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## Beware of the Dark Side of UFOs!

*A brief exposé of the saucer lore, aliens, and the abduction expert mythos*

By Matt Graeber

*In this Speculative Realms post, I shall focus on "The Dark Side of UFOs," especially those which seem to have all the characteristics of mysterious "unknowns."*

*This should serve to quell the nagging suspicion that I am a hard-nosed debunker and pro-UFO tumbcoat who no longer believes in saucers. The only stipulation I wish to make is that I believe there is a "pronounced psychological IMPACT" of a sighting experience upon the observer(s). That is my present interest.*

*I ask: Does that make me more or less of a skeptic? I happen to have some long-time friends and colleagues who are ardent UFO believers and obviously embrace what they perceive to be evidence of the "real UFO experience" as well as the popular abduction lore.*

*I guess this sort of UFOology should be discussed but, I have not brought it up in very much detail thus far in Mr. Haden's blog because it involves "belief" and "faith" which should not be part of a semi-serious discussion on UFOs. But, psychology is definitely involved in the perceptions, behaviors, and beliefs of people and it is, therefore, fair game! So, if I should slip back into my thoughts on psychology from time to time I hope you'll excuse my brief lapses of control.*

*Since I am already spilling my guts, so-to-speak, please excuse a bit more as I would like to mention that, while I do tend to lean heavily on Jungian psychology, I often do this to avoid Freudian psychology because it can be so sexual at times. Moreover, there are many things about Jungian psychology I do not personally agree with. Yet, I do make use of Dr. Jung's concepts, terminology, and similar symbolic examples simply because he researched and wrote about UFOs over five decades ago. So, he is an excellent reference source.*

*While I do respect and admire Freud, Jung, and many other analysts' work, I think they were men of their times and perceived things through the prism of their uniquely brilliant personalities and eras. But, I have more than thirty-seven years of my own UFOlogical experience and desire to share some of it with others. It would be very foolish of me not to do so.*

*Additionally, in no way do I believe I have any concrete answers to the UFO enigma, but I may be asking some questions of merit.*

*I'll ask you to be the judge on that.*

—Matt Graeber, March 2011



We have all heard and read stories about how marvelously exceptional the UFO experience is. How it is intellectually stimulating, spiritually enlightening, and personally transformative. Especially, when the little Grays, the Reptilians, or the Insectoid creatures have selected a particular individual for cross-breeding experimentation, harvested their eggs or spermatozoa. (It seems having one's genes joined with those of a "Gray" is somehow thought to be desirable in saucer circles!)

Yes, it is a truly unique experience, albeit often horrific and physically painful according to many abductees, UFO Experts, and several Top-Dog Abductologists.

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They have painstakingly figured out:

1. The entire covert alien agenda;
2. That about 117 different alien creatures (species) are presently coming to earth kidnapping people;
3. Much of the aliens' covert methodologies and technology. These are often thought to be *Black Magic*-like simply because they contradict and confound our long-established physical laws as well as our model of the real world! Of course, these fantastic covert methods and advanced technologies are routinely employed by aliens to locate "chosen" victims and render them helpless before they are whisked away to a waiting spaceship. Oh yes, I almost forgot to mention . . .
4. All this, while the same abduction experts bypass the rather sticky issue of proving UFOs exist in the first place! (It's all sort of cart before the horse saucer-logic), not to mention that . . .
5. The Grays, and some UFOs, can also fly, float, submerge, materialize, dematerialize and pass right through solid walls or a thick strand of forest without being damaged, thereby occupying the same space and time with all sorts of physical objects – much like Casper the friendly ghost. The Grays seem to also lack an opposable thumb and cannot possibly grasp and turn a door knob! A reasonable person might wonder how these aliens manage to construct their marvelous spaceships without grasping a tool.

Interestingly, thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of abductions are said to occur nightly (even in heavily populated urban communities like New York City). This is all completely undetected of course, since the aliens also possess the remarkable ability to "switch-off people", enabling them to kidnap the individuals they seek without being noticed or bothered by others who might be present at the time. They thereby avoid interference or troublesome interruptions by family, friends, fellow employees, guardians, or angry lovers.

