying Bennewitz, but more importantly, the National Security Agency. Greg Bishop states that it was AFOSI who broke into Bennewitz' house (formerly at 1413 Wagon Train Drive),¹⁰⁰ and this likely led readers to erroneously believe it was Doty himself. However, Doty has also said on numerous occasions that the *real* “Men in Black” were members of the USAF 7602 Air Intelligence Group headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia¹⁰¹ (specifically Detachment 22), and that these people were involved in extremely classified false Indication & Warning counterintelligence operations (false flags), and he is usually visibly uncomfortable talking about it, as it is still highly classified. According to Doty, they would break into intelligence target's houses alongside people with visible, anatomical birth defects to terrify them into thinking they were aliens.¹⁰² This description is breaking and entering and not technically an *abduction*, but considering the known cruel and unusual punishment which has occurred at Guantanamo Bay detention camp, it is certainly not difficult to see how this unethical practice fueled by national security paranoia could develop into something more sinister. Doty also stated that DARPA facilitated the creation of alien robots modeled on the real alien creatures in captivity with the plan on mass manufacturing them for warfare purposes.¹⁰³ If we grant the possibility of these presuppositions, it retroactively opens up the related possibility that cases like the 1973 Pascagoula abduction of Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker was a means of secretly testing a prototype of such military technology on citizens to determine the efficacy, since this case (involving what was obvious to the experiencers as a robot) stands out as very unusual compared to all other abduction cases, but the truthfulness of Hickson and Parker's testimony is undeniable to any rational investigator.¹⁰⁴

⁹⁷ Art Bell, “Government Disinformation Programs—Greg Bishop, Richard Doty,” *Coast to Coast AM* (February 27, 2005).

⁹⁸ *Mirage Men* (Perception Management, 2013).

⁹⁹ See Richard Doty's 2016 interview with Steven Greer.

¹⁰⁰ cf. Greg Bishop, *Project Beta* (Paraview Pocket Books, 2005), Ch. 19.

¹⁰¹ Rebranded Air Force Special Activities Center (AFSAC) in 1981.

¹⁰² See Richard Doty's 2016 interview with Steven Greer.

¹⁰³ Richard Doty, “Richard Doty talks Insider UFO Secrets,” *Talking Weird* (May 8, 2020).

¹⁰⁴ Jenny Randles, *Alien Abductions, The Mystery Solved: Over 200 Documented UFO Kidnappings Investigated* (Inner Light Publications, 1988), pp. 147-148. See also Irena M. Scott, *Beyond Pascagoula* (Flying Disk Press, 2020).

One should also not forget about the NSA—the agency of those who set up a surveillance hub in the vacant house across the street from Bennewitz’ residence.¹⁰⁵ We must also remember that intelligence agencies did not pay attention to Bennewitz until he began filming UFO activity near military installations and carelessly writing letters detailing all his findings about the Manzano aliens to major political figures like New Mexico Senators Harrison Schmitt and Peter Domenici, who began contacting the OSI office about the reports. The Bennewitz affair was not actually something proactively initiated by the government, but a *counterintelligence* reaction solely to Bennewitz’ activities fueled by national security paranoia.

However, one must not allow the Bennewitz affair to become ufology’s red herring, as if it refutes the extraterrestrial hypothesis. Even without Bennewitz, official declassified reports also depict strange activity in that region. Richard Doty signed a complaint form from Maj. Ernest E. Edwards from Manzano’s Central Security Control and stated Security Policeman Staff Sergeant Stephen Ferenz, Airman First Class Martin W. Rist, and Airman Anthony D. Frazier reported witnessing UFO activity at 11:50PM traveling South near the Coyote Canyon area of DoD Restricted Test Range on August 8, 1980. According to Maj. Ernest Edwards’ formal complaint form signed by Richard Doty, the aerial light showed stop and go maneuvers and landed in Coyote Canyon before shooting up vertically to disappear into the sky. None of the witnesses believed it could have been a helicopter, and all three men told the same story separately. The following day, Sandia Security Guard Russ Curtis stated that at 12:20AM, one of the guards approached the grounded bright light on foot and said it was a round, *disk-shaped* object. As he approached, he tried to radio back the information and his radio did not work, and he witnessed the object ascend vertically at a high rate of speed. It was learned that though ground tests are done, no *aerial* tests are ever conducted in the Coyote Canyon area (typically used by Sandia Base), and that such flying disks were seen by other security guards who refused to report the sightings for “fear of harassment.” The only reason Doty became connected with Bennewitz in the first place was because Maj. Edwards found out he could corroborate the facts of these incidents.

