

# Speculative Realms

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## MATT GRAEBER ABDUCTED!?!?

*"I don't think so, 'cause the lint in my navel is still pretty much intact and kinda fuzzy too!"*

By Matt Graeber

Welcome to the continuing "21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY" essays I have penned for your reading pleasure and possible UFOlogical enlightenment: A remarkable (say I) collection, evaluation, and potential explanation of various UFO historical and unintended *hysterical* events, as experienced by an independent UFO researcher and field investigator who shamelessly takes you behind the scenes of contemporary *Saucerdom* and *dumber* (Take your pick!).

Well, I guess it was bound to happen eventually, I suppose in retaliation for my blatant fits of skepticism and having so much sport with the self-appointed UFO experts I've written about over the years. So now, instead of just reporting on a UFO case investigation, *I am* (in part) a case, and my readers are kindly asked to keep an eye on me, lest I be whisked away and marooned on a small purple planet somewhere at the edge of our milky way.

So now, I'll take off the gloves of tenderness, roll up my sleeves and blast off into the wild and wacky world of abduction UFOology. So, damn those photon-torpedoes, "warp speed ahead", say II!

*NOTE: The following essay contains Pseudonyms to protect the innocent and the not-so-innocent, while paraphrasing UFO witness and researcher commentary, as well as a time compression of events over two decades pertaining to this investigation. It also contains after thoughts and other reflections upon the reported incident.*

*Let me take you back in time to a warm spring evening of 1976 in Southeastern Pennsylvania – where a suburban housewife is waving her husband off to nightshift work as he exits the couple's driveway. . .*

### THE NORA D'AMICO CASE

Joe D'Amico's automobile disappears at the curve along Elm Street. His wife Nora standing (at her half-opened front doorway) looks to the sky and ponders hanging a wash out to dry in the backyard of her home. No threatening clouds are evident...but suddenly, at a second glance, a huge flying object takes up a hovering position no more than fifteen feet away from her.

It's sort of hovering noiselessly, leading edge-down on the front lawn, and Nora says if she had a six-foot stepladder she probably could have climbed aboard.



Sighting a Saucer?

The object is positioned between trees and appears to be constructed of continuous glass panels, which (according to the shocked Nora) lacked any apparent seams. The craft is absolutely silent running, not emitting smoke, flames or rotating. But, it does have blue and white lights and is slowly rocking from side to side. (This is a commonly reported aerial behavior of UFOs.)

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The UFO appears to be cigar-shaped but Mrs. D'Amico only witnessed the craft from her doorway vantage point – although, it is pitched forward, leading edge downward, permitting her to clearly see inside the object.

Nora saw two compartments, one with white Formica-like counters, a control panel of some sort with colored rectangular buttons. They had some sort of “hieroglyphs” on them and four high-backed black leather chairs were also noted. In the second compartment, which had red shag carpeting on its floors and walls, Nora notices two more black chairs of similar design.

Nora speculated that if she had walked around the object it may have actually been a disk.

At this point during her observation, Nora noticed a man standing peering out the large curved glass panels of the craft. He was quite short, elderly, Italian-looking, and had a cigar jutting from his mouth.

He was wearing a checkered sport jacket and a fedora. He was also shielding his eyes from the intense lighting inside the craft, reflected off the glass panels he was attempting to gaze through. Nora said: “He looked like an Indian scanning the horizon for buffalos on a bright sunny day.”

Behind this gentleman were two high-backed black leather chairs. The other compartment had four chairs positioned two in front of the others, as if in a van. There was a woman sitting in one of the chairs looking straight ahead, she was younger than the man and quite fair complected. She had auburn-colored hair and wore a floral print dress. She seemed to be in a trance of some kind.

Abruptly, a door opened up on the wall directly behind the chairs. It sort of slid open like an elevator door. (Swoosh!) That’s when the aliens came into view. There were two of them and they had rather large bulbous heads with big round dark eyes.

Their mouths were mere slits and they had long pointed ears. Mrs. D'Amico also said the aliens wore gown-like garments with rolled collars and flaring sleeves. The gowns went to the floor and she couldn't see the aliens' feet, but she got the distinct impression they just floated instead of walking. The gowns were metallic silver in color and the alien's skin tone was quite pale too.

