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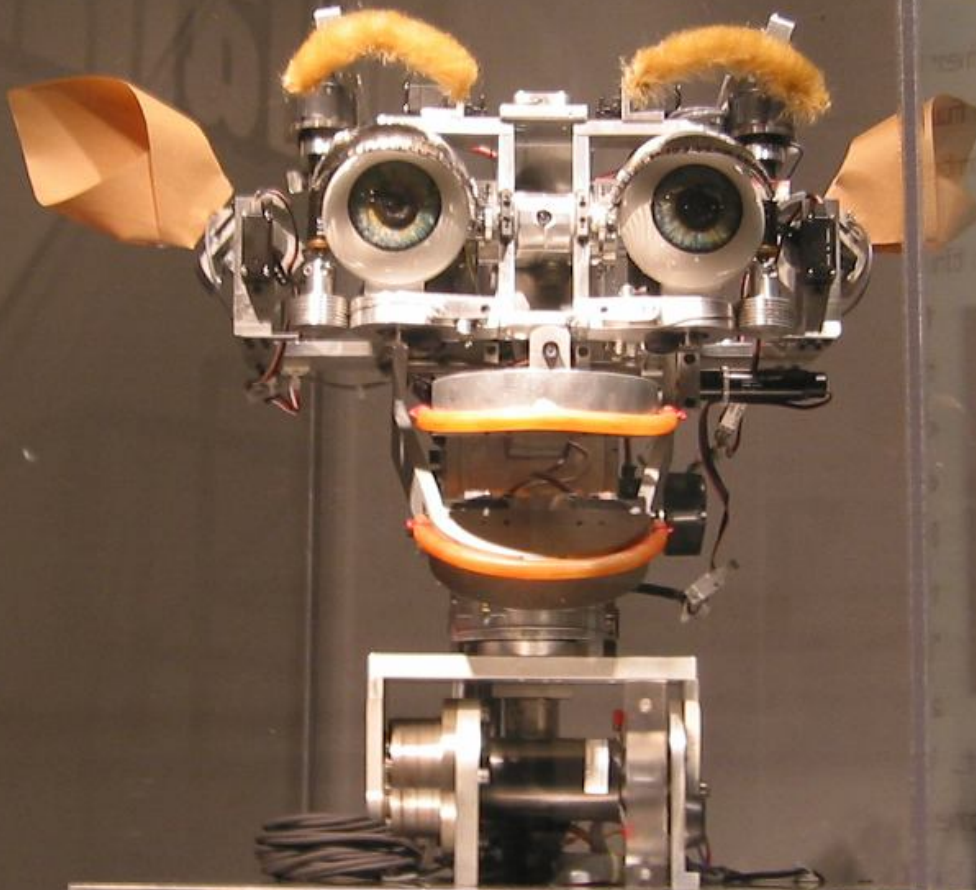
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Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Possibilities



The history of human progress is a testimonial to the strong desire that man has always had to make his life more comfortable. Every invention ever conceived has been designed to make life just a little bit better.

Kismet (1993-2000)

Here you can get a first-hand look at one of the world's most famous robots. There are 7 DC motors, 14 servo motors, 4 cameras and 2 microphones as well as jacks for audio, video, computers and power. Can you find them? These are things that connected Kismet to its computers and software and helped it interact with human beings in a natural way.

Rick Foreman

Tools have been made for every activity from agriculture, hunting, construction, transportation and even entertainment. The desire for an easier existence for a few has also led to a few bad ideas such as slavery, military conquest, corruption and other manners of exploiting people.

While many tools and machines have been invented throughout history, they have mostly been of use in extending or enhancing the capabilities of the person using them. The ultimate desire of having artificial helpers and companions and the attempts to create them have a long history. We now have many machines and mechanical devices that operate automatically with humanlike skill for a wide range of routine tasks on command. But the making of a fully autonomous machine that resembles a human has yet to be realized although it may be closer than most people imagine.

Man started out by inventing tools, from tools evolved machinery and most recently in human history do we have programmable functioning machinery. The next step is self-adjusting, self-adaptive and reprogrammable machinery to realize robotics ultimate goal: to create a machine which has equivalent capacity of a human. The refinements in technology that are necessary to create a fully functional robot are not so much founded in the physical design but rather in the development of artificial intelligence (AI).

Whether people realize it or not, we are surrounded by examples of artificial intelligence. Voice activated customer services, the GPS system in your car, the airport scheduling system that chooses the gate where you will disembark when your plane lands, most video games and even the software to write this article contain are some form of Artificial Intelligence.

Right now, we are well into the period of Narrow AI which refers to

artificial intelligence that performs a useful and specialized function that once required human intelligence to perform and executes those functions at human levels or better. Often Narrow AI systems greatly exceed the speed of humans as well as provide the ability to manage and take into account thousands of variables simultaneously.

The market for Narrow AI applications in 2007 was estimated to be over 21 billion dollars. A small list of areas where Narrow AI is currently being used includes Defense and Intelligence, Space Exploration, Medicine, Science and Math, Business, Finance, Manufacturing, Language and Speech, Entertainment, and Sports.

While Narrow AI gives machines the ability to perform specific tasks, what is needed to develop and construct a fully functioning robot is Strong AI. Although there is no total agreement on what defines Strong AI, most researchers in the area of artificial intelligence agree that the properties of Strong AI should include the following:

"Ability to reason, strategize and make judgments under uncertain conditions " Ability to represent knowledge including knowledge that is categorized as common sense " Ability to plan and learn " Ability to communicate in a natural language " Ability to integrate all the above skills

Development in the area of Strong AI draws upon tools from three main areas: first, on what is currently known about the brain; second, based on the decades of research in Narrow AI; third, reverse engineering of the brain. Many tools have been developed and are emerging that provides the spatial and temporal resolution necessary to produce adequate data from extremely accurate scanning and sensing of neurons and neural components.

For a human being, the learning process required to master the

knowledge necessary to function in any scientific area is decades. For a robot with artificial intelligence, learning will be just a matter of the time required to download the information from one machine to another. Once a human level of artificial intelligence is reached then technological advances in all areas will accelerated at an incredible exponential rate.

From the physical aspect, the development of a human like robot is much closer to being realized. In many depictions of robots in science fiction they are metallic and awkward but current technology already exists that can create an almost human appearing robot. In Japan, a new artificial outer covering gives the feel of real human skin by covering a 1-cm thick "dermis" of elastic silicone with a 0.2-mm thick "epidermis" of firm urethane. Countless tiny hexagonal indentations etched into the urethane epidermis provide it with a very realistic texture.

On the other hand, advances in medical technology are creating many artificial parts to replace some of our worn out or broken biological parts. Today, knee, hip and shoulder replacements are common. Artificial limbs are used by many who have lost their original ones. Advances will continue at a rapid pace so that in the near future we may be able to replace any organ or limb with a new and improved one. Some scientists hypothesize that all the information and memories in our brain may one day be downloadable. It seems possible that one day we may reach a point where the distinction between human and robot becomes too close to distinguish.

Robots have long been dreamed of as helpers and companions to enhance the lives of humans. Could it also be possible that the inadvertent direction of robotics will be, not to replace humans, but perhaps the next step in human evolution?

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An Alien Contact Experience

Over many years I have had many things happen to me that prove to me there are Aliens. I don't care if others believe me. I have written down these two so far but have others I could tell. At this point I think it is more important to figure out the true messages they are leaving us in the crop circles, it seems to go along with the 2012 disaster.

I was at my farm house just north of Rockford IL. by myself and it was about 1:00 am. I herd a noise outside and looked out my back window. I saw a figure like a man only it looked like his head was on fire. I freaked and garbed my shotgun, ran out the south side door and around the house. As I came around the corner the thing started to run for the corn, I could not believe my eye's but it had all the same features of a person only it's head was not on fire but glowing. I ran after it and shot off one shot before it made it to the corn, then when I got to the corn I could hear it moving in the field so I shot a few more times and got back away, then started looking around my property to see if there were any more.

I looked in the back yard then came into south side yard and as I was looking around I herd a strange buzzing noise like the seven year locusts if you have ever herd them. The noise came from two different directions, I looked and saw almost like a herd of small animals the size of maybe a foot and a half long and about eight to ten inches wide coming at me and I could see through them but they were a glowing gold color. I could hear the same noise coming from the opposite direction and looked to see the same thing coming at me. They moved very quick and I did get one shot off at them but there were to many and they moved to fast and that was my last shell (the gun was empty). I

was totally freaked out but stood their and said something like go ahead and take me I can't do anything about it. Then they kind of made a circular twist around me and started coming up on me, then they had pretty much covered me and when they covered my face I must have blacked out or somehow went unconscious. That would have been about 1:15 am and the next thing I know I'm waking up laying in my side yard uncontrollably shaking and the sun is up. My shotgun was laying across my chest and I had to struggle to get to my feet.

When I made it to the house I called my ex wife and made her drive out to get me. I knew I could not drive I was shaking so bad and it was 9:00 in the morning. It seems I lost around 8 hours of time. I never did tell anyone for a long time and have had other experiences of seeing things but never actual contact like this time.

Another experience was in San Diego on my friend's patio. We were having a good time and I looked up in the sky to see two huge rings side by side, the one on the left had small lights about every minute or so coming out of it and the one on the right had 5 or 6 lights hanging just off to the side of it then would enter one at a time into the ring. When they entered the light they disappear and from the one that they came out of the light was not visible until they came out.

My personal opinion is that I was seeing what people have described as a worm hole, the only thing is that from my observation they need to have a separate one for each direction. I watched for over an hour and the really neat thing is that once I pointed them out to my two friends that were there, they were able to see them also. How cool is that.

William Martin

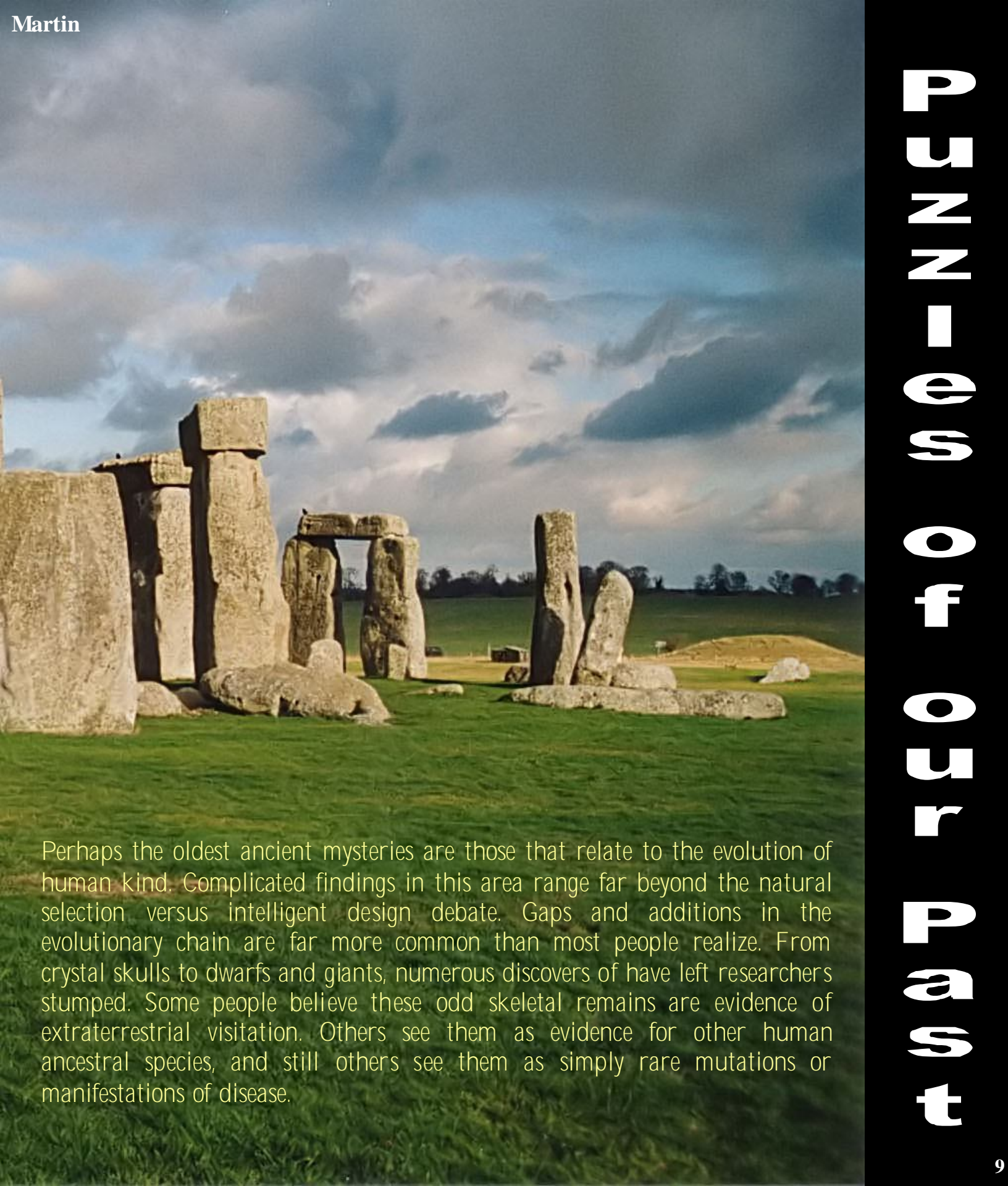
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50 Essential Ancient Mysteries



The term “ancient mysteries” refers to any of the unsolved archaeological puzzles that have confounded generations of historians. These include technologically impossible monuments, inexplicable primary accounts, and intriguing tales of lost civilizations. Most of these mysteries remain elusive because of the lack of available evidence from their original time periods. Without such data, researchers are left to speculate on such topics as who built the statues on Easter Island or why the Mayan civilization collapsed so suddenly. Although many of these puzzles may never be solved, researchers from every corner of the globe and every academic discipline continue to try and explain some of our world’s oldest mysteries.