It seems evident that Albuquerque, New Mexico was indeed attracting genuine UFO sightings (some of which perhaps witnessed by Paul Bennewitz) which are distinct from classified drone testing and false flags, and likely because of whatever was inside the Manzano facility. The evidence suggests this was a genuine case of the long history of flying saucers meddling with nuclear weapons facilities. Doty himself even admitted on multiple occasions that he saw things with Bennewitz the even he could not explain,¹⁰⁶ so it seems obvious that even if it can persuasively explain some of the data, not all activity in this region can be explained by classified government experiments. I think Richard Doty was actually tasked with learning what classified information Bennewitz knew about not simply a drone program, but the aliens, which both Doty and Bennewitz already knew existed. Bennewitz had photographs and 2600 feet of 8mm film proof,¹⁰⁷ which was confiscated by AFOSI and classified by the NSA, who received the material from AFOSI HQ at Bolling AFB. His proof then had to be replaced by counterintelligence props to discredit him as an unreliable source of information.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid.

¹⁰⁶ Such as genuine, non-military flying saucer photographs and videos over Kirtland AFB, or flying orbs in his house, witnessed also by Jerry Miller (formerly a Project BLUE BOOK investigator), that burned a hole in Bennewitz’ ceiling.

¹⁰⁷ Steve Webbe, “U.S. Air Force Base’s Radar Knocked Out by UFO.” *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 29, No. 5 (June 1984).

COMPLAINT FORM		
NO 11025		
I ADMINISTRATIVE DATA		
TITLES KIRTLAND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80, Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range.	DATE	TIME
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MAJOR ERNEST E. EDWARDS		
RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS		PHONE
Commander, 1608 SPS, Manzano Kirtland AFB, NM		4-7516
CR <u>44</u> APPLIES		
II SUMMARY OF INFORMATION		
REMARKS		
<p>1. On 2 Sept 80, SOURCE related on 8 Aug 80, three Security Policemen assigned to 1608 SPS, KAFB, NM, on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled from North to South over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range on KAFB, NM. The Security Policemen identified as: SSGT STEPHEN FERENZ, Area Supervisor, AIC MARTIN W. RIST and AMN ANTHONY D. FRAZIER, were later interviewed separately by SOURCE and all three related the same statement: At approximately 2350hrs., while on duty in Charlie Sector, East Side of Manzano, the three observed a very bright light in the sky approximately 3 miles North-North East of their position. The light traveled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon. The three first thought the object was a helicopter, however, after observing the strange aerial maneuvers (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills. The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area. Sometime later, three witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear.</p> <p>2. Central Security Control (CSC) inside Manzano, contacted Sandia Security, who conducts frequent building checks on two alarmed structures in the area. They advised that a patrol was already in the area and would investigate.</p> <p>3. On 11 Aug 80, RUSS CURTIS, Sandia Security, advised that on 9 Aug 80, a Sandia Security Guard, (who wishes his name not be divulged for fear of harassment), related the following: At approximately 0020hrs., he was driving East on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure. As he approached the structure he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But after driving closer, he observed a round disk shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back up patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter.</p> <p>4. SOURCE advised on 27 Aug 80, three other security policemen observed the same</p>		
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DATE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT	SIGNATURE
8 Sept 80	RICHARD C. DOTY, SA	<i>Richard C. Doty</i>
DISTRICT FILE NO.	DCII RESULTS	
8017893-0/22	NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE (See Attached)	
AFOSI FORM 1 PREVIOUS EDITION WILL NOT BE USED		

Figure 9. Maj. Ernest Edwards' Unredacted AFOSI Report (File 8017D93-0/29).

aerial phenomena described by the first three. Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off.

5. Coyote Canyon is part of a large restricted test range used by the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Sandia Laboratories, Defense Nuclear Agency and the Department of Energy. The range was formerly patrolled by Sandia Security, however, they only conduct building checks there now.

6. On 10 Aug 80, a New Mexico State Patrolman sighted an aerial object land in the Manzano's between Belen and Albuquerque, NM. The Patrolman reported the sighting to the Kirtland AFB Command Post, who later referred the patrolman to the AFOSI Dist 17. AFOSI Dist 17 advised the patrolman to make a report through his own agency. On 11 Aug 80, the Kirtland Public Information office advised the patrolman the USAF no longer investigates such sightings unless they occur on a USAF base.

7. WRITER contacted all the agencies who utilized the test range and it was learned no aerial tests are conducted in the Coyote Canyon area. Only ground tests are conducted.

8. On 8 Sept 80, WRITER learned from Sandia Security that another Security Guard observed a object land near an alarmed structure sometime during the first week of August, but did not report it until just recently for fear of harassment.

9. The two alarmed structures located within the area contains HQ CR 44 material.

Figure 10. AFOSI File 8017D93-0/29.

Myrna Hansen was a single mother who experienced what she believed was an alien abduction (investigated by Dr. Leo Sprinkle), and her testimony shocked Doty, because the description of her environmental surroundings during the abduction event (where she witnessed fetal chambers and hybrid children) neatly matched a highly secured underground bunker at the Manzano storage facility—exactly where the flying saucer was seen earlier by Sandia Security Guard Russ Curtis. This was further confirmed to Doty as something serious when the DIA sent two field investigators that were tasked specifically with investigating UFO abductions.¹⁰⁸ Even today, the retired Doty, with no incentive to lie, continues to affirm these things as true.

