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# WHAT'S UP WITH UFO S?



## FLYING OBJECTS

Do we really need to take UFOs seriously?



Despite grounds for reasonable skepticism, there is consistently strong evidence of extraordinary craft beyond even secret military capabilities

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10 remarkable UFO videos provided by participants in Steven Greer's CE-5 field trips. How can we weigh the veracity of these claims?

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Even with mass sightings like the "Phoenix Lights," it's fair to ask, "Why hasn't a UFO landed in Yankee Stadium?"

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During rush hour at O'Hare International Airport in November 2006, pilots, flight controllers, crew members, and ground crew reported a disc silently hovering

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The pilot and first officer of Japan Air 1628 braced for a collision with a UFO the size of "3-4 aircraft carriers" over Alaska in 1987

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Dozens of commercial pilots have reported encounters with high-performance UFOs

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In 2016 along the East Coast at 36,000 feet, a pilot captures on his iPhone a pulsating luminous orb larger than his Airbus passenger airliner.

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In 2009 over Las Vegas, a pilot took evasive action to avoid a large object at 35,000 feet that looked like a giant radio antenna with flashing strobe lights.

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In 2003 along the East Coast at 35,000 feet, a commercial plane's tracked on radar an unknown object rising and then flying 100 feet directly below the jet.

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We need to challenge the UFO taboo, because UFOs are one of the most important and misunderstood scientific problems we face today

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Validity score: (1) valid; (2) highly plausible; (3) somewhat plausible; (4) unlikely; (5) very unlikely; (6) absurd.

Importance score: (A) very; (B) somewhat; (C) not at all





# WHAT'S UP WITH UFO S?

Since encounters have been going on since at least the 1940s, they can't all be "ours."

	Validity?	Importance?
 In 1948 over Fukuoka, Japan, an F-61 was unable to close on a UFO tracked visually and by radar	_____	_____
 Scrambled jets could not intercept "glowing aerial objects" over Washington, DC in 1952	_____	_____
 US military jets and bombers engaged high-performance UFOs in 1952 over Port Huron and the Gulf of Mexico	_____	_____
 Two F-4 fighters lost control of their weapons and navigation as they pursued UFOs over Tehran in 1976	_____	_____
 The Rendlesham Forest incident in 1980 provides another well-documented military encounter with UFOs	_____	_____
 UFOs are unlikely to be secret craft from the United States, Russia, or China	_____	_____
 Insider claim: "We are very confident that these advanced craft reported by the US Navy are not experimental US aircraft."	_____	_____
 Insider claim: "While many past UFO reports may have been classified programs (B17s, U-2s, F117s), that is clearly not what military pilots are reporting currently."	_____	_____

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For many, the UFO topic broke into the mainstream in 2017 with disclosures by the US Navy and Department of Defense.

	Validity?	Importance?
 The Pentagon's secret UFO program is described for the first time in December 2017	_____	_____
 Many believe the <i>USS Nimitz</i> encounters in 2004 prove the existence of UFOs	_____	_____
 <i>New York</i> magazine: "The Navy pilot who filmed the 'Tic Tac' UFO speaks out: 'It Wasn't Behaving by the Normal Law of Physics.'"	_____	_____
 F/A-18 Squad Commander Fravor interviewed by Joe Rogan concerning the "Tic Tac" UFOs observed by the <i>USS Nimitz</i> in 2004	_____	_____

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In another encounter, a pilot described the UFO as “a cube within a bubble” which passed within 50 feet of two F/A-18s

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“Wow, what was that?” Navy pilots report near collisions in 2014 between F/A-18s and UFOs on the East Coast

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The Tic Tac was to Commander Fravor what an F/A-18 would have been to a villager in the mid-17th Century

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Yet another object reported in 2004 by the *USS Nimitz* battle group with instantaneous acceleration, hypersonic velocity, and anti-gravity capabilities.

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Three mass sightings in the 1980s and 1990s add credibility to UFO claims.

Validity? Importance?



Mass UFO sightings include the “Hudson Valley Wave” that occurred between 1981–1984. Reports were collected from pilots, scientists, and police

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Over 150 witnesses reported unusual craft over Belgium in early 1990. This included reports of an “aircraft-sized object turned upside down.”

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The Phoenix Lights: Once out of office, former Arizona Governor Symington admitted that he did, in fact, see these UFOs

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In 1966, 300 children and staff from a Melbourne school reported UFOs flying through the sky and then one landing in a nearby field

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Strong evidence points to a connection between UFOs and nuclear weapons since the 1940s.

