

Speculative Realms

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Die, UFOlogy, Die!!!

"A normotic person is someone who is abnormally normal."

—Christopher Bollas, [The Shadow of the Object](#)

by Gary Haden

There has been a lot of ink spilled recently regarding whether or not UFOlogy is dead. It appears the consensus is that it isn't just dead. It is buried.

Well, it is buried—under mountains of data. The evidence that UFOs exist is as irrefutable as it is immovably mountainous. There *ARE* flying objects we haven't been able to identify. Some of them are, no doubt, military aircraft: unmanned drones or surveillance probes or some such. The secrecy surrounding these aircraft probably has to do more with military narcissism than military awareness that a little green person is in the cockpit.

Yet, in some instances, the flight characteristics of UFOs cancel out any possibility that they are piloted by humans. A human pilot would be killed if she flew at the speeds and trajectories documented in UFO lore. If the vehicles have pilots at all, and it isn't clear one way or the other—yet—that they do, they simply can't be human. I'm willing to entertain the possibility that they could be human but only on the chance the military is in possession of technology which facilitates human functioning in that kind of flight environment.

There is no reason to trust that the [first-with-the-truthers](#), obsessed with the [Vietnam Syndrome](#), would tell us the truth about anything. Trying to get propagandists to stop propagandizing is like trying to stop a prize pig from slopping itself. The Fair is a veritable smorgasbord.

All this ground has been covered. The people who covered it demand to know what more can be added. They've done all the work. They've turned every stone. To suggest there is anything more to add is to suggest the Grandmasters of UFO Research didn't do their jobs properly.

Well, most of the Grandmasters *DID* do their jobs properly *AND* there are a HELL of a lot of stones to turn over. There is so much sorting to do. There is so much organizing and analyzing to do. It simply can not be done by any one individual researcher or any one research modality. Nor can inquiry into UFOs and Alien life be confined to a gated community of Grandmasters who merely repeat conventional UFO wisdom, however painstakingly won. It doesn't just take a village to research the issues.

It takes a universe.

Physicists and pilots may nail flight characteristics and antigravity concepts, but they won't have the background to look at the psychological and philosophical implications of UFOs. Similarly, data hounds might amass huge storehouses of reports, maps, charts, trace evidence reports, and photo and film footage, but they are likely to laugh off the notion, propounded by some scholars, that UFOs are being used by humans to construct new religions.

Contrary to Michael Horn's protestations, [Billy Meier](#), a man who claims to be in contact with Alien Beings from the [Pleiades](#), is a religious prophet apocalyptically commenting on the times. Meier is a fraud to the Data Hound because the Data Hound can prove his photographs and films are hoaxes.

What the data hound doesn't know is that apocalyptic literature is replete with deceptive literary devices such as the pseudonym and the unverifiable epiphany: the prophet makes a claim about being in the presence of the divinity, in Meier's case, the Plejarens, and reports back to the common folk the divinity's findings about

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humanity's current state. The report, like the apocalypse of Isaiah or the Book of Revelations, is meant to reverse the progression of disease in the ethical order of the human realm.

Meier's flying saucers aren't any different from Benjamin Franklin's pseudonymous letters to the editor or Kierkegaard posing as the Hilarious Bookbinder. They're meant to procure authority for his voice. They are literary devices. They are works of fiction used for effect. These tricksters use the fraud as a device in indirect communication, a mode Kierkegaard was the past master of. Benjamin Franklin loved masks. He was a letter-to-the-editor cross-dresser. If he were alive today he'd be a TV Horror Host, frolicking in the masks of the Universal Monsters, satirizing American Life and having a grand old time.

The fraud is not the main event. The fraud is sleight of hand to accomplish the suspension of analytic activity in the reader's mind so that the apocalyptic message can enter, through the backdoor, the rooms of the mind where it finds its welcome.

You occupy the mind's analytic machinations with debunking the fraud while you slip in an ethical critique of the plundering of the environment or the evil of humans.

The Prophet uses the voice of God to publish and circulate a critique of the times and to accomplish apocalyptic reversals of fortune. Billy Meier is not doing anything differently. For Michael Horn to protest that this is not religion is disingenuous, if not purposely so. If you listen to Horn's new [podcast](#), it sounds like the poetic meanderings of the New Age Mystic.

Michael Horn is a *priest*. And Billy Meier's joke. A joke at the debunker's expense.

The Data Hound will prove his films to be a fraud but will not understand what Meier is up to in the grand scheme of things. A religious scholar would find him out.

Die-hard investigators who accumulate mountains of data and filing cabinets full of evidence might not be able to synthesize their findings in quite the same manner that succeeding researchers looking at it with fresh eyes might.

Let's face it. Grandmasters can get too cozy with one another. When one turns out to be a crook, it is very difficult to hold them accountable because the other Grandmasters leap to the defense of the crook. It is turning out that the UFO Community, for all its bloodthirsty, scandal hungry, freak hunting, is ironically not very good at accountability.

Therefore, the contributions ethicists can make to field are as valuable as the discovery of alien bodies in Dulce or the birth of an Alien Human Hybrid at hospital. Quite frankly, the personality/psychotherapy cults and the freak-hunting wolfpacks reliving their high school bullying careers, which crop up in and around the UFO Community, in its podcasts and its print media, cry out for ethical examination.

The normotic Freak Hunters believe themselves to be the guardians of truth and beauty in the realm of UFOlogy when in reality their function is to haze the outsider. The personality cultists and the patients of ET Psychotherapy Gurus believe they are the protectors of ascended masters when in actuality they facilitate the continued victimization of innocent and at times troubled people just trying to understand what is happening to them.

If the Grandmasters are going to sit on their haunches and enjoy the Freakshow, then they deserve the irrelevancy they doom themselves to with that complacency. It isn't going to matter so much that they proved UFOs exist. What is going to matter is that they sat back and watched the horror unfold and did nothing to stop it, simply because they thought small potatoes like ethics had little to do with the field.

Many UFO "experts" who appear in the media bemoan the lack of academic interest in the topic. Maybe they should get out more. Scholars from all over the academic spectrum have written about UFOs and Aliens—anthropologists, folklorists, psychologicals, lawyers, political scientists, literary critics. And they're not all skeptics.

I'm not saying scholars don't have their own problems with the gated community. They just about hazed [Michael Faraday](#) into oblivion, but not quite. And if your tenure committee does not like your theoretical face, you'll end up just another PhD working the counter at Mickey Ds.

I guess the question for the UFO Community is: Are the barbarians at the gate or are the barbarians inside it? Are the outsiders come to start the carnage or to stop it? Are they like the Joker, outside the gates of Gotham, yelling "What this town needs is an enema?"

Or is it Martin Luther, nailing a reformation to the gate?

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