DESIGN - THE HISTORY OF

Perhaps the oldest ancient mysteries are those that relate to the evolution of human kind. Complicated findings in this area range far beyond the natural selection versus intelligent design debate. Gaps and additions in the evolutionary chain are far more common than most people realize. From crystal skulls to dwarfs and giants, numerous discovers of have left researchers stumped. Some people believe these odd skeletal remains are evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. Others see them as evidence for other human ancestral species, and still others see them as simply rare mutations or manifestations of disease.



ABOVE A Moai at Rano Raraku, Easter Island
RIGHT The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt

The ancient mysteries for which we possess the most evidence are monumental structures like Stonehenge and the Pyramids. Since these structures still exist, it is possible for researchers to study them first-hand. These feats of engineering seem too complex for ancient civilizations to have constructed. Subsequently, a wide range of theories have developed to explain their existence. There are many who take a rational approach and try and recreate these engineering marvels with endless calculations and models. Others construct more imaginative theories ranging from godly interventions to extraterrestrial life.

Another category of ancient mysteries relates to exploration and journeys. Intriguing accounts in this category vary widely. The most popularized mystery is the debate over who truly "discovered" the Americas. Although history grants this honor to Christopher Columbus, evidence suggests much earlier Scandinavian travelers reached the Atlantic coast. There are also theories that Asian travelers were the first to step on American soil. Another significant puzzle in this area is the existence of maps detailing the coastline of Antarctica centuries before it was discovered, and there are even stranger tales like that of the lost Roman army that allegedly turned up in China.

In recent years, a great deal of interest has revolved around yet another type of ancient mystery; advanced inventions potentially dating to thousands of years ago. For example, archaeologists have uncovered models from ancient Egypt that seem to depict airplanes, and some evidence points to the existence of a primitive computer in ancient Greece. There may even have been functioning electric batteries in the ancient Middle East, as findings from digs near Baghdad suggest. Unfortunately, this category is subject to great speculation as often only sparse accounts or broken models are available

for research.

These categories outline just a few of the countless puzzles we have yet to solve. The study of ancient mysteries has consumed many scholars over the centuries. However, few definitive conclusions have been reached. In fact, for most mysteries, it seems the more research that is conducted, the more complicated the debate becomes. Perhaps as technologies and research methods improve, a more definitive conclusion can be reached. One thing, though, is certain; the best minds around the world will not give up their quest to solve even one of these ancient intrigues.

Finally, there is a fascinating category of puzzles dealing with tales of extinct civilizations. In some cases, like that of the Mayans, a society's existence can be proven but their disappearance unexplained. Other stories, like the legendary discussions of Atlantis or the myth of the Amazon warriors, lack tangible evidence for support. Instead, they are based off ancient accounts, like that of Plato, which can seem rather convincing. The search for biblical locations is also included in this category. The actual location of such places as Mount Ararat, upon which Noah's ark landed, and the destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah remain elusive.

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Past Achievements, Future Plans
for
Space Exploration



Ben Franklin

Ever since the beginning of time, mankind has been fascinated with wonders of space. Before the mid-1900s, all mankind could do was gaze at the stars from Earth and wonder what it would be like to go into space. Man would look through telescopes and make theories on how the universe worked.

Even with growing knowledge in the field, it was not until 1957 when the first Earth orbiter, the Soviet's Sputnik 1, was sent into space and placed in orbit at an altitude of 1,370 miles and weighed 184 pounds. Later in that year, the Soviets sent Sputnik 2 into space with a dog named Laika. Laika was the first animal to venture into space.

Then in 1985, the United States successfully sent their very own satellite into space. In 1960, the Soviets launched two dogs into space and successfully returned them to Earth. From this point started the space race. The space race was a challenge between the USSR and the United States to see who could land a man on the moon first.

In 1961, the first man in space was cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin who was in space for 60 minutes before returning to Earth in Vostok 1 and was sent by the USSR. Astronaut Shepard flew the first manned sub-orbital space-flight by the Americans. The first true American orbital flight was by John Glen and he stayed in space for five hours in Mercury 6 in 1962. Then in 1963, the USSR sent the first woman into space; her name was Valentina Tereshkova-Nikaleva. They also had the first person to take a space-walk in 1965. In 1968, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or NASA tested the first Saturn 5 rocket, which would be used for the Apollo missions. The first manned Apollo missions and the first flight around the moon took place in 1968. Finally, on July 21, 1969, the United

States placed the first man on the moon winning the space race.

Now, the future of space exploration depends on many factors. Some of these factors are as followed: how much technology advances, how political forces change rivalries as well as partnerships with other nations, and how important space exploration is to the general public. NASA is working on a single-stage-to-orbit (SSTO) vehicle, but until it is until then, NASA plans to us the space shuttle fleet to the year 2012. It is clear that mankind has devoted itself to the exploration of the unknown and that we are committed to find new planets on which man can live and prosper. An interesting spacecraft is the X-33, which is a single stage orbiter. The X-33 will allow companies to put satellites in orbit for a cheaper cost.

Space travel does take its effect on humans though. Piloted space flights have to supply oxygen, food, and water for their occupants and even longer flights need to have a way to dispose of or recycle waste. The even longer flights, spacecrafts will eventually need to become mostly self-sufficient. The astronauts will have to exercise and since the astronauts will be weightless, the shuttle will need to provide more than just the core physical needs for the astronauts to stay healthy.

The weight of the craft is so important that it plays a crucial role in the amount of food supplied by the spacecraft. Most food provided to the astronauts is dehydrated, which is rehydrated by a device that is some what like a water gun, to save space as well as weight.

However, some foods are given in their conventional form such as fruits, candy, and bread. Water is usually provided by fuel cells that also provide electricity to the whole ship. The reaction between Hydrogen and oxygen provides the electricity and creates water as well. A small amount of water

is also carried onboard in case of emergencies.

Space exploration has come a long way since the beginning. Mankind has gone to the moon and back, we have sent probes to the furthest reaches of our solar system, we have sent a robot to roam the Martian terrain, we have made spaceships that are reusable, and we can see other galaxies that are billions of light years away. Now we brainstorm on how to explore space even further. Man kind is destined to go to the far reaches of the universe and make contact with other life forms. With all things considered, humans are not far from colonizing space.



ABOVE Concept drawing of the X-33

BELOW Current view of the International Space Station





NASA successfully demonstrated an alternate system for future astronauts. The launch of the Max Launch Abort System, or MLAS, took place on July 8, 2009, at 6:26 a.m. at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va. The unpiloted launch tested an alternate concept for safely propelling a future spacecraft and its crew away from a problem on the launch pad or during ascent. The MLAS consists of four solid rocket abort motors inside a bullet-shaped composite fairing attached to a full-scale mockup of the crew module. The 33-foot-high MLAS vehicle was launched to an altitude of approximately one mile to simulate an emergency on the launch pad. The flight demonstration began after the four solid rocket motors burned out. The crew module mockup separated from the launch vehicle at approximately seven seconds into the flight and parachuted into the Atlantic Ocean.



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Global Temperatures Expected to Rebound

Dave Submit

Until recently, global temperatures were more than a degree Fahrenheit warmer when compared to the overall 20th Century mean. From August of 2007 through February of 2008, the Earth's mean reading dropped to near the 200-year average temperature of 57 degrees.

We, Cliff Harris and Randy Mann, believe that the warming and even the cooling of global temperatures are the result of long-term climatic cycles, solar activity, sea-surface temperature patterns and more. However, Mankind's activities of the burning of fossil fuels, massive deforestations, the replacing of grassy surfaces with asphalt and concrete, the 'Urban Heat Island Effect,' are making conditions 'worse' and this will ultimately enhance the Earth's warming process down the meteorological roadway in the next several decades.

From the late 1940s through the early 1970s, a climate research organization called the Weather Science Foundation of Crystal Lake, Illinois, determined that the planet's warm, cold, wet and dry periods were the result of alternating short-term and long-term climatic cycles. These researchers and scientists also concluded that the Earth's ever-changing climate likewise has influenced global and regional economies, human and animal migrations, science, religion and the arts as well as shifting forms of government and strength of leadership.

Much of this data was based upon thousands of hours of research done by Dr. Raymond H. Wheeler and his associates during the 1930s and 1940s at Kansas State University. Dr. Wheeler was well-known for his discovery of various climate cycles, including his highly-regarded '510-Year Drought Clock' that he detailed at the end of the 'Dust Bowl' era in the late 1930s.

During the early 1970s, our planet was in the midst of a colder and drier weather cycle. Inflationary recessions and oil shortages led to rationing and long gas lines at service stations worldwide. The situation at that time was far worse than it is now, at least for the time being.

The Weather Science Foundation also predicted, based on these various climate cycles, that our planet would turn much warmer and wetter by the early 2000s, resulting in general global prosperity. They also said that we would be seeing at this time widespread weather 'extremes.' There's little doubt that most of their early predictions came true.

Our recent decline in the Earth's temperature may be a combination of both long-term and short-term climate cycles, decreased solar activity and the development of a strong long-lasting La Nina, the current cooler than normal sea-surface temperature event in the south-central Pacific Ocean. Sunspot activity in the past 18 months has decreased the lowest levels since 'The Little Ice Age' ended in the mid-to late 1800s. This "cool spell," though, may only be a brief interruption to the Earth's overall warming trend. Only time will tell.

Based on these predictions, it appears that much warmer readings may be expected for Planet Earth, especially by the 2030s, that will eventually top 1998's global highest reading of 58.3 degrees. It's quite possible we could see an average

temperature in the low 60s. Until then, this 'cooling period' may last from just a few months to as long as several years, especially if sunspot activity remains very low.

We at Harris-Mann Climatology, www.LongRangeWeather.com, believe that our prolonged cycle of wide weather 'extremes,' the worst in at least 1,000 years, will continue and perhaps become even more severe, especially by the mid 2010s. We should see more powerful storms, including major hurricanes and increasing deadly tornadoes. There will likewise be widespread flooding, crop-destroying droughts and freezes and violent weather of all types including ice storms, large-sized hail and torrential downpours.

We are already seeing on virtually every continent an almost Biblical weather scenario of increasing droughts and floods. In both the southwestern and southeastern corners of the U.S, there are severe water shortage problems associated with chronic long-term dryness. In some cases, the water deficits are the worst in at least 400 years.

Dr. Wheeler also discovered that approximately every 102 years, a much warmer and drier climatic cycle affects our planet. The last such 'warm and dry' peak occurred in 1936, at the end of the infamous 'Dust Bowl' period. During that time, extreme heat and dryness, combined with a multitude of problems during the 'Great Depression,' made living conditions practically intolerable.

The next 'warm and dry' climatic phase is scheduled to arrive in the early 2030s, probably peaking around 2038. It is expected to produce even hotter and drier weather patterns than we saw during the late 1990s and early 2000s.

But, we should remember, that the Earth's coldest periods have usually

followed excessive warmth. Such was the case when our planet moved from the Medieval Warm Period between 900 and 1300 A.D. to the sudden 'Little Ice Age,' which peaked in the 17th Century.

By the end of this 21st Century, a big cool down may occur that could ultimately lead to expanding glaciers worldwide, even in the mid-latitudes. We could possibly see even a new Great Ice Age. Based on long-term climatic data, these major ice ages have recurred about every 11,500 years. Well, you guessed it. The last extensive ice age was approximately 11,500 years ago, so we may be due. Again, only time will tell.



The Entrance

Asides from the entrances being entry points for your home, it is also very important in Feng Shui as that's where a very large amount of chi comes in and sets the overall tone of your home. Wouldn't you rather allow good flowing chi into your home instead of negative chi entering and pulling everything down? Here, you would want to set up a filter point choosing for auspicious chi coming in or good chi. A protective item would make sure only good chi (sheng chi) comes in, whereas a wealth enhancer would transform the chi coming in to be auspicious chi. Recommendations: All Protectors (Protective), Authentic Wealth Bowl (Auspicious), Kuan Kung on Horse of Progress (Both).

The Backdoor

The backdoor or exit of your house is frequently overlooked because there is usually more importance stressed on the entrance. The importance of this part of the house increases when depending on how often you use it. For some, it is an entrance to their garden or a more convenient form of exit. If you do not use the backdoor often, focusing on protection takes priority. If it is used very often, then you can also treat it similar to an additional entrance. Recommendations: Kuan Kung God of War (Protective), Lucky Wealth Bars (Auspicious), Inscribed Dragon Tortoise (Both).

The Living/Dining Room

This is usually the place where members of the house would spend a large amount of time together. Be it entertaining guests, watching a favorite show together or just winding down after a tough day at work. This is also a place to maximise the usage of Feng Shui for you to reap the benefits it can bring. Recommendations: Fu Lu Shou Set (Protective), Prosperity Buddha (Auspicious), Lord Chung Kwei Guardian of Harmony (Both).

The Bedroom

This is a place where we rest and recuperate and thus open ourselves to negative or positive influences in our immediate surroundings. Most of the times, health related items are recommended in this section and refrain from putting enhancers that are constantly moving like windchimes. This is one of the best places to promote harmony and soak up auspicious chi. Recommendations: 8 Immortals Wu Lou (Protective), Health Wealth Pendant (Auspicious), Kuan Yin on Arowana(Both).

Reflect Your Personality with Feng Shui

Feng shui is a very flexible art that allows you a lot of room to express your own personality and style. With feng shui, you can follow ancient principles that help you create balance and harmony in your environment while still retaining your taste and the integrity of a room's atmosphere. Feng shui brings out the best in the design choices you have already made by improving the flow of energy in a space. Feng shui techniques are not difficult to practice, and they can help you be better able to appreciate the beauty that already exists in your home by uncovering the potential for peace and harmony that is hidden within every space.

