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#### TWO YEARS, TWO HUNDRED AFFILIATES, TOO COOL!

t's been noisier than usual around the network recently, as we celebrat-Led Art's 50th birthday, the release of his long-awaited autobiographical book, The Art of Talk, and his attainment of 200 affiliates in only two years! The completion and publication of his 176page hardcover book, complete with over 60 photographs, marks the culmination of months of painstaking work on Art's part. (See announcement on back cover for more information, including how to order).

In honor of Art's reaching the 200affiliate mark, several dozen network executives, staffers, board ops, sponsors, and industry leaders offered words of encouragement and congratulations on Art's August 11 "Coast to Coast AM." A small sampling of their heartfelt com-

From Michael Harrison, Editor and Publisher of Talkers magazine, talk radio's main trade publication: "Congratulations Art Bell, and everyone working with him, upon the attainment of the 200 affiliate mark in two years, broadcasting one of the most creative talk shows in America. Art Bell is now, according to our indicators, one of the most listened to and one of the most important talk show hosts in America. And he certainly deserves that distinction, because his show is wonderful. People all over the industry respect Art Bell and wish him many many more years and many many hundreds more radio stations. Keep up the good work, Art."

From Peter Weissbach, Program Director of San Diego's giant KOGO affiliate: "Hi Art, this is Weissbach from KOGO in San Diego. Congratulations on your 200th affiliate. You are by far the very very best available overnight, and I might remind everybody out there that in San Diego you are number one from



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11 PM to 5 AM. I wish you many more vears of huge success."

From Iulian Hudson, Director of CBC Affiliate Relations: "Many networks are boasting that they've been in business for five years, and guess what? They have nearly 100 affiliates for their talk radio show! You've demonstrated time and time again that if a station carries your show, the numbers overnight improve and their station does better overall."

From Bob Crane of the C. Crane Company: "Talk radio is the glue that helps keep this big country together, and it's great to have you at the helm. I'm sure I speak for many when I say I appreciate your courage, perseverance,

Art, in studio on his 50th birthday (June 17). !NSET: "The Art of Talk," Art Bell's just-released autibiography.

and faith to do it your way."

And from Alan Corbeth, CBC President: "You should feel very proud of how much you've accomplished in such a short period of time. What you've accomplished is indeed incredible. Being the number one live overnight talk show in this country is no small feat... Art, our heartfelt congratulations, and we'll do this again when we reach 300."

After the emotional 20-or-so minutes of non-stop appreciation from throughout the industry, Art, clearly touched by it all, responded in this way: "Now see, actually, that's the kind of thing that makes me nervous, because I guess it reminds me of the size of everything. And I hope it reminds you of all the people that are behind the scenes. That was really sweet, from everybody involved."

By the way, at press time the number of affiliates is up to 232!

# Letters From Listeners ART-ICULATIONS

#### A Tender Love-Hate Letter

Here I am, writing you a love-hate letter. To tell you that I love you for our Select Comfort bed, and that I hate you for robbing me of sleep night after night with your old Sangean 818CS radio, which I also love.

I love you for your very real enjoyment of your success in what you do, and your obvious pride in yourself and in your wife behind the scenes. But I hate you for being the conservative you are, and for your intolerance of us so-called liberals, tho' I love your honesty.

I really hate your little streak of sensationalism, your gloom-and-doom outlook and your delight in scaring the pants off of people like me with your dire "what ifs" of collision with comets, earthquakes of huge proportions, plagues and worst case events. You of all people should realize that what the world really needs in these "quickening" times is an encouraging optimist.

I love your tender heart, your amusing way of sharing your adventures with your little shy interloper under the house, and your new little friend Shadow (see photo below). I also love your sense of humor and especially your hearty laugh, your sense of fairness, and the way you show the bigots the door. But I hate it when you show disrespect

for the office of the president, and when you agree with government-haters. You don't know what influence you have on people, when they are right and when they are wrong.

I love your little black box, your fascination with the trial, just like ours. I'm glad it causes you to lose sleep; now you know what you do to us. It appears that this has turned out to be more a love letter, since your virtues outweigh your faults by far. See you in my dreams.

Jeanne, Dexter, Oregon

P.S. No ideas now. I am 82 with a sweet husband who is 87 that I have managed to hold on to for 68 years. He is also an admirer of yours, and of me, and besides, he is a *liberal*.

#### **Night Reflections**

Whitley Strieber, Billy Meier, "Fire In The Sky."

John Lear, Bob Lazar and "Area 51." Who's to know - Who's to say? Are they talking just for fun? Should we listen - should we pray?

Will they arrive? Will we survive Past nineteen hundred ninety-five?

Radio Man Art Bell, on his journey through the night,

Broadcasts from heights somewhere between

The "deeps of death" and "hidden dreams."

What does he know - yet dare not show?...

Things too dark, and things of light!

John the 23rd, we've heard, his diary has the word.

Chris Columbus, in the journal of the trip

Watched the watchers - fellow travelers too,

Some upon, some above, the brooding ocean blue.

Mt. Rainier, The Capitol, and Roswell, New Mexico.

In nineteen hundred forty-seven From the sky, in bright daylight Appearing like signs from heaven!

Within the amber waves of grain Signs of times - strange yet plain.

Medjugorje, Nostradamus, wheel of Ezeki-el

And now on earth, many seek Immanuel.

Gordon-Michael, Michael Brown - gentle warnings all around.

And near sundown, the angels now abound.

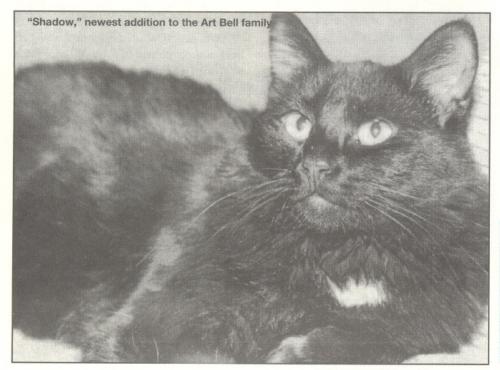
Pyramids low, pyramids high, face of man in the sky!

Things to come; very soon all will look near the moon.

Will they arrive? Will we survive Shortly after nineteen hundred ninety-five?

> Arron Thomas Millsap Chico, California

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# From The High Desert... SINGING THE "PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BLUES"

#### By Art Bell

have to tell you, I'm not excited about the presidential lineup. I want to be, but I'm not. I don't think many Americans are excited either. At the time of this writing there is a very interesting USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll which shows just how cynical this country is about prospects in Washington, even with the new Congress.