The creatures went straightaway to the woman seated in the high-backed black leather chair. The two of them lifted her out of the seat by placing their hands under her arms. Mrs. D'Amico excitedly called to her young son, Paul, who was lying on the living room floor watching television at the time, to come and take a look at the object. Then, the object sort of lurched forward and shot up into the sky, flying directly over the house. Nora raced through the dining room and kitchen, bursting through the rear door of the home hoping to catch another glimpse of the UFO as it flew away.

However, the strange craft was out of sight by the time she reached the backyard, and Nora went back inside the house wondering if her crying out to Paul had caused the alien's to fly away. The TV show young Paul was watching had just started when this UFO incident began. Yet, it was drawing to a close as Nora returned to the living room. Indeed, a full thirty minutes had elapsed but, it seemed she had been waving her husband goodbye only moments earlier.

Yet, it was obvious an entire 30 minutes had slipped by and Mrs. D'Amico was certain no more than five or ten minutes had elapsed during her sighting experience. She told her older son about the craft and also excitedly informed her husband as he arrived home in the early morning hours.

Reading a local newspaper article eight years later concerning UFO sightings which reportedly took place in Pennsylvania, Nora hesitantly contacted the writer who turned the matter over to a fellow who headed up a major UFO research organization's Southeastern Pennsylvania branch. He came to visit Nora with another gentleman who was an *expert* on the abduction of humans by alien beings.

Curiously, the writer of the UFO newspaper article (Tom Cleary) felt Nora's letter to him indicated her case was a probably a “CE-II”, or, so-called “Close Encounter of the Second Kind.”

However, the *abductologist* suspected Nora was abducted and taken aboard the craft. This suspicion was prompted by Mrs. D'Amico's apparent *loss-of-time* during her sighting experience. As you may already know, apparent gaps in time in the UFO reports are often felt to be telltale indicators of alien abduction by researchers. Moreover, Nora seemed to have known “*too many*” details about the craft's interior, said the investigators.

During the interview with Nora and her young son, Paul, the abduction researcher presented a book with various sketches of alien beings as Nora had previously advised him she wasn't much of an artist. The alien mug shots were perused and Nora was stunned to see one on page four, an alien which looked very much like the creatures she remembered seeing through the craft's enormous curved window.

After audio taping the interview and taking several photographs outside the D'Amico residence, the



Saucer Man

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After audio-taping the interview and taking several photographs outside the D'Amico residence, the investigators left, assuring Nora they would be getting back in touch regarding the matter. Days turned into weeks, then months into years. Nora left a number of phone messages and no responses were forthcoming from the field investigators. She finally gave up on phoning them entirely and tried to put the matter behind her. But there was always that nagging question: Had she or had she not been abducted?

#### ENTER MATT GRAEBER AND THE ABDUCTION EXPERT

I entered the case in 1984 when an article concerning Nora's story appeared in a local newspaper along with an accompanying article about the abduction expert who had first interviewed her.

Since, I was already well-acquainted with the UFO group field investigator who accompanied the abduction researcher to Nora's home, I asked him if I could examine the photos, investigative notes, and listen to the audiotape of the D'Amico interview. He complied, and I was able to examine all these data while reopening the case with Mr. and Mrs. D'Amico's full compliance and cooperation.

Numerous interviews took place over the course of three years. I photographed the property, took measurements and conducted several magnetic and radiological surveys. I interviewed Mr. D'Amico and his sons for their recollections of what their mother had told her sons about the incident on that long-ago night. I also spent quite a bit of time with Mr. and Mrs. D'Amico attempting to determine the appearance of the creatures Nora had observed in the craft.

Joe seemed to have a very good recollection of what Nora had told him about her UFO experience.

Our discussions ranged from family matters to personal interests and hobbies. I wanted to know as much about Nora and her family as I could since she was the UFO's only *residual* evidence, so to speak.

I learned Nora had quite an interest in antique furniture and antique jewelry. She was a very good homemaker and cook. She had worked at several jobs outside the home, none seemed to be fulfilling for her. She had discussed several paranormal experiences from younger days and her husband (Joe) felt these seemed to be quite authentic in nature, although, he himself hadn't experienced any of them.

