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PART 1

THE CSETI COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE UFO/ETI PHENOMENON - 2
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A comprehensive analysis of the UFO phenomenon, as well as original research and experiences of members of the CSETI CE-5 Initiative Working Group, has enabled us to make some specific conclusions about UFOs, Extraterrestrial Intelligence and their motives. The summation of this analysis, which follows, is intended to assist both groups and individuals in their efforts to understand this complex subject. We have recorded only those conclusions for which we have a high level of certainty.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

- * Some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft (ETS) which are piloted by extraterrestrial biological entities (EBEs) who originate on another planet, and most likely another star system.
- * More than one extraterrestrial civilization is represented in the current activities involving earth.
- * These extraterrestrial civilizations are working in concert and not competitively, although there is some specialization in function and activities for the various groups. This indicates that there exists either an emerging or well established organization for these groups.
- * These beings have bases within this solar system and may maintain temporary bases on earth, particularly under water.
- * While various reports and speculations exist, we cannot at this time

definitely state which planets or star systems are the home systems for these beings. Any specific information on this subject is very likely to be incorrect due to the security considerations of these beings. That is, given human tendencies towards war, aggression and violence, open disclosure of their planets of origin would put these planets at potential risk should human military interests unravel the energy and propulsion technology of their craft.

* The variety in sizes and shapes of ETs observed is due to a) varying civilizations of origin, and more importantly, b) specialization of function, which include general reconnaissance, medical research, central command and base operations, energy generation and transfer, and human technology, military and space program research and reconnaissance.

* Sudden and fully open contact with human civilization has been avoided because of a number of interrelated factors, including: a) the need to avoid an untimely disruption of earth civilization including military, political, geopolitical, cultural, economic, technological and religious upheaval; b) risks to their own civilization and 'people', as well as overall mission, given human xenophobia and tendencies towards violent armed reactions. c) up to this time, such massive and open contact has not been necessary, and has not been consonant with their overall longterm mission and purpose(see below "The Question of Intent"), since their purpose is not acquisition oriented or disruptive.

* A plan is in place to allow for gradually broader and deeper contact with human society and individuals so that humans may become accustomed to the reality of other intelligent beings in the universe, and so that needed research and observation may take place on both sides. Limited but increasing opportunities for bilateral and human initiated contact will occur in the reasonably near future.

* Sudden and large scale contact will occur only in the event of a significant world-wide emergency(man-made or natural).

* While ETI observation and interaction with earth is probably an ancient

as opposed to purely modern phenomenon, the marked increase in activity coinciding with World War II and the dawning of the 'nuclear age' indicates that ETI are quite concerned about this transitional stage of human social evolution. They are particularly concerned about human nuclear weapons and technology and their potential for world-wide destruction, and possibly for their potential threat to ETI, although this is nominal. These beings are further concerned with our peaceful transition to a world society, international peace, and the establishment of a just, effective and representative world government, expected to occur within 10 to 15 years or less.

* ETI technology is strictly guarded by both ETI and human governmental agencies because of its potential for military applications which would greatly threaten world security. It is imperative that this technology not find significant human applications until such time as the earth attains international peace and an effective world government.

* The US government, at least at the level of a highly compartmentalized above top secret group, has known about the reality of these ETs and their occupants since at least 1947. A strict secrecy and a world-wide cover-up of these facts have been maintained due to:

- a) fear of public panic and social disruption
- b) security issues surrounding possible military and technology applications of ETI technology, especially in the setting of a world beset with Cold War tensions and competing interests.
- c) uncertainty and mistrust regarding ETI motives and ultimate intentions.
- d) embarrassment and consternation over human military inability to secure world air space from repeated penetrations by ETs
- e) embarrassment and loss of face resulting from disclosures concerning how this matter has been handled, such as the harassment and ridicule of innocent civilians and military personnel, the withholding of information from the public and Congress, etc.

* The US government possesses several ETs and the deceased bodies of several EBEs. While there is evidence to strongly suggest that these agencies

are attempting to reverse-engineer these craft, such efforts have not been functionally successful, although a number of secondary and partial 'discoveries' have resulted from this research.