Feng shui works well within any other design scheme because it blends seamlessly into whatever kind of atmosphere you are trying to create in a space. This is one reason why feng shui is appropriate in a wide variety of settings. Because feng shui does not have a strict, dominant look like other aesthetic schools do, you can streamline any space from your office to your bathroom to your bedroom according to feng shui principles without having to change the basic design scheme at all. It is possible, for example, to practice feng shui in a Victorian-style romantic bedroom, or in a sleek office setting that has a contemporary feel. Feng shui is not about the specifics of how things should look, it is about optimizing energy flow and visual harmony, so you can use it in any room of any style.

Feng shui lets you create a new feeling for any area of your home without taking over your personal style, because in feng shui you get to use the objects you already have in order to create new, more harmonious arrangements. For example, feng shui often makes suggestions about incorporating certain colors, like scarlet, in specific areas of a room, but you can use almost any item of that color to make the feng shui decorating scheme work. This means that all you have to do is search your home's inventory for anything that has scarlet, whether it is a vase, a pillow, a hanging picture, or even an attractive hardcover book, and move it to the right area. Feng shui teaches you to use what you have right now to better effect.

The fact that feng shui can lend extra power to the design choices you've already made means that feng shui is a great way to amplify how your setting reflects your taste. Feng shui reflects your personality at every step of the process from planning to the end result. Feng shui can help you bring out the best in your space, and in yourself. When you utilized feng shui to charge your environment with positive energy, you will be making sure that you and your unique style shine their brightest.

The Stargate Universe

Morgan Kelps

"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...." was a tagline that brought the concept of SciFi into the mainstream and opened up our world and our imaginations. In the three decades following the launch of the Star Wars franchise, we have seen many incarnations of Science Fiction series come and many more go. Series like Star Trek, Babylon 5, FireFly, Battlestar Galactica, Andromeda, Earth: Final Conflict and a slew of others. However, there exists one unique franchise which has remained a prevalent player in the SciFi space despite the demise of much of their competition.

The Stargate Universe as an entity has existed since 1994 and has since grown into a global dynasty encompassing a Movie, 2 television series, comics, books, audio books, games, toys and an assortment of FanFiction.

The Stargate Universe all began with the initial film, written by Dean Devlin and directed by Roland Emmerich. The film turned out to be a mega hit with worldwide sales of \$196,600,000 and a \$55,000,000 cost of production. The film was initially intended to be part of a multi-film franchise however, due to scheduling issues and differences in creative visions between Devlin/Emmerich and MGM, the initial vision was never carried out. It was in fact this disagreement

that led to the studio execs evaluating other ways to capitalize on the success of the film.

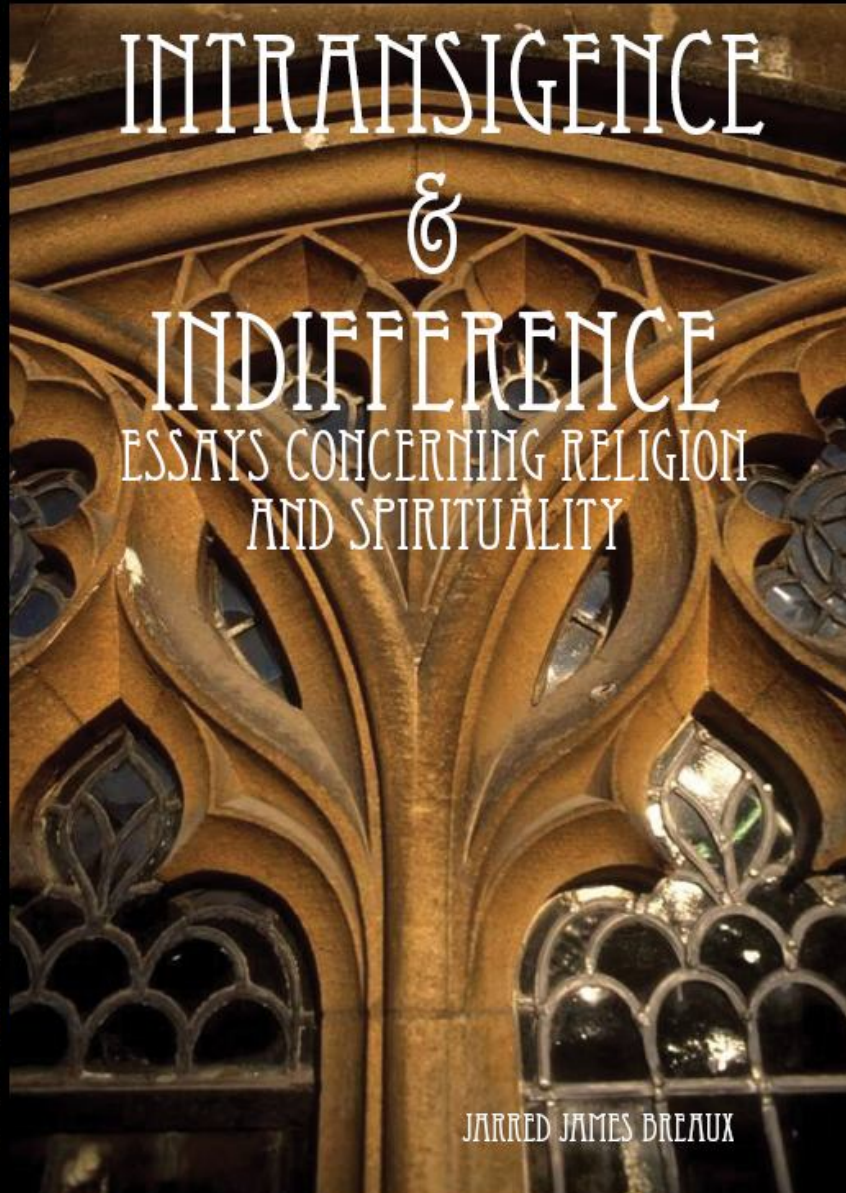
The executives decided a television series would allow for long-lasting opportunities and with that Stargate SG-1 debuted on July 27, 1997 on the Showtime premium cable network. After seeing impressive ratings on Showtime, the studio wanted wider distribution and moved the series to the SciFi network where it immediately became a cult classic. The series led by Richard Dean Anderson of MacGyver fame lasted for a total of ten seasons and on average cost MGM \$1,400,000 to shoot. By its final season, the show surpassed the ratings of big hits like X-Files and attaining the title of the longest running consecutive sci-fi series on television. After an incredible ten year run, Stargate SG-1 was discontinued in August of 2007, but the franchise lived on as Stargate Atlantis.

Stargate Atlantis was created in 2004 as a two part season finale for season 8 entitled "Lost City". The plot involves a group of military forces and civilian scientists that travel to the Pegasus galaxy in search of the Lost City of Atlantis. In its current incarnation, the series has seen great success and has proven over the years to draw the same level of followers as SG-1.

The future of the Stargate Universe is scheduled to include two direct-to-DVD films being released later this year entitled "Stargate: The Ark of Truth" and "Stargate: Continuum". In addition, there was a 2006 Comic-con announcement by Stargate creator Dean Devlin that he is currently in talks with MGM to produce the final two films in the trilogy and leverage the talents of James Spader and Kurt Russel.

The series today stands out as a remarkable example of creativity and vision of a better future. The series is one that will live on in multiple incarnations moving forward as long as it retains the excellent writing staff and an uncanny ability to explore current social and political issues in a unique way.

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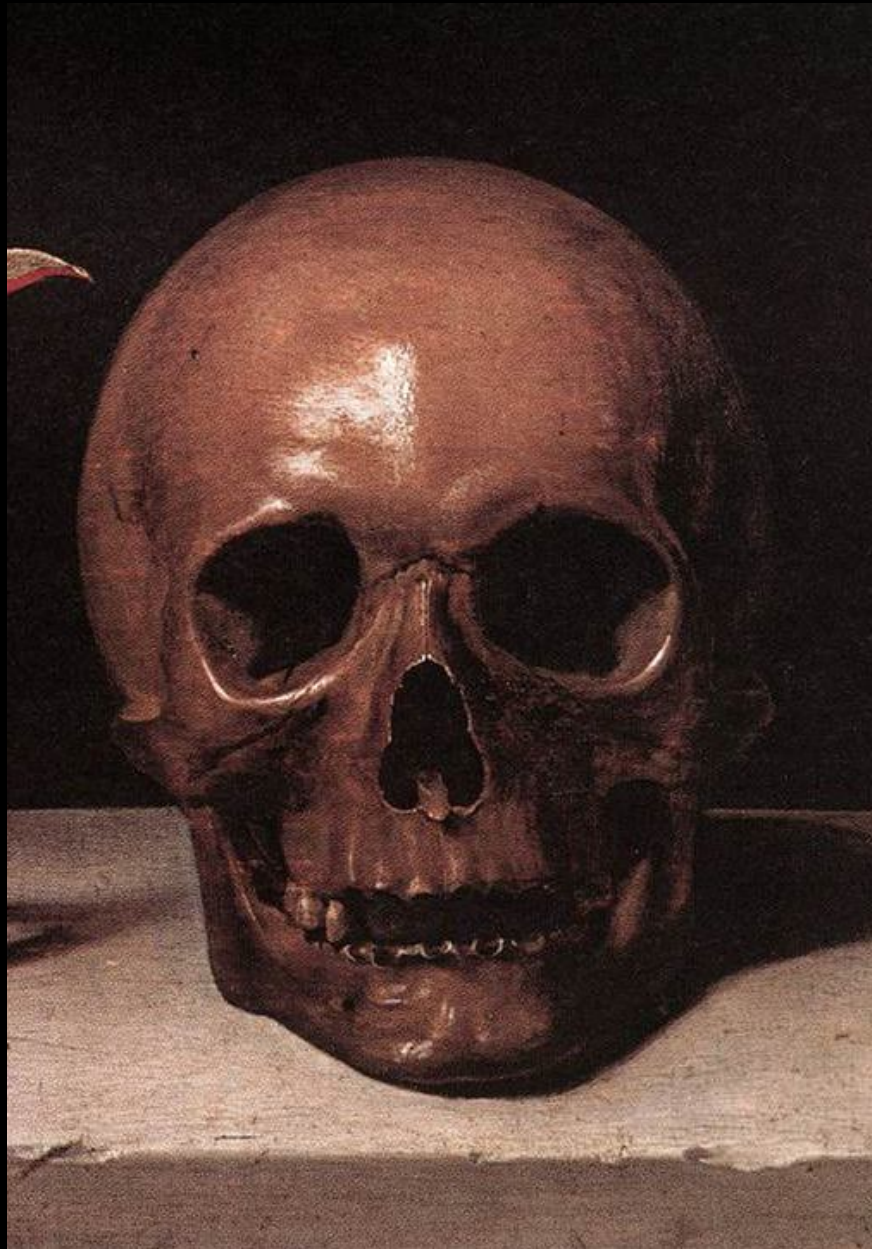
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DEATH



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OBLIVION OR ASCENSION

At the center of most religions is the promise of life after death. The basic belief is that if you live a good life, then you will make it into heaven, reach nirvana, or go wherever it is your religion says you are going. However, some religions want extra contribution in order for you to have a good afterlife. In Islam, you have to pray toward Mecca five times a day, and in Catholicism, you have to go to church every Sunday. While many of these practices differ greatly and seem to have nothing in common, they are actually common practices to help ensure your path toward life after death.

Each individual has a different spiritual objective, in regards to the afterlife. For instance, a Buddhist hopes to reach nirvana, a spiritual state where one exists in perfect peace. On the other hand, a Muslim or a Christian hopes to enter heaven and spend eternity singing hymns of God's greatness. Atheists expect nothing more than oblivion. In one minority religion known as Nogardian Spiritualism, individuals believe their will "ascend."

Ascension is the act of transforming into a purely spiritual being which then resides on a higher plane of existence. Ascension is an evolution of the soul into a purely spiritual entity, independent of the physical body.

When a person ascends, their physical body may either morph into a non-corporeal being or it may just die off, leaving the soul stranded somewhere between the physical world and the spiritual world.

No one knows what truly happens after death. Whether we become beautiful angels or become reincarnated as cows or pass into oblivion is scientifically unapproachable and completely theoretical, either developed through transcendental thought or through some religious experience.

As far as we know, scientifically, the heart stops pumping blood to the organs within our body and our brain slowly shuts down. Oxygen is no longer being carried to the brain via the bloodstream. As an individual's brain begins to die, humans experience a "tunneling" affect, where one's "vision" is narrowed toward a long dark tunnel with a light toward the end. Individuals who have had these "Near Death Experiences" report re-living parts of their lives or seeing loved one's that have died before them. Two possibilities arise: individuals experience what they expect due to the dramatic nature of the event or this is the natural "shutting down" of the brain, similar to a computer's shut down sequence. After the brain has shut down, there may be

absolutely nothing.

It is a little unsettling to embrace the fact that nothing may happen once we die. The idea that we cease to exist entirely leaves us uncomfortable. To comfort ourselves, we developed these religious ideas of the afterlife. Because religious ideas of the afterlife vary greatly, no single religion could possibly be the "correct one." After all, why would the divine chose to reveal themselves to one individual in the thousands of years of man's existence?

From a personal stand point, I chose to embrace oblivion, ascension, and anything in between. Individuals who live mundane lives and chose to ignore spirituality entirely end their existence at death; however, those of us who embrace religious beliefs and chose to believe in something greater than ourselves live on. It does not matter which religious path we follow, so long as we follow a good and descent belief system, implying the golden rule of "harm none" and a positive religious environment void of any sinister acts or hierarchical corruption.