We want Congress and the President to unite on the key issues, but we don't hold out much hope. 88% of us want the budget balanced, but only 31% believe it will happen. 66% long for a tax cut, but just 31% think they'll see it. 83% of us have campaign reform high on our wish list, but only 30% of us expect to get it. And the beat goes on. GOP strategists are worried that this cynicism will attach to the Republican Party despite the spectacular election of 1994.

Conservatives are determined to extend the '94 revolt into the presidential race, but they too are not happy with current front-runners. That could change if Pat Buchanan catches fire, or if Gingrich get in the race—or more likely, if a reasonably conservative Colin Powell jumps in full force. The next few months will be very interesting, and by the time you read this column I might be dancing in the streets of Pahrump, or at least in my back yard. Or I might be scratching my head wondering what hit me. So far Colin Powell doesn't look very conservative.

Buchanan is for real in my opinion. He would break up the status quo in Washington, although being an isolationist, his foreign policy is flawed. Whatever you think of Buchanan as a Republican primary candidate, as a presidential candidate, he is much too vulnerable. After all those years as a controversial talker on CNN, you can be sure the Clinton crowd has a Buchanan "radical quotes" collection ready to keep Pat on the fringe and out of the White House.

For many people, Ross Perot is still a viable cure to our national ills. I voted for Perot in 1992—I was desperate to shake things up, and in that regard he was the only game in town. Although some folks hold out hope for another Perot candidacy, I think he had his chance to be presi-

dent and that opportunity has passed him by. However, with his justannounced third party launch, Perot may be a significant player, if not a candidate.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that Newt Gingrich could give Clinton a run for his money. This guy is a great communicator, a solid debater, and he's a policy wonk just like Clinton. But Gingrich has got something more; he has a vision for America and that could leave Clinton behind in the dust. This guy is exciting. The problem is that Gingrich's political hat is decidedly outside the proverbial "ring." He has already said he's waiting to see what Colin Powell will do, and let's face it, Powell is very likely to run.

Colin Powell has been very clever to draw attention to himself by being a "reluctant candidate." His book, howev-

A recent Gallup poll shows 62% of Americans want a third candidate if the choice is Dole/Clinton. You can count me in on that.

er, was perfectly timed to grab momentum, and he's doing just that. Insiders say that he is politically ambitious and, what's more, he's politically skilled. His hat is ready for the tossing.

Now the question is, how will a Colin Powell candidacy take shape? There is, of course, a possibility that Dole will be able to nab him as a vice presidential candidate—the coup of the century—making Powell the heir apparent for 2000. This might be appealing to Powell who has no political experience, and who has tended to rise to power in stages. However, let's set this scenario aside. I think Powell wants a more direct route to the presidency, and I think it's probably his "for the taking," especially if Senator Dole shows any real weakness (and he's already shown some).

There are three possibilities for a Colin Powell presidential candidacy: Run as a third party candidate; run as an independent under no party banner; or



run as a Republican. Powell could, along with Perot, be part of creating a third party (he says in his book that it may be time for a third party to represent the "sensible middle."). I hope he won't join Perot's effort, since I think another major party would in most cases rob us of having a majority president. There's also a problem of identity. What would a third party stand for? How would it separate itself from the Democrats and Republicans? To grab the kind of excitement it takes to establish a third party that can last more than a few elections requires a clear and unique purpose as distinguished from both other parties. The danger would be ending up as Republicrat—lite. Hardly inspiring.

However, there is currently a grass roots hue and cry for a third presidential candidate running as an independent, and this might be just the ticket. A recent Gallup poll shows 62% of Americans want a third candidate if the choice is Dole/Clinton. You can count me in on that. But not only do people want another choice, there are other real advantages to staying outside the current party structure. Running as an independent would give Powell more freedom in Washington to "bang" some fat-cat bureaucratic heads-to clean up the political mess in Congress, and to get the budget under control.

As Gingrich has pointed out, being an outsider would make it hard to operate, but it would also free Powell to criticize both parties and, as a popular president, put tremendous pressure on them just as Ronald Reagan did when he came to office. Remember though, it wouldn't be easy. Powell would have to raise a fortune, \$1000 at a time (the individual con-

## **Bulletin Board Update**

By John Piar

Editor's note: Art Bell's fascinating computer bulletin board service has received over 35,000 calls from listeners in just the last four months. Well, meet the man in charge of the bulletin board. John Piar has been involved with bulletin board systems for the past 10 years, after having spent 25 years working for the federal government in law enforcement. From time to time, in these pages John will offer tips and advice on how to use Art's bulletin board successfully.

Greetings, and welcome to the Art Bell Bulletin Board System (BBS). Currently, we have seven different areas relating to the Art Bell program: Dreamland; the Hale-Bopp Comet file section; Art's trip to the Orient; the Main Area that contains all the pictures relating to Art's programs, including UFOs, aliens, etc.; Roswell associated files, including the "Alien autopsy" photos, interviews, and so on; the Upload Section, where users can add graphics or text to the BBS; and finally, Graphic Viewers, which allows people to view files.

A little advice. It seems that most of the people who are calling Art's Bulletin Board System are using Windows 3.11 in the terminal program. I believe there is some problem using that terminal program, and suggest people would have a better time using communications programs such as Comit, Qcom, or the new Windows '95 terminal program, Hyperterminal.

The phone number of Art's BBS is 702-727-1709. Sign on with your name, address and phone, then go to the main menu, and if you want to

access Art Bell's file area, type J 11 (that's J space 11; the space has to be there).

We're finding that many people call the Bulletin Board, get on, but really don't know how to download files—especially with Windows 3.11. If you are using 3.11, you should check the menus at the top of your screen and select "Binary Transfers."

Select Xmodem for your transfer protocol if you have a 2400 baud modem, and use Zmodem if you have a 9600 baud modem or faster. These protocols should, of course, be preset by you according to the speed of your modem, before calling the BBS or any other on-line service. By the way, we can handle up to 112,500 baud rate speeds—depending on whether your phone lines can handle that speed.

Currently we are allowing Art's listeners to download one file per day free of charge (15 minutes per call). For a full hour per day and unlimited downloading in the Art Bell section of the Bulletin Board, send \$10 to HC77, Box 41525 Pahrump, NV 89041. Make your check or money order to Over the Hump BBS Systems. Important: Your letter should include your name and the password you want to use.

By the way, to access the full BBS (not just the Art Bell section), with over 40,000 up-to-date files, you can sign up for a year for \$20 and receive two hours per day on line with unlimited downloading.

And here's something else exciting; we expect soon to have an Internet connection that enables people to access us in their own cities on a local number. Not only will they be able to connect with the Art Bell Bulletin Board, they will have full Internet access, plus 30 major bulletin boards in the United States—all with a local number! Stay tuned...