* The nature or 'reality' of these craft and these beings has been incorrectly characterized by some as belonging to 'another dimension or reality' from this dimension. Unfortunately, these statements are made without fully considering what 'this reality' is. A more correct understanding of this is that the Full Spectrum of Reality is a singular, integrated one which may be perceived wholly or in its various aspects, such perception being entirely dependent on the level of consciousness of the perceiver. The various aspects or 'dimensions' of this reality, which are limitless in number, are not restricted to or by time and space as we know it commonly. These beings and their craft belong to the same Reality as humans, however their advancement in the realms of physical science and the science of consciousness has given them competence in a broader aspect of the Full Spectrum of Reality than is usually experienced by humans. The difference, then, is one of degree and not fundamental reality, since humans potentially have access to all aspects of the Full Spectrum of Reality just as extraterrestrial beings do. These differences are not insurmountable, nor are they truly fundamental; in fact they are relative and only temporary. While these beings are utilizing and experiencing a broader aspect of the Full Spectrum of Reality, so too can and will humans, for we are as 'inter-dimensional' by nature as they...

* ETS energy and 'propulsion' (or space transfer) systems utilize principles and laws of the physical universe not yet fully appreciated by human science, and include:

- a) gravity/anti-gravity and electromagnetic/gravity technology
- b) space energy and so-called hyperdimensional energy systems
- c) matter-energy inter-changeable technologies
- d) possible Consciousness Assisted Technology (CAT) and Technology Assisted Consciousness (TAC)

* Some if not all EBEs have advanced mental capabilities which include

telepathy, precognition, remote viewing and others, indicating that they have developed the 'science of consciousness' to a degree which parallels or surpasses their advanced physical technologies. Humans also possess these capabilities, but these remain largely undeveloped by most humans.

* EBEs are more developed or advanced than humans in a number of respects, but are not superior to humans as beings. Our point of unity and equality with EBEs is in our mutual existence as conscious intelligent beings.

* While these various EBEs may have values and priorities which are different from those of some 20th century humans, their motives and ultimate intentions are non-hostile and do not include the acquisition or subjugation of the earth or its peoples(see below, "The Question of Intent").

* The establishing of a lasting world peace and a just and effective world government is essential to the long term ETI-human relationship.

THE QUESTION OF INTENT

While not minimizing the strange and startling aspects of this phenomenon which some humans have experienced, our assessment of these visitors' motives and ultimate intentions, is that they are decidedly non-hostile. Their

primary operations and activities center around:

- * General reconnaissance of earth and her societies
- * Military(especially nuclear) observation and assessment
- * Human social and psychological study and observation
- * Human medical, physiological and genetic research and observation
- * Observation and assessment of human mental and spiritual development
- * Earth ecology research and documentation, including documentation of earth life systems, and mineral, plant, and animal specimens
- * Observation of human technology and technological developments
- * Observation, active monitoring and if necessary limitation of human space programs, particularly those directed towards the nationalistic colonization of space
- * Close and active monitoring of international conflicts and international relations

* Careful interaction with humans to convey certain information about themselves and to accustom humans to their presence

Our assessment is that these activities are derived from several ultimate motives, which include:

I. Pure study and research of a rapidly developing intelligent species(human) during a time of transition to a world community

II. A needed increase in ETI knowledge of world societies and human nature preparatory to future significant interaction, which will be mutual in nature, and which will eventually culminate in the introduction of earth civilization into an inter-planetary network(this may require several centuries to complete)

III. Preparatory activities for continued readiness in the event that intervention is required during a major world emergency, such as a large scale nuclear war; such interventions would be in the protective form of -
a) interception and destruction of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles(ICBMs)
b) alteration of missile coordinates and readiness
c) emergency earth based activities when and where warranted

The minimum intervention necessary would be used, with the intention being the preservation of earth as an inhabitable planet with adequate human resources remaining to sustain intelligent life here.

IV. Emergency intervention in the event of an environmental or geological catastrophe of world wide dimensions

V. Preservation of earth species, including human genetic preservation and/or augmentation as a precaution in the event of a worsecase scenario(see above).

VI. Protection of space from hostile or military utilization by human national interests.

VII. ETI self-protective interests, insofar as humans have a strong recent history of coupling marked aggressiveness with rapid technological development; in this setting, monitoring and perhaps even limiting human

capabilities may be important to ETI security - Human evolution to world peace, non-aggression and a world government would remove this motive as well as several of the motives listed above

VIII. ETI short and long time goals related to the attainment of a significant human paradigm shift from one of fragmentation/seperation to one of unity, to include the unity of science and religion, world political and eventual spiritual unity, and universal unity. This paradigm shift is dependent on the development of human consciousness, which is of particular interest to ETI.