Validity? Importance?



Investigations point to a connection between UFOs and nuclear weapons since the 1940s

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A UFO was reportedly filmed using beams of light to disable a dummy ICBM warhead in flight off the coast of Big Sur, California in 1964

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10 ICBM Minuteman Missiles were disabled in 1967 as UFOs maneuvered over the silos

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**In 2010 the US Air Force lost communication with 50 Minuteman Missiles**

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**Both the US and Russia have had UFOs turn off nuclear weapons systems. Worse in Russia, a UFO actually started a launch code sequence**

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**Apollo Astronaut Edgar Mitchell frequently stated that, "aliens came to Earth to stop a nuclear war between the US and the Soviet Union"**

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Evidence shows that some UFOs can also operate underwater.



**A wave of UFO sightings over Oklahoma in 1965 was preceded by a UFO emerging from a lake and sketched by a local fisherman**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**Was the Shag Harbor incident a UFO crash or controlled descent into the harbor?**

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**Dozens of witnesses see a glowing UFO coming out of Clearwater Lake in Missouri in 1972**

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**Witnesses and sonar returns seem to indicate that UFOs can operate underwater, as in the 2004 *USS Nimitz* incident**

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**A large underwater "mass" reportedly interfered with naval recovery operations off Puerto Rico in the late 1990s**

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**Homeland Security tracked a UFO off Puerto Rico in 2015 going in and out of the ocean without slowing down**

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No wonder it's confusing. Hoaxes intermingle with scientifically verified pictures and videos.



**A classic authenticated UFO photo caused a sensation when published in *LIFE* in 1950**

**Validity? Importance?**

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A UFO traveling at 3,600 mph was inadvertently recorded by a HD drone camera in Beaver, Utah in October 2016

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Some fake UFO videos are so sophisticated, it takes a professional CGI specialist to spot falsity. This faked UFO over Haiti got 17 million YouTube views

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UFO advocates promote and “authenticate” this fake UFO abduction video, despite protests by the filmmaker that it is fictional drama

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## HARD SCIENCE

Every year scientists get closer to discovering simple life in our solar system and beyond.



CBS: “NASA rover detects high amounts of methane gas on Mars, which could indicate signs of life.”

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NASA is intrigued by the possibility of extraterrestrial life in a liquid water ocean below Europa’s icy crust — one of Jupiter’s moons

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Over 4,000 exoplanets have been recently confirmed. Exoplanets are made of the same material as planets in our solar system

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A team has invented a new technique that maps the universe according to galaxy flow across space

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The US government actively funds research in esoteric science traditionally associated with science fiction.



Former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid explains why he sponsored the AATIP UFO research program in 2007

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VICE: “The government’s secret UFO program funded research on wormholes and extra dimensions,” and other esoteric topics considered science fiction





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# WHAT'S UP WITH UFO'S?








There is special interest in “anti-gravity” to help explain the extraordinary performance of UFOs.

	Validity?	Importance?
 <b>Luis Elizondo: “We can warp time-space.” We know how to theoretically warp time-space; we are already doing it with the Large Hadron Collider</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Cloaking (e.g. invisibility) is one of the properties tracked by Department of Defense UFO investigations</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Two things you need to know about spacetime metric engineering: First, It’s our engineering, not physics, that prevents faster than light travel</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Is it too soon to try to understand the technology from allegedly recovered UFO craft?</b>	_____	_____

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The analysis of “metamaterials” is currently a hot topic.

	Validity?	Importance?
 <b>8 News Now: “A global scramble is underway to identify and perhaps replicate unidentified mystery materials.”</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Stanford Professor Gary Nolan explains that metamaterials appear to be normal matter that contains properties we don’t fully appreciate yet</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Luis Elizondo claims on Fox News that the military possesses materials from UFO craft</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Steve Justice says that that these metamaterials are not understood “technologically nor socially”</b>	_____	_____
 <b>Is To The Stars Academy overselling its research into metamaterials?</b>	_____	_____

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Bob Lazar claims he worked near Area 51 in the 1980s to reverse engineer an alien craft. Is he telling the truth?