Attaining a place in "heaven" is far from securing a divine role in the afterlife. To ascend, one must go above and beyond the lengths of being spiritually good and descent. One must set themselves apart, somehow, to be

recognized by the powers that be as an outstanding individual. While this is speculation on my part, I believe that our worldly deeds as individuals reflects our spiritual well-being, and if we come up short upon death, we may end up with nothing or not enough, falling short of our goals for the afterlife.

Theravada Buddhists believe that an individual earns his or her way into heaven through *boun*. *Boun* is the manifestation of all the good you have done in your life. The more *boun* you have, the more likely you are to reach nirvana. Therefore, *boun* might be described as the exact opposite of sin. *Boun* has a quantitative value, although unknown to the individual exactly how much *boun* is rewarded for certain duties, and is basically a spiritual

currency.

Individuals have also accepted a list of morals, depending on their faith, which would earn them a place in heaven, such as the Ten Commandments, the Middle Way, the Five Pillars of Islam, the Beatitudes, the Seven Deadly Sins, and so on. While all of these differ greatly, the basics of each can be summed up quite easily: (1) Do not harm others and (2) Be generous and help others.

But whatever lives we lead, the question still remains: "Does heaven exist?" Atheists claim "no," and their rationale to leading morale lives is vaguely similar to that of Karma: the effects of all deeds, whether good or bad, are viewed as actively shaping past, present, and future experiences either positively or negatively respectfully. So

regardless of religious affiliation, it is in the best interest of the individual to live a positive, meaningful lifestyle that is neither excessive nor impoverished, that harms none, and that helps others. Basically you have nothing to lose by living a decent a moral life, regardless of whether you are trying to raise *boun* to reach nirvana or if you are just doing it to be a decent person.

Rather than theorizing what happens after death, we should focus on the here and now. We should learn to cooperate and to ensure the highest quality of life. If there is a heaven or something like it, then we will no doubt reach it if we live good lives. And if there is none, then at least we could say we lived a good life.

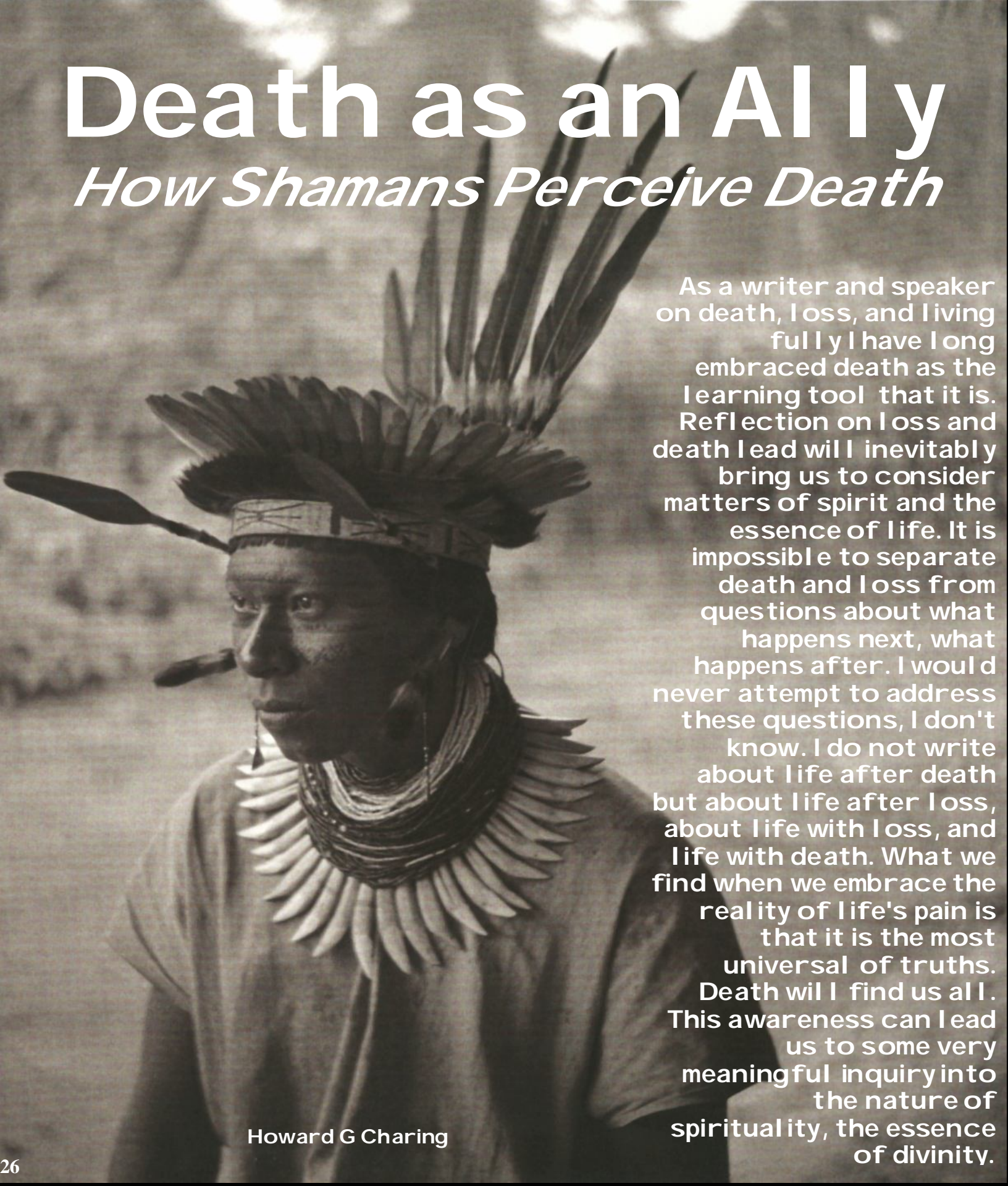


EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF EXISTENCE



Death as an Ally

How Shamans Perceive Death



As a writer and speaker on death, loss, and living fully I have long embraced death as the learning tool that it is. Reflection on loss and death lead will inevitably bring us to consider matters of spirit and the essence of life. It is impossible to separate death and loss from questions about what happens next, what happens after. I would never attempt to address these questions, I don't know. I do not write about life after death but about life after loss, about life with loss, and life with death. What we find when we embrace the reality of life's pain is that it is the most universal of truths. Death will find us all. This awareness can lead us to some very meaningful inquiry into the nature of spirituality, the essence of divinity.

Howard G Charing

For me spiritual development and query began early in my life. As a teenager in the seventies, I fancied myself in the era of questioning authority. I was coming of age seeing young people challenge the status quo, change the voting age, question the draft, and denounce the notion of war. I saw my generation starting to explore other religions, other philosophies, to challenge traditional Western approaches to life. The Beatles were meditating with gurus and we were reading Kerouac and Vonnegut. We were "oh so cool." At the same time my coolness was forming, my parents had me going through the traditional Lutheran confirmation process. This involved more than two years of study with the church, at a parish where studying other religions as well as our own was part of the process. Questioning was allowed and encouraged.

I vividly recall talking with my father and a great uncle, saying that as I was studying religion I found myself questioning the existence of God. I told them I thought I was agnostic, one who did not believe or disbelieve, but one who just did not know. They talked this over with me intelligently, with genuine interest in my perspective and interpretations. Both told me

this was fine, inquiry was always encouraged. I loved this about my family. Faith was part of our family, but we were allowed to develop our spirituality in our own way. I was fortunate to have an open and supportive family where attitude, actions, and the acceptance and respect of others mattered far more than formal religious structure.

I have friends of all faiths and friends who are atheists. I have still more friends who are an amalgamation of theologies and philosophies, who seek their own truths, and find peace in a number of venues defining themselves as spiritual rather than religious. The point is that we do not look at what is different about one another. We look at what is similar. We love and respect one another. We value each other's opinions and recognize what is true for all of us. We treat others as we would like to be treated. We love and cherish our families. We are kind and thoughtful of others. We love life. In our friendships and relationships, when we recognize the divinity inherent in each of us, we can transcend definitions of spirituality and see spirituality for what it truly is, a matter of the heart.

Death reflection will certainly bring our attention toward matters of spirit and we can certainly discuss these matters with others, however

we must remember that spirituality and faith are private matters. No one has the right to thrust dogma and ideology on you and you don't have the right to thrust yours onto others. It is far more important to remember that we are all seeking peace with the knowledge of death and the pain that life sometimes brings. How we go about it might be different, but we are all seeking the same end. All that should matter are actions. If people are caring, kind, and respectful of others how can we justify insisting our beliefs are the only answer? You have not lived their life. Their journey is not yours.

We will each seek different avenues to bring us some peace with death and loss. For some that path will be religion, for some personal reflection and development, and for others science or education, for most



it will be a balance of all of these. For each, it will be a private and personal matter. In order to nurture and foster our own journeys through this truth of loss and death, not only must we respect the journey of others, we must respect our path as well. We must give love and attention to our needs, both physical and spiritual.

We must not only embrace the promise of death and consequently seek to be at peace with matters of spirit and the unknown, we must also embrace the passion of life, the divine and sacred life we know now. As I have said, I do not know what happens spiritually after death, but I can tell you what happens spiritually while we live, we love. Love is the essence of spirit. Love yourself enough to respect your journey, to recognize your strength to face life in all its pain and pleasure. Love yourself enough to seek out loving and nurturing relationships. Love yourself enough to recognize that you are divine, that it is life itself that is divine.

In respecting our spirits and their growth and expansion, we must seek out friendships and relationships with people who can respect the personal and private nature of life's journey, people who encourage our growth as individuals and celebrate our approach to life

and living. True friends nurture our energy and uplift us and there is precious little time for the others. However, remember that your state of being is up to you, you can choose to live in happiness and to live fully, the power to do this is yours and yours alone. By fully loving yourself, honoring the spirituality and divinity inherent in you, you will draw to yourself others who are like you. A beautiful cycle of nurturance and respect will blossom from your state of grace.

Considering our own deaths or the deaths of those we love can allow us to consider carefully the content of our expressions and the consequences of our actions. Nurturing a gentler self can be the positive result of reflection on death and loss. Fostering and developing kindness and care for others and for ourselves is the reward for facing mortality. Embracing to the depth of our souls that we are all dying demonstrates the vulnerability of all life, the fragile nature of existence as we understand it best. By holding onto the death that waits within us we can see what is sacred, what is divine. We are. Life itself is.

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate,
A time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Serpent Wisdom

Jeffery Pritchett

Seek the inner sage
Wisdom is found within
Our lives sit on the cusp
Of global reckoning spinning
The chaos moves through the heart
Weaved into universal love
The serpent crawls up the chakras
They all spin to the dance of space
Tribes beat their drums
Enlightenment is an everlasting process
Take a trip to beyond
On the horizon in their discs
They pray ceaselessly for us to awaken
Before it's too late
The sun will set in the dark rift
2012 heralds a cosmic alignment
Spoken of in hieroglyphics and tablets
That time has not forgotten
Ancient rituals adorning customs
Our culture lost to the darkness
In that void can be found
New beginnings of sacred visions

Align your intentions
Keep your prayers attuned to white light
Do not fear the snake
Hold onto its immortal healing energy
Through the Toltec time they wait
They are the keepers of forever
Rise above the illusion of time
Ride the celestial grid
There is no end only the infinite
Ignore the doomsday advice
The body is only the cocoon
The soul is the butterfly within
Death is a stalking panther
Do not run from it but face it grinning
This is the way of the Shaman
Since the beginning laughter has healed
Once you have mastered joy
As well as the tests of life
You will surely ascend to the next realm
Some already have while they are still here
This is the manna of Serpent Wisdom

THE 7 WAYS

**THE WORLD MIGHT
END IN 2012**

Systematic gurus from across the world and websites such as the2012facts.com are truly foretelling that on December 21, 2012, all life on the planet could well finish. Some are asserting it will be humans that set it off. Others believe a natural phenomenon will be the cause. And the religious people are saying it'll be God himself who presses the stop button!

1. Mayan Calendar Ends on December 21, 2012

The first to envision December 21, 2012 as the end of the planet were the Mayans, a bloodthirsty race that were good at two things: Building highly correct astrological hardware out of stone and Sacrificing Virgins. Thousands of years ago they managed to calculate the length of the lunar moon as 329.53020 days, only 34 seconds out. The Mayan calendar envisions the Earth will end on December 21, 2012. Given that they were pretty near to the mark with the lunar cycle, it's likely they've got the end of the planet right as well.

2. Solar Flairs Peak December 2012

Solar pros from across the world monitoring the sun have made a startling discovery : our sun is in a bit of struggle. The energy output of the sun is, like most things in nature, cyclic, and it's supposed to be in the middle of a period of relative stability. However, fresh solar typhoons have been bombarding the Earth with so much radiation energy, it's been knocking out power grids and destroying satellites. This activity is expected to get worse, and calculations suggest it'll reach its deadly peak sometime around December 21, 2012.

3. The Bible and the I Ching

If having scientists caution us about the end of the planet isn't bad enough religious people are getting in on the act as well. Interpretations of the Christian Bible show the date for Armageddon, the final battle between Good evil has been set down for 2012. The I Ching, also called the Chinese book of Changes, claims a similar thing, as do numerous sections of the Hindu teachings. There are at least 12 ancient cultures from across the globe with such predictions for major earth changes around the same time.

4. Super Volcano Threats

Yellowstone State Park in the US is feted for its thermal springs and Old Unswerving geyser. The reason for this is easy - it's sitting on top of the world's biggest volcano, and geological experts are beginning to get frightened sweats. The Yellowstone volcano has a pattern of erupting every 650,000 years or so, and we're many years overdue for an explosion which may fill the atmosphere with ash, blocking the sun and plunging the Earth into a chilly winter that could last 15,000 years. The pressure under the Yellowstone is building steadily, and geologists have set 2012 as a likely date for the massive bang.