IX. The preservation and advancement of intelligent life in the universe.

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PART 2

ETI TECHNOLOGY AND WORLD SECURITY

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The advanced technology which UFO's represent creates several security concerns which explain not only the secretive behavior of the world's governments, but the elusive behavior of UFO's as well. Aside from the broader social, cultural, and religious impact which contact with an advanced extraterrestrial civilization would entail, the technological advances would appear to be beneficial - even ideal - it will be shown

that these technologies if introduced suddenly or prematurely would further destabilize an already precarious world security, and potentially threaten the embryonic ETI-human relationship.

Many proponents of advanced technology argue that the ultraadvanced energy and propulsion systems used by UFO's could revolutionize human technology and create a near utopian society with a limitless source of non-polluting energy. Various theories regarding UFO propulsion and energy systems would point to an elegant "hyperdimensional" physics which provides vast amounts of energy and an extraordinary means of transportation. It is argued that the acquisition of such technology would revolutionize human transportation, energy production, manufacturing, etc., and eliminate the need for polluting combustion engines and hydrocarbon consumption. The real and theoretical benefits of such a technology are extensive and too numerous to elucidate here.

The problem with this scenario is that it assumes, rather naively, that this technology would be used - first and foremost - if not exclusively - for peaceful purposes. While this is a wonderful idea, the unfortunate fact is that every new technology introduced in the past 100 years has had its first and most extensive use in military applications. In an ideal world, ETI technology would be used for progressive peaceful purposes, but this is not the case, since the world is yet torn by competing interests and militarism. Once the Pandora's Box of ETI technology is opened what - or who - could prevent its application in weapons of mass destruction? It seems clear that the technology behind UFO's - if put to destructive and uncontrolled military purposes - would make H-bombs look like tinker toys by comparison, and would beset an already disunified and fractious world with yet a new wave of wildly escalating and destabilizing arms races and power struggles. It would, on short, be disastrous.

World security - not to mention U.S. national security - would not be served

by the introduction and application of ETI technology at this time. On the contrary, until world unity and a just and effective world government are established, world security and stability would be greatly jeopardized by this. Along with social and cultural concerns, this Pandora's Box issue of ETI technology has been the motivating force behind government secrecy and the so-called government cover-up of UFO events. While I do NOT agree with all the methods and policies apparently used by this project, the general thrust of securing this information until the world is less fractious and hostile is not only understandable, but imperative. From this perspective, the extraordinary U.S. cover-up of the 1947 Roswell and Plains of San Agustin UFO crashes is very understandable. To acknowledge this event would be to not only acknowledge the existence of ET people and craft (which I think SHOULD be done) but would, unfortunately, also set into motion a world-wide call for extensive open research into ETI technology - which is pre-eminently dangerous and must NOT be done. The free and 'academic' exchange of such research would certainly unleash a feeding frenzy by both governments and private interests to be first in elaborating this ETI technology. In such a scenario, we have no assurance that this technology would fall first - or exclusively - into a benevolent ruler's hand. To argue even that this technology would remain under the United States control should the United States be the first to develop and deploy it is naive and irrational, for how long did H-bomb fission technology take to escape United States control, once fully developed? It is obvious that this technology, once developed AND APPLIED would result in a world security debacle that would dwarf the cold war era of madness in scope, complexity, and severity. Moreover, I suspect that once fully described, this technology will be both elegantly simple AND highly reproducible, making its containment much more difficult than, say, nuclear technology. The proliferation of this technology, coupled with the world's predilection towards applying new technology to military ends,

would greatly threaten world security and could well lead to the demise of human civilization as we know it.

Related to this, there is an implicit risk in developing this technology by the secret agencies of the United States government, since no individual and no government can assure complete secrecy indefinitely. At a minimum our government - and others - must refrain from the development and APPLICATION of this technology, EVEN IF THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND IT ARE ELABORATED. It would be fair to say that any research and development project utilizing this technology - if ill-timed or premature - would prove to be disastrous in the long run and would ultimately explode ruinously in the hands of those who hold it. While the possessor of this technology would be able to dominate the earth temporarily, it would be short-lived.