The D'Amicos were Roman Catholics. The eldest son worked while the other was preparing for college. Although many years had passed since the UFO encounter in front of the house, Nora still wondered if she had been abducted but was afraid of being hypnotically regressed.

I attempted to dissuade Mrs. D'Amico from conversation along these lines but the subject did come up occasionally and she finally asked if I would accompany her to a meeting with the abduction researcher who first interviewed her. I discussed it with her husband and he felt it was probably a good idea and might put her mind at ease about her UFO experience.

Joe felt his wife had a "need" to know and perhaps this would be the best way to find out what had happened. I was concerned and a bit skeptical about hypnosis and abduction claims for I suspected *false memories* were also elucidated while a person was under hypnosis. (I.e., if the hypnotist asked *leading* and *demanding* questions of the UFO observer, etc.) However, I complied with Nora and Joe's wishes and accompanied her to the abduction expert's home for a regressive hypnotic session.

After a bit of small talk and his informing us he had reviewed the case file before we arrived, he led us along a narrow stairway to an upstairs room which he used as an office. As I recall, it had sci-fi movie posters on the wall and a planet Saturn-like table lamp.

Once inside, he directed Mrs. D'Amico to sit upon a recliner-type couch and he sat upon a nearby chair facing her. I was seated at the foot of the recliner within three or four feet of the expert. I turned on my small tape recorder and the expert informed me I wouldn't need it since he intended to send me a typed transcript of the entire audio taped session.

Then, after Nora was comfortably lying on the couch, a long and repetitious induction technique was initiated. At times, the expert would look away from Nora to see if I too were being hypnotized. I would guess at least a full ten minutes passed as his soft monotonous voice continued to lull her into a state of total relaxation.

He seemed to be fully convinced Mrs. D'Amico was indeed in a hypnotic trance and ready to be further questioned about her UFO encounter. But I had my doubts about the depth of her relaxation, knowing how nervous she was prior to our arrival.

However, Nora's responsive voice was rather low and somewhat emotionless sounding. At times, the questions would have to be reworded before she answered. In some instances, her answers were vague and more detailed responses were asked of her. In other instances, the expert employed the use of various questioning techniques to obtain more information from her.

I had taken a police-department-sponsored Forensic Hypnosis class and read quite a bit about hypnosis before this session so I was somewhat acquainted with the efforts and rudimentary techniques of the abductologist.

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One such technique was the imaginary use of a movie director's *Boom Chair* in which Mrs. D'Amico was buckled up and hoisted over a curtain to see and report on what was going on behind it. The curtain was the *symbolic equivalent* of an alien-induced memory blockage the expert obviously felt was keeping her from telling him more about her UFO experience.

The questioning continued and indeed more information was obtained. It seems Mrs. D'Amico was directed by a light beam which emanated from the craft to a set of steps leading into the UFO. She followed the light and found herself in a room lying on a table with several aliens at her side.

A sort of basic and limited medical examination reportedly took place (at areas of her body the aliens were interested in), but the abduction expert was unable to have Nora tell him anything which went beyond the touching of her ankles, wrists, arms, shoulders, and knees. He turned to me and silently mouthed the words, "The blockage is too strong," and sadly shook his head from side to side.

He then reinforced the idea everything was fine and there was absolutely nothing for Nora to fear, before continuing with questions concerning the appearance of the alien examiner and what else he might have been doing to her.

At that point, the expert asked Nora if the alien had looked at her face, and she replied that he had. "Did he look into your eyes?" was a follow up question and it was learned that he had indeed done so.

Then came a series of questions concerning how close the alien creature had come in proximity to Nora's face and, indeed, how close his eyes were to hers! The approximate distance grew shorter as the expert repeatedly asked "How close?" A distance of about six inches seemed to satisfy his inquiry concerning eye-to-eye contact. (Such eye contact is often thought and believed to be a means by which the alien's instill imagery into the minds of the abductees.)

In some cases rather tranquil and soothing imagery is perceived by the abductees; while in other instances visions of global destruction and catastrophes are said to appear.