5. The Physicists Calculate We're Behind Schedule For Massive Destruction

This one's a case of simple mathematics. Physicists at Berkeley U have been crunching the numbers. and they've determined that the Earth is well overdue for a major disastrous event. Even worse, they're

claiming their calculations prove, that we are all going to die, very shortly - while also pronouncing their prophecy incorporates a certainty of 99 percent and 2012 just turns out to be the best guess as to when it occurs.

6. Pole Shift

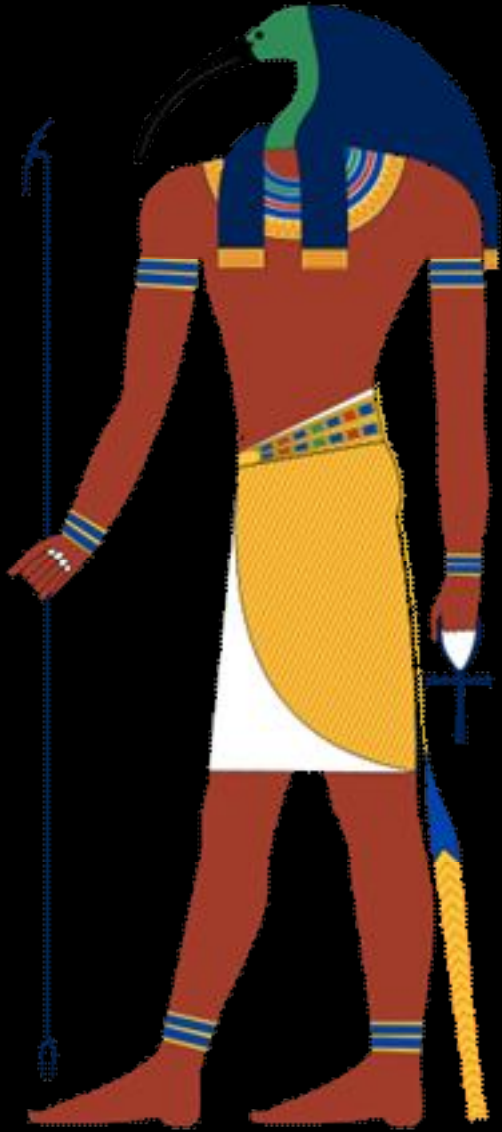
We all know the Earth is encircled by a magnetic field that shields us from almost all of the sun's radiation. What you might not know is that the magnetic poles we call north and south have a nasty habit of swapping places each 750,000 years or so - and at this time we're about 30,000 years overdue. Scientists have spotted the poles are drifting apart approximately 20-30kms each year, much quicker than ever, which points toward a pole-shift being right around the corner. While the pole shift is underway, the magnetic field is disrupted and will at last vanish, sometimes for up to 100 years. The result is enough UV out of doors to crisp your skin in seconds, murdering every thing it touches.

7. Planet X Nibiru Fly-By Scenario

According to Ancient Sumerian texts the Earth ("Tiamat") was struck by a large planet "Nibiru", which moved it into its present orbit, and made the Moon and the Asteroid Belt. The Sumerians wrote that this planetary "god," Nibiru, "remade our solar system and remakes the Earth on its near passages." If their calculations are correct, then Nibiru (sometimes called Planet X will be on a colision course with the Earth in on Dec 21 2012.

Ancient Egyptian Religion and the Mystery of the God Thoth

Jo Hedesan



These days if you turn on National Geographic or the Discovery channel, then you can be sure to run into a program that talks about ancient Egypt and the Pyramids. It is fairly obvious that Pharaonic Egypt continues to exercise a profound fascination on people's minds. Modern folk are not exception, but the rule, for almost every period in history was mesmerized by the mystery of ancient Egypt. Starting with the Greeks, continuing with the Romans, Islamic culture, the Renaissance down to the present, Egypt continues to embody the mystery of the beginnings of civilization. For most people, the legacy of Egypt is a dead culture buried deep within the sands of the Valley of Kings: but for many of those studying or practicing Hermeticism, it is still very much alive. Today, it is becoming more and more likely that at least part of the ancient Egyptian heritage passed through the figure of the god Thoth to an offshoot of him, Hermes Trismegistus, and then on to the modern times.

Ancient Egyptian religion is still shrouded in mystery, despite the translations of the hieroglyphs. Today we associate this religion mostly with the cult of Osiris and Isis, as well as the sun-god Re. However, it now appears that

the god Thoth was an equally, or eventually more important god than these.

I must confess that I have encountered problems trying to unearth the mysterious figure of Thoth. There's hardly anything up-to-date written about him: my main sources had to remain at the level of 1922's classic by P. Boylan (1) and a 1973 book by J.C. Bleeker (2), none of which cover the late antique transformation of Thoth into Hermes Trismegistus. For Hermes and Hermes Trismegistus there is quite an enlightening book written by the founder of Western Esotericism research, A. Faivre (3). Yet in the end the information on Thoth is sadly disjointed, not updated and fragmentary, as if destined to perpetuate the myth and mystique of this shadowy god!

The name of Thoth is shrouded in mystery to begin with – scholars have not been able to establish an etymology (4). What is known is that he was the moon god, and he associated mainly with the ibis. Why the ibis is not clear either. It has been conjectured that the ibis' beak has the shape of the crescent moon (5) or that the black and white of the feathers suggest the moon's phases (6). What is fairly straightforward is that the ibis is a bird yet living mostly on the ground and near the Nile Delta – hence a trinity of the elements of air, earth and water.

In addition to the moon, Thoth has been described as the god of writing, scribes, wisdom, magic, night, the dead and natural law. If this sounds like a hodge-podge of characteristics, there is in fact a deeper connection between all these elements. Thoth is the minor key, lunar counterpart to the bright Re sun-god – his younger brother, his messenger and scribe (7). Thoth represents the mysterious, dark moonlight that paradoxically enlightens and confounds the mind. Perhaps C.J. Jung put it in the best way when he said that moonlight is soft, smooth, and unites objects rather than differentiates them as sunlight does (8). We customarily say that there is 'magic' to the moon. Hence Thoth is the master of magic and all of those ambiguous arts that both clarify and baffle: divination, astrology and alchemy. There is light (wisdom, understanding, law) and darkness (mystery, death) in the figure of Thoth. In fact he has the uncanny ability of uniting both of them, hence his attribute of appeaser, of go-between. In a popular myth, he is the one who makes peace between the warring Horus (sun, order, good) and Seth (darkness, chaos, evil). He thus puts an end to war by sacrificing his arm in the name of peace, but in the aftermath he restores the plenitude of all three wounded (9). Is it perhaps from this triad of Horus – Seth – Thoth that Hermes Trismegistus (Thrice Great) comes

from? In any case, Thoth's ability to heal wounds makes him the archetype of physicians.

As "physician", Thoth also seems to hold the keys to the renewal and rebirth of the body. In another important myth, he is the one to breathe life into the dead god Osiris, and proclaims him the god of the heavens (10). In the famous Book of the Dead, the passed-away person takes the image of – or becomes Thoth (11). Perhaps this is an early sign of that likeable quality of Thoth that later transformed him into Hermes Trismegistus: his underlying humanity. He is, after all, the one who knows people's hearts (12).

Thoth is also the guardian of the cosmic order – perhaps not in the way we understand order now, but as a balance between order and chaos (Horus and Seth). It is no wonder that he was called "A'an", the god of equilibrium (13). As the one in the middle of the warring factions, he sets a law of the just measure: for instance, he is credited with appeasing the fiery goddess Tefnet and transforming her into a benevolent goddess (14). He is also the law-giver and the judge, making decisions in regards to the heir of Egypt's throne, Osiris' place amongst the gods, Horus and Seth quarrels etc.

As a conclusion, I will simply let Thoth introduce himself according to a fragment: "I, Thoth, am the eminent writer, pure of

hands...the writer of the truth, whose horror is the lie... the lord of the laws...I teach ma-a-t (order, universal law) to the gods, I test (each) word for its veracity...I am the leader of the sky, the earth, and the nether-world" (15). This is a god with a claim to universality, hidden knowledge, and of the divine, ordering Word, who is a loving teacher of humanity.

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Invocation to the Cosmic Forces

Jeffery Pritchett

When I was a teenager, I became very ill and was practically on my death bed. A woman sent me information about a prayer to The Cosmic Forces. I used this prayer and later down my long road I was healed. Years passed and I lost the piece of paper with the details of this life changing prayer, but I always remembered it in my heart and most of all my soul. I have witnessed many miracles from using them throughout the years of my life, such as increasing adoptions regarding kittens at a pet store. Many other positive things that I have asked in regard to healing and much more have also come to pass.

For many years I searched for the source online regarding where this prayer came from. I found the book and it was very expensive after much searching. I could not afford it but kept looking and then low and behold I found it for Seventy five cents. I

quickly ordered it and added it to my collection of magnificent books.

In sharing this invocation, please use it only for doing good because its effects will come back to you threefold if used for negativity. I have been guided to share this prayer with all of you now. Use it wisely and do good in the world with it. It can bring healing and positive things to your life like you have never seen especially if you are in a rut that needs smoothing out.

This is a very powerful technique found in David St. Claire's Lessons in Instant ESP book. Two psychics, 4,000 miles apart, presented this to him in two different languages: Portuguese in Brazil and American English in Los Angeles. He said they gave him this secret and said it was time to pass it on to anyone who would take it up. It is a good way to start the day with a wake up ritual, but can be used any time.

Directions:

1. Stand balanced on both feet and with hands at sides, not touching the body. Breathe in deeply while repeating and visualizing the following phrase: ***I Bring in the Cosmic Forces for strength, protection, and guidance.*** (Repeat three times)
2. Inhale to bring in the Cosmic Forces and exhale after each phrase. You may visualize the Cosmic Forces in any way you feel is right for you: as God, as a higher intelligence, or as a heavenly force.
3. Pay special attention to each of the words and what they mean to you on any particular day: Strength, Protection, and Guidance.
4. Now ask The Cosmic Forces for what it is you need help with in the form: ***I ask you for _____.***
5. Once you are done you must cross your arms like that of an ancient mummy in the form of an X over your chest and then say ***Thank you*** three times then sit down.





The Paranormal

Outside the Realm of Science

John W. Martin

The term “paranormal” is exceptionally broad. It can refer to any number of intriguing concepts or phenomena that are beyond what mainstream science can explain. Topics range from psychic phenomena to bizarre animals to UFO sightings and beyond. The definition is so far-reaching that most experts must focus on a specific subtopic of the paranormal in order to conduct substantial research. Thus, several fields of study, including cryptozoology, parapsychology, and ufology, all fall under the heading of the paranormal.

Paranormal occurrences can be classified into many different categories. Of these many subtopics, phenomena related to death receive some of the greatest attention. This category includes unexplained occurrences involving supposed ghosts, spirits, and demons. For example, there are events relating to communications beyond the grave via Ouija boards, séances, and psychic processes. There are also more shocking paranormal phenomena involving ghost sightings and possession.

Another popular category within the umbrella of the paranormal is extraterrestrial-related phenomena. This includes UFO sightings,

supposed abductions, and unexplained radio events. Often, UFO and ghost-related events can be linked to a third paranormal archetype; mysterious places. Numerous locations on Earth have been cited as possessing paranormal qualities related to unexplained events or constructions in the area. These places are also sometimes linked to cryptozoology, another category of the paranormal dealing with mysterious creatures, and ancient historical mysteries.

Still other paranormal events relate to people who claim they can channel paranormal phenomena through magic, witchcraft, and psychic powers. Research of these events has led to the field of parapsychology. Parapsychologists use an experimental approach to find statistically valid reasons for supposed “extra-sensory perception.” With the creation of several organizations devoted to this study, parapsychology has become more common. It has even been accepted by such renowned groups as the Stanford Research Institute and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Most paranormal phenomena are relegated to the realm of folklore and urban legends. However, scientific research into paranormal

topics has been on the rise in recent decades. Unfortunately, it is difficult to collect information regarding paranormal events. Most researchers are forced to rely on anecdotal accounts from supposed eyewitnesses. Without firm, empirical evidence, many scholars have rejected all theories surrounding the paranormal. However, other scientists see the lack of evidence as adding to the challenge of the paranormal. Thus, they have dedicated their careers to uncovering credible data. This has led to experiments and observations made with advanced equipment and proper utilization of the scientific method.

Paranormal phenomena challenge conventional science. This naturally leads to numerous skeptics and critics. Despite those that seek to debunk all paranormal events, studies have shown that most people do believe in some form of paranormal phenomena. In fact, a 2005 Gallup Poll showed that 73 percent of Americans believe in some form of paranormal activity. This shows that interest in the unexplained is far from fading, and studies related to the paranormal are likely to continue until answers are found.

Religion

vs.

Paranormal

Janine Cruzet

There is no exact connection between religion and paranormal beliefs. There are people who are religious but don't believe in things like Bigfoot or UFOs while others believe in many paranormal events but who are not part of any religious tradition. Then, one does not anything to do with the other.

Those people who show obedience to religious traditions may often be eager to renounce any correspondence since paranormal beliefs are often portrayed as less sane and reliable than religious beliefs. In some cases, conservative and other religious believer often regard paranormal beliefs as evil actions of evil forces in the universe and not the sort of thing they would like to believe.

On the other hand, religious and paranormal beliefs share lots of important things in common. Both paranormal and traditional religions are in the same nature which they are not considered as part of the world as a place controlled by sequences of cause and effect between matter and energy. Instead, they believe that the added presence of immaterial forces influences or controls the path of

our lives.

