

Reptoids and Martians Invade Silicon Valley

The Bay Area UFO Expo took place at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, August 26 and 27, 2000, bringing together some of the top names in UFOlogy. I attended sporting a press badge to represent the SKEPTICAL INQUIRER and no one even looked twice at my hat from Nevada's Area 51 showing an alien quaffing some suds. With approximately 3,000 tickets sold, the conference was a commercial success, although the big money was apparently not made from the registration fees of $25–55. Instead, each speaker conducted a two-hour "workshop" following his or her lecture, with tickets $20–25 each, to which my press pass unfortunately did not admit me, so I missed out on some of the wildest-of-the-wild stuff. However, what I did learn from each speaker's "free" 45 minute lecture provided more than enough excitement for one weekend.

David Jacobs, the noted UFO abductionist, painted a scary scenario of clandestine activity by one or more alien races, whose agenda is secret. Fortunately, we have been able to penetrate many of their secrets owing to the recollections of abductees, despite the aliens' best efforts at making them forget. Jacobs is greatly obsessed by the "tables" in the saucers, where the examinations of abductees supposedly takes place. They are obviously built to accommodate humans, not the little guys who pilot the saucers. And there are lots of tables. Indeed, there are rooms with nothing but tables. Virtually everything that is inside the UFOs seems to be constructed for the sole purpose of abducting humans, an agenda the ETs appear to be pursuing with single-minded ferocity.

The insectoid creatures, says Jacobs, are clearly in charge. Some people describe reptilians, although it is possible that this may be just another description of the praying mantis insectoid. (Which is understandable, I think, since insects and reptiles are easily confused.)

Angela Browne Miller is a psychotherapist who has transmitted work into this dimension from Albert Einstein and Karl Marx. She is encouraging people to get in touch with their brain waves, urging us to "monitor your brain waves for foreign consciousnesses." We should be "highly conscious" (although not paranoid) when we travel interdimensionally, so we can properly map out the territory.

She represents a new movement calling itself Synaptic Liberation, which will lead society to Utopia. She plans to transform it into a political party, and one of their principal demands will be for completely unrestricted interdimensional travel.

James Gilliland is in "telepathic contact" with aliens who are said to be "spiritually advanced," although unlike many others he has only been on board a ship only once. He has a ranch near Mt. Adams, Washington, on which he operates the Self Mastery Earth Institute. He claims the ability to "vector in" UFOs for his visitors to see. They appear very much like "balls of light," except that they are interdimensional. He calls this "ECETI," for "Enlightened Contact with Extraterrestrial Intelligence." A "higher council" seems to be in charge among visiting UFOnauts, which is somehow tied in with the Ascended Masters. The question of how these splendid aliens can be reconciled with the horrific scenario painted by David Jacobs did not seem to trouble anyone.

David Shoemaker set up a vendor's table in the hallway with a big sign reading "UFO Crash Debris." He claims to have debris from two different crashes. One crashed in Missouri three days after the famous 1947 Roswell incident. The other was picked up at the "hot landing site" in New Mexico in 1998. He claims to have conducted extensive scientific testing that proves that these samples have anomalous isotope ratios, and impossible combinations of rare earths. You can judge his claims for yourself at www.crashdebris.com.

Shoemaker additionally claims shamanic powers, as well as being an "exorcist" and an "intuitive healer." He also claims to be able to "shape-shift,"

Robert Sheaffer's World Wide Web page for UFOs and other skeptical subjects is at www.debunker.com.

although unfortunately not in public. He says that while at last year's UFO conference, he healed several people with fatal diseases. He claims that most of the UFO movement is actually run by the government, bent on disinformation. He accused one prominent UFOlogist of trying to poison him. "Dark agents" have been sent against him, which he was able to kill using his shamanistic powers, and so the conspirators have stopped attacking him.

The Mexican UFOlogist Jaime Mausson showed a photo allegedly taken by a Mexican TV viewer of coverage of Neil Armstrong's moon walk in 1969. Supposedly it shows a "life form" on the Moon, although he conceded that "we have not been able to see them on the original tapes." The photo is labeled, "1969 El Hombre de la Luna." It looks like a blurry image of a clay figure, against an indistinct background looking decidedly non-lunar.