Art's Bulletin Board Phone Number: 702-727-1709

tribution limit), just to stay in the game. I would put this in the category of what "could" happen. But there is another power dynamic at work—one that cannot be ignored.

Getting a reasonably conservative Colin Powell to run as a Republican would be such a guarantee for the GOP that it would be hard for them to resist making almost any offer, no matter who they would have to push aside. Eisenhower rose above the fray in 1952 when both parties were so hostile that folks were looking for an American alternative who could rise above party politics and unite the country. Powell could probably do the same thing Eisenhower did.

Powell's character and soldierly command would be irresistible to the conservative right, even if he remains soft on some of their key issues like abortion. His "sensible middle" profile (not to mention his Gulf War profile) would be irresistible to the rest of the Party—and maybe the rest of middle class America. Even liberal black Americans (who are mostly traditional/middle class in their values) would be tempted to come back to the party of Lincoln—and this would terrify the Democrats.

There is an additional back-breaking

factor in all of this. A popular presidential candidate has real coattails when it comes to congressional races; a Colin Powell candidacy could well produce a "Powell Mania" that would help finish what the revolt of '94 started. To imagine Powell at the helm in Washington, along with a solidly conservative Congress (perhaps over 60 Republican Senators), is to imagine a Democratic nightmare from which they may never awaken. And I mean *never* awaken.

If you don't think that prospect would pressure a seriously weakened Bob Dole to step aside, don't apply for a job as a campaign advisor anytime soon. The question is: Will Bob Dole stumble? I think so. He has power, money, and connections. But unless he has Colin Powell, he's vulnerable. Pat Buchanan is gearing up to "do unto" Dole in the early primaries what he "did unto" Bush in '92. Even though Dole would probably recover eventually, Powell may jump in and deliver the coup de grace before Dole gets the chance.

There's another factor in all of this—George Bush. He brought Powell along and the families are close. Bush has no love lost for Perot and the rest of the "independents." Bush is also wealthy

and connected, both inside Washington and in Texas, a key state. Be sure that Bush is doing everything he can to establish Powell as "the Republican who can't be beat," leaving Perot and company cheerleading from the cheap seats. This could be why Perot is making his third party move.

The "Powell Doctrine" established during the Gulf War is overwhelming force, cautiously applied. He's been cautious in how he's handled things so far. When it comes time for action, expect it to be overwhelming—he's got the leverage to do the job—and as a Republican candidate he'll have that 100 million in Republican and federal money ready to finish off Bill Clinton.

This all leaves one key question that cannot be fully answered yet. Who is Colin Powell and what does he really stand for? Recent statements on abortion and gun control suggest he'll be much closer to Wilson than Buchanan. By the time you read this, we may know the rest of the story. The question is, will we be dancing—or wondering what hit us?



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## ROSWELL RECORDS: Inexplicably missing, says government

#### By David Kupelian

Three out of four Americans do not trust the U.S. Government, according to a recent national survey. A good example of this mistrust is the public's reaction to the federal government's ever-changing explanation of the controversial 1947 crash at Roswell, New Mexico of an alleged UFO.

In response to numerous constituent requests, New Mexico Congressman Steven Schiff asked the Department of Defense for information regarding the 48-year-old controversy, but was shuffled off from agency to agency, all to no avail. Finally the Congressman requested the General Accounting Office, Congress's investigative agency, to look into the Roswell incident. Schiff recently released the GAO's very intriguing 20-page report, and talked to Art about it on "Coast to Coast."

wo things are not in dispute," says New Mexico Congressman Steve Schiff, regarding the Roswell incident. "The first is that something crashed in 1947 near Roswell, in southeast New Mexico. The second is that the Army Air Corps, from Roswell Army Air Field, put out a press release that day that called what crashed a 'flying disk.' Those were their words. And 'flying disk,' we would say today [as] 'flying saucer.' That's exactly what they meant, an extraterrestrial visitation."

Needless to say, says Rep. Schiff, this created quite a commotion back in 1947, as it would in any era. "About eight hours after the Army Air Corps said it was a 'flying disk,' they came out with a statement that said, 'Oops, we made a mistake. It wasn't a flying disk, it was a weather balloon." This raises an obvious question, says Schiff: "Can't somebody tell a weather balloon from a flying saucer?"

Today, many people believe that what crashed at Roswell was indeed a flying saucer. Some even believe the crash left behind alien bodies. Certainly since the remarkable "Alien Autopsy" film footage was broadcast worldwide last summer (August 28 in the U.S. on Fox network), many more people are seriously considering this possibility. "There are other people," says Schiff, "who do not necessarily accept the flying saucer or extraterrestrial visit theory, but they don't believe the

weather balloon theory either." And, of course, they are correct on that point, since the military recently rejected their own long-standing weather balloon explanation. The Air Force's turnabout didn't surprise Schiff.

"There is really a great deal of testimony," says the Congressman, "that at the crash site there was a high degree of military security, and that the remnants of what were taken were flown on a single plane off to be examined at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Security was stopping people on the road going toward the crash site. That doesn't happen for a weather balloon."

Indeed. In September 1994, several months after Schiff requested that the GAO investigate the matter, the Air Force changed its earlier story and said the crashed vehicle was still a balloon, but not a weather balloon. Instead they describe it as a then-classified military project designed to determine whether the Soviets were conducting atmospheric nuclear testing. As the Air Force explains it, this craft was intended for high altitude flight and was much larger than a weather balloon.

Meanwhile, Schiff, still looking for some clarifying information on what really happened, and having struck out with the Defense Department, National Archives and others, hit on the brilliant idea that the best source of information would be the permanent military record of the communications out of Roswell immediately following the crash.

"I told the GAO that there ought to be records of what happened, no matter what was said," says Schiff. "At the very least, there should have been an 'Oh, shoot!' memorandum—I might have described it slightly differently to the GAO. If everything happened the way the Army Air Corps said, somebody at the Army Air Field had to explain to their superiors why the best bomb group of the U.S. Army Air Corps, the only bomb group carrying nuclear weapons at that time, doesn't know a weather balloon from a flying saucer...I asked the GAO, would you be willing to do a search for records?"

The Government Accounting Office agreed and recently completed its investigation. What did it turn up?

The GAO report states that the outgo-

ing messages from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) for this period of time were destroyed without property authority. Such messages would have shown clearly how military officials in Roswell were explaining to their superiors exactly what happened in the wake of the 1947 crash.

"In my judgment," says Congressman Schiff, "the most potentially significant records possible were not found. And the military can give no explanation as to who destroyed them, or under what authority.