By paranormal beliefs, we tend to search for our desire to find logical meaning to some chaotic events that come our way. If we are suddenly aware of a distant event we shouldn't neglect, it might be credited to psychic powers, clairvoyance, spirits, angels, or God. There seems to be a real scale between what we tend to call "paranormal" and the ideas in many religious faiths

Paranormal beliefs are more than superstitions and religious beliefs. Since paranormal beliefs are commonly part of an integrated beliefs system about the very nature and substance of the universe whereas superstitions are often isolated ideas at times related to cultural traditions irreligious beliefs. The paranormal beliefs which are integrated to belief system are very similar to religion .they can provide meaning to our lives as well as the events in our lives. They can also provide social structure, and give comfort in difficult times.

However, paranormal beliefs system lacks some of the critical characteristics of religions. They don't typically engage ritual acts,

because it's unusual for them to make a distinction between the sacred and the sacrilegious. It is also rare for people to base a moral code upon those beliefs. Even though paranormal beliefs means that they are not the same as religion, the strong similarities do suggest that they stem from some of the same needs and desires as religious beliefs.

Research shows that religion and paranormal beliefs are separated phenomena. There are some studies that try to correlate religion to paranormal beliefs but there have been varied results. For an instance, one study concluded that there is a strong chance that belief in the paranormal is a substitute for religious beliefs, and that both religious belief and paranormal belief serve to lower death anxiety. However, some researchers found that paranormal belief was commonly not associated to religiosity. There were some events and specific beliefs such as E.S.P and Astrology had a minor opposite relationship with religiosity, which the study concluded that belief in the paranormal may substitute for traditional religious beliefs.

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What are Flying Saucers and UFOs?

Jay Healey

When the first UFO story hit the headlines shortly after June 24, 1947, newspapers all over the United States were reporting the first sighting

The story told how nine very bright, disk-shaped objects were seen by Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho, businessman, while he was flying his private plane near Mount Rainier, in the state of Washington. With journalistic license, reporters converted Arnold's description of the individual motion of each of the objects, "like a saucer skipping across water", into "flying saucer," a name for the objects themselves.

In the years that passed since Arnold's memorable sighting, the term has become so common that it found a place in Webster's Dictionary and is known today in most languages in the world.

For a while after the Arnold sighting, the term "flying saucer" was used to describe all disk-shaped objects that were seen flashing through the sky at fantastic speeds. Before long, reports were made of objects other than disks, and these were also called flying saucers. Today the words are popularly applied to anything seen in the sky that cannot be identified as a common, everyday object.

Thus a flying saucer can be a formation of lights, a single light, a sphere, or any other shape; and it can be any color. Performance wise, flying saucers can hover, go fast or slow, go high or low, turn

90-degree corners, or disappear almost instantaneously.

Clearly the term "flying saucer" is open to interpretation when objects of every imaginable shape and performance are labeled as such. For this reason the military prefers the more general, if less colorful, name: unidentified flying objects. UFO (pronounced Yoo-foe) for short.

Officially the military uses the term "flying saucer" on only two occasions. First in an explanatory sense, as when briefing people who are unacquainted with the term "UFO": "UFO, you know, flying saucers." And second in a derogatory sense, for purposes of ridicule, as when it is observed, "He says he saw a flying saucer."

This second form of usage is the exclusive property of those persons who positively know that all UFOs are nonsense. Fortunately, if only as a matter of courtesy, those in this category are reducing in number. One by one these people drop-out, starting with the instant they see their first UFO.

Some weeks after the first UFO was seen on June 24, 1947, the Air Force established a project to investigate and analyze all UFO reports. The attitude toward this task varied from a state of near panic, early in the life of the project, to that of complete contempt for anyone who even mentioned the words "flying saucer."

This contemptuous attitude toward "flying saucer nuts" prevailed from mid-1949 to mid-1950. During that interval many of the people who were, or had been, associated with the project believed that the public was suffering from "war nerves."

Early in 1950 the project, for all practical purposes, was dosed out; at least it rated only minimum effort. Those in power now reasoned that if you didn't mention the words "flying saucers" the people would forget them and the saucers would go away. But this reasoning was false, for instead of vanishing; the quality of the UFO reports improved.

Airline pilots, military pilots, generals, scientists, and dozens of other people were reporting UFO's, and in greater detail than in reports of the past. Radars, which were being built for air defense, began to pick up some very unusual targets, thus lending technical corroboration to the unsubstantiated claims of human observers.

As a result of the continuing accumulation of more impressive UFO reports, official interest stirred. Early in 1951 verbal orders came down from Major General Charles P. Cabell, then Director of Intelligence for Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, to make a study reviewing the UFO situation for Air Force Headquarters.

The study was given the code

name Project Blue Book. It was under the supervision of "EJR" of impeccable credentials until late in 1953. During the Second World War EJR was a B-29 bombardier and radar operator. He restarted college after the war, and before long, gained his aeronautical engineering degree. To keep his reserve status while in school, he flew as a navigator in an Air Force Reserve Troop Carrier Wing.

While compiling Project Blue Book, EJR and members of his staff traveled close to half a million miles. They investigated dozens of UFO reports, and read and analyzed several thousand more. These included every report ever received by the Air Force.

There were ten regular staff on Project Blue Book plus many paid consultants representing every field of science. Everyone involved had Top Secret security clearances so security was not an issue in the investigations. Behind this organization was a reporting

network made up of every Air Force base intelligence officer and every Air Force radar station in the world, and the Air Defense Command's Ground Observer Corps. This reporting net sent Project Blue Book reports on every conceivable type of UFO, by every conceivable type of person. What did these people actually see when they reported a UFO? Putting aside truly unidentifiable flying objects for the present, this question has several answers.

Often it has been positively proved that people have reported balloons, airplanes, stars, and many other common objects as UFOs. The people who make such reports don't recognize these common objects because something in their surroundings temporarily assumes an unfamiliar appearance.

Unusual lighting conditions are a common cause of such illusions. A balloon will glow like a "ball of fire" just at sunset. Or an airplane that is not visible to the naked eye

suddenly starts to reflect the sun's rays and appears to be a "silver ball". Pilots in F-94 jet interceptors chase Venus in the daytime and fight with balloons at night, and people in Los Angeles see weird lights.

In reality, did Project Blue Book ever prove the existence of UFOs? The hassle over the word "proof" boils down to one question: What constitutes proof? Is a UFO required to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, in front of the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? Or is it proof when a ground radar station detects a UFO, sends a jet to intercept it, the jet pilot sees it, and locks on with his radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal speed? Is it proof when a jet pilot fires at a UFO and sticks to his story even under the threat of court-martial? Does this constitute proof?

Project Blue Book recorded the facts; but you must decide for yourself.



This is a prototype heat shield to protect astronauts from extreme heat during re-entry into the atmosphere.

Psychology

Intriguing Phenomena of the Mind

John W. Martin

Strictly defined, psychology is the study of mental processes and behaviors. Psychologists study everything from interpersonal relationships to unconscious habits of the mind. They also attempt to relate behaviors and thoughts to neurological processes. While most professionals in this field work within the realm of mainstream science, some have adopted a focus on “paranormal psychology,” commonly referred to as parapsychology.

Parapsychology first developed as a field in the 19th century. In 1882, the Society for Psychical Research was founded in London to promote the critical evaluation of paranormal psychic phenomena. Three years later, psychologists in the United States created the American Society for Psychical Research. Both organizations still exist today and continue to conduct prominent research. They are now joined by other interested institutions, like the Parapsychological Association, and sections of major universities.

Parapsychology focuses on several key phenomena. One of the most heavily studied is extrasensory perception (ESP). ESP refers to the ability to garner information without using any of the known

physical senses. This can include precognition, telepathy, and clairvoyance. A key method of ESP study has involved sensory-deprivation. When unable to use other sense, subjects are able to test supposed ESP abilities. Results from these so-called “ganzfeld experiments” seem to prove the existence of some ESP phenomena. However, such findings have not been confirmed by the general scientific community.

Some parapsychologists specifically focus on the survival of consciousness beyond the death of a person’s physical body. Most research in this area involves exploration of near-death experiences. These refer to instances where a person has come close to death or been revived after cited as medically deceased. In many such cases, subjects describe an “out of body experience” in which he or she was able to observe the situation from outside their physical self. Other subjects have reported communicating with deceased loved ones or spiritual figures. Today, this phenomenon is widely studied in universities, such as at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and by the International Association for Near-Death Studies.

A more obscure segment of parapsychology is the study of psychokinesis, or the ability of the mind to influence physical matter. Although claims in this area are numerous, scientific study of such phenomena is difficult. One popular method of studying this phenomenon involves using computers as random number generators. A subject is then asked to try and influence the outcome of the device. Some results from these experiments seem to show that a person can influence a random event. Unfortunately, it is nearly impossible to determine whether data is accurate or simply the result of chance success.

Despite some empirical findings, most scientists still consider parapsychology to be a pseudoscience. They do not support supposed experimental findings, and continue to debate the credibility of parapsychologists. However, this has not deterred researchers, and parapsychology continues to be studied by scholars around the world. Some projects have even received government funding and media support. However, more experimental findings are necessary before even a single parapsychology claim can be verified.

The Dennis Kucinich Incident

UFO Encounters by Politicians and Celebrities



Bill Knell

Shirley MacLaine had some things to say about Dennis Kucinich and UFOs in her new book, *Sage-ing While Age-ing*. According to Ms MacLaine, Dennis Kucinich had a UFO sighting while he was visiting her home in Graham, Washington, about fifteen years ago. She writes, "And then the smell of roses drew him out to my balcony, where he looked up. He saw a gigantic, triangular craft, silent and observing him. He said it hovered, soundless, for ten minutes or so and sped away with a speed he couldn't comprehend." Kucinich was later asked if he really did see a UFO by Tim Russert of NBC News during a debate involving the 2008 Democratic presidential candidate hopefuls and replied, "I did...you have to keep in mind that Jimmy Carter saw a UFO." I'm guessing that the Congressman felt a need to play the Carter card to add credibility to his answer.

There are a number of important politicians and celebrities connected to the UFO subject in one way or another. Former U.S. Presidents Reagan and Carter have openly talked about experiencing UFO sightings, while President John F. Kennedy had a close encounter that was a little too close for comfort. Carter saw a classic nocturnal light while standing around waiting for a meeting to begin with ten members of the Lion's Club of Leary, Georgia in October of 1969. The object appeared to change color and shape during the roughly ten to twelve minutes they watched it.

During the 1976 Presidential Campaign, Jimmy Carter talked about his sighting and promised to reveal anything he could find out about UFOs if elected. Although a former Navy Officer, he was considered a dove by members of the military hierarchy. They didn't trust him and believed Carter was trying to starve them down into smaller and less influential departments through funding cuts. It's assumed that he was never told anything of substance about UFOs by military insiders.

While many historians choose to paint Carter as having a cozy relationship with intelligence gathering agencies because of his less threatening assessment of the Soviet Union's military abilities that agreed with some of theirs, this doesn't mix well with the

facts. During his first briefing by then CIA Director George H.W. Bush, President Elect Carter asked to see documents related to UFOs. Bush told him that any documents which might exist about such things were classified above his immediate need to know. If he wanted to see any, he would have to ask the appropriate congressional committee to declassify them. As president, Carter sought to dismantle the CIA superstructure into smaller agencies, but failed.

Ronald Reagan was a completely different story. As a member of Army Air Force Intelligence during World War II, a supporter of military modernization and a president with a vice president that once served as CIA Director, we assume he was told more about UFOs than most elected officials. Reagan's own interest in and experience with the phenomenon is well known. His daughter, Patti Davis, said he was "fascinated with stories about unidentified flying objects and the possibility of life on other worlds."

Ronald Reagan had two UFO sightings that we know about. The first occurred while he was still acting in films sometime during the 1950s. After showing up late for a dinner party attended by other Hollywood celebrities, Ronald and Nancy Reagan said they saw a UFO. This story was later confirmed by the Kitty Kelly, Lucille Ball and Steve Allen. The second sighting occurred in 1974 while he was Governor of California.

Less than a month after leaving the presidency in 1989, Ronald Reagan reiterated a story he first told to a Bureau Chief for the Wall Street Journal in 1974:

"I was in a plane last week when I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around. I went up to the pilot and said, 'Have you seen anything like that before?' He was shocked and said, 'Nope.' And I said to him: 'Let's follow it!'"

We followed it for several minutes. It was a bright greenish-white light. We followed it to Bakersfield, and all of a sudden to our utter amazement it went straight up into the heavens. When we got off the plane, I told Nancy all about it."

During his first summer as President, John F. Kennedy retreated to the Kennedy compound along the Nantucket Sound in Hyannis, Massachusetts, for

some rest and relaxation. While cruising around in one of the Kennedy motor boats, the president and a few guests reportedly saw a classic disc-shaped object suddenly appear at a low altitude near their vessel. At one point, the disc may have been as close as one hundred feet away. This sent secret service agents in nearby launches scrambling to get the president's boat to safety. After the object vanished and the motor boat was back on shore, the president told his guests not to talk about what happened.

While Carter, Reagan and Kennedy saw unidentified flying objects and George H.W. Bush probably knew all about them, UFO stories involving Presidents Truman and Eisenhower have become legendary. The story of an alleged meeting between Alien dignitaries and President Dwight D. Eisenhower is one that refuses to die. It stems from a report that the president disappeared briefly during a trip to a Palm Springs resort which occurred in February of 1954.

On Saturday, February 20, 1954, some members of the white house press corps noticed that President Eisenhower missed a planned event. They contacted his spokesperson who seemed unable to provide an immediate explanation for the absence. After it became obvious that the president was no longer at the Palm Springs resort, rumors flew that he might have become seriously ill and been moved to a military infirmary or hospital for treatment. Finally, a besieged spokesperson told the press that the president chipped a tooth during a meal and was taken to visit a nearby dentist.

