

+-+-+ The following is a transcript of the 12/29/87 rebroadcast of an episode from the long running television series called "Man Alive". The episode is entitled "The E.T. Hypothesis", and originally aired in April 1987. That particular program received the highest audience rating of any episode in the 20-year history of Man Alive. The series is hosted by Roy Bonisteel, and this particular show has to do with issues relating to the abduction experience in connection with UFO's.

The program's format involves location filming, which in this case includes a short interview and hypnosis session with a middle aged woman abductee, along with a roundtable discussion about the abduction phenomenon and its many implications. The participants include notably Budd Hopkins, recognized UFO authority along with other interested parties such as a Futurist and a doctor specializing in hypnosis for the treatment of trauma. As Roy Bonisteel is the host of the program, he acts both as a narrator, and as a direct participant. Therefore, when he is acting in either capacity I shall indicate it by placing an (N) or (P) behind his name in order to clarify things. Other clarifying points not expressed in the dialogue, will be indicated by myself through the use of these type brackets < >. The half-hour program Man Alive is broadcast coast-to-coast in Canada on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (CBC), which also produces it. -The program was videotaped and transcribed by ParaNet member Tom Mickus.+-+-+

"THE E.T. HYPOTHESIS" Roy Bonisteel (N): Looking up at a star filled sky, how often do we wonder about other life in the universe? From what we know today it seems virtually certain that we're not alone. It follows that contact with an extraterrestrial civilization could happen, and at any moment. Most of us would agree that this would be a significant milestone in human history. But do we have any idea at all about how it will affect us? Popular culture often reflects a naive, comfortable vision of ex

traterrestrials. They either look and sound like us <ala Mork
& Mindy>, or are pets <A.L.F.>. Sometimes the ima
ge is threatening, a
nightmare of unearthly evil <War of the Worlds>,
but the good guys always win in the end. In more self
reflective moments we see
extraterrestrials as saviours,
crucified by our fears <The Day the
Earth Stood Still>. But what would the reality
be
like? What could happen to our culture, our religions, our
view of the world, our very sense of ourselv
es as a Race? People have
always looked to the skies and seen strange
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ings, but it wasn't until 1947 that an idea captured the public
imagination. That some of these strange objects ma
y in fact be somebody else's
spacecraft. It's an idea that provoked a highly
polarized d
ebate. But believers were often questionable types,
they claimed to bring us messages of love from our space
brothers. But the disbelievers were
equally zealous in their
pronouncements, and often just a
s hard to believe. Though the
evidence has accumulated, thousands of un-
explain
ed sitings, pictures that have held up under analysis, it
still is circumstantial. The subject still provokes pas
sionate opinions, people who report
UFO's are ridiculed in the Press.
Scientists make unsc
ientific pronouncements. The beliefs about
them, both pro and con, are sometimes expressed with a fervour
that can only be described as fanatical. It
seems that a lot more is at stake in
the UFO contro
versy than just the evidence. David Jacobs: The UFO phenomenom
is strange in the extreme, and even to go ahead
and discu
ss some of the things that I will in fact discuss,
suggests....calls into question the quality of my
judgements. Bonisteel (N): David Jacobs is a professor of
history at Temple University in
Philadelphia. Jacobs: ...acade
mics, and other scientists must be EXTREMELY careful because
there is a tremendous amount of ridicule attached to this
subject. Starting in the 1970's, we began to
receive large numbers of abduction reports. The
abduction reports a

re I think extremely important. They are basically reports that people claim would have us believe that they were... grabbed so to speak by occupants, they were given a physical examination of some sort, and then released. Now normally these kind of cases in "the old days" were simply dismissed, put in the CP file, CrackPot. These people would be labelled loonies, and there are loonies out there, there are people who lie out there, everybody is aware of that, and this is probably just another manifestation of that. However, there are so many of them now, and they are so consistent, and the witnesses are so credible that UFO researchers are forced to confront them. They are forced to deal with them. Once we have begun to study abduction reports, it is almost as if a door opened. <Scene Changes> Budd Hopkins: I have worked with 124 people to date who I feel have either had... definitely seem to have had this kind of abduction experience, the experience which most interests me. Of those people, 66 have remembered a full account. Bonisteel(N): Budd Hopkins is a New York artist who has been researching UFO's since a daylight sighting he had had in the '60's. He's well known in New York art circles, his work is collected by both the Whitney and Guggenheim museums. But Hopkins is also the leading researcher into the UFO abduction phenomenon. Hopkins: The people who have experienced these abductions include three people who hold Phd degrees, I have housewives, farmers, two police officers, I have two army officers, I have just about everyone you could imagine who has been involved in abductions. Bonisteel(N): We feel that regardless of whether or not the abduction phenomenon is real, it could give us a fascinating window through which we could explore the idea of extraterrestrial contact. Four people from varied backgrounds came to my farm for two days to hear Budd Hopkins talk about his research. Professor Allan Tuff, a futurist at the Ontario Institute for Studies In Education (O.I.S.I.E), University of Toronto.

Clarence Dickinson, astronomer and author.
 John Musgrave, educational consultant from Edmonton, with an interest in folklore and UFO's.
 And Dr. Michael Kaufman, a general practitioner who uses hypnosis in his practice for treatment of trauma.
 Hopkins: I'm looking at all these cases and obviously you have three alternatives essentially. The person is making it all up, is lying to you, its a hoax.
 The second, and obviously much more rewarding area to look for is that there is some sort of psychological explanation of some sort, of an y sort.
 The third alternative, is of course the only third alternative, is that they are describing what really happened to them, as best as they remember it.
 Bonisteel(N): Its Hopkins contention that they are describing what really happened to them. He began to show us some thought provoking slides.
 Hopkins: This mark on the ground is a photograph taken in Indianapolis, in a case that is very central to a whole cluster of events that I'm working on now. In the morning after this event happened, this is what turned up on the ground <large circular patch of scorched earth>. The soil is absolutely cooked, its almost like rock. It will not hold water, water runs straight through it, and this is the entire area.
 Now this is the leg of that woman foreground <slides show small pock marks>, we'll call her name Cathy. Those little scars, those little scoop-marks are associated with two events that happened to her. One, when she was about six, and one when she was about thirteen. And under hypnosis she has remembered a UFO experience where a small tool took a little core sample. This is her mother's leg <similar marks on the slide>. Her mother had a missing time experience which was very distressing for her when she was a little girl, and at the end of it she had this little mark.
 This is another woman who was a close friend, who had an abduction experience, a missing time experience, and she remembered a great deal of it consciously. This is of course a very common type of figure as we now know <sh

ows classic picture of alien, four feet tall, big
head and eyes....> from so many of these reports. This predates
Close

Encounters incidentally <the movie>.Bonisteel(N): After
lunch, Budd Hopkins began to present his latest findings
publicly for the very first time. Up to this
point, only a handful of people have been
aware of the things
that we now heard. Hopkins was
understandably nervous.Hopkins: A new aspect of the whole
phenomenon which I have stumbl
ed into has to do with this idea of some genetic
experimentation. And we have always known that
there have been,
suggestions at least, of ova being taken form
women and sperm from

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