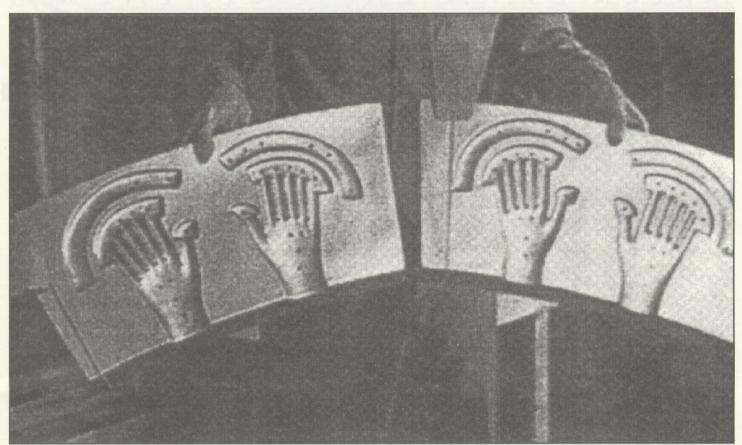
"It is my understanding that these outgoing messages were permanent records, which should never have been destroyed," insists Schiff. But "the GAO could not identify who destroyed the messages, or why." Unfortunately, the GAO estimated, after talking to the Air Force archivist, that the records were destroyed over 40 years ago, making further inquiry into the circumstances of their destruction all but impossible.

The GAO did unearth some interesting documents, including an FBI teletype and a newsletter-style internal forum at RAAF that refer to a "radar tracking device"—a reference to a weather balloon. In light of the Air Force's having recanted on the weather balloon explanation, Schiff suggests that the authors of those communications may have been simply repeating what they were told, rather than consciously adding to what some believe is a cover-up.

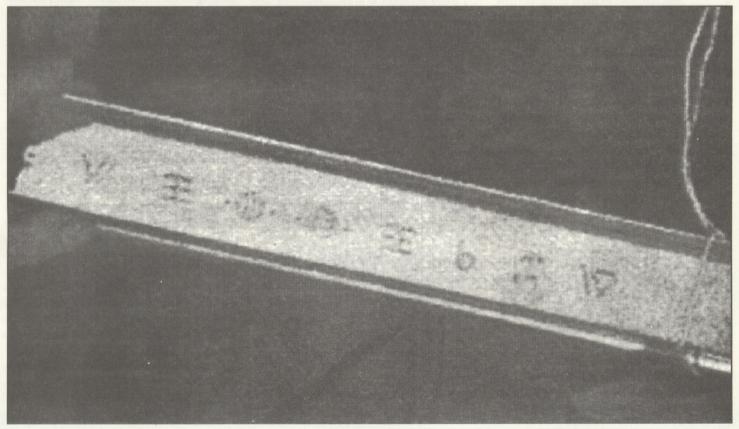
"Even if there was no cover-up," says Schiff, "the Air Force *acted* like there was a cover-up, and that's just as bad."

After all is said and done, says Schiff, the matter for him remains "unresolved." And he's not alone. Almost two dozen members of the U.S. Congress have requested copies of the GAO report on this mysterious five-decades-old crash at Roswell, New Mexico.

You may obtain one free copy of the GAO's report on Roswell by writing to the United States General Accounting Office, P.O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015. Ask for "Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash Near Roswell, New Mexico," and also give the document's identification number: GAO/NSIAD-95-187. Additional copies are \$2.00 each; make checks payable to the Superintendent of Documents.



TOP: Remember the sensational "Alien Autopsy" film footage recently broadcast worldwide? This photo allegedly depicts the six-fingered control panels of boxes the "aliens" reportedly clutched to their chests when discovered by U.S. military personnel. BOTTOM: An I-beam, allegedly from the wreckage of alien craft in New Mexico circa 1947, complete with heiroglyphs.



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### AFTER DARK PRESENTS THE

# DREAMLAND REPORT

In depth explorations of subjects and guests featured on Art Bell's weekly radio program "Dreamland"

#### BEHIND THE "ALIEN ABDUCTION SYNDROME"

By John Ankerberg & John Weldon

ditor's introduction: The consensus to date on the sensational "Alien Autopsy" film footage (purported to document on 16mm film the actual surgical autopsy of an extraterrestrial being, circa 1947 New Mexico), is that either the film is one of the most remarkable hoaxes of all time, or it is "the real thing."

Although expert opinion is markedly divided on the legitimacy of the "Alien Autopsy," the most intriguing question remains: What if it is real? What does the existence of extraterrestrial beings mean for us on earth? For many, of course, the film footage is the smoking gun that proves what they have believed for years, that we are not alone in the universe.

Yet, along with the emergence of this evidence which appears to substantiate the existence of extraterrestrial visitors, there is also increasing evidence on another front, having to do with the actual nature of alien "abductions." There are thousands of reported "abduction" experiences every year—and who knows how many more unreported cases—as detailed in the October edition of After Dark by Harvard professor and abduction syndrome researcher Dr. John Mack. Dr. Mack suggests these abductions may not actually be occurring in our physical time-and-space reality.

"It may be that they exist in some dimensions that we don't even understand," said Mack. "Abductees will often say, as they recall their experiences, that 'this is not occurring in space-time as I know it."

With the numbers of abductions reported, could there really be tens of thousands of extraterrestrial craft landing in neighborhood after neighborhood, abducting people, performing medical experiments on them on nearby spaceships and then returning them to their homes? Dr. Mack doesn't seem to think so. "We are too ready to try to see this thing literally as occurring in our physical universe," he says, "rather than expanding

our notions of reality to other dimensions, other possible universes that are not simply our physical four-dimensional world."

Investigative journalist Michael Brown, one of Art's more popular guests this year, cited a study that found that as many as

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eight million Americans are claiming at some time in their lives to have been abducted by UFOs.

Brown weighed in on the subject this way: "I don't discount the possibility that a small percentage of these are extraterrestrial. But I'll say that I've seen tremendous indication that it's more of a spiritual phenomenon than a physical phenomenon, something from another dimension rather than from another planet." Brown added: "I think, if you look at the descriptions, that it's classic demonology. These are entities that have the slanted eyes, they're little, mean-looking, and they leave bad effects. They leave bad odors a lot of times, they can go through the wall, and they haunt you for the rest of your life. It's not like a craft coming from some other planetary system, visiting you once, taking a sample, and then heading back for home."

The following article presents a shocking but compelling hypothesis for the mysterious "Human Abduction Syndrome." Co-author John Weldon has written two books on UFOs.

#### Sightings & Phenomena

Approximately 5 to 10 percent of all UFO sightings remain truly unidentified. And virtually all serious researchers who have examined the subject are baffled. For example, one of the leading UFO researchers in the world and a former skeptic who headed the 18-year Air Force investigation, *Project Blue Book*, is Dr. J. Allen Hynek. He commented, "An expert has studied UFOs long enough to realize he is utterly ignorant. The UFO phenomenon is the outstanding strange dilemma of our age. We don't know what they are."