Some researchers blame Doty for creating the Majestic Twelve (MJ-12) documents, but this is far too improbable to be true. The most probable explanation is what Doty himself says: that they were probably created by the **DIA's Special Means Committee** and are 70% factual, 20% speculation, and 10% intentional errors. Doty said USAF Col. Wendelle Stevens privately had in his possession documents highly suggestive of this conclusion.¹⁰⁹ Doty believes that had the DIA been the only agency with authority in the UFO subject, we would have probably had disclosure by now.¹¹⁰

The other events that researchers point to concerning Richard Doty are his involvement with Linda Moulton Howe, where in 1983 he was tasked to recruit her and learn Howe's intel sources feeding her classified information (something he failed to accomplish), as well as ultimately delay the production of her HBO documentary until the deadline of her contract lapsed and tanked the project:

¹⁰⁸ See Richard Doty's interview with Alan B. Smith of *Mystic Lounge* (April 28, 2022).

¹⁰⁹ See Richard Doty's interview with Vinnie Adams of *Disclosure Team* (April 13, 2022).

¹¹⁰ Ibid.

Linda was working on a UFO special, and for some reason the government didn't want her to air that, and so we worked on an operation against her. Unfortunately, it wasn't a very successful operation, because although the television special was never aired, it somewhat backfired on us... Linda was invited to Kirtland AFB and I was the primary agent (there were two other agents involved in it, not just me), and we invited her to Kirtland; showed her some information pertaining to UFOs; showed her a document—trying to hook her on a hook, and she took it initially, and we carried on a contact with her over a period of time; meeting her at different locations; providing her with some information... We tried to sell her the promise that we were going to assist her with information—that we were going to actually provide her with some legitimate information for her special. But what we were doing was delaying it.¹¹¹

The same strategy seems to have been used on Robert Emenegger for his 1974 documentary *UFOs: Past, Present, and Future*, as he was promised classified film footage of aliens landing at Holloman AFB which he did not ultimately receive from his military contacts—though he was indeed given a few seconds of some legitimate military footage of a UFO landing.¹¹² However, it must be said that neither of these examples indicate any lying about the alien presence to cover up something else.

To control the mass perception of the uninformed majority (those who do not care to investigate the ufological data), counterintelligence personnel lie by *proclaiming* to everyone UFOs do not exist and are misidentified balloons. To control the mass perception of the informed minority (those that investigate the ufological data), counterintelligence personnel lie by *whispering* to individuals behind closed doors that they will cooperate with them and provide classified information about aliens when their actions are meant to accomplish the opposite outcome. It seems to be the case that despite Richard Doty being tasked by OSI to feed into ufology in order to protect classified special access programs, the official Pentagon position of total denial of all possible extraterrestrial visitation has never changed (as well as the NSA & NRO stranglehold on organizations like NASA), and we still cannot be too sure if the truth about the protection of prosaic classified programs can itself be used as a *lie of omission* meant to seduce observers who have already been preconditioned to doubt the existence of everything bizarre or unusual. One must agree that the net effect of Doty's counterintelligence operation is that the public is split between people who believe in either the total falsehood of extraterrestrial visitation, latching onto the untrustworthiness of the mouthpiece, or—like in the opinion of Dr. Steven Greer—that all extraterrestrials are therefore benevolent, by virtue of all abductions presumed to be military.¹¹³ Both of these conclusions fail to explain all the data.

In addition to a “leak the truth with error” disclosure compromise, one must consider a possible “lie with the truth” strategy by the establishment. This would indicate that the ETH is actually true, and that certain agencies will have counterintelligence agents pump into ufology the most unacceptable organic truth,¹¹⁴ and the acceptable synthetic falsehood only insofar as it leads to its inevitable mass rejection and further entrenchment into obscurity once the deception is revealed. Greg Bishop presumed it was manifestly absurd to assert that the captured aliens enjoy Tibetan music and strawberry ice cream, yet Richard Doty, despite admitting to past lies, has been consistently adamant that this strange minor detail was actually true, even if it does sound ridiculous.¹¹⁵ Richard Doty genuinely does personally believe the

¹¹¹ Art Bell, “Government Disinformation Programs—Greg Bishop, Richard Doty,” *Coast to Coast AM* (February 27, 2005).

¹¹² See Robert Emenegger's testimony in *Mirage Men* (Perception Management, 2013).

¹¹³ It is worth mentioning that in January 1998, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology (USDAT) Jacques S. Gansler told Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, “UFO's are real, but so-called ‘alien abductions’ are not real.” See Eric W. Davis, *EWD Notes* (October 16, 2002), p. 15.

¹¹⁴ Perhaps to gauge the current social threshold of acceptance and test the efficacy of past deception and persuasion attempts with narrative engineering.

¹¹⁵ Art Bell, “Government Disinformation Programs—Greg Bishop, Richard Doty,” *Coast to Coast AM* (February 27, 2005).