Not only this – the aliens can also instill screen memories in the mind of an abductee, masking and completely altering their covert activities. They can also create lingering mind blockages of various degrees. Yet, they always fail to instill such mental distortions in the consciousness of the book-writing abductologists who frequently expose their covert activities at UFO conventions and on radio and TV programs informing large audiences of the dangers of an alien presence on our planet. However, the experts' abduction stories appear to be quite lucrative for a few abductologists at the top of the UFOlogical heap because they tend to titillate the sensation-seeking saucer buffs and cable TV viewers who are eager to learn more and simply choose to believe what they are being told about the so-called enigma.

But wait! There are many more contradictions and common-sense pitfalls to the saucer legend. It is the **Dark Side** of the phenomenon which one seldom hears about. However, I have decided to write about it for *Speculative Realms* readers with the hope it may produce a small "shock of recognition" for UFO believers who have happened to surf the many saucer sites and ended up here.

For those very fortunate individuals, I offer (completely free of charge), the equally exceptional and highly enlightening experience of *NOT* being bamboozled by a self-appointed UFO expert, as this article is penned by a mere student of the phenomenon who spent 37 years of his life independently investigating, evaluating, and researching the phantoms-of-the-skies reports.

#### A CLARIFICATION

It is also very important to note that I *am not attempting to gain your intellectual favor, change your UFO beliefs, or seek your confidence for financial gain. You have the right to examine all the opinions on the topic, hold on to your money, and make up your own mind as a fully-informed individual. That is what this article is all about – "full disclosure."* However, it will not endear me with too many UFO enthusiasts and experts.

As you know, CE-II reports, close encounters of the second kind, are said to involve some sort of residual evidence being left behind when a UFO had landed, crash-landed, or even dropped items to earth from an estimated altitude or distance of 500 feet or less – 500 feet or less seems to be the magic number for CE-II report categorization. Yet, this almost always involves a mere optical guess. Are you aware that 500 feet is a distance of 1 and 2/3 football fields in length from goal post to goal post, not including end zones and is seldom a measured fact? Moreover, when it is possible to obtain a good measurement the so-called evidence is always very questionable as a sample and it should be extraordinarily unique since it is allegedly from another world! But, these reports are woefully anecdotal and unscientific. UFOlogists even include a sub-category for aliens sighted, without a saucer ever being seen at all. (Talk about super-stealthy (invisible?) saucers and grasping at straws to prove a point!) If no one saw a UFO, how certain might anyone be the witnesses hadn't "misidentified children at play" or midgets wearing some sort of costume? Not to mention elves or leprechauns. (Just kidding!)

We are informed by abductees and abduction experts that the strange effects and affects produced upon the abductees' minds and bodies may be considered "evidence" and/or somehow beneficial to the abductees. The question immediately arises: Whose benefit are we actually discussing? Solely the abductees' benefit? The aliens' with their "assumed" failing genetic pool? Or the abduction experts' with their ever mounting book sales, schedule of UFO conference lecture gigs, and cable TV appearances, not to mention all the saucer-related novelties they hawk online? Yes, the saucer entertainment business is grand and blossoming! So, I think we can safely include the benefits to UFO experts. BTW, should you care to learn a bit more about your favorite UFO expert, simply type his or her name in the little window of your computer's search engine.

#### SICKENED BY THE UFOs DARK SIDE?

Perhaps, the best documented case of UFO Close Encounter involving ill affects being produced upon a witness was that of Mrs. Betty Cash's relatively dreadful experience with a terrible heat-

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upon a witness was that of Mrs. Betty Cash's relatively greater experience with a large heat-producing, large diamond-shaped UFO which was being pursued by a swarm of military helicopters. After the sighting, Mrs. Cash developed some persistent and lingering medical problems which plagued her until she died on the eighteenth anniversary of her 1980 UFO encounter at Huffman, Texas (reportedly from complications she suffered because of her exposure to high-levels of ionization radiation emitted by the strange object).

But, symptoms of a radiation poisoning, like that which were inflicted upon the populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945, seem to be lacking with this claim since that would certainly have produced death in a relatively short period of time. According to long-time pro-UFOlogist Mr. Brad Sparks, Mrs. Cash may have been exposed instead to some unknown chemical in an aerosol form. However, the incident was believed by Mrs. Cash to have involved a classified military test aircraft of some type and Mrs. Cash was unsuccessful with her suit against the military in criminal court. In other words, the case remains completely unresolved to this day and, like the UFO enigma itself, it remains highly controversial and expert opinions (pro and con) differ quite a bit on the matter.