The most commonly believed theory among those who accept UFOs is the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, which teaches that UFOs represent incredibly advanced civilizations from outer space which are seeking to study, influence, and eventually contact mankind.

About a dozen other theories have been put forth by skeptics in order to explain UFOs. Among these are ideas that UFO sightings are the result of misunderstandings of natural phenomena, deliberate hoaxes, psychological explanations, and so on.

Tens of thousands report "close encounters" with UFOs—seeing UFOs and/or their occupants at short range. Thousands more report incredibly bizarre and powerfully life-changing experiences—actually being taken on board UFOs for medical experiments or other purposes. These are known as UFO "abductions". Finally, thousands of other individuals actually claim to be in personal contact with UFO entities; in the literature they are referred to as UFO "contactees."

Around the world, several hundred million people now believe that UFOs are real. Further, no one who has studied this subject in depth can logically deny that the UFOs are slowly, in a calculated manner, deliberately exposing

themselves to the entire world. No nation is free of UFO reports—and many major nations around the world have officially or secretly engaged in serious investigations of UFOs at the governmental/military level.

In the U.S. alone, tens of millions of dollars have been spent in official UFO investigations by the CIA, FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Intelligence, Naval Intelligence and other organizations. Lawsuits filed under the Freedom of Information Act prove this in spite of the denials by such agencies.

It would appear that for almost 50 years UFOs have been—and remain—a topic of great concern and intensive secret research by not only American intelligence agencies but more recently, the governments of France, Russia, Britain and others. Many years ago the French Minister of Defense, Robert Galley, publicly stated that the number of reliable UFO landing-occupant reports in his country was "very great" and "quite disturbing." He said, "The ubiquitous UFO phenomenon [is] a phenomenon that has caused grave concern at high levels of many of the world's governments, despite their statements to the contrary."

Polls show that 40 percent of Americans believe that UFOs are real. In the past several years there have also been numerous TV documentaries supporting the reality of UFOs. Some leading researchers are stating even now that the alleged abductions of people by UFOs has reached "epidemic" proportions.

Dr. Hynek and astrophysicist Dr. Jacques Vallee also assert, "The UFO phenomenon calls upon us to extend our imaginations as we never have before, to think things we have never dared think before—in short, to approach boldly the edge of our accepted reality, and by mentally battering at these forbidding boundaries, perhaps open up entirely new vistas." In attempting to solve the dilemma they state: "We need to line up all the things that a viable theory needs to explain [concerning UFOs];...is there a hypothesis, no matter how strange, that explains the facts?"

In pursuit of a hypothesis, we need to sketch a wide range of phenomena and experiences associated with UFOs. For purposes of simplification in describing these phenomena, we will use a broad classification incorporating the following seven categories:

- Distant Sightings (DS) involve observations of anomalous lights in the sky, nocturnal disks, etc., visually or on radar.
- Close Encounters of the First Kind (CEI) constitute sighting a UFO, with or without occupants, at 500 feet or closer.
- Close Encounters of the Second Kind (CEII) involve UFOs that leave physical effects on the environment such as "landing" marks, broken tree limbs, etc.
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind (CEIII) comprise the sighting of UFOs with occu-

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pants, at very close range, including landed craft with occupants in or about the craft.

- Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind (CEIV) involve alleged abductions by UFOs, where people claim to be involuntarily taken on board a UFO for experimentation, purposes of communication or other reasons. Such episodes are characteristically "forgotten" until a strange series of events leads to "uncovering" the "abduction" under hypnosis.
- Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind (CEV) involve what are termed "contactees," those persons who claim to be in personal contact with UFO entities.
- Close Encounters of the Sixth Kind (CEVI) include injuries or deaths resulting from a UFO close encounter. (This is our own classification, modeled after the CE-III typology originated by Dr. J. Allen Hynek,)

UFO phenomena are so complex that one leading researcher has advocated a 20-point classification system in order to better analyze the information. Nevertheless, the solution to the UFO

mystery will not be found where most people look for it—distant sightings or CEI-III categories. The events do not contain enough data to properly understand what is behind modern UFOs. Rather, we must look to the key "close contact" categories (CE IV-VI). Why? Because it is here that genuine details emerge concerning the nature and purpose of the UFO phenomena and the entities that accompany it.

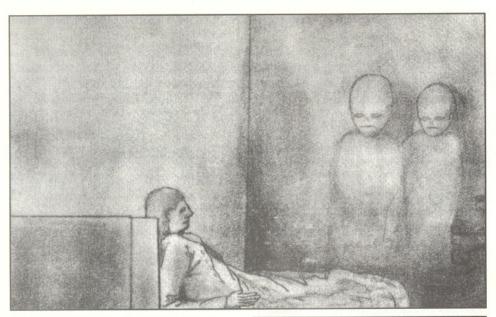
One of the world's leading UFO researchers, French astrophysicist Dr. Jacques Vallee, comments, "One of the most powerful images in our society is that of the extraterrestrial alien. Over the past 20 years he has assumed a powerful persona, so much so that expectations are now high that he actually exists among us..."

Award-winning author Whitley Strieber, who has narrated his own bizarre UFO abduction tale in his *New York Times* bestseller, *Communion*, alleges that he experienced harrowing contact with strange and terrifying beings who "are already having a staggering but largely hidden impact on our society, and their presence should be taken with the utmost seriousness." Dr. Vallee himself refers to UFOs as "a bizarre, seductive, and often terrifying phenomenon reported by many witnesses as contact with an alien form of intelligence."

It may be very significant that the combination of sightings, Close Encounters, alleged abductions and contactee phenomena parallel the modern yearning for contact with highly evolved and advanced but supposedly benevolent entities who could allegedly "save" our planet from destruction.

#### "A bizarre game of deception"

Yet we have a problem here. The truth is that the UFO phenomenon simply does not behave like advanced but supposedly benevolent aliens who will "save" our planet from destruction. Their purpose seems to be anything but open contact—in the sense that we would expect friendly contact from advanced civilizations in space. Rather their goal seems to be psychological and social manipulation. A few of the leading UFO researchers have recognized this, among them Vallee (Messengers of Deception), as well as John Keel (The Eighth Tower; UFOs: Operation Trojan



An alien visitation drawn by abductee

*Horse*). These researchers believe that the UFO entities are deliberately programming their human observers with false information in order to hide their true nature and purpose.