ETH as a retired civilian, and he does believe in the *genuineness* of the classified 1947 film he was shown of the Roswell crash when briefed into the Kirtland AFB UFO program. This form of selective information dissemination to individuals will package a lie, neatly wrapped in a tidy bow—together with a random, sloppy, uncontextualized truth—knowing that most people will be repulsed by the truth and receive from the box only the lie they have been conditioned to want to hear. These groups seem to *conceal* the truth simply by having untrustworthy people *reveal* it, which ensures its ultimate rejection. This is in my estimation the actual psychological counterintelligence operation at play in ufology, and not the idea that intelligence agencies want to fool everyone into believing in fake aliens in order to receive endless Pentagon paranoia funds and create a contrived one world government. Were that actually the case, the Pentagon would have openly advocated for the ETH from the beginning, to condition the public towards the belief they manufactured for their own personal gain.

The New World Order Conspiracy

President Ronald Reagan was quoted in 1987, saying to the United Nations, “I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world,”¹¹⁶ and partnering with Mikhail Gorbachev against a hypothetical extraterrestrial threat.¹¹⁷ This idea was not unique to Reagan, as it had already been said by Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1955,¹¹⁸ and philosophy professor John Dewey heard the same thing expressed in 1917.¹¹⁹ This led those with paranoid minds to speculate that mischievous scheming was afoot by the Council on Foreign Relations and the United Nations to create a united planet led by either a corrupt One World Government or (in the case of paranoid Christians) a prophesied Antichrist.

However, what never gets considered is the possibility that people could genuinely hope for world peace and work towards this end with nothing nefarious attached. This world unification sentiment also precedes the 20th century and does not originate with the United States. The Christian bishop Athanasius of Alexandria makes the identical statement about how demons make humanity go to war, lest we unite with one another and make war with *them*.¹²⁰ Athanasius clearly had no ideological problem with a unified planet, and though he had no concept of a malevolent *extraterrestrial*, we can easily update his use of the word “demon” to include it. Of course, Athanasius did not generate this idea in a vacuum, because the apostle Paul says the same thing about the planetary Archons, and how we should unite against them instead of killing each other.¹²¹ It could certainly be the case that a unified power ultimately fails because of spiritual immaturity, and evil ultimately overshadows good intentions in the end, but this is no reason to reject with hostility all honest attempts at global unification and assume all individuals who desire this are evil. It is for these reasons that the New World Order conspiracy is not something I find probable in the slanted manner it is often presented, but at the same time I will grant that the rich and powerful tend to be unsuccessful at walking through the eye of a needle.¹²²

Therefore, some aspects of the disinformation scenario certainly have a good amount of explanatory power relative to most of the other scenarios, but only insofar as it attempts to explain *some* (and not *all*) of the data.

¹¹⁶ Ronald Reagan, *Address to the United Nations General Assembly* (September 21, 1987).

¹¹⁷ See the Charlie Rose interview with Mikhail Gorbachev on *The Charlie Rose Show* (April 21, 2009).

¹¹⁸ “M’Arthur Greets Mayor of Naples,” *The New York Times* (October 8, 1955), p. 7.

¹¹⁹ *Division of Intercourse and Education, The Imperial Japanese Mission to the United States, 1917*, No. 15 (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1918), p. 105.

¹²⁰ Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, 52.

¹²¹ cf. Ephesians 6:12.

¹²² cf. Matthew 19:24.

R E S P O N S E # 5 E X P L A N A T O R Y P O W E R T A B L E

CAN EXPLAIN	MUST EXPLAIN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why some abduction cases involve crude medical examinations inconsistent with advanced extraterrestrial technology. • Why some abduction cases and sightings are accompanied by unmarked, black helicopters. • Why there are a multitude of UFO crashes. • Why clandestine counterintelligence agents want prying eyes to label every UFO as something extraterrestrial. • Why declassified government documents refer to utilizing the UFO phenomenon for psychological warfare purposes. • Why aerospace contractors are trying to build flying saucers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why nearly identical UFOs are witnessed and reported in antiquity. • Why aerial abduction cases are witnessed and reported in antiquity. • Why many government insiders genuinely believe in the extraterrestrial hypothesis, and continue to do so long after they retire. • Why many of the most influential technological innovators credit their advancements to receiving information from higher powers. • Why declassified government documents reveal that even military generals had no idea what flying saucers were. • Why the military is sometimes ignorant and in need of being informed by civilians about the location of certain crash sites. • Why the official Pentagon position has always been denial of extraterrestrials rather than acceptance. • How we received the technical knowledge for such advanced technology in such a short period of time if it was unassisted by outside forces.

