

# Why I Believe in the Reality of the Spacecraft

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I HAVE BEEN actively engaged in the investigation of the group of phenomena known as flying saucers for over seven years. During this period I have read most of the available literature on the subject, interviewed a great many people who have seen unusual things in the sky, examined many pictures and physical objects, made observations with scientific instruments and carried on a series of communications with intelligences claiming to be extra-terrestrial. I started the investigation out of curiosity and as an extreme sceptic, fully expecting to find the phenomena to be due to man-made or natural causes.

I am 48 years old, hold a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, occupy a responsible position in the Canadian Government, hold a half-dozen patents, author of several technical papers, and in general enjoy a background in technical work and science indicating at least an average competence to study and report on phenomena of a scientific nature. I have tried so far as possible to use conventional standard methods and equipment, and to investigate all possible angles before drawing any conclusions. In other words, I have followed the same general procedures which I would have followed if I had undertaken to study some more prosaic subject, such as radio wave propagation.

The first phase of the work consisted of reading all available literature, collecting as much observational data as possible, and in general getting a fair perspective of the problem. The second phase involved theoretical and laboratory work

to find openings in our technology and to establish relevant reference points, and the third phase involved following up the many and varied leads which developed from the first two phases.

I do not intend to dwell on the first phase of this work as my experience was quite parallel with that of other investigators who have provided extensive published reports of their findings. Nor will I dwell on the many dead ends which were explored, which looked promising at first but faded out under careful investigation. Nor will I be able to be as specific as I would like to be with respect to material given to me in confidence or which came to me through "classified" channels. Furthermore, it is not my intention to try and convert anyone to my way of thinking, but merely to state what I believe and why I believe it.

Let us look at a few facts.

- (1) Hundreds of normal, honest people have seen lights in the sky which behaved like no light normally seen in the sky ought to behave.
- (2) Hundreds of normal, honest people have seen what appear to be solid real objects in the sky which behaved like no object normally seen in the sky ought to behave.
- (3) Hundreds of people have seen objects in the earth's atmosphere at sufficiently close range to see enough detail to enable them to say definitely what the objects were not, even though they could not identify what they were.
- (4) Descriptions of these objects from observers

where circumstances virtually preclude collusion check quite well among themselves and against data received from other sources.

It is not reasonable to assume that hundreds of ordinary normal people whose word we would readily accept under more mundane circumstances, for instance as witnesses to an automobile accident, should suddenly become liars, fools, neurotics, and otherwise quite incompetent observers. I have interviewed many of these people myself and I am convinced that they are sane, sober, honest folk who are reporting as best they can something which they really did witness. I will concede that maybe some of these people did not do as good a job of observing as someone who was better trained might have done, but within their limits I believe they did honestly report what they saw.

Let us look at a few more facts.

- (1) There have been several close brushes with these objects and in one case at least the aircraft pilot lost his life as a consequence. (Captain Mantell was reported killed as a result of chasing a flying saucer on January 7, 1947. The incident is described in detail in *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, by Edward J. Ruppelt, pages 51 to 60.)
- (2) People who have been near these objects have described physical sensations which are unusual to say the least, but which are quite consistent with what is known of the technology under which they operate.

### **The Mantell Case**

While the foregoing may seem rather incredible, nevertheless there exists quite good records in support of these occurrences. Furthermore, the technology of which we have been able to get a glimpse, namely that of the manipulation of the three basic fields, electric, magnetic and tempic, indicates quite a straight-forward answer to an explanation of these phenomena. In Mantell's case the altered field configuration in the vicinity of the craft reduced the binding forces within the structural members of the aircraft to a value below that of the load which they were expected to carry, so they just came apart. These altered binding forces have been measured by simple instruments by people in my group and have been found to be quite significant. Furthermore, there was probably a substantial reduction in tempic field intensity in the vicinity of the craft which Mantell approached, which would result in an effective rise in temperature of the aircraft and contents. I understand that

Mantell's body gave every indication of having been subjected to considerable heat, and not from the outside in.

A rise in temperature in the vicinity of these craft from elsewhere has been reported on many occasions, as has also an apparent alteration in the direction of gravity. Both of these phenomena are tempic field functions and would be expected if the craft were making use of combinations of fields which involved substantial modifications of the tempic field function.

There have been quite a number of alleged communications with intelligences claiming to be extra-terrestrial. I have followed up each such instance which came to my attention to the best of my ability in an effort to (a) establish or disprove the validity of the alleged communication and (b) to obtain any information which might be available if the contact should prove to be authentic.

As might be expected, many of the contacts provided little or nothing of value, but a few did pay off. Some of the contacts have been the subject of published material, but by far the majority are confidential; and there are a surprising number of these contacts.