Dr. Vallee has addressed the UN on UFOs and was the model for "Lacombe" in Steven Spielberg's film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." He is the author of eight books on the subject and has spent over two decades in serious UFO research. Like veteran UFO researcher John Keel, he has put his finger on the lowest common denominator of UFO contacts-deception-and also on the most common parallel to UFO phenomena—paganism and demonology. Vallee puts forth the idea that UFOs are purposely hoping to "change our belief systems" and that they are engaging in a "worldwide enterprise of subliminal seduction."

The popularity of books such as those by Erich von Daniken, claiming that humanity is in some sense the product of highly advanced life forms who have been guiding our evolution, reveals that people, having largely forsaken the concept of divine intervention, are more and more open to the concept of extraterrestrial intervention. Thus, Vallee argues that UFOs "are helping to create a new form of belief; an expectation of actual contact among large parts of the public. In turn this expectation makes millions of people hope for the imminent realization of that age-old dream; salvation from above, surrender to the greater power of some wise navi"I have watched in dismay as a number of respected UFO researchers moved from a physical to a parapsychological interpretation of the bizarre UFO phenomenon....

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But Vallee argues that instead, UFOs are placing "human beings under the control of a strange force that is bending them in absurd ways, forcing them to play a role in a bizarre game of deception.... If UFOs make an impact on our social reality, they are bound to change our political realities as well."

#### A Darker Side to UFOs

Consider the British journal Flying Saucer Review, widely recognized as the leading publication in the world. This periodical supports an assemblage of over fifty experts and specialists world-wide who conduct major UFO-encounter investigations. Established

in 1955, it is one of the few journals that has objectively and thoroughly evaluated the phenomenon worldwide for almost 40 years. Yet an official statement by editor Gordon Creighton is most amazing. After all these years he says, "There seems to be no evidence yet that any of these craft or beings originate from outer space." Coming from a periodical of such weight, this is no mean conclusion.

One reason the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis is widely accepted is that so many people want to believe it. Even Dr. Vallee is forced to concede the tremendous researcher bias in favor of the Hypothesis: "I also discovered that I could expect no cooperation from most of the UFO believers, who were willing to help me only to the extent that my conclusions would support their preconceived idea that UFOs are extraterrestrial visitors to the earth."

A growing number of UFO researchers have concluded that UFOs are real, but do not necessarily originate from other planets. For example, Brad Steiger thinks the chances are "we are dealing with a multi-dimensional paraphysical phenomenon which is largely indigenous to planet earth." Even the famous science fiction writer Arthur C. Clark observes, "One theory that can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships." So what are they?

Although the popular view of UFOs is based on the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, many leading researchers are convinced that this is impossible. In its place they present a theory that examines the occult nature of the UFO phenomenon. They propose a theory asserting that: 1) UFOs represent an intelligent life form, 2) they have been with man from the beginning of time, although assuming different forms throughout recorded history, 3) they do not originate from advanced civilizations in outer space but rather from another dimension of reality that coexists in the unseen world with mankind, and 4) that whatever UFOs represent, they are clearly a psychic phenomenon with the capacity to operate, at least temporarily, on the physical level. Indeed, few unbiased researchers can logically deny that UFO experiences are of an occult nature. If we catalogue the basic characteristics of the occult and compare them to UFO phenomena, we discover an essential similarity.

Consider just a few parallels between classical demonology and ufology. An examination of 19th Century literature on the occult, such as Francis Barret's authoritative work *The Magus*, *Book 2* (1801), describes fallen angels or demons in the following manner:

"...some that are near to us wander up and down in this obscure air; others inhabit lakes, rivers and seas; others the earth and terrify earthly things...and vex not only men but also other creatures; some being content with laughter and derision only, do contrive rather to weary men than to hurt them; some heightening themselves to the length of a giant's body, and again shrinking themselves down to the smallest of pygmies, and changing themselves into different forms, do disturb men with vain fear..."

A few pages later it continues:

"...so demons speak; and what man does with a sensible (physical) voice, they do by impressing the conception of speech in those to whom they speak after a better manner than if they should express it in an audible voice...yet oftentimes they send forth an audible voice."

In his Earth's Earliest Ages and Their Connection With Modern Spiritualism and Theosophy (1876), G. H. Pember observes that the occultist "is brought into intelligent communication with the spirits of the air, and can receive any knowledge which they possess, or any false impression which they choose to impart...the demons seem permitted to do various wonders at their request."

Even the great theologian Augustine once noted, "What men can do with real colors and substances the demons can very easily do by showing unreal forms..."

A sizable number of researchers formerly committed to the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis have been convinced by the weight of evidence that UFOs are of a paraphysical or occultic nature. For example, Raymond Fowler, the author of five books on UFOs, confesses, "I [have] watched in dismay as a number of respected UFO researchers moved from a physical to a parapsychological interpretation of the bizarre UFO phenomenon.... Now, I [too] am being forced to reexamine the UFO phenomenon in light of its apparent paraphysical nature."

Vallee has concluded that: "We are dealing with a yet unrecognized level of

consciousness, independent of man but closely linked to the earth.... I do not believe anymore that UFOs are simply the spacecraft of some race of extraterrestrial visitors. This notion is too simplistic to explain their appearance, the frequency of their manifestations throughout recorded history, and the structure of the information exchanged with them during contact."

In Vallee's third book, *Passport to Magonia*, he describes 923 UFO landings from 1868-1968. Again and again we discover references to a wide variety of occult phenomena while the demonic nature of UFOs is evident throughout. In *Messengers of Deception* he observes that an "impressive parallel [can] be

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made between UFO occupants and the popular conception of demons" and that UFOs can "project images or fabricated scenes designed to change our belief systems." In The Invisible College he argues that the source of power behind UFOs constitutes a powerful worldwide force that has been influential in shaping human beliefs throughout history: "Human belief...is being controlled and conditioned," "man's concepts are being rearranged" and we may be headed toward "a massive change of human attitudes toward paranormal abilities extraterrestrial life." Confrontations he points out: The "medical examination" to which abductees are said to be subjected, often accompanied by sadistic sexual manipulation, is reminiscent of the medieval tales of encounters with demons. It makes no sense in a sophisticated or technical or biological framework: any intelligent being equipped with the scientific marvels that UFOs possess would be in a position to achieve any of these alleged scientific objectives in a shorter time

and with fewer risks.

Citing the extensive research of Bertrand Meheust, Vallee also reveals that "the symbolic display seen by the abductees is identical to the type of initiation ritual or astral voyage that is imbedded in the [occult] traditions of every culture." Thus, "the structure of abduction stories is identical to that of occult initiation rituals." And, "The UFO beings of today belong to the same class of manifestation as the [occult] entities that were described in centuries past..."

Ivar Mackay was a former chairman of the respected British UFO Research Association and spent half a lifetime researching the field of the occult and parapsychology. His two-part research article "UFOs and the Occult" describes a large number of similarities between UFOs and occult phenomena and yet is drawn largely from non-contactee UFO encounters; many of the correlations are found in the literature of mediumism and seance manifestations.