VI. ASSESSMENT OF “DEMONIC DECEPTION” SCENARIO

A sixth response many people have when they hear someone assert that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth is that the phenomenon *actually* represents demonic deception by supremely malevolent, disembodied demons on Earth pretending to be extraterrestrials with the express purpose of gaining the trust and obedience of humans to engage in occult spiritual practices and ultimately enslave us under one world United Nations government dedicated to Satan. It is mostly Christians who immediately jump at the opportunity to say, “aliens are demons” and that their arrival fulfills apocalyptic prophecies, and so I will mainly speak concerning Christianity (though this approach would likely also reflect the fundamentalist Muslim belief in Jinn). Among the Eastern Orthodox, the most influential voice was the controversial conservative sectarian Fr. Seraphim Rose, a former Methodist Evangelical fundamentalist from San Diego who converted to ROCOR and simply accepted the conveniently negative position of ufologist John Keel.¹²³ Rose’s position was uncritically repackaged and reasserted by multiple Orthodox figures. Fr. Thomas Kulp said all UFO incidents can be explained as demonic deception, and that the purpose of the phenomenon is to prepare the human race for the antichrist.¹²⁴ Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna once wrote that the alien abductors of ufology may be demons because they “look like demons,”¹²⁵ Most recently Rose was repackaged by a European ROCOR priest Fr. Spyridon Bailey.¹²⁶ The Rose position was also echoed by the Russian Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev who added that if extraterrestrials existed, the Bible “would definitely say something about that.”¹²⁷ Taken to the extreme, Archimandrite Gabriel Urgebadze of the Georgian Orthodox Church does not think people should even look at the sky for fear of being deceived by demons.¹²⁸ Thus, for most of these individuals, the actual existence of extraterrestrial life represents a genuine hostility against Christian belief in what the *geocentric* Bible ought to say, and so all evidence of extraterrestrial life will be misinterpreted to be demonic deception. This biased approach to data likely goes back to Russian theologian Vladimir Lossky, who asserted that science is only acceptable when it has “apologetic purpose” to affirm the beliefs of the Orthodox Church,¹²⁹ which is of course a recipe for denying reality when archaic beliefs formed under geocentric presuppositions are inevitably proven insufficient or false. This shows that while lip service is given to science, religious confirmation bias is a much more valued methodology by fundamentalists.

Here we can see West Coast American Evangelical fundamentalism has been unknowingly marketed (as a result from an ideological dedication to the ideas of Seraphim Rose) as if it were the universal Orthodox position. Evangelical fundamentalist apologist Dave Hunt from Riverside gave the same perspective.¹³⁰ The traditionalist San Francisco Sufi convert Charles Upton has little else to say other than UFOs are demonic.¹³¹ In the contemporary American Evangelical world, one could point to the Canadian fundamentalist astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross as the most influential voice speaking the

¹²³ Seraphim Rose, *Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future* (St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 1979) pp. 99-143.

¹²⁴ Thomas Kulp, *UFOs: A demonic conspiracy. Flying Saucer Review*, 45/3 (2000).

¹²⁵ Chrysostomos of Etna, “Alien Abductions and the Orthodox Christian,” *Orthodox Tradition*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 57-62.

¹²⁶ Spyridon Bailey, *The UFO Deception* (FeedARead, 2021).

¹²⁷ “Russian Orthodox Church equates aliens with demons,” *Interfax News Agency* (April 20, 2020). Expecting the geocentric Bible to talk about extraterrestrials is as ridiculous as expecting the remote tribes of the Amazon rainforest to carve stories about New York City into trees. The Bible does not even contain half the things Jesus did (cf. John 21:25).

¹²⁸ “Elder Gabriel’s Edifications,” *MonkGabriel.ge* (2011).

¹²⁹ Vladimir Lossky, *The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church* (1944), pp. 104-106.

¹³⁰ See Dave Hunt in the documentary *The UFO Conspiracy* (Brian Barkley, 2004).

¹³¹ Charles Upton, *The Alien Disclosure Deception* (Sophia Perennis, 2021).

same pointless explanation of UFOs, and telling everyone factual errors such as the idea that UFOs are never physical, produce no debris to inspect, and the only people who see them are those who dabble in the occult.¹³² Fundamentalist methodology is clearly beyond denominational distinctives, as Fr. Thomas Kulp's statement above is unknowingly directly taken from the Pentecostal revivalist Walter Vinson Grant, who could not endure the ufological testimony of Riverside contactee Truman Bethurum who spoke during the Grant Revival at the Angelus Temple in March of 1954. Reacting against Bethurum, Grant enthusiastically wrote in the same year that God *personally* showed him a vision that the flying saucers are evil demons pretending to be extraterrestrials, the antichrist will claim to be from another planet, unite the apocalyptic new world order ("one world government") under one heretical, communist, occult religion sponsored by the United Nations.¹³³ Every half-baked, paranoid conspiracy theory regarding what flying saucers represent can be first found in the statements of the Evangelical Walter Grant. But do most Christians really even know what a *demon* is anyway?