At Metepec, Mexico, a UFO landed in 1994, and out came a luminous extraterrestrial. He showed us a drawing of something looking like an upright slug, with an ET head affixed, but unfortunately to see the video you'd have to attend the workshop. Apparently the ETs in Mexico have recently become luminous, and such creatures are more frequently being seen, especially in the mountainous deserts of Baja California Norte. Maussan says he has seen these glowing beings himself once. Unfortunately, when he tried to take photos and videos of them, he could not, although he didn't explain why. All he can do is swear to us he's telling the truth. He expects that UFOs are going to land openly very soon.

Anna Hayes displayed a detailed physiogonomy of various extraterrestrial faces. She is in telepathic contact with the Emerald Order, one of the Guardian races, who fortunately are protecting us from the Intruder races. She explained about the different forms of matter: pre-matter, etheric matter, etc., speaking with enormous confidence about the most absurd twaddle you've ever heard.

Richard Hoagland (see "The Face Behind the Face on Mars" by Gary Posner, SI November/December 2000) drew by far the largest crowd, and the 350 people who paid for his "workshop" makes him far and away the biggest moneymaker. He wasted twenty minutes trying to set up his computer to present a slide show to us, using Adobe Photoshop 3.0. Most people use that program for retouching photos, not for simply displaying them. He claimed that it's the only photo program he knows how to use. Some of the "NASA photos" he showed contained copyright notices by individuals, indicating that they must have been "improved" from their original state.

The surface of Mars is, he says, filled with artificial stuff that was covered up by a cataclysm that occurred there, then some of it was gradually uncovered by erosion. He claimed to find "glass tunnels" and "pipelines" on Mars. A "Martian Flying Saucer" is perched precariously on the edge of a canyon, its windows and engines visible. There is increasing evidence that the global civilization that once covered Mars was us.

The X-Files, says he, is an "exposé" of the power blocks that are trying to keep information from leaking out. Hoagland said that he ought to call today's workshop, "The Real Reason Al Gore Picked Joe Lieberman." He repeated that same statement twice afterward, and it seemed to me that an anti-Semitic implication was intended.

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Michael Tsarion is an astrologer, numerologist, UFOlogist, and Tarot reader. He explained about how both the Atlanteans and the extraterrestrials were involved in ancient Celtic Ireland. The stories of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis are not fictional, according to Tsarion: they describe the society of pre-Diluvian Ireland.

Lawyer Peter Gersten of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (www.caus.org) said that he is receiving channeled information from another intelligence, and invited his listeners to subscribe to his daily e-mail about it. Most of us in this room, he said, are probably in contact with another form of intelligence. He thinks that this intelligence is terrestrial, and that is why it is being kept secret. According to Gersten, the Roswell event of 1947, whatever it may have been, seems to have been a sort of "premature downloading" of technology from this hidden intelligence. He urged his listeners to look at www.padn.org—his "Planetary Appeal Distribution Network." It's a multi-level marketing e-mail scheme. You send $10 to the name at the top of the list, remove it, then add your own to the bottom, all the while helping to promote the end of the government cover-up. Hopefully Gersten, as a lawyer, has carefully investigated whether or not this scheme violates any of the federal or state statutes against chain letters.

Gersten told of a "credible observer," Gary Lowery, who works as a fire inspector. He and his family have ongoing, more or less weekly contacts with beings that come into their home, entering through his closet. Gersten's workshop would showcase Gary and his family, talking about the monster in their closet (the obvious reference to the Sesame Street book of that title was left unsaid). Reportedly, during the workshop Gary showed a video of his closet-monsters, who as it turns out are reptoids. He also allegedly has their footprints, preserved by putting aluminum foil under a towel in the closet through which they had been entering the room. In fact, Gary claims to have found what may be the claw of one of these creatures, which apparently fell off in the towel.

After the conference, a brouhaha erupted when another UFOlogist reportedly tried to muscle in on Gersten's deal with Lowrey for the exclusive marketing rights to his reptoid tale. Promising lucrative book and movie revenues, he persuaded Lowery to cease his appearances on the "Coast to Coast AM," as arranged by Gersten. You can read all about the great Reptoid dispute at www.caus.org/mc092300.htm.