I passed a hurried note to the hypnotist, asking whether or not Mrs. D'Amico might recall if the alien's eyes were smooth like a human's or appeared to be compound like those of an insect. He negatively waved the suggestion off and continued with his far more selective line of questioning.

I had wanted to see if he were open to alternate lines of inquiry with my hurried note. He wasn't!

At times, his questions were very leading and demanding. He seemed to have a repetitious technique of asking the same question with a different wording structure. By leading and demanding questions, I do not mean to imply if a bank robbery had taken place, he didn't ask the witness if she could tell him what color the bandit's "RED" get-away car was, but at times, he came fairly close to that sort of thing.

Naturally, after a bank robbery, witnesses are questioned by police officials about the crime. The policemen know a bank robbery was committed because some money has been taken. So, the police have a distinct *starting point* to work with in regard to asking the witnesses what information they may have concerning the crime.

The UFO abduction experts have no such starting point to work with, as anecdotal reports of UFO sightings and experiences with alien creatures have never been proven to have happened. Therefore, UFO abductions lack incontrovertible *evidence* to establish them as real occurrences. The abductionist's starting point is based purely on the *assumption* alien space craft are visiting this planet and alien creatures are interacting with humans.

Of course, this is what the experts tell us they have elucidated from the mind of the many abductees they have hypnotized. It's also what they tell the abductees: Many other abductees have almost unanimously revealed similar accounts to them while under hypnosis. The experts thereby inform the abductees about a great deal of hypnotically gleaned consensus and confirmation concerning the reality of their experiences.

In fact, the experts occasionally remind the abductees it is they who are the "*real scientists*" and the experts are merely the journalists of their "*historically significant*" experiences.

Naturally, after hearing complementary things like this, the abductees might feel somewhat obligated to continue talking about their unique onboard experiences – especially after learning the experts believe they have probably been abducted many times in their childhood and will continue to be in the future.

Add to this the ever-changing, excitingly new, and updated abduction stories found in each abduction book to hit the UFO entertainment market: The ever-changing cast of abduction characters and the pure folly of believing literally millions of abductions have been perpetrated without police authority detection of any kind or so much as an outraged protest by concerned family members concerning these frequently kidnapped and abused victims.

The abductees' attend so-called Support Group meetings often arranged by the abduction experts and their UFO experiences are discussed quite openly and candidly without skeptical intervention of any kind, bolstering the reports as real contacts with alien beings from another world or some other space and time continuum (*i.e.*, totally anecdotal building blocks of a shared delusional pastime).

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As Nora was hoisted over the *imaginary* curtain in the *imaginary boom chair* she entered a much larger compartment inside the space ship. The lighting kept changing color and she saw several animals there. A cow was one of the animals she claims to have seen.

The combined estimated size of the UFO's compartments seemed to far exceed the overall area of the lawn where Nora said the object had been hovering. But Nora's size estimates of the object were quite vague and a bit confused so I cannot assert with any degree of certainty she was probably mistaken or fabricating her story.

Alien technicians had carved and removed a large block of flesh from the cow's side and its internal organs were clearly visible. The cow seemed to be oblivious to the surgical procedure and the aliens were busily working with various instruments of some sort.

Shortly after this information was elucidated, and another failed attempt at learning more about Nora's medical examination, the session was terminated and Nora was brought out of the hypnotic state by the abduction expert.

As we descended the stairs to the first floor of the nineteenth-century house, Nora seemed to be even more curious about her UFO experience and she asked many questions of the expert which were met with rather vague and short responses.

I asked permission of the abduction researcher to reproduce some of his audio-taped hypnosis session with Mrs. D'Amico several years later, but he refused, explaining the lady who had typed the transcription of the typed session had made many mistakes. So, I am unable to extend to my readers the opportunity to evaluate the abductologist's investigative technique for themselves by reading the original transcript of the session.