The Historical Background of the Greek "Daimon"

The uneducated majority of Christians (whether Evangelical, Roman Catholic, Anglican, or Eastern Orthodox) do not seem to be aware of the original usage of the word we now know as "demon." The Oxford Dictionary states the following:

The Greek word *daimon* is the root of demon. In ancient Greece a demon or daemon was a divine or supernatural being somewhere between gods and humans, or an attendant spirit or inspiring force... these demons were not evil; these did not appear until the writing of the Septuagint, a Greek version of the Hebrew Bible, in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC.¹³⁴

The daimons of the first century Greco-Roman world were not understood to be anything other than powerful, unknown spirits, and the definition is extremely generic because there was really no way of scientifically investigating such entities to find out more information. A daimon might be good, or it might be bad, or it might be both, and maybe neither. *Daimon* does not actually mean much of anything. While it is true that the New Testament Gospels (the perspective of a largely uneducated group of first century Jews) mentions *daimons* being cast out of people, and the presumption was that these entities were evil. However, this still does not mean much of anything. It could be argued that only *evil* daimons were thought worthy of being recorded in the New Testament, and not that it was believed that all daimons were evil. It also does not tell us about their *origins*, their *anatomies*, their *intentions*, their *appearances*, their *histories*; nor does it validate any "fallen angel" or "Lucifer" mythologies that Christians might also hold in our post-Paradise Lost world. For all we know, most daimons could be explained as the deceased spirits of now discarnate humans. Much of this seems to have changed dramatically after the second century Christian philosopher and saint Justin Martyr popularized the idea that all the Greek gods and daimons can be reduced to the single Nephilim event found in the sixth chapter of Genesis:

But the angels transgressed this appointment, and were captivated by love of women, and begot children who are those that are called demons.¹³⁵

¹³² Hugh Ross; Kenneth Samples; Mark Clark, *Lights in the Sky & Little Green Men* (Reasons to Believe, 2002). See also his many Church lectures and podcast interviews.

¹³³ Walter V. Grant, *Men in the Flying Saucers Identified: Not a Mystery!* (Faith Clinic, 1954).

¹³⁴ Julia Cresswell, *Oxford Dictionary of Word Origins*, Second Edition (Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 122-123.

¹³⁵ Justin Martyr, *Second Apology*, 5.

This idea entering the mainstream of Christian consciousness, using the negative instances of demonic activity in the New Testament for dogmatic support, created an overly simplistic cosmological paradigm for generations to follow.

Depictions of the Demonic in Christian Iconography

Eastern Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna once wrote that the alien abductors of ufology “look like demons,”¹³⁶ which I took issue with,¹³⁷ mostly because that could be said of anything malevolent, human or not. However, to properly investigate this subject, let us also survey the medieval Christian depictions of demons in art throughout the centuries, in both the Byzantine East and the Roman West, to prove my case.

There is not much in the way of demonic depictions prior to the 12th century (the oldest icons were portraits), so the majority of depictions will be after this point. The earliest iconographic depictions of demons are of shadows and void, and they gradually become more associated with monstrous hybridization or chimerism. Likely due to the 14th century popularity of Dante Alighieri’s work, demons began receiving bat wings rather than bird wings. In terms of “the devil” specifically, however, both the earliest depiction and the 19th century depiction of William Blake (inspired by John Milton’s *Paradise Lost* published in 1667) are indistinguishable from the human form. However, in terms of literary depictions, the earliest version of the devil was unquestionably a winged humanoid, serpentine reptilian.¹³⁸ It is also worth noting that *wings* in iconography are often not meant to be taken literally, and are merely visual representations of aerial travel or (like in the case of Eastern icons of John the Baptist) that they are simply messengers of God. Furthermore, keep in mind that much of Christian iconographic representation of the demonic is not actually taken from the Bible, but rather other sources, such as Greek mythology, popular literature, and common experiencers. Thus, many demonic forms in art may be intended to be purely symbolic.

¹³⁶ Chrysostomos of Etna, “Alien Abductions and the Orthodox Christian,” *Orthodox Tradition*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 57-62.

¹³⁷ cf. Andreano (2022), p. 740.

¹³⁸ See Genesis 3 in conjunction with the first century Jewish description of Azazel in *Apocalypse of Abraham* 23:6-11.



Figure 11. 6th century Italian mosaic from the Basilica of S. Apollinare Nuovo depicting Jesus separating the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:31-46). No demons can be found, but it is presumed that the blue angel on Jesus' left is the devil, evidently prior the iconographic tradition of only granting halos to the saintly. The devil is depicted as a robed human with bird wings.



Figure 12. “The Ladder of Divine Ascent,” a late-12th century Eastern Christian icon at Saint Catherine's Monastery based on the teachings of early 7th century monk John Climacus. Demons are depicted as humanoid shadows with bird wings and tails.



Figure 13. “The Last Judgment” mosaic by Coppo di Marcovaldo (1270). In this 13th century icon, the devil is depicted as a cannibalistic humanoid giant with two horns. No wings to be found.



Figure 14. Demons depicted in the Cappellone degli Spagnoli fresco by Andrea di Bonaiuto (1368). This 14th century Western depiction of humanoid demons is varied, featuring different colored skin, different types of ears, fur, beards, horns, tusks, and bat wings.