Mrs. Cash was not alone at the time of her sighting experience. Her friend Vickie Landrum and Vickie's seven-year-old grandson Colby were also present. They, too, were said to have suffered similar, milder, and shorter periods of physical distress from the reported close proximity of the UFO. But, this is only one side of the Cash/Landrum story. There are also skeptical opinions plus other proponents who have examined the data and think it is very likely that Mr. Sparks has put his finger on the matter. Those researchers do not suspect the Huffman, Texas UFO was a radiation-spewing spacecraft from another world. After all, how would a living alien, as we understand the word, within such a craft possibly survive the radiation exposure?

## THE UFO PURSUIT

I was once a guest on the Richard Hayes radio program in Philadelphia during the 1990's. Mr. Hayes was the side kick of the legendary Arthur Godfrey – a radio and TV personality of the 1930's to 50's. A call came into the talk show from a young woman who reported having driven her car at 92 MPH as she was relentlessly pursued by a UFO in the state of New Jersey. She said the craft suddenly appeared about fifty feet behind her car's right rear section and was one hundred feet above the trees which lined the highway. The young woman, a nurse, continued: "You know, I was really scared to death they were going to catch me. . . . I mean, because they do all those horrible things to people they abduct."

"I had never driven so fast in my life or was so scared!" she continued, finishing her story as the Philadelphia radio station went to a commercial break. I had heard other women express similar fears and apparent concerns about UFOs during UFO sighting interviews and while on field investigations. But this was perhaps the very first time they were spoken as *incoming expressions of fears from the general public* over the radio.

Then another woman called the program with yet another UFO-related fear she had long-harbored. She, too, had obviously heard (and believed) the abduction experience is often characterized by mounting terror and the infliction of physical pain, not to mention the abject disgust of being kidnapped and subjected to invasive medical procedures (while in the waking state). Indeed, procedures involving one's reproductive organs and sexual genitalia!

The second caller to the Richard Hayes show said she never walked in certain areas where she knew UFOs had been observed and reported. Mr. Hayes had mentioned the existence of so-called "UFO alleys" shortly after her call. She explained she would not walk in those particular UFO areas without a husband! Mr. Hayes quipped "Yours or anybody's?" She nervously chuckled and replied "Mine of course!"

## FEARS!

The point is, pent up fears of such intensity, which adversely influence one's behavior and influence the maintenance of one's model of the real world, are not healthy. Such fears may be quite dangerous to one's mental and social equilibrium – especially *IF* the fear is not justified, based on nothing more than the acceptance of gross fabrication and rumor, shoddy researching techniques, and media hype. How many fatal auto crashes of mysterious circumstance are attributable to UFO fears and over-reaction to misperceptions of prosaic objects like airplanes, helicopters, kites, smoke, and birds, etc.?

## CARBONDALE AND THE DARK SIDE

In early November of 1974, two young brothers at Lake Ariel, Pa., which is seven miles S/E of Carbondale, Pa., had been left at home unattended for a few hours by their parents and intently listened to local radio reports about a UFO which had crashed in the neighboring community of Carbondale. Additionally, alien creatures from the ill-fated saucer were said to have been spotted moving about on the ground (unfounded rumors which were later learned to be completely erroneous). The frightened boys armed themselves and decided to make their way to the safety of a neighbor's home. Along the way, one boy jokingly scared his brother and was accidentally shot and killed! "A dark side tragedy" fueled by mounting fears, completely unfounded UFO rumor, and overly-zealous local radio news broadcasts.

Meanwhile, back at Carbondale, during the same 1974 UFO scare, a rookie policeman, while in an "evidence recovery boat" along with several other officers, was busy searching for the source of mysterious light seen at the bottom of a large defunct coal mining silt pond. It was reportedly the crashed saucer, but was actually a prank perpetrated by three local teens to scare a girl. The pole the cop was handling must have nudged the trainmen's 6-volt battery-powered lantern the boys had tossed into the murky water's depths earlier – causing the lantern's light beam to suddenly shift, which the rookie officer mistook as a disk of light (*i.e.*, a UFO) rushing towards the recovery boat.

In what might be called a "knee-jerk reaction" to the scary situation, the officer panicked and

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opened fire on the oncoming disk of light.

One is reminded of the hysteria the "War of the worlds" radio drama (based on H.G Wells famous science fiction story), and possibly the harrowing UFO pursuit of the Bouchard family in Ottawa, Canada, 1973. But UFO pursuits are not restricted to autos, trucks, motorcycles, and boats.