However, I do recall much of Mr. D'Amico's account of her experience was dismissed as "Confabulation," screen-memories, and distortions of fact. Nora's description of the alien's having pointed ears, round eyes, finger nails, and silver garments were rejected by the abductologist. In favor of the far more popular small "Gray" alien creature he was looking for in the regression testimony. Nora's aliens were much too tall, clothed and they had those weird little suction cups on the underside of their fingers. None of these characteristics were typical of the Grays which had become the creatures of choice in abduction circles.



According to the expert, Mrs. D'Amico was obviously incorrect about these observations of the creature's appearance. She also had the sequence of events mixed up and these mistakes, too, indicated her UFO experience was exactly as the *abductologist assumed* it to be.

In my opinion, it was a perfect example of amateur brain washing via confirmation of the reality of the UFO experience (albeit, with modifications of witness testimony which confirmed the self-appointed expert's own opinions and beliefs on the subject).

While I was interviewing Nora a few days after her hypnosis and attempting to search for indicators of a "Dynamic Display" type of explanation for her UFO experience, Nora asked if I knew of another abduction researcher who might be contacted about her case.

I thought this to be a rather interesting turn-of-events and I told Nora of another person who had an entirely different approach to abduction researching but he lived out west and I would write him on the matter. She was agreeable to this idea and the researcher was equally agreeable to the suggestion.

*As my readers may recall from previous publications, Dynamic Displays are thought to be "Symbolic Dramatizations" of an "emotional tension" existing and adversely affecting the individual at the time of their UFO sighting experience. However, Dynamic Display was ruled out a possible causal factor in Mrs. D'Amico's case.*

The other abduction researcher (from Wyoming), sent Mrs. D'Amico a tape recorded analysis of her case. It was a rather unusual recording in which he put himself into an altered state of consciousness and became both the voice of the questioner and the person being questioned (*i.e.*, Mrs. D'Amico).

In the analysis, he told of a "previous life" experience in which an American pioneer couple desperately searched for their lost son (as symbolized by the man peering out the saucer's window and other aspects of the UFO report scenario). Nora and her husband listened to the recording several times but found little in it that seemed to answer their questions and concerns about Nora's UFO experience. While Joe was a devout Catholic, his wife had drifted away from the church over the years. So, Joe found the idea of "reincarnation" in the analysis to be completely unacceptable. However, Nora was more open to the idea.

Naturally, the couple had experienced some difficulties with their children as they were growing up

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MATT GRAEBER ABDUCTED !!?!?

On an Epic Struggle!

Compassion Has Its Limits

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and, their trials and tribulations of parenting seemed to be a bit more protracted than those of other friends and immediate family members I knew.

So, Nora's questions about her UFO experience remained unanswered, and I continued my investigation of the incident by searching newspaper archives for TV programming schedules, news clippings from the 70's about UFO sightings in the area, weather information, etc.

The result of this search revealed Mrs. D'Amico's date of the incident did not dovetail with the TV programming scheduling she had linked to the reported incident. Although, the program had been pre-empted by "specials" several times during its short-lived run. (This had apparently occurred with and without pre-published newspaper notifications.)

Then, there was Nora's account of telephone conversation with a person in the area who read of her sighting experience in the newspaper and called her to say they too had observed a UFO on the very evening she had. But Nora's story was published years after her experience, and she hadn't provided investigators or news journalists with an exact date of the incident. So, how could such a remarkable coincident have come to pass?

However, Mrs. D'Amico did recall one other alleged eyewitness name. She was the mother of one of her son's friends at school. Our search for that second eyewitness was fruitless and we discovered no additional reports in the local paper concerning the individuals she mentioned. Although, Joe and the boys do recall that someone had called Nora about seeing a UFO down near the Elm Street reservoir which is located not too distant from their home.

My wife (Grace) had assisted me with the newspaper archive searches and the microfilm library was extensive and seemed to be complete. So, we reached the conclusion Mrs. D'Amico probably had a mistaken date for her experience, as we did not consider her to be a hoaxer or mentally unstable individual.

Moreover, if she were simply a seeker of notoriety, why had she not reported her sighting to the press back in 1976 and contacted a major UFO group about the incident immediately?

So, over the course of the next decade or so, my wife and I maintained a casual friendship with Nora and Joe. We visited with them at their seaside summer home, enjoyed dinner with them at several area restaurants, and I continued to interview Nora in regard to her UFO encounter. Her story did not change, details did not disappear, nor did they suddenly become embellished with any new material.