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**Bob Lazar claims he worked near Area 51 on a recovered UFO in the 1980s to reverse engineer its propulsion system**

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**Commander Fravor reports on his recent discussion with Bob Lazar concerning the similarities between the Tic Tac UFO he pursued in his F/A-18 off San Diego in 2004 and the craft that Lazar reportedly worked with in the late 1980s**

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**Is Bob Lazar lying? Part 1. This documentary lays out the case for and against Bob Lazar's extraordinary claims**

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**Is Bob Lazar Lying? Part 2. Witnesses counter the claims that Bob Lazar never graduated from MIT, never worked at Los Alamos, and never was employed at Area 51**

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There is an extensive history of alleged UFO craft retrievals around the world.

Validity? Importance?



**The history of alleged UFO crash retrievals in the United States, as presented by Richard Dolan**

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**In 1997, a US marine claims he investigated a UFO crashed in the jungles of Peru, with ETs inside**

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**A self-described "military aerospace historian" recounted the reported crash recovery in 1947 at Aztec, New Mexico**

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**Richard Dolan provides a timeline on the famous Roswell crash narrative**

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**Robert Hastings documents UFO incursions at nuclear weapons sites starting in 1947**

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## DIRECT EXPERIENCE

Don't make the mistake of dismissing "abductions" without weighing the evidence with objective criteria.

Validity? Importance?



**Don't make the mistake of dismissing "abductions" without weighing the evidence with objective criteria**














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# UFO S?



Here are 15 “abduction” cases from 1964 to 2007 that meet our criteria.

	Validity?	Importance?
 Betty and Barney Hill's encounter became the first widely reported UFO abduction story in the United States	_____	_____
 Betty Andreasson experienced her abduction in 1967 as an ecstatic religious-like encounter	_____	_____
 Two men in Mississippi claimed they were abducted by aliens while fishing	_____	_____
 Six friends watched Travis Walton walk under a UFO and disappear	_____	_____
 Three Kentucky women claimed to have been abducted while driving at night	_____	_____
 Four artists, independently regressed to access their suppressed memories, tell the same details of their 1976 abduction along the Allagash waterway	_____	_____
 Years after a UFO camping encounter, Terry Lovelace discovered a possible alien implant in a routine x-ray	_____	_____
 Are aliens and interdimensional entities the same?	_____	_____
 Whitley Strieber received 250,000 letters after he published accounts of his abduction experiences, beginning in 1985	_____	_____
 VICE: “When he was 17, David Huggins says he lost his virginity to an extraterrestrial.” He has produced over 150 paintings detailing his life-long affair	_____	_____
 A positive encounter with UFOs resulted in remarkable physical changes and wellness for John Salter and his son	_____	_____
 Three small beings floated Linda Cortile on a beam of light out of her 20th-floor apartment window	_____	_____
 Kelly Cahill lost an hour of time and was hospitalized with stomach pain after discovering a triangle-shaped mark near her navel	_____	_____

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**Is this the perfect case to refute skeptics? Six abductees had MRIs, X-rays, doctor reports, and photographs of UFO-related medical injuries**

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**In 2007, Chris Bledsoe and his son encountered glowing orbs and strange beings in the woods. Four witnesses supported their claims**

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John Mack's work at Harvard gave early credibility to the abduction phenomena.



**In the late 1990s, John Mack and an alleged abductee appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**Michael and Trish described their "abduction" experiences from 1994, including a video of the UFO inadvertently captured on Michael's camera**

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John Mack discussed abductions in 1995 interview with NOVA

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**John Mack summarized what he learned based upon his close work with over 100 abductees**

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Contemporary abduction stories continue to include the seemingly absurd idea of hybrid children involving Gray aliens.



**A young woman describes what she believes is her role in an alien hybridization program with Gray aliens. "They are us," she claimed**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**Nine contemporary abduction profiles offer further evidence of abduction and claims of hybrid encounters**

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**As a "modern-day John Mack," this doctor treats people who are convinced they have been abducted**

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**Thousands of so-called "abductees" seem to be mentally stable. Could their experiences be explained by sleep paralysis or mass hallucination?**

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# WHAT'S UP WITH UFO S?



Healings are common to many UFO encounters.



The single most common onboard experience inside a UFO is a physical examination

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Though we tend to think of miraculous healings as the domain of religious miracle workers, several UFO witnesses claim spontaneous healings

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A skeptic's guide to the healing power of UFOs: What is the evidence for this phenomenon? How common is it and why does it happen?

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Eve experienced healing from her encounter with the "Star Man"

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Seven claims of extraordinary healings between 1948–1968

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In 2015, a Mayan elder believed he was healed by "Angels from the stars"

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Close interactions with humanoid figures have been reported in conjunction with alien craft, going back to the 1950s.