Some aircraft pilots are also chased about the skies or report chasing the ever-elusive saucers. Police are also not exempted from UFO pursuits and interfacing with alien creatures. The popular UFO literature is rife with such tales, but, in over six decades of investigated incidents, no physical evidence has been brought forth concerning UFO reality! So, were these folks reacting to real world events or imagined but nevertheless powerfully terrifying experiences with their own inner-fears?

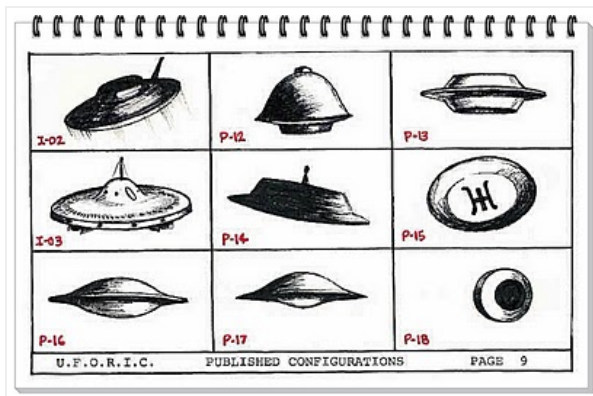
## IMAGINARY FRIENDS

As children there was a dreadful bogeyman lurking under our bed or ready to spring from a closet upon us. Are UFO abductions the adult version and dramatization of long-forgotten childhood fears which have been reactivated and nourished through audio and visual media stimulation and promotions by book writing self-appointed UFO experts? As an adult, one realizes the dreaded childhood bogeyman existed only in one's mind. But, at what point in one's adult psychological development, as a thinking, reasoning, and mature person, might one suspect a similar "heightened fear" could be affecting them?

As adults some of us may recall having imaginary friends and playmates. These childhood playmates were very real and oftentimes given cookies, milk, and candy that were believed to have been shared with them. Moreover, not all the imaginary playmates were humans. Some may have been talking animals like baby elephants and ponies, etc. Child psychologists point out the existence of a very "soft boundary", between reality and fantasy, existing within the youngster's developing mind and children often slip in and out of reality or fantasy at will. But, as they grow into adults, the "soft boundaries solidify" and the person no longer sees his or her imaginary friends.



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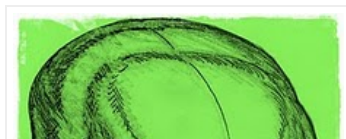


While at UFORIC, I handled a number of UFO sighting reports where children were present during the event. They informed me they were "not convinced" it was a "real" UFO event *because it seemed too much like a visit by an imaginary friend. Meanwhile, the adult witnesses were absolutely convinced of their event's reality.*

Had the "soft boundaries" of the child's mind reported the event more accurately than the adults?

## 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY UFOLOGY

I realize to some folks this article is not nearly as exciting reading as a CE-III with alien beings. My interest is not only in what *might* be and might propel a flying saucer but what *may* make an observer *tick!* For I want to learn all about the UFO experience. Doing so doesn't make me a hard-nosed *skeptic* or a debunker. It makes one an *objective* 21st Century UFOlogist! So, while the above information on *imaginary friends* may not tell us anything definitive about a particular UFO case, it may be something to keep in the back of our mind when a child UFO witness contradicts what the adults say about their group sighting.



Of course, there exists a great deal more of the dark side of the saucer lore to fear and avoid. These fears seem to be more than appropriate when one considers 39 members of a UFO Cult mutilated themselves and committed suicide, actually believing a flying saucer was skirting the tail of the Hale-Bopp comet, coming to

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take them from this woefully troubled world.

They had prepared for their "spiritually up-lifting journey" by shaving their heads and castrating themselves before committing suicide. Some individuals wanted to look like aliens.

### UFO RELIGIONS, CULTS, SUICIDES AND MURDERS

During the 1950s, '60s, and early '70s there were churches of the UFO, reformed churches of the UFO, and the firebrand preacher of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation Church of New Jersey who sponsored a TV show about UFOs as fallen angels and creature sightings as being manifestations of Satan, etc. While a UFO religion of today is led by a former French race

car journalist and test driver who received his divine calling from alien life-forms during his close encounter with a UFO while inside an inactive Italian volcano. He now enjoys a worldwide following of 50,000 church members and they embrace the idea of group sex among consenting adult church members.