### **Checking Contacts**

The procedure in checking contacts was to ask a number of innocuous but significant questions and compare the answers with the answers to the same questions as obtained through other contacts. Questions were of the type: Do people live on the planet Mars? If so, what is the general shape of their houses? Do people on Mars use coinage money? If so, what does it look like? All together some hundred or more questions were involved. The results were spectacular to say the least. Among the contacts that might be classed as authentic there was almost complete agreement. Among the other alleged contacts there was extremely poor agreement or none at all. Of course, where agreement was general but one or two points didn't fit, an effort was made to find out the reason for the discrepancy. In each case it was found that someone had injected a terrestrial idea or comment, frequently of a religious nature, instead of transmitting faithfully that which was received.

Having located what seemed to be channels of communication between ourselves and these extraterrestrial intelligences, the next and obvious step was to try and get as much information as possible. As may be expected, this effort was at first directed towards science and technology, but it soon became apparent that there was a very real and quite large gap between this alien

science and that in which I had been trained. Certain crucial experiments were suggested and carried out, and in each case the results confirmed the validity of the alien science. Beyond this point the alien science just seemed to be incomprehensible.

There followed a period of soul searching during which many doubts were raised. We felt that we had established the reality of the craft from elsewhere, and of the intelligences associated with them, and while we were able to establish that these people all told the same story, was that story the truth? There existed some pretty good evidence to support their statements, and precious little with which to disprove them, but we did not overlook the possibility that there might be some other more conventional explanation. We looked carefully at every conventional explanation we could find, but they all fell quite short of the mark. If the whole thing were a delusion, then quite a large number of people must be suffering from the same delusion, and an externalised delusion into the bargain. If it were a hoax, then it was by far the most gigantic hoax the world had ever known, and to what end, and by whom perpetrated, and who was putting up the money because some of the "evidence" must have cost a pretty penny to produce?

### **Oneness of All Things**

The inevitable conclusion was that it was all real enough, and that these people from elsewhere were probably just what they claimed to be. The science, however, was definitely alien and possibly for ever beyond our comprehension. So another approach was tried, the philosophical, and here the answer was found in all its grandeur! I will not go into detail on the many revisions in ideas and basic thinking which had to be undergone, beyond stating that there were indeed many. The people from "elsewhere" displayed great patience and understanding in helping me to overcome many of the prejudices and stores of misinformation which I had spent many years accumulating. I began for the first time in my life to realise the basic "ONENESS" of the universe and all that is in it. Science, philosophy, religion, substance and energy are all facets of the same jewel, and before any one facet of the jewel can really be appreciated the form of the jewel itself must be perceived.

One of the most important things I had to realise was that we are not alone. The human race in the form of MAN extends throughout the universe, and is incredibly ancient. Also, its appearance in physical form is but one of its many manifestations along the path of progress.

Our civilisation here on this earth is only one of many that have come and gone. This planet has been colonised many times by people from elsewhere, and our present human race are blood brothers of these people. Is it any wonder that they are interested in us? To orthodox thinkers this may seem strange, but not nearly so strange as our ideas on evolution!

The question might be asked, "If these people really are our brothers and are interested in our welfare, why do they remain so aloof?" We have been given the answer. There is a basic law of the universe which grants each and every individual independence and freedom of choice, so that he may experience and learn from his experiences. No one has the right to interfere in the affairs of others. In fact, our Ten Commandments are directives against interference. If we disregard this law we must suffer the consequences, and a little thought will show that the present deplorable world state is directly attributable to violation of this principle.

### **Understanding of Dimensions**

These people from elsewhere have much greater knowledge than we have regarding the sequences which must not be altered, and while they may have every desire in the world to help us, they may not do so at this time without running the risk of altering significantly sequences which are very necessary to our development. Therefore, while they stand by ready, able and willing to help us, they may not do so until a propitious time of which they will be informed in due course. The dividing line between help and interference is very delicate indeed and sometimes hard to perceive, but it is a mark of individual and collective progress how well we can be guided by it.

I am told that one of our difficulties is that we do not recognise a sufficient number of dimensions and make use of them in our science. Furthermore, we do not recognise the true nature of dimensions or of their place in the universe. I am told that so far as we are concerned, there are twelve dimensions, and these provide the necessary and sufficient structure for the entire universe. Our concepts of dimensions are most inadequate and restrictive and so long as we persist in them we can never transcend the world of mechanical processes which we have conjured up.

In science we have an established procedure always to tie a new discovery or observation to that which we already know, even though to do so requires extensive "patchwork" and "per-

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