Nora's had no additional sightings and has not been abducted repeatedly as the experts would have one believe is the fate of these poor souls.

The occasional telephone calls we receive from Nora and Joe involve invitations to visit with them at their retirement home out of state, conversations about upcoming trips, shopping and how their fully-grown children were doing. UFOs and abductions are rarely discussed or mentioned at all in recent years.

The most recent message we received was inside a small box which contained very tiny ceramic women's shoes. Grace collects such items and Nora sent them along as a gift. I jokingly call Grace the Imelda Marcos of Plymouth Valley. Grace has about 500 little shoes in her collection.

Naturally, I'm still on the lookout (so-to-speak) for an insight into Nora's case but, thus far nothing in particular has been forthcoming.

Did Mrs. D'Amico observe a UFO? Was she taken aboard the craft? I haven't the foggiest idea of what actually may have happened that long-ago spring evening. Perhaps, as Nora says, "It's something that just happened. Next time I'll have my camera ready!" Perhaps, I too should learn to let it go at that.

Nora seems to be happy with retirement life. She and Joe share several interests. They visit the old house and the area from time-to-time to see their daughter and friends. That's usually when we briefly get together. Their sons sold the house and have since moved away.

So, there you have it. A brief glimpse into UFO CE-II turned into an abduction case through the delusional mental gymnastics and distortion tactics of unbridled UFOology, which is not scientific, or a truly proto-scientific endeavor. Neither has UFOology definitively established anything of value to our understanding of the so-called UFO phenomenon. It is still an "anomaly" after sixty-three years of researching and intensive inquiry, some of which has been quite serious, while many other attempts are obviously pure humbug!

As for Grace and I, we add this to the list of "Unknowns" we've encountered over the years, and find solace in knowing that we did give the case some good attention. However, just as in "Cold Case" homicides, bank robberies, and jewelry heists, we can't get 'em all. It would be very foolish to think we could.

BTW, Grace hasn't any exceptional interest in UFO investigation, but she's a wonderful wife and companion. She endures the fact I do! I enjoy having her work with me on UFO investigations. She affords me her own marvelous insights and observations regarding the testimony and people involved in the cases. Her insights and empirical skills very often exceed my own. She's a gal with a great deal of common sense, savvy good judgment, and people skills too.

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- [Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy](#) (1)

Perhaps in time a psychic connection will make sense of the D'Amico case. It may come in an off-hand remark, a visual cue of some sort or an intuitive flash during a casual conversation. But then again, that may just be very wishful thinking on my part.

While the case remains "Open" all these years, Mrs. D'Amico has not been revisited by the abduction researcher or the lead field investigator whom she first met with about her close encounter.

Her story has appeared in brief commentary in the UFO literature, a book authored by a personal friend and colleague of the abduction expert who had first interviewed and hypnotized Nora – not because of Nora's case itself but because it reminded him she mentioned the woman wearing a floral print dress in the space ship and that sounded remarkably similar to another report of a woman wearing a floral print dress while aboard another UFO years later to his pal!

However, there is also the striking similarity of the D'Amico's aliens to that of similarly attired aliens in an early "Star Trek" episode. The aliens have similar heads, eyes, and ears. In fact, similar aliens are depicted in Dr. Edith Fiore's 1989 book "Encounters" on page number 197. There is also the similarity of the red shag-rug interior of the craft Nora observed to that of the interior of the space ship depicted in the 1960's sci-fi motion picture "Barbarella" starring a youthful Jane Fonda.

Could it possibly be these entertainment productions somehow influenced portions or aspects in the recollections of Nora's UFO experience?

One might also ask: Do two very separate UFO reports involving the alleged presence of a woman wearing a floral print dress aboard a craft establish anything about the validity of either case or the phenomenon's reality? I think not! The same is true of the possible entertainment production influence on the matter. It's a far reach, a bit more plausible but, still a reach!

I suppose, if one were to go grocery shopping and bump into an old friend in the cereal aisle, the resulting gabfest might cause one to arrive home about fifteen minutes to a half hour later than expected.