Like near death experiences

In Journal of UFO Studies, Vol. 2, 1990, NDE (near-death experience) researchers Kenneth Ring Christopher I. Rosing of Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut, suggest that UFO experiences (UFOE) and near-death experiences (NDE) are in many ways "functionally equivalent." For example, they report that individuals who experience encounters with UFOs or NDEs as adults have frequently become sensitive to occult realities as children. They also observe, "There are wide-ranging and powerful psychophysical changes following either a UFOE or NDE." Among the common items experienced in both categories are an increase in energy currents in the body, mind expansion, information flooding, and psychic abilities.

They conclude that, apparently, "psychophysical changes reported in connection with UFOEs and NDEs reflect some sort of psychobiological transformation" and they propose occultic kundalini energy as a possible or probable explanation. Thus, "Kundalini activation is much more likely to be reported after-

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# TO HELL AND BACK (courtesy of the telephone company)

#### By Alan Corbeth, President, CBC

With the recent death of Jerry Garcia, I've been pondering my own mortality. Poor Jerry was not that much older than I am, or Art for that matter, and hearing the news of his demise sent a cold chill down my spine. Who would have thought Jerry would go truckin' over to the other side this soon? Then I read an article about some really dark guys who have a "dead pool" going every year. They list the names of ten folks who they sense are headed to the great beyond during the coming year. One of these guys actually caught a glimpse of the Grim Reaper hanging out near poor Jerry while he was touring with the Dead or something. Amazing.

Over here at the network, those of us who lie awake at night wiring circuits in our minds, the dedicated and mildly obsessive brotherhood involved with radio engineering, have an informal dead pool of our own going. We speculate on what equipment will bite the dust in the coming year. Lord knows that we give our gear a pounding 24 hours a day. We expect a certain degree of wear and tear, and we fully expect reliable equipment to cut out on us at the least opportune moments. That's why we are prepared for the tiniest glitches we could think of as well as the most major malfunctions we could conjure up in our sick imaginations.

We amaze ourselves with our redundancy, and our procedures for when the "you-know-what hits the fan." We are prepared for all the expected disasters. Then Jerry Garcia kicked the bucket and we got hit with a humdinger that none of us dared to entertain, not even for a fleeting moment: The 800 phone lines you use to call Art on the air turned up dead.

Just when we thought things were really beginning to run smoothly here at the network, the 800 lines fried! This, by the way, is a problem most broadcasters would die for. At peak call-in times, Art receives in excess of 30,000 attempted calls per hour! That, in and of itself, is staggering—especially in light of the fact that only one or two percent of listeners will ever call into a

talk radio program.

Now, I've worked in several different countries, on different continents, sometimes speaking a different language, and dealing with people with totally different mentalities. But one thing remains constant and seems to raise its ugly head every so often, just to humble us, to show us that we can be reduced to quivering jellybags of nothing at any time. I'm talking about that "porthole into hell"—The Telephone Company. Or these days I should say the telephone companies.

In the old days-by today's standards

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the very good old days—dealing with the telephone company invariably meant this: The guys at the phone company would insist, no matter what, that the problem was with the broadcaster's equipment. The broadcaster of course knew that the problem was with the telephone company. Now the haggling began, and it was never fun. The telephone guys thought the radio guys were inept morons and the radio guys were absolutely certain the telephone guys knew nothing, especially about audio. Although it was no fun, at least there were only two sides to the conflict: them and us. Then came DIVESTITURE, the breakup of the phone companies.

With that background in mind, let us return in time to several nights ago. I was asleep when my phone rang at 2:30 AM. This is never a good sign. I heard the comforting babble of the radio in the background; at least we were still on the air. I generally doze through Art's show, hearing 20 minutes, sleeping for 20 minutes and so on throughout the night. The call was from our Chief Engineer, who was explaining that Art's "West Of The Rockies" 800 number was out. It did a Jerry Garcia on us and died in the night. He had just reported it, and AT&T was working on the problem. He said he'd call me back as soon as he had something conclusive. I in turn dialed Art on our inside hotline (no, you can't have the number) to let him



know we were working on it.

The following day the real fun began. It was like one of those ugly "Wrestle Mania" matches where the entire ring is loaded with the most moronic characters a deranged mind could create. But instead of a chaotic free-for-all, the evil wrestlers have conspired to pummel Art himself. First in the ring is one of the desert-dried "Nevada Bell Brothers" who denies everything and claims there is no problem on his end, and instead points the finger toward one of the

heads on the massive AT&T hvdra-like monster. Of course AT&T laughs and grabs a scrawny little kid with glasses known "The Local Carrier." This kid packs antiquated equipment that can hardly handle a call from his mother, never mind the amount of phone traffic that Art is generating. He too whimpers, denies everything, whines, "How dare you pick on me? The big guys over there did it." That's exactly what it's been like dealing with these guys.

We coaxed all the players involved to calm down and try to be civilized. They all claimed to make adjustments to some equipment known as "Call-Gapping." This is supposed to adjust the number of calls actually getting through to the Pahrump exchange, which in theory at least can handle only limited traffic. Well, Brian Saylor the Chief Engineer, Art, and I had no confidence whatsoever that the problem was resolved, and sure enough, right after midnight, the 800 numbers shut down again. But tonight it was not just the "West Of The Rockies" line, but the "East Of The Rockies" line as well. The whole 800 number system was shot to hell. And it never returned that night.

The next day found us back in the wrestling ring in a massive conference call between us, AT&T with several of their programers and engineers, and Nevada Bell. I might add that this was

arranged only after we threatened to start naming names on the air. Well, after 15 minutes of "It's you guys, you're at fault"... "No, impossible, it's you all who are at fault," we finally agreed on a plan whereby the main AT&T computer would be tricked into thinking that there were more lines being answered than was really the case. This, along with further adjustment of the call-gapping system, was expected to solve the problem.

At of this writing, no one knows

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whether this will work or not. By tonight or tomorrow, we may indeed be naming names and besieging the phone company with angry listeners who can no longer get through. Who knows? As I said earlier, by the time you get to read this, it will all be history—but you will know the inside story.

By the way, to move the time along, instead of our informal unstructured "dead pool," we now have a daily pool going on for this par-

ticular disaster. As the show actually comes from Nevada, here's how the bets were placed:

Art Bell: "Oh, it will work either prior to or after I give out the AT&T complaint number."

Alan Corbeth: "I think (not very convinced) that it will work." Did I say that regarding the telephone company? Maybe I need a vacation.

Brian Saylor: "The lines will work, until Art takes calls."