"Flying Saucer Physicist" Stanton T. Friedman said he would speak on "Deceit in UFOlogy" from government agencies, and from debunkers such as Phil Klass. However, what he ended up mostly speaking about were several pro-UFOlogists who have claimed bogus degrees, or otherwise significantly misrepresented their backgrounds. Unable to charge any UFO skeptics with doing this, he contented himself with pointing out statements by leading skeptics that he construed as inaccurate. If I were to do this with the statements of Friedman and his colleagues, I could talk for days.

Dr. Roger Leir is a podiatrist who performs surgeries to extract supposedly alien implants. The surgical team is essentially composed of MUFON members, with the first surgeries in 1995 discovering a T-shaped object in a membrane that allegedly couldn't be cut. The lab report showed that there were a large number of special nerve cells associated with it. What, he asked, are nerve cells doing connected to a foreign object?

The National Institute for Discovery Science in Las Vegas, funded by Robert Bigelow (www.nidsci.org), agreed to pay for testing these implants at Los Alamos and at New Mexico Tech. One implant was described as "amorphous metal," but it was highly metallic. The results were compared to "meteorites." Why the aliens might implant meteorites in someone's toes was not explained.

Robert O. Dean rambled on about many things, making little sense. He railed against the National Security Act, the Federal Reserve, FDR's New Deal, and the UK-USA Security Pact.

Apparently a 26,000-year cycle is about to end, and humanity is evolving into a new species, emerging like a butterfly. The calendar will run out on December 31, 2012. There is ongoing, major activity on the Moon. When we went to the Moon, we were told to get off and stay off, which is what we did. The tenth planet has been discovered, in a 3,600 year orbit, and it will be clearly visible in just two years.

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There appears to be something like a "Galactic Federation," and Dean suggests that our quarantine, the embargo of Earth, has just been lifted. We will soon be making contact with beings that are interstellar, intergalactic, and interdimensional. The "initiation of the human race" is taking place.

Clyde Lewis (www.clydelewis.com) has done acting in independent films and screenwriting. He does a talk show called Ground Zero, heard over the Internet.

He claims that the mass-media marginalize UFOlogists, taking their comments out of context. The future of UFOlogy is clouded, with the "debunkers" are getting far more press than the believers(!). But 80 percent of the public believe that ETs have visited.

He suggests that aliens have bases on Earth. He doesn't want any more "disclosure," because it will just produce more lies. Aliens and the military are working together. It's alien-military activity, and some aliens are hostile.

Norman Bergrun, author of *The Ringmakers of Saturn*, says that much of Saturn's rings are actually a form a space-pollution, the emissions from Electromagnetic Vehicles (EMVs) that are cruising around there. He claims that there is ongoing activity in Saturn's rings, presumably mining. These EMVs have turned up on the Moon as well. NASA knows all about this, but of course is covering it up (see www.ringmakersofsaturn.com).

Jim Dilletoso announced his intention to show 199 of the best UFO photos and videos from his collection. He admitted to having used bogus credentials to get into a photo lab to do some of his UFO photo analysis, saying "I sometimes regret this today." By his analysis, some of the Swiss contactee Billy Meier's UFO photos show large and presumably genuine objects, while others look like hoaxes.

Different types of spacecraft come in several different ratios. You can predict where UFOs will be seen next based on the ratios of the UFOs we see now. Cylinders are followed by orbs. It is the ETs' decision to keep UFOs hidden, not the government's. He predicted an increase in UFO activity, and especially abductions, in Arizona in the next one to two months

Budd Hopkins, another famous abductionist, talked about how abduction experiences affect young children. In some cases, a newborn baby has been abducted from the hospital before its mother even took it home. In his workshop, he will discuss the signs by which childhood abductions can be recognized. If babies show fear of its mother wearing dark glasses, or fear of being put into the crib at night, it suggests that the child is being abducted by aliens. Young abductees in school tend to be loners, Hopkins says, and to feel inadequate, which helpfully gives lonely and insecure children something else to worry about. Some alien implants, once discovered, will disappear. This happens all the time. As for Barney and Betty Hill, Hopkins suggests that they had probably been picked up by aliens many times before their famous abduction.

The Bay Area UFO Expo was so successful that there's no doubt they'll hold another one next summer. But if you can't wait that long, in May you can attend Conspiracycon—unless the Men In Black get you first. □