Everyone knows some gabfests do not seem to be long-winded affairs and time does fly when you're having fun and reminiscing.

So, your recollections of walking through the aisles might be interpreted by an abductologist as your passing by rows of jars filled with human embryos aboard the gigantic mother ship. The scanning of the groceries at the checkout counter might be interpreted as your being scanned by an alien medical technician while on an examination table.

Your recollections of large storefront lighted windows could become the glass portals of the mother ship, while your grocery receipt would be but a screen memory. In fact, any common place scenario can be "Transformed" into a UFO abduction if you are creative enough and can imagine the incident as *fitting a specific pattern* perceived through the cloudy prism of abductology *confabulation* and other fanciful mind-altering nonsense.

#### LAVA MONSTERS AND THE ABDUCTION OF MATT GRAEBER

So now, it's time to tell you of my own abduction experience, a terrifying and traumatic event that I shared with few other human beings, with the exception of my favorite abductologist.

About six weeks after the abductologist had regressed Mrs. D'Amico, I received a telephone call from the field investigator who first interviewed Nora years earlier. At the unexpected request of the abductologist, we were invited to attend an upcoming abduction "support group" meeting at his home.

Nora was quite curious and a bit nervous about attending the support group meeting. So, I arranged for Joe to attend the meeting as well, along with my wife and myself. When we four arrived at the residence, several people were already in attendance including the original field investigator, the abductologist, his wife, and several other individuals whom I did not know.

I would estimate there were about ten women, three men, and a very young girl of about 11 or so was also invited. The child was the daughter of one of the female abductees. Most of the women appeared to be in their mid to late thirties and forties. The men were younger, and as comedian W.C. Fields might have quipped: "Thar were some mighty pretty men thar too!"

The gabfest was already underway and we quickly sat down and listened to an excited woman tell of her paintings (which she pulled out of a paper grocery sack), each depicting her aliens (all typical Grays) which were painted in various pastel colors. Another woman started telling of her recent onboard experiences but was cut short by the abductologist entering the room to announce the meeting was cancelled and a party was about to get underway.

It seemed he had recently learned his abduction research manuscript was about to be published in book form and a celebration was in order! The mood was festive, congratulations were extended, and words of praise were forthcoming, as might be expected.

As far as I could determine, Nora, Joe, Grace, and I were the only couples present, with the

- Music (1)
- Nazi Super Race Fantasy (1)
- New Normal (1)
- Night Terror (2)
- Nora D'Amico (1)
- Paracast (3)
- Paranoid Pomo (1)
- Paratopia (2)
- Perspectivalism (1)
- Psychosocial Hypothesis (1)
- Ray Kurzweil (1)
- Regan Lee (1)
- Reptilians (1)
- Repto-Religionists (1)
- Satan Shrinks of Texas (2)
- Satanic Ritual Abuse (2)
- Saucers of Mass Destruction (1)
- Science Fiction (1)
- scientific egomania (2)
- Scopes Trial (1)
- Second Skin (1)
- Self-Injury (1)
- Sideways Worlds (2)
- Singularity (1)
- skepticism (1)
- skeptics (3)
- Sleep Disorders (1)
- Source A (1)
- Special Compartment in Hell (4)
- Spooky Chronister (1)
- Spring Shadows Glen (1)
- SRA (1)
- Starlost (1)
- Super Bowl Predictions (1)
- Survival of the Fittest (1)
- T-Rex Reptilians (1)
- The Final Solution (1)
- The Pickerings (1)
- Thugs of the Universe (1)
- Toxic Slop (1)
- Transhumans (2)
- TV Horror Hosts (1)
- UFO Papacy (1)
- UFO Religion (1)
- Ufology (1)
- UFOOlogy (2)
- Virginia Creepers (1)
- World War III (1)

exception of the abductologist and his wife.

The party continued without interruption of the abduction stories, which the abductologist seemed to have a keen interest in. One gal told of being taken aboard with her two small children. She had reportedly broken out of her semi-trance state to chastise the kids for being unruly. The abductologist seemed absolutely fascinated by her story. I overheard the unruly kids story in the hall (as I returned from the lavatory) where the woman had button-holed the expert before they returned to the others seated in the living room.