The earliest wave of humanoid sightings occurred in Europe late in 1954, primarily in France and Italy

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Four human-like beings reportedly waved to 38 onlookers from the deck of a UFO in New Guinea in 1959

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In 1977 school children in Wales watched a UFO for two hours; six of them saw a humanoid figure emerge from the craft

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John Mack interviewed 60 Zimbabwean school children two months after their collective encounter with a UFO and three beings in 1994

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Abduction-like experiences are not isolated phenomena.

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Importance?

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# UFO S?



**As incredible as it seems, conservatively there may be more than 500,000 people that have had abduction-like experiences with non-human intelligence (e.g. "aliens")**

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ET encounters have many similarities with near-death experiences.

Validity? Importance?



**Near-death experiences and alien encounters share some interesting characteristics, raising important questions**

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The military has long been associated with remote viewing. More recently, it has funded paranormal research at Skinwalker Ranch.

Validity? Importance?



**Joe McMonagle described his experience with remote viewing, UFO encounters, near-death experiences, and his ET hypothesis**

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**Department of Defense funded the multi-year study of extreme paranormal phenomena at Skinwalker Ranch in Utah**

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Numerous studies and reports suggest there are dozens of ET types.

Validity? Importance?



**ETs are not all Grays with big black eyes. Nor are they all the monsters in battle with Sigourney Weaver. Contact reports indicate dozens of types of non-human intelligence**

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**Medium: "Five Common Types of ETs and What They Look Like"**

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Participants using the CE-5 protocol claim to have telepathically contacted extraterrestrials.

Validity? Importance?



**Steven Greer has pioneered protocols for intentional contact with extraterrestrials. He calls this "Close encounters of the fifth kind" (CE-5)**











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Most important: What is the nature of these non-human intelligences? What do *they* want?

# UFO S?




	Validity?	Importance?
 What is non-human intelligence? What do <i>they</i> want? They are not simply ETs	_____	_____
 John Mack suggests that UFOs challenge the great divide between the physical world and the “unseen world”	_____	_____
 Jacques Vallée considers abduction reports to be a kind of modern folklore, consistent with legends by cultures around the world	_____	_____
 Jacques Vallée rejects the explanation of UFOs as interstellar spaceships. He views the phenomenon as something that is much stranger	_____	_____
 Patheos: “Angels, aliens, and fairies: Have our myths come to life?”	_____	_____
 Are there paranormal or extradimensional beings that can shift up and down the electromagnetic spectrum?	_____	_____
 Physicist Jack Sarfatti believes that a conscious artificial intelligence from the future is returning to teach us how their machines work	_____	_____
 Separating fact from fiction: Credible research profiles thousands of contact experiences with non-human intelligence	_____	_____
 Inexplicable events can be both real and filtered through imagination	_____	_____
 What if ETs that allegedly contact us could explain “the contact landscape” from their point of view?	_____	_____

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## INSTITUTIONAL DYNAMICS

Are the world's religions ready for E.T.?

	Validity?	Importance?
 Vox: “Often, a religion begins with contact from something divine, something beyond the normal plane of human experience”	_____	_____

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**Vanderbilt: “Are the world’s religions ready for E.T.?”  
Evangelical Christians would recoil; Mormons would rejoice;  
Jews would basically shrug**

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**Speaking in 2013, the Dalai Lama admonished us to make no  
distinctions between ourselves and any visitors from another  
galaxy**

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**Reuters: “The Vatican’s chief astronomer says there is no  
conflict between believing in God and in the possibility of  
extraterrestrial brothers perhaps more evolved than humans”**

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Hollywood strongly shapes our images of UFOs and aliens, sometimes under government influence.



**When we think about aliens, we usually think about the product  
of someone else’s imagination, mostly from movies, as early as  
1902**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**Four potential (and conflicting) motives behind the government’s  
efforts to manipulate UFO perceptions through the media**

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**Damante: “Why does Hollywood depict humans overcoming  
alien invasions?” Blockbuster movies require that the good guys  
win. But this author speculates on another reason**

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These four alien movies represent the spectrum from military confrontation, to scientific curiosity, subtle dream-like engagement, to deep friendship.