Figure 15. Anonymous Russian icon of St. Nikita slaying a demon (1450). This 15th century Eastern depiction is of a black humanoid creature with bird wings. The black color here may be attempting to signify shadowy void.



Figure 16. “Lucifer being judged by Christ in majesty, while the saints intercede for him. Bodleian Library MS. Douce 134, fol. 067v (1450-1470). In this 15th century depiction of the demonic, we can clearly see monstrous chimerism, adorned with horns, goat ears, bird talons, tusks, and fur.



Figure 17. “The Devil Presenting St. Augustine with the Book of Vices,” by Michael Pacher (1483). This late 15th century Western depiction of the devil is a grotesque humanoid reptilian with green skin, horns, tusks, bat wings, and a tail.



Figure 18. “The Torment of Saint Anthony,” by Michaelangelo (1488). This late15th century Western depiction of demons is all over the place. Some demons have fish-like characteristics, others have fur, others have tusks and horns, others have wings, others are reptilian, and others are more insectoid. All depictions here are non-human and quite alien.



Figure 19. “Lucifer” by Cornelis Galle (1595). In this 16th century engraving, the giant humanoid devil is depicted with three faces, fur, horns, a beard, and three sets of bat wings.



Figure 20. Woodcut from the *Compendium Maleficarum* by Francesco Maria Guazzo (1608). This early 17th century Western depiction of a demon shows a humanoid creature with bat wings, horns, a bird-like beak, and a tail.



Figure 21. “Satan Summoning His Legions,” oil painting by Thomas Stothard (1790). In this late 18th century English depiction, Satan is a Nordic human military commander.



Figure 22. “Satan arousing the rebel angels,” British watercolor by William Blake (1808). In this early 19th century Western depiction, Satan is a (wingless) Nordic human.



Figure 23. “Pulling the Devil by the tail,” French woodcut by J. J. Grandville (1803-1847). In this 19th century depiction, the devil has prominent goat qualities (in addition to his usual bat wings) reminiscent of the Greek god Pan, who has both satyr and faun characteristics.



Figure 24. “Satan’s Flight Through Chaos” by Gustave Dore (1868). In this 19th century depiction for Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, we see the devil depicted as a human military figure with bat wings.

As we can see, there is no uniform depiction of demons and devils throughout Christian history. The demonic is a conglomeration of humanoid, reptilian, insectoid, avian, caprine, and formless qualities all mixed together in different presentations depending on the time, place, and artistic agenda. This likely indicates that the vast majority of Christians know nothing about the physical appearance of demons, perhaps sometimes drawing upon a variety of contradictory information from spiritual texts, and so the artist tends to impute whatever ugly or fearful thing which can be imagined into the creative process. If everything is a demon, then nothing is a demon.

In summary, what demons are is unknown but presumed to be spirits. Where demons come from is also unknown. What demons look like is unknown, as iconography is quite varied. Also, calling something a demon speaks only of a perceived malevolence and little else. Additionally, all past assertions about demons were made by Geocentrists who knew nothing about outer space and the existence of exoplanets, aside from the fact that such rejections of the ETH represent a false dichotomy and confirmation bias: just because something is “demonic” does not mean it is also *not extraterrestrial*. Lastly, everything under the sun has been called a *demon* by Christians.¹³⁹ As I wrote elsewhere:

The problem with the “aliens-are-demons” argument is that it selectively biases the data in the negative direction and ignores everything to the contrary. If malevolent ETs are to be equated with historic encounters with demons (a point with which I agree), then benevolent ETs are to also be equated with historic corporeal encounters with angels. The distinction between angels and demons is one of behavior rather than nature. There are certainly higher dimensional/higher density beings who may have formerly lived as we do on Earth, or perhaps on some other planet, but there are also those ETs who are with us on our dimensional plane. We cannot simply define the entire phenomenon by its darkest aspects, we need to have an explanation which best accounts for all the data, much of which is not inherently evil in nature, and we must be honest about the fact that this is the case even when it happens to contradict Christian teaching.¹⁴⁰

Many have tried to assert that the phenomenon must be purely malevolent demons because it is creating new forms of faith, and it is uniquely deconstructive to Christians. Those who assert this evidently do not understand the extremely problematic developments of Christian history replete with overt bigotry and vitriolic condemnations against rather benign cosmological speculations.¹⁴¹ Christians (many of whom trained to be ignorant fundamentalists from birth, all in the name of “faithfulness”) having the hardest time with paradigmatic shifts is actually a natural, predictable consequence which is to be expected. Therefore, I would argue that the extraterrestrial explanation of paranormal, “demonic” activity is a position with almost no explanatory power, and some investigators into the demonic, such as Paul Eno, have accepted the possibility that demons could indeed be extraterrestrial aliens.¹⁴² Furthermore, many Christians today still function under archaic geocentric presuppositions because they are merely copy/pasting the worldviews of the ancient theologians they revere. Thus, instead of positing any possible extraterrestrial origin to anything, they continue to employ a vague “spirit world” as a way to point at nothing specific. Furthermore, many Christians will try to distance themselves from probable explanations and create improbable explanations in order to make their conceptual framework correct, rather than question the accuracy and reliability of the paradigm itself.