Stay tuned to find out how this story unfolds. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, the Wrestle Mania will be over and Art will have won. Then we can go back to guessing which button lights will go out, and if we should clean the cobwebs out of the console—or is that what's holding the whole thing together?

Oh, and Jerry Garcia, rest in relative peace up there in Rock 'n' Roll heaven.

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ward by experiential respondents than controls, and, as before, this is equally true for NDErs and UFOErs alike."

Ring and Rosing conclude with the following: "What repeatedly struck us most forcibly was the undeniable overall similarity between our two experiential groups, UFOErs and NDErs. Our findings demonstrate that both groups share a similar developmental history, similar modes of psychological functioning and a similar range of after-effects, both psychophysical and attitudinal.... We should now consider that despite the differences in the nature of these experiences, they may have a common underlying source—whatever that source may be."

The typical UFO encounter may include the following: The subject has an occult background; the dramatic manipulation of mental experiences; poltergeist events; the ever-present experience of supposedly "missing" time; mental terrorism; profound and drastic personality changes; social notoriety and/or stigma; dramatic and continuing after-effects and contacts with the entities; an initial intuitive sense of tremendous fear and frequently evil; and numerous correlations to ancient paganism which "haunt" the relationship. We see all of these elements in the famous case of Whitley Strieber.

#### "I could smell them"

Strieber described his alleged firsthand experiences with what some people still want to call "benign" UFO contacts: "I became entirely given over to extreme dread. The fear was so powerful that it seemed to make my personality completely evaporate. This was not a theoretical or even a mental experience, but something profoundly physical.... 'Whitley' ceased to exist. What was left was a body and a state of raw fear so great that it swept about me like a thick, suffocating curtain, turning paralysis into a condition that seemed close to death.... I died, and a wild animal appeared in my place."

Strieber's recollection of his encounters with the aliens is reminiscent of other demonic visits, including the smell of sulphur. For example, "I had an awful feeling. I felt their presence. It

was palpable. Most upsetting, I could smell them." He describes one of the aliens as "what seemed almost to be a demon with a narrow face and dark, slanted eyes. It spoke to me in a high, squeaky voice." In Transformation, the sequel to Communion, he continues to wonder about both the nature and motives of the UFO entities: "Why were my visitors so secretive, hiding themselves behind my consciousness? I could only conclude that they were using me and did not want me to know why. Frankly, I found this idea deeply disturbing. What were the visitors' motives? Communion had become a #1 best-seller. What if they were dangerous? Then I was terribly dangerous because I was playing a role in acclimatizing people to them."

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— "Communion" author Whitley Strieber, about his own "abduction" experiences

Eventually he realized he was embroiled in a battle that might claim much more than his physical existence. "So far the word demon had never been spoken among the scientists and doctors who were working with me.... Alone at night I worried about the legendary cunning of demons.... At the very least, I was going stark, raving mad."

Strieber himself has contacted many others who have had similar hellish experiences. "I have never before encountered such a group of seemingly ordinary people under so much pressure. They were deeply troubled by the question of what their experiences really mean. Those who have had the experience must learn to ride a sort of psychological razor."

There are thousands of them—and they too have sensed something evil and demonic. And even years after such an experience it continues to haunt and influence these people in harmful ways; they have become brutalized. They have been mentally (and sometimes physically) raped at the impersonal whim of alien forces. Never again in their lives do they feel security. They fear any time they may be manipulated at will by forces beyond their control.

The possibility of insanity or suicide stemming from such harrowing and tremendously dominating experiences should not be neglected. Not everyone can successfully integrate the kinds of horrors that UFO experiences may bring. Strieber himself confesses that the experience of contact is so stressful that people who are unable to integrate it "are often shattered." The terror, confusion and permanent insecurity can break people; indeed many people have gone insane from pressures less than these. But the UFO entities themselves don't seem too concerned.

Los Angeles journalist Stuart Goldman has talked with Whitley Strieber on several occasions and investigated UFOs as a skeptical reporter. After describing Strieber's encounters with UFO entities, which he refers to as "his tormenters," he provides the following observation:

"But the real question remains. Who are these beings that apparently enjoy inflicting untold amounts of pain on innocent victims? Elaine Morganelli, one of the guests at Strieber's LA meeting came up with the simple, yet chilling answer. Morganelli's conclusion is that Strieber is being contacted not by friendly visitors, but by demons. Morganelli, who had written Strieber after reading Communion, said that she attended the meeting primarily out of curiosity. However, when she arrived at Strieber's rented Hollywood house, Morganelli said she felt a "sense of evil" in the room.

"People can be duped by devils," Morganelli says. "A [demonic] spirit can tell you anything. They love to fool you. These people (the UFO abductees) are being taken over. The more you go along with it, the harder it is to get away from it."

But to what purpose? "I think they're being used to get an anti-

#### (UFO Encounters, continued)

Christian movement going," Morganelli said of the abductees. "What got me was when he (Whitley) referred to the Lord and his angels as 'Nazis of the air.' When he said that I thought, 'Oh boy, that's it. I'm out of here."

Goldman comments: "Certainly, one could write Morganelli off as some sort of Christian fanatic. However, she's not the only one who's come to the conclusion that Strieber's visitors—and in turn the beings who are abducting countless thousands of people—are nothing more than good old-fashion demons, doing what they do best. Stealing souls."

A former hard-nosed reporter, Goldman concludes his research with the following comment:

"...the unpleasant fact is, fifty thousand people cannot be lying. Something is here—probing people, inspecting them, and planting thoughts in their minds, manipulating their bodiestreating them, in a sense, like so many cattle. Is it all simply a gigantic cosmic joke, or is there a more sinister plot at hand? Are we seeing the formation of a new and highly destructive cult, one whose view posits the elimination (the New Agers call it "spiritual cleansing") of people who are "unfit" to exist in the coming New World?.... Are there really demonic entities hovering about, searching for likely candidates whose brains and minds they can invade, filling them full of fairytales and lies-fattening them for the kill?"

It is difficult to adequately convey the terror and tragedy that frequently stalks those who have a deep experience with UFO beings. Beyond that, on a broader scale, a dangerous pattern of deception is also being laid. Are we not in fact seeing what the Bible warns as "doctrines of demons" accompanying these deceptive encounters?

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By Julian Hudson, Director, Affiliate Relations

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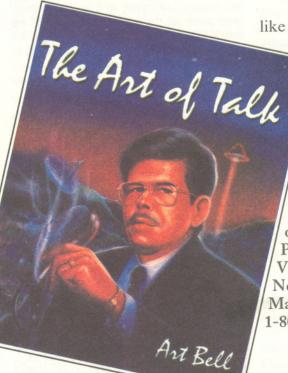
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