***Independence Day* evokes the adrenaline of a military  
confrontation against a common enemy, wherein humanity  
heroically prevails in the final battle**

**Validity? Importance?**

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***Arrival* portrays a linguist who takes off her hazmat suit and  
works to decode the language of the alien heptapods**

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***Contact* depicts a beautiful and moving moment where Dr. Ellie  
Arroway makes contact with aliens taking the form of her  
deceased dad**

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**As E.T. and Elliott say good-bye, the deep emotional connection between this human boy and his extraterrestrial friend shows that love transcends interstellar distance**

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Despite notable academic conferences, publications and professors specializing in the UFO phenomena, the academic taboo around UFO's remains firmly in place.



**MIT sponsored the first academic conference on alien abduction in 1992. Over five days, 54 professionals delivered 150 presentations**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**The taboo in action: The first article on UFOs in a leading social science journal gets zero peer comments even though it is the journal's most downloaded article ever**

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**"The first responsibility of academics is to tell the truth," argues Dr. Alexander Wendt. "We have no idea what UFOs are"**

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Astronomers do, in fact, see UFOs and a growing minority thinks that they ought to be seriously studied.



**Knuth: "Why don't astronomers see UFOs? The fact is that they do." One survey indicates that about 5% have seen inexplicable aerial phenomena**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**The Atlantic: "When a Harvard Professor Talks About Aliens: News about extraterrestrial life sounds better coming from an expert at a high-prestige institution"**

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**Science News: "It's time to start taking the search for E.T. seriously, astronomers say"**

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Silicon Valley is beginning to show interest in UFOs.



**VICE: "A small group of venture capitalists and technologists believe that humans can capture and reverse-engineer UFOs — and that trying to do so might be a good investment"**

**Validity? Importance?**

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# UFO S?



**This Silicon Valley Startup Is Dedicated to Detecting UFOs Off the California Coast**

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The US government has had long-standing concerns about UFOs.



**SPACE: "The new revelation about AATIP is evidence that the US has been researching this issue for decades despite claiming no interest in the phenomenon since 1969"**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**UFOs are being seen around U.S. nuclear aircraft carriers, nuclear subs, nuclear weapons, and nuclear reactors**

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**Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act make it clear that the government has been taking UFOs very seriously**

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**The AATIP program did not end in 2012. And we also know that often these programs avoid FOIA by contracting private industry**

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Should we be concerned about the size of the black budgets and the military-industrial complex?



**Evidence suggests that secret black budget programs are not using billions, but trillions of dollars**

**Validity? Importance?**

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***The Washington Post*: "Close to 30 percent of the workforce in the intelligence agencies is contractors"**

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There are different views of the national security apparatus: "Nothing to see here" versus a "breakaway group."



**Chris Mellon: "I highly doubt DoD or any other government agency is concealing UFO information"**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**Richard Dolan argues that the existence of an alleged "Breakaway Group" is nearly as important a secret as that of the non-human intelligences themselves**

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# UFO S?



There have been periodic attempts to persuade the government (and mainstream media) to be more transparent and formally acknowledge UFO phenomena, with little effect.



**The U.S. government has been successful in influencing media coverage of UFOs since WWII, claims Terry Hansen**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**The Rockefeller UFO Disclosure Initiative to the Clinton White House in 1995 was an early attempt to consolidate UFO-related evidence and present it in a legitimate setting**

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**Major legal trials are decided based on weaker testimony than was provided in the May 9, 2001 National Press Club briefing on UFOs**

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**The subject matter from the “Citizen Hearing on Disclosure” in 2013 seemed “straight from intergalactic wackyland (VICE)”**

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**31 minutes**

Media coverage and transparency began to change in 2017.



**Space entrepreneur Robert Bigelow declared on CBS’s *60 Minutes*, “The aliens are already here”**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**After years of dismissive coverage, *The Washington Post* published the article, “UFOs exist, and everyone needs to adjust to that fact”**

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**The US Navy wants pilots to report strange sightings but doesn’t want any of the stigma that comes with it: “Just don’t call them UFOs”**

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**12 minutes**

Stepping back: What's happened in the last three years? Where is this all heading?



**10 reasonable assumptions to make sense of UFOs and ETs**

**Validity? Importance?**

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**As documented throughout this site, there have been at least 15 significant UFO-related events, beginning in 2017**

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**The list of events continues to grow. Here are nine new developments in recent months**

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Here's one conspiracy theory we can safely dismiss: The CIA is setting up a "false flag" operation around a fake alien invasion



Are we seeing a "controlled insider disclosure?" Is this an attempt to create a sanitized version of UFOs (without cover-ups, ETs, or abductions)?

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