¹³⁹ Foreign gods, people, spirits, lights in the sky, satyrs, even possums. Nothing is above being called a demon if it sufficiently frightens someone else. See John Wortley, *The Anonymous Sayings of the Desert Fathers* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2013), p. 159, 161; Athanasius. *The Life of Anthony*, 53; T. Edward Nickens. “A Strange, Wondrous Beast of Our Backyards.” *The National Wildlife Federation* (December 1, 2002).

¹⁴⁰ Andreano (2022), p. 756.

¹⁴¹ *Ibid.*, pp. 336-344.

¹⁴² “Paul & Ben Eno: Aliens and Exorcism: Why Do UFOs Turn Up in “Possession” Cases?” *Exeter TV* (December 17, 2018).

R E S P O N S E # 6 E X P L A N A T O R Y P O W E R T A B L E

CAN EXPLAIN	MUST EXPLAIN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why some modern reports of UFOs are similar to ancient reports of angels and demons. • Why there seems to be a phenomenological relationship between ufological and occult close encounters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where demons originate. • What demons look like. • Why ancient texts such as Genesis 6 features corporeal genetic hybridization. • Why many UFO experiences are not evil. • Why UFO crash retrievals involve physical material and bodies. • Why some CE-III events involve individuals witnessing star maps. • Why some ufonauts claim to be from extraterrestrial locations. • Why official government Working Groups investigating the data believe the UFO pilots to be extraterrestrials. • Why the flying vehicles travel in outer space and are verified by radar detection. • Why physical ground traces either in the shape of the vehicle or the landing gear are so commonly discovered by researchers. • Why autopsies of the crashed ufonauts resulted in discovering a completely foreign anatomical structure not found in other creatures on Earth. • Why Christians with no connection to the occult encounter ufonauts and not the religious figures they anticipate. • Why school children witnessed ufonauts land at their school and drew nearly identical images of what they saw. • Why demons would pretend to be extraterrestrial if pretending to be benevolent is already sufficient for deception. • Why the appearances of the ufonauts are manifestly alien and do not conform to the already established beliefs of the individuals (such as Jesus or saints) if the intent is to deceive and gain obedience. • Why the ufonauts often try to protect the Earth from nuclear destruction caused by humans. • Why other cultures with UFO experiences, such as the indigenous Native American tribes or South American Maya, already believe themselves to come from “Star people.”

CONCLUSION

Based on analysis of facts, history, and testimony, the most probable scenario is that the extraterrestrial hypothesis is indeed an *honest theory* called upon to explain the data. Most internal disagreements about this being an *incorrect conclusion* can be explained by differences in metaphysics or cosmological & theoretical allegiances. It nonetheless remains to be true that it represents the position with the most explanatory power, as it must explain very little in comparison to the other views, and provides a helpful framework of expectation. However, it is also true that despite the fact these things cannot account for the historical reality and innumerable number of documented and undocumented incidents, the hoaxes of ignorant attention-seeking cynics and counterintelligence disinformation are also real things which deceive and muddy the data, which means we must always consider possible human acts of exploiting social expectations about the extraterrestrial presence (though this is true of all manner of expectation and not merely the present subject). The *mass delusion* and related *modern myth* scenarios explain essentially nothing and have the most to explain, making them the most improbable positions of all. Lastly, the *demonic deception* scenario is too unsophisticated to be in any sense relevant other than to suggest that some close encounters could be malevolent and deceptive, but this is already a conclusion among many ufologists regarding extraterrestrials, and thus fails to show why it exists as a valid position at all. Thus, this is one position that one cannot regard as probable or improbable, but rather simply irrelevant.

The difficulty with this subject is that many diverse assertions can be true simultaneously, and the human mind tries desperately to reduce complexity into simplicity. The implication of this conclusion, and the explanation of the facts with the highest probability of being true, is that extraterrestrial intelligences have indeed visited the planet at some point in our past; that they continue to interact with us with an extraordinary capacity for elusiveness, and that factions within the United States military engaged in an exhaustive disinformation effort to prevent the public from learning this fact in attempt to privately learn more about the global and galactic situation as well as to prevent public panic. However, in addition to all of this is the grim possibility that other scientific aspects of the military have been for decades engaging in highly immoral false flag abductions, as well as manipulative underground Nazi-inspired eugenics and mind control experiments under the guise of being extraterrestrial aliens in order to evade the ethical and regulative roadblocks of the legal system. This could be the case even if the aliens themselves are also real, since the military can, in theory, attempt to protect two different secrets. Naturally, the mind does not want to entertain the darker aspects of reality for any length of time, but this multifaceted scenario is in my estimation the only explanation that accounts for *all* the data.