A steak barbeque was held a few days later and the dentist who allegedly treated Eisenhower was introduced to the press. The man seemed embarrassed and nervous. Years later his widow was unable to provide any particulars about the president's visit to the dentist's office that was located in their home. Instead, a number of stories have surfaced about a late night trip that President Eisenhower made to Edwards Air Force Base.

Eisenhower's alleged visit to Edwards has always been a point of conspiratorial contention. Some say it had to do with an invitation to view some new super weapon or secret military aircraft. Others claim

that Eisenhower actually met and signed agreements with some type of Aliens. Personally, I believe he was shown what remained of a crashed UFO and its occupants from any one of several crashes that may have taken place in the Southwest USA during the late 1940s or early 1950s.

President Harry Truman has become an enigmatic figure within UFO research thanks to a series of documents that tell the tale of a quickly-formed scientific advisory committee known as Majestic Twelve. The committee was ordered into existence by Truman in 1947 and consisted of twelve people which included prominent scientists, members of the military and elected officials. Originally created to study all available evidence that UFOs might be extraterrestrial crafts and offer advice to the President, the group may have evolved into a government within a government to deal with UFOs and Aliens in a manner that was completely separate from other U.S. Government departments or agencies.

John Lennon's UFO experiences are among the most popular and controversial celebrity UFO events ever discussed and all are said to have occurred in New York City. Most people have heard about the August, 1974 sighting, so I will relate that story first. It began with the return of Lennon and May Pang from a long day at the Record Plant East where Lennon was working on tracks for his upcoming Walls and Bridges album. The two were staying at his 52nd Street Apartment which had a commanding view of the East River and the sky.

Sometime after 8:30pm, May was taking a shower while Lennon went up to the roof. After a few minutes, he began yelling for her to come up there. May rushed to the roof and found John pointing to what looked like a classic disc-shaped UFO that was silently hovering about 100 feet from them. The object seemed to change shape as it rotated and moved slowly towards the United Nations Building and out over the East River. Before it moved away, May ran and retrieved a 35mm camera from the apartment. She was able to get back to the roof in time to snap off a few photos of the object.

After the disc moved away, Lennon and May returned to the apartment. John made arrangements to have the film developed immediately by a photographer who was also a friend. Bob Gruen came and picked up the film. He returned to his studio and developed the film along with two rolls of his own. Gruen's film developed perfectly, but he said that Lennon's was blank. Fortunately, Lennon started making sketches of what he and May saw while it was all still fresh in his mind.

Another story about Lennon and a possible UFO experience comes from Uri Geller. He met Lennon in November of 1974 during a concert that Elton John was giving at Madison Square Garden. Geller was a kind of mystic to the Stars in those days and Lennon was in need of any help he could find. Distraught over his separation from Yoko, he wanted her back and asked Geller to use his alleged psychic powers to help. Yoko phoned John within thirty-six hours, the lovers reunited and John and Uri became friends.

Sometime after their reconciliation, Geller was eating with John and Yoko in a New York City restaurant. Yoko was pregnant, so it had to be sometime before Sean Lennon was born in October of 1975. Geller says that John became very serious and asked him to step over to a smaller table in a quiet corner of the restaurant. Once seated, Lennon spoke in discreet tones and told Uri about an incident that happened six months before. He and Yoko were asleep in bed when John suddenly woke up and noticed a blazing light shining through the cracks and keyhole of their bedroom door.

Thinking there was a fire or someone with a powerful flashlight trying to get into the room; he jumped out of their bed and opened the door. He was confronted by four beings. Lennon said, "They were, like, little. Bug-like. Big bug eyes and little bug mouths and they were scuttling at me like roaches." He tried to resist the beings, but they kept coming at him. Lennon said that his next memory was of being back in bed with Yoko.

Yoko didn't wake up during the incident, but later when she did it was obvious that John was very upset and confused. He couldn't tell her what

happened right away and waited for an unspecified period of time before he did. Exclaiming that he was sober and wasn't doing any drugs at that time, Lennon said it wasn't some sort of hallucination or lucid dream. According to Geller, John's assertion about the reality of what happened was backed up by physical evidence.

When Lennon woke up, he claimed to be holding a small egg-shaped object in his hand. After eventually telling Yoko about the incident, he showed it to her. He also showed it to Geller. None of them had ever seen anything like it. However, apart from the golden color and egg shape, little is known about the object and it would be up to Geller to proceed with any investigation of its properties. Many abductees have told stories of being given various objects by their Alien abductors, only to have them taken back later.

Having met many celebrities over the years, I can appreciate their need to weigh any statement they might consider making about anything carefully in the balances before speaking or writing it for public consumption. A fickle public and press can easily turn on someone famous for the smallest indiscretion. Imagine how they might react to news that a famous celebrity or important politician has had a UFO or other paranormal experience.

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Is the Military Incorporating Alien Weaponry?



Peter Ruble

In a speech given at the University of Toronto on September 25, 2005, former Canadian Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer talked about how a book called *The Day After Roswell* written by Colonel Philip J. Corso, who was the former head of the U.S. army's Foreign Technology Division and later a member of Eisenhower's National Security Council, claimed that the U.S. government has been actively preparing for alien invasions for over 60 years.

In Corso's book, the incorporation of alien technology in military weaponry is well documented. He talks about particle beam weapons with nicknames such as "Saint of Blue Gemini". According to Corso, these weapons were part of an arsenal of USAF7795, a code number for the Air Force's first satellite which was designed to locate, track, and destroy enemy surveillance satellites or UFO's if necessary.

Corso believed that the Strategic Defense Initiative, nicknamed Star Wars under the Ronald Regan administration, which PR firms sold to the general public as a space-based defense system against a potential Soviet missile attack, was in reality a system which was a partnership between the U.S. and Russia to set up a global defense system against an alien invasion. In Corso's book, he claimed that Dr. Rimili Avramenko, a senior engineer who worked on the SDI program, claimed that extra terrestrial technology gained from secret government UFO studies was used to enhance the SDI program. He even referred to Star

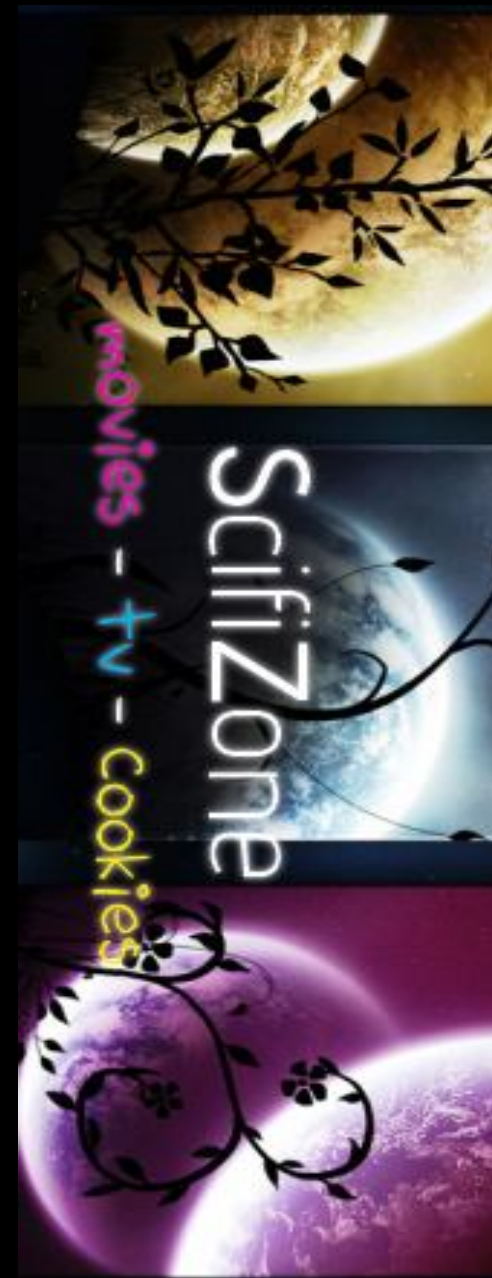
Wars as "the weapon of the aliens" in a conversation with reporter George Knapp.

In the Toronto speech, Hellyer said that reading the book prompted him to place a phone call to his friend, an unnamed retired air force general, to ask for his opinion on what he had read. The general claimed that every ounce of it was true and that the military was already at war with aliens. Hellyer claimed that the general said that the famous Roswell crash in New Mexico was indeed an alien craft and it frightened the U.S. military making them believe they had uncovered a foe for which there was no defense. It was the general's contention that their main focus had to be keeping the information away from the general public, who panic and create a major social disruption so extreme that it could bring countries to their knees and possibly cause world wars.

According to the general, the Orson Well's 1938 broadcast of *War of the Worlds* was an orchestrated test to get a feel for how the public would react to an alien invasion. The short wave of panic, as many listeners took it as a real news broadcast, was enough to convince the military that in order to maintain continuity in society the public had remain ignorant in the event of evidence of alien beings.

The general also claimed that not all aliens represented a threat and that some were ethically superior. Corso's final conclusion in his book was that humans were an experimental creation by aliens who had inhabited this planet in ancient times; that people are

basically their pets. He also claimed that President George H.W. Bush agreed to plans to one day build a moon base that could serve as a potential point of interception of unwanted interstellar visitors. As advanced as Alien species may be, the unnamed general said that we have a chance against an invasion since the military has learned how to use alien technology in their own defense mechanisms and is now more capable of handling alien attacks than ever.



DISCONNECTED

Paul R. Theimer

Prologue

Everyone expected the apocalypse would begin with the drop of a nuclear warhead, Or A galactic catastrophe resulting in an asteroid the size of our moon colliding with the planet obliterating every form of life walking upon it. Perhaps even a virus, or a biological pandemic spreading worldwide transforming humanity into feet-dragging groaning abominations surviving solely on human flesh and brains. Maybe an invasion of something most people consider to be the unknown, extraterrestrial life harvesting the planet of it's plague to meet it's own demands, or use homo sapiens as slaves like we use horses to haul wagons or dogs to lead the blind.

It sat in front of everyone's faces for so long, so obvious yet so oblivious. It was an idea that erupted into a reality so quickly that the consequences weren't realized, seemingly not even considered. It was a fast solution with temporary results, just the way our government does things. With the consistent escalation of crime in the United States, there's no wonder other nations across the globe began to take notice. When your country alone is responsible for nearly one quarter of the planet's crime, you begin to draw attention, tum heads, and gradually begin to change the views of how the world sees you as a whole. You lose allies, you lose power. You lose power, you lose control. You lose control, well, we all understand the concept of anarchy. Needless to say, something had to be done, something to put the big stick back into the grasp of the leaders of the United States and not fall to crime and poverty while becoming a less threatening nation.

With so many things hidden from the eyes of the national public, this was an executed idea that not only had to be known to everyone nationwide, but globally. Returning to what was previously stated, what most people "consider to be the unknown", including a heavy emphasis on "most". Some of us dug far enough to find the truth, some got in so deep that it was revealed to them only long enough before kneeling to another higher up required to make them ignorant through cranial impact and/or penetration. What you know and what they know that you know is the difference, I should say, it used to be the difference.

Conspiracies created around the world, "Area 51" is still presumed a crash site from an unknown extraterrestrial entering into our atmosphere and a continued topic of wonderment

throughout the field of ufology, contents unknown and access completely restricted. Sure it crashed, but the armed forces caused it's planetary impact firing upon an unknown vehicle in American airspace that refused to respond to our completely foreign dialog. Area 51 was an apology, or an offering, providing a private and unseen area of our planet where they may further develop technology undetected, protected, and educate themselves along the way about humanity, our planet, our resources, and biological makeup. You tell the public "Sure it was an alien vessel, and to avoid complete destruction of our planet and inhabitants after shooting down one of their craft, we gave them some land to test vehicles and weapons on. Aliens live among us now, so adapt." and all of a sudden outside of the complete panic and outrage shows weakness, a weakness that is an unacceptable vision of the US government.

What are commonly referred to as "bots", you know the ones, roaming the internet blindly sending out messages through chat rooms and e-mail, spamming gibberish in efforts of coaxing the moronic life forms to follow their links and offer their bank accounts and financial information are indeed robots of a sort. Young citizens who spent their short lives in a world of internet crime, pirating music, films and software, now sitting in small, windowless rooms typing frantically with sweat on their foreheads as the florescent lighting shines through the caged fixtures swaying from the ceiling with nothing but a monitor, a keyboard, and a twelve gauge shadowing behind their head insuring steady progress in making back the millions of dollars they once freely stole and couldn't repay back to our government. Missing persons never found, including foster children with no families and individuals that have lived alone for so long that no one would notice if they just disappeared. Enslaving just anyone for these tasks would draw too much attention, so the weak fell into the grasps of government funding. They needed to close the gap somehow.

HotAlexa has logged in

HotAlexa: Hey Guys

HotAlexa: I just came from this great web page

HotAlexa: dear god someone please help mmmmmmmmmmm

HotAlexa has logged out

Have you noticed how little you received phone calls from telemarketers as computer advertising began to peak? Most would call that coincidence, but some of us do know better, one drone always has to replace another.

It's much like training a canine, you give it a vocal command, it gets rewarded with food or positive reinforcement. The more persistent you are with it, the quicker it will be for the animal to learn and adapt. You convince the general public to believe everything they read, hear, and trust who's telling it to them and they are rewarded with the complete negligence of what's really going on around them in their everyday lives. The planet can be explained through the

contents of the bible, provided you can pay for it, get enough people to believe it, and fund the worship. We are the only living creatures in the universe as "NASA" continues to search for the truth that they are already well aware of, yet announce the continuation of exploring the "mysteries of the universe" to uphold the reputation of being important. The extent of our technology is rubber tires on asphalt, weapons that operate off of metal and gunpowder, and personal computers that still tend to crash or freeze on a daily basis; but we are working towards making things better and improving the physics of everyday electrical devices. Your votes during elections do matter, because no President, Governor, or Congressman is predetermined, it really is in the hands of the common American citizen. The Government has no idea who will hold that position until the American public determines the outcome through voting.