Moreover, the abduction phase of contemporary UFOlogy has been repeatedly tainted by charges of sexual exploitation of unsuspecting, often hypnotized, young women, financial scandal, and other breeches of ethics. A few abductologists (*i.e.*, abduction experts) have been stripped of their professional license to practice psychology in their states by review boards composed of their medical colleagues. Several of these individuals are still quite active in UFOlogy. Murders and attempted murders are also part of the dark side story. The perpetrators of these horrible crimes have claimed "aliens had told them to do it" or that they were "sparing" their victim(s) from alien abduction and abuse.

I'll cite just two examples of UFO-related murders.

In a very tragic story from England, a distraught grandmother, who feared her two young grandchildren were about to be abducted by aliens, stabbed the children to death in order to spare them the ordeal and suffering of abduction. While, in the United States, a thirty-nine year old man pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the death of his ex-wife. He said he was trying to protect her from being kidnapped by aliens. The judge sentenced him to forty years in prison.

In yet another bizarre incident, a New York UFO researcher conspired with several other UFO enthusiasts to poison (using radioactive particles in automobile air conditioner units) three township officials whom they believed were covering up information concerning a nearby UFO crash. The criminal UFO researcher underwent extensive psychiatric treatment at a maximum security facility and is presently no longer in custody.

### SEEING THE LIGHT



At a UFO gathering in Chester, Illinois many years ago a speaker breathlessly told those present of a great armada of UFOs which swept down from the sky and attacked and leveled their city on the spiritual plane. No one in the audience could actually recall seeing the armada or the massive devastation. The speaker then suddenly collapsed, fainting behind the podium, having been overcome by forces from outer space.

In Massachusetts, a woman, claiming to be a UFO expert and practicing witch, spoke of UFOs being on nightly soul counts in preparation for the spiritual warfare (between the forces of the dark and the light) she knew was imminent. At BUFO (Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio) of Wisconsin, members of the group are said to be "Light Workers."

Psychiatrists inform us some Schizophrenic patients speak of aliens entering a room through the light or magically traveling through it anywhere they might please, while others may speak of aliens shooting laser beams into their eyes in order to make them do certain things. Behaviors may also be controlled by small devices implanted in their brain by aliens! The preoccupation with the light or traveling at or beyond its speed is often central to UFO lore and discussion. So, too, is the breaking of long-established laws of physics, time, and gravity concepts. The UFOs are "assumed" to have the ability to confound physical laws with all sorts of highly-advanced super-technologies that seem to be black-magical or miraculous, according to one's point of view!

### ANOTHER CLARIFICATION !

I do not mean to imply all UFO witnesses or abductees are mentally ill. All I am attempting to do is to point out that there exist certain parallels between delusional and hallucinatory contents and the UFO legend. Even the alien creatures are reported to have such marvelous abilities. They can pass through solid walls and levitate!

Naturally, the dark side of UFOs is not always mentioned prominently in the popular press or by UFO book authors who are not prone to be purveyors of fact or this sort of non-entertainment information. UFO belief can be both a very deceptive and dangerous pastime!

Naturally, the UFOs (*if* they exist as spacecraft from another world) are not directly responsible for the above mentioned crimes – human beings are! But these are humans who may have believed in and fear UFOs, alien entities, and the saucer legend in general.

Some even feel the UFOs are watching over us like guardian angels. These folks are also very ill-informed individuals who may be attending UFO conferences, group meetings, abduction support

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groups, or seated amongst other enthusiasts who are believers themselves.

One fellow at S/E Pennsylvania MUFON meetings was quite angry, vocal, and very argumentative. He had a haircut like Mr. Spock, the Star Trek TV series character portrayed by the actor Leonard Nimoy. This MUFONite later firebombed the apartment building where he and many others resided and then committed suicide. As a result, several long-time normal attendees of the MUFON meetings wisely left the group in fear of the changing make up and behavior at the gatherings.

Of course, as concerned parents and grandparents, it might be advisable to prudently curb the enthusiasm of family youngsters who may carelessly wander into the UFO abyss. Young folks and the elderly are very susceptible to misinformation, exaggeration, and mysterious and sci-fi like yarns espoused by charismatic individuals.

Don't be misled!

It has been sixty-three years since the onset of modern-day reported UFO activities and sightings of the alien creatures which followed in their wake. Despite great interest and much inquiry into the subject by countless aficionados, many self-appointed saucer experts, and scientific governmental authorities throughout the world, no one has ever proven UFOs to be alien space ships or time-traveling craft from who knows where in the vast cosmic soup.