Then, the mother of the 11-year-old spoke up and she asked her daughter to tell of her recent abduction experience in which an alien-implanted fetus had been removed from the youngster's womb. Additionally, the child had learned, while aboard the ship, that the aliens were coming to Earth because they viewed us as food! The *one-upsmanship* of the yarns continued as the stories issued from the mouths of the fawning abductees who were obviously attempting to impress the attentive abductologist.

The youngster told her story with such conviction Grace and I felt the affair amounted to little more than psychological child abuse and brainwashing. Yet, no one present seemed to be concerned about the implications of having the child there as a contributing participant and being exposed to the unbridled conversations.

At one point, I managed to speak to the abductologist and tell him of a very disturbing nightmare I once had experienced involving the presence of two strange molten-looking (like globs of lava) creatures in my bedroom. I didn't go into very much detail but, nevertheless, he was able to inform me I had the story all mixed up, out of its proper sequence, and my description of the dream creatures were completely incorrect. In his opinion, I had obviously confabulated many portions of my dream. It was actually an alien abduction, in his opinion, while I already knew perfectly well it was simply a nightmare and had much evidence it was.

I found it to be simply amazing this well-educated and obviously very bright fellow was also completely deluded. I had read an earlier book written by him and he presented rather cogent and interesting points about the UFO phenomenon. He even mentioned, at the time of the book's writing, that the kooky contactee movements of the 1950's and 60's could be the ruination of serious UFO researching.

Yet, here he was promoting his own contactee-like movement with such vigor and conviction. I felt as if I were in the path of a very loose cannon aboard a listing ship.

Grace, Nora, Joe, and I left the affair discussing the experience as being cult-like and over-the-top. Everyone seemed to agree the affair was very strange but it lacked any chanting or any traces of overt ritualism. We never returned and were never again invited to return.

#### EXIT THE SAUCER

It seems odd that with over thirty years of abductions taking place throughout the world, no one has ever thwarted an abduction in progress or documented one on film. Yet, unlike the nuts-and-bolts UFO researchers of yesteryear, the abductologists have the distinct advantage of knowing exactly whom the aliens wish to kidnap and where they must go to find them.

Yet, these caring UFO researchers have done absolutely nothing to protect their research subjects or their children from repeated abuse at the hands of the aliens. They've filed no missing person reports and demanded no government intervention on the abductees' behalf. But they have written more books, made more cable TV deals, and spoken at more UFO conventions about their extraordinary researches. As you may recall, "an extraordinary phenomenon 'demands' an extraordinary investigation" is their motto!

Have you ever pondered the fact that the aliens are said to have the ability to "switch off" the people they do not wish to kidnap if they are in the company of their intended victim. What's more, the turned off people reportedly have absolutely no recollection of anything unusual going on.

So, if the aliens do have this remarkable ability why not simply switch "everyone off" and leave the abductologists with absolutely nothing to hypnotically elucidate from the abductees?

When I asked Nora's abductologist about the quality of other UFO experts work, he categorically went through the names with disparaging remarks concerning their work, character, and mental stability. Only one fellow escaped his verbal wrath, a close friend and colleague of his at the time.

Ironically, I mentioned the name of the western abductologist I had been in contact with on Nora's behalf. He felt the fellow was a bit balmy but, nevertheless, "arguably" the nicest guy in UFOlogy.

I couldn't agree more, because the other fellow had read the entire errant transcript of the D'Amico hypnosis session previously sent to me and never said a disparaging word about its contents or the individual who conducted the hypnotic regression. Unfortunately, he misplaced it or MIBs took it!

Since that time, abductology in general, has suffered several serious blows to its standing in UFO circles – as sex and financial scandals of various types have led to the dismissal of licenses to practice psychology for a couple of the self-appointed abduction experts.

Of course, not all abductologists are psychologists or trained social working counselors of any kind. In fact, most are not trained and certified hypnotists – and therein lurks the obvious danger of placing yourself or your children's well-being in their hands. Doing so just provides them with more book fodder, and may lead you and your child more deeply into the darkness of the abduction abyss.

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