You may continue to roll onto your back and wiggle that itch right away with your tongue hanging out of the corner of your mouth now, just don't be so quick to "play dead".

The entire concept as a whole was so stupid that it was brilliant. Everyone knew it but it was so extremely overlooked, it had been the root of the problem all along, the center of the crime, the powerhouse of the entire issue that turned the United States into a nation of criminals, no matter how minor or major the offense. That one very thing that pushed the limits, sent the nation over the top, turned the common law abiding citizen into another part of the developing problem that was weakening the country as a whole. It got out of control, so many crimes that sentencing became impossible and tracking every single offender was not only unreasonable, but was flat out ridiculous.

The aftermath was what the government had failed to realize or predict. Something so simple that the public had lived without for so long became such a fixture in the lives of every person that it left a damaging impact immediately after being stripped away. It wasn't a weapon, or an intergalactic conflict or catastrophe, or not even a man-made virus or the zombie "Z-day". The United States Government came up with the unthinkable, and executed it. They thought it would reduce the national crime rate drastically, they thought it would solve many ongoing problems with poverty, they thought it would focus money on more important and economically viable necessities instead of pornography, video games, and other means of digital entertainment. They thought completely wrong.

October 27th, 2011 will forever be the date that everyone on the planet will remember as the day the United States Government placed a nationwide ban on the Internet.

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Interview with Greg Bishop Bishop

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Greg Bishop Bishop Author of Project Beta The Story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the Creation of a Modern UFO Myth : chilling, stranger-than-fiction nightmare about one man's ruin at the hands of a government bent on concealing the truth.

Greg Bishop Bishop became interested in UFOs at a very early age. He has no idea why. In 1991, he cofounded a magazine entitled The Excluded Middle, for the purpose of educating himself first, and secondly, passing on the info to interested readers. How selfish. TEM was a journal of UFOs, conspiracy research, psychedelia and new science. "Wake Up Down There!" a collection of articles from the magazine, was published in 2000.

Greg Bishop's writing has appeared the L.A. Weekly, Fortean Times, UFO Magazine and Magical Blend, among others, and in the book-length anthologies "Conspiracy and Cyberculture,"

"Zen And The Art of Close Encounters," "Kooks," and "You Are Being Lied To." In 2005, his book "Project Beta" was an attempt to set the record straight on the Paul Bennewitz disinfo saga. His third and newest title, "Weird California," was published in March of 2006. His internet show, "Radio Misterioso," can be heard on Sundays from 8-10 PM PST at www.killradio.org. Interviews with fringe-topic researchers and weird music are the usual fare.

He has interviewed Larry King about his saucer sighting, hoaxed a UFO on a camping trip, broken into abandoned mental hospitals, searched for entrances to underground civilizations, wandered through graveyards in the dead of night, spoken to an audience of 800 in New York, installed a pirate FM transmitter on his roof, got Genesis P. (Psychic TV) Orridge to sign a baseball, hiked in 200 foot canyons so narrow he had to walk sideways, seen naked couples writhe in mud after a desert thunderstorm, destroyed a Rush Limbaugh book with a 9mm pistol, flown airplanes and sailplanes and insulted UFO researchers without even trying.

His influences include Robert Anton Wilson, Edward Abbey, Martin Kottmeyer, Nick Redfern, Jim Brandon, Bill Hicks, Jacques Vallee, William S. Burroughs, Alva John Keeler, Jim Martin, Bill Moore, John Fante, Dean Radin, Lenny Bruce, Kenn Thomas, Whitley Strieber and every UFO contactee that has ever lived.

When not writing, he can be found in the southwestern deserts of the US or flying his paraglider above vertiginous cliffs and mountains, sometimes with a propeller strapped to his back. Successful bribes include New Mexican cuisine, recordings of "outsider" music, rare contactee books, tickets to baseball games and selected original artwork.

- Jeremy Vaeni: I know you were a huge John Keel fan. Did you ever meet him? And what does his work say about UFOlogy that is missing from what many UFOlogist say?
- Greg Bishop: I met Keel twice. He was a great guy and signed a couple of books for me. I tried to keep the fanboy glee to myself, and it went well. I'm really sad to see him go. He was a big influence on me and all my friend in the paranormal biz. He stirred up the shit with ideas that scared people, which of course attracted me immediately.
- Jeremy Vaeni: Do you think he "got it" in a way that other researchers even today are missing?
- Greg Bishop: He got it from his own investigations which were conducted in his own way. His quote that the phenomenon changes to adapt to the expectations of the observer is still ju-ju to many people. I think he's correct, although I interviewed the head of MUFON, who wasn't averse to Keel ideas. Surprise.
- Jeff Pritchett: Greg Bishop, I aspire to write books about the paranormal and UFOs. I am curious what goy you started and what humps you hand to get over to finally do it?
- Greg Bishop: I met the writer Nick Tosches once and asked him virtually the same question. He looked at me funny and said, "Just write it." You just do something you want to do and the gumption comes by itself.
- Jeff Pritchett: What inspired you to write Project Beta and how did that come about?
- Greg Bishop: It was one of a few books I was peddling as ideas when Patrick Hughe of Anomalist books proposed it to Simon & Schuster. I was lucky that it was the one they wanted as it was the one I really wanted to do. I knew Bill Moore for about 10 years before and he had been telling me bits of the story. This gave me an excuse to ask him directly about the whole thing.
- Jeff Pritchett: I read that you interviewed Larry Kin about a UFO sighting he had personally. Could you briefly tell us a bit about that for those who did not see it?
- Greg Bishop: I went out to the "Larry King Live from Area 51" deal in the mid 1990s, and Dennis Stacy (the other Anomalist dude) called ahead and we got to walk around the set in the middle of the desert talking to King. I still have the tape of that conversation.

- Jarred Breau x: Do you have an opinion about the source of UFOs and the entities that are alleged to be aboard them? Do you believe they are from the government?
- Greg Bishop: My opinion on that changes slightly depending on what I'm reading or who I've talked to recently, but in general, I do think that the phenomenon is at least occasionally emanating from a non-human intelligence that is not incarnate in the way we expect. Some UFO reports are due to secret aircraft, but by no means all of them. These are all theories and ideas, not something I "believe" in, simply working hypotheses.
- Paul Theimer: What has been more rewarding to you, having such a successful career in the paranormal field or the personal satisfaction of having knowledge of what you've pursued over the years?
- Greg Bishop: I don't know if my "career" is "successful," but I have just kept doing something that interests me intensely. So I guess the answer is the knowledge. I also enjoy the mental game of looking at the paranormal. I'm also interested in the intelligence game and how it relates to the UFO subject.
- Paul Theimer: What do you consider the most "Concrete" evidence you've come across over the years?
- Greg Bishop: The best evidence is from good reports like the RB-47 case or maybe Rex Heflin's photos. I think the best evidence that we're being impinged upon by a non-human intelligence is the huge database of experiences that have been going on for millennia. I have talked to many government people who tell me the same stories and don't know each other.
- Mikey: I am wondering with your interviews with contactees, how many of them included physical altercations with a craft's occupants like the one that was shown in the movie "Fire in the Sky"? I only read about a few out of hundreds that include a physical altercation.
- Greg Bishop: You're right, there are few physical interactions, which may be a clue about the phenomenon itself. How many encounters are actually "physical"? Who Knows? Are our definitions of physical and psychological wrong? These sorts of questions fascinate me. I think that the "aliens" whatever they are, are either unable to do things in a physical way on a consistent basis or that they don't want to.
- Jeremy Vaeni: When you said military people who don't know each other tell the same stories, which stories are they agreeing on?
- Greg Bishop: That there is a non-human presence on this planet that they have either experienced or have heard storied from people that they trust. Of course,

they could be trying to convince me of something! The upshot is that they know this, but that there is nothing they can do about it.

Soliloquy: Do you think we'll ever "make contact" in a public way? Is the human race ready for that?

Greg Bishop: The best way to look at that I have seen is in the writing of Whitley Strieber. As a model, it's genius. the phenomenon may be interacting with people on an individual basis. I tend to think that people who have experiences that they don't talk about may be getting better information or something.

Soliloquy: What got you angry enough at that Rush Limbaugh book to destroy it?

Greg Bishop: I found it in a thrift store in the desert. I think that Limbaugh is a fundamentalist type, which I'm against.

Bob: What kind of intelligence in your opinion is the government covering up with or about UFOs?

Greg Bishop: Do you mean the phenomenon or the government's methods?

Bob: The phenomenon.

Greg Bishop: I tend to think that they are covering up their ignorance of the matter as well as their inability to do anything about it. Why tell everyone that you are powerless when you are in power?

Bob: How much do you think the government knows? As much as we do?

Greg Bishop: I think that some in power know enough to know that the phenomenon is uncontrollable by humans. The public probably knows a little less. It remains in the "maybe" box for most people, which is fine with the power structure.

Cindy Sue: What is the one interview or subject of your research in this field that interests or perplexes you the most.

Greg Bishop: The thing that I keep coming back to is the intersection between the intelligence community and the UFO subject mostly for the reasons I have stated. They seem fascinated by it, but a little scared too, even though they don't want to admit it. The other subject is the DMT research of Dr. Richard Strassman, which seems to replicate abduction experiences for people who are simply lying on a bed in an examining room.

- Jeremy Vaeni: Do any of the military people you've spoken to not think this intelligence is alien?
- Greg Bishop: Not any that I can remember, although as I said, that may be the majority opinion for people who choose to talk to UFO nuts.
- Jeff Ritzmann: I am curious if you've read any of George Hansen's book "The Trickster and the Paranormal," and what part you think marginality and anti-structure play in the UFO issue, such as times of transition facilitating manifestations?
- Greg Bishop: I'm still reading it. I think anti-structure may be an underexplored area in UFO and anomalies research. I talked to another writer recently, and his research methods are very unconventional, but the conclusions are solid. I wrote a bit about this at ufomystic. He uses methods that might be called "occult" and then checks out the information to see if it hold up. Very interesting to me.
- Jeff Pritchett: I have a huge interest in UFOs in the media. CNN and many others show UFO sightings. In Mexico and foreign countries they interrupt soap operas to show UFO sightings. In American, do you think the government plays any part in UFOs in the Media? Like with Obama's UFO sighting over his speech on CNN, do you think there is a government level involvement or it just the media being kooky for fun?
- Greg Bishop: It may be a conspiracy of cultural bullshit. Serious people are not supposed to take anything seriously if it hasn't been passed by academia and the government. If the US government can use the subject as an intelligence tool, they will.
- Jarred BreauX: Do you believe that the similarities between drug induced experiences and religious experiences throughout the ages are actually forms of contact with UFOs and aliens?
- Greg Bishop: It's an issue of definitions. We can only call them "aliens" and "UFOs" because that's how we've been taught to categorize them. It all sounds like contact with non-human intelligence to me. ...So me of it, anyway.
- Clayton: Do you believe there may be an "inner Earth" and that perhaps UFOs might originate from there or under the ocean?
- Greg Bishop: Sure, that's a possibility, although like everything else, not proven yet. ...but I do want to go to South America and explore the miles-long tunnel systems there. I have talked to people who have. People should look at all of these possibilities. A breakthrough might happen, although not in the way we might expect, I think.

- Mikey: You mention earlier about there could be a psychological aspect to "non-human intelligence" encounters. Has there ever been an attempt to study brain waves or other brain activity to see if the experience causes any noticeable change in the brain's activity of the abductee/contactee compared to that of a non-abductee/contactee?
- Greg Bishop: I don't know of any. I think that Strieber was examined, but nothing out of the ordinary was found. You also have the problem of who has "really" had an experience, and if the altered brain caused it, or was it altered by the experience.
- Mikey: Was Strieber's experience thought of more physical than psychological?
- Greg Bishop: There are no other people who experienced things with Strieber, at least in the same way. I tend to think it had elements of both physical and psychological.
- Clayton: Have you heard of the Taos hum? And if so, what is your take on the phenomenon?
- Greg Bishop: I have heard about that. There are stories of "earth noises" going back a long time, but tend to think that some underground facility may have been responsible. It is near Los Alamos, after all. If you subscribe to the underground bases and tunnels theory, that is.
- Marci: What inspired you to research UFOs and the unexplained in the first place? Was it a personal experience or just a fascination?
- Greg Bishop: I've never seen anything in the sky I could definitely say was "unexplained," but as a child I read every paranormal book I could get my hands on. I have no idea why.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



For the cover of this edition, I chose an eternal flame to honor all of those who have died in the past few months. It seems this summer has been plagued with celebrity deaths, not just in the entertainment industry, but also within the paranormal research community: Dr. Hans Holzer (January 26, 1920 – April 26, 2009), Lou Gentile (unknown - June 28, 2009), and John Keel (March 25, 1930 - July 3, 2009).

This summer edition saw a broader range of topics from multiple writers. The hard work of these writers is self evident and each of their unique writing abilities and techniques aid them in conveying their message. These thought provoking articles are one-of-a-kind and I hope all of you have enjoyed them.

The interview with Greg Bishop, which took place on Tuesday, July 14th, 2009, was a complete success for Mabus Incarnate. We had a turnout of at least 30 Mabus Incarnate members and numerous guests. On Tuesday, July 21st, 2009, Mabus Incarnate, along with Paratopia, will host a chat interview with Debbie Kauble. For those who are unfamiliar with Debbie Kauble, she was an abductee who has claimed that her unborn child was taken from her womb. This led to the formulation of many alien hybrid theories which would follow in decades after Kauble's experience. I hope you can all join us on Tuesday, July 21st, 2009 at 9pm Eastern (6pm Pacific) for our chat interview.

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