In fact, *no one has ever incontrovertibly proven a single UFO case* of the MILLIONS reported to be factual.

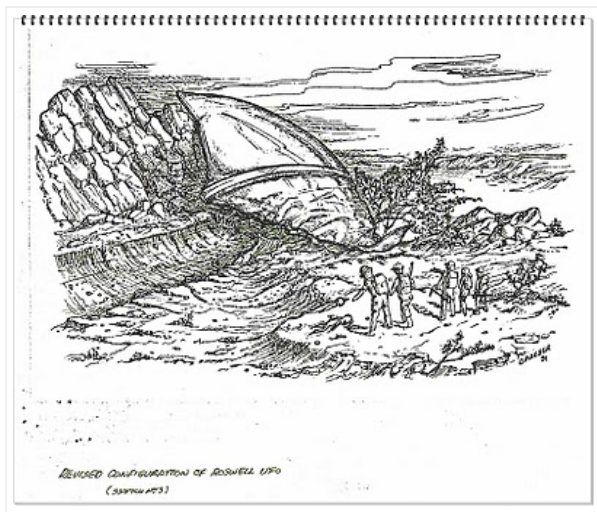
Moreover, the so-called "evidence" which is presented by enthusiasts is often totally anecdotal in nature and highly questionable in content, rarely worthy of further serious scientific scrutiny! This is why I felt it necessary to write about the dark side of the saucer enigma, the UFO legend, and some of the over-zealous individuals who promote it as fact.

*Beware of the dark side of saucers!*

Always keep in mind the difference between UFOlogy and UFOOLogy is but a single vowel. However, **OBJECTIVE UFOLOGY**, often "misidentified" as debunkerism and skepticism, is something else entirely.

Believers see the many stories and the sheer number of the reports as "evidence" and "proof." Their argument is grounded in the rhetoric of belief, faith, fantasy and assumption, not verifiable evidence of any kind!

A FINAL SAD ROSWELL STORY



Then, there is the very sad story of a UFO Cable TV promoter who was asked by cable executives to produce a documentary about ghost hauntings *NOT* UFOs. But, instead, he decided it might be interesting to present a documentary on the *alien* ghosts of an ill-fated saucer crash that "allegedly" occurred near Roswell New Mexico in 1947. He gathered together a group composed of UFOlogists, ghost hunters, psychics, and a spiritualist to participate in the film. The documentary was so bad the TV executives turned it down flat!

I received a copy of this "never-aired film" from a friend. I viewed the group of experts who were said to be people drawn from "diverse disciplines" (thus, sounding somewhat scientific) and was shocked to see them form a circle around an "assumed" but completely invisible alien spirit. Then, they put down their cameras and other electronic equipment, held hands, and began to pray to the alien spirit.

In 1970, I had read a book by the late Dr. Carl G. Jung, a psychiatrist who was once heir apparent to the famous Dr. Sigmund Freud. Jung said UFOs and aliens were actually a "changing of the gods" (a new mythology) and it is becoming increasingly obvious UFOlogy is a growing religion of sorts. There is little reason to suspect a skeptical-scientific appeal to the 'saucer faithful' will be successful since for one group it is a matter of deep-seated "belief" and for the other group the argument involves logic, common sense, and science. In this case, the "fear" of the loss of a belief system is paramount and dreaded!

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I was once a UFO believer and, like the late Philip J. Klass, I was fortunate enough to see the light after a very short period of time.

My goal now is to spare others the disappointment and embarrassment of being bamboozled by those who are definitely *NOT* the brightest bulbs on the block! No one will ever solve the UFO enigma with a singular explanation, simply because it is not the product of a single cause! The trick for the UFO "experts" is to "keep the enigma illusion alive" by insisting there is an ET presence in our environment.

END

**To UFO Believers:** Speaking my UFOlogical mind, I realize this has been a very long and boring read and I apologize for it. But, ask yourself: How many times do you have to have bricks fall from a crumbling edifice and strike you squarely on the top of the head before you'll consider wearing a hard hat or walking safely on the other side of the street?

You know, if you find yourself in a very deep, dark hole the first thing to do is . . .

"STOP DIGGING!"

*Some of the case particulars mentioned in this article first appeared in a FATE magazine article written by the author over a decade ago.*

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