All this is not to say that the systematic ridicule, debunking and harassment of individuals by the United States government and others is either wise or justified. The world-wide UFO phenomenon is hardly a secret. For example, over 20 million Americans claim to have seen a UFO. Beyond this, a not inconsequential number of individuals have had direct contact with the EBEs piloting these craft. While the actual craft and technology must be protected from an ill-timed disclosure or application, this does not mean that the entire phenomenon should be covered up indefinitely. In short, our government and others must continue to strictly secure technological aspects of this phenomenon, but cease the debunking and harassment of individuals and groups investigating ETI generally since it is morally reprehensible to do so, and such actions only serve to further erode public trust and confidence in government generally. The majority of educated individuals accept the idea that UFOs are real and represent extraterrestrial vehicles, and little is gained by this policy of total secrecy, silence and debunking. A wiser course would be to immediately stop harassment and intervention. Then, gradually cease the denials and cover-up of sightings

and then gradually begin open disclosure and cooperation with civilian groups, institutions and individuals. Failure to do this not only diminishes the governments credibility, but also creates a situation wherein a singularly undeniable ETI event could be revealed to a relatively unprepared world. While maintaining the strictest security for technology related matters, it is time for a more open policy towards UFOs/ETI generally, and it is in the long term best interests of both the U.S. and the world to do so.

This policy will work so long as we do not aspire to unilaterally acquire, develop or apply ETI technology. Unfortunately, if a number of rumors are true, our government in the U.S. may already be attempting to reverse-engineer this technology from captured craft. We can only hope that this research is restricted to theoretical physics, general principles and the basic sciences, and is not geared towards the significant application of this technology at this time...

Beyond all this, it is unlikely that the extraterrestrial beings responsible for this technology would permit its deployment prior to the establishing of an international peace and the world transition to non-aggression since to do so would also threaten ETI security. The full acquisition of this technology would permit humans to reach ETI home bases or planets, and given human tendencies towards war-making and exploitation, I doubt very seriously that this would be at all permitted.

As director of a private project developing protocols for bilateral communication with ETI, I am frequently asked the theoretical question of what we would do if we were offered the full knowledge behind the ET technology. Our firm position at this time is that we do not want it, nor would we accept it, unless it clearly has no possible destructive potential. CSETI has determined that this policy is the only safe one to pursue and has formally integrated it into our principles. To those yearning for the peaceful applications of this technology, the admonition

'the road to hell is paved with good intentions' is apt here. While we share the desire to see the world free from pollution, energy shortages, poverty and hunger, this technology is a double edged sword that requires skill and wisdom for its handling. But significant work must first be done on the issues of world collective security and non-aggression before such skill and wisdom is possessed by the world.

THE IMPERATIVE OF WORLD PEACE

Indeed, the determining factor is not only extraterrestrial technology transfer, but also more open extraterrestrial contact and communication - not to mention government disclosure - is the all important question of world peace and the establishing of a just, effective and representative government. Those who desire an increase in both government and extraterrestrial openness need to be supporters of such a world peace and world government, because this alone can ensure the peaceful and wise use of these advanced technologies for the benefit of the entire world. The world cannot long afford the continued disunity of its peoples, nor the endless wars and exploitation among nations. World fragmentation and conflict precludes not only the transfer and peaceful application of this technology, but it prevents the development of a meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship with the extraterrestrial civilizations themselves. Humanity is indeed one family but our violent internecine squabbles certainly prevent an optimal interaction between this family and the extraterrestrial beings currently visiting earth. Only when we have attained to a lasting international peace enforced by a just and representative world government can we safely apply advanced ET technology. International borders must be secured and non-aggression assured by a pact among all the world's nations. Any aggression by one country against another must be met with overwhelming resistance by every other nation on earth. National arsenals must be reduced to only those needed to secure a nation's borders, and not be allowed to swell to

offensive proportions. Once this world security is in place, then and only then can we speak of safely applying advanced ET technology for the benefit of all mankind. Within the next 10-15 years we will see such a world peace and world government established, and this singular and inevitable event in human history will in time permit the release of an amazing and progressive power in the world. For everything there is a time, and indeed the maturation of the world into a true world civilization is the event which will provide the time for significant extraterrestrial technology transfer and communication.

Aside from these considerations, there is the question of developing a sound and peace-oriented philosophical framework for the human/ETI relationship. That is, how do we view ET peoples? What is the basis for a positive future relationship? And what are our motives? Viewing these beings as either threats or as sources for acquiring new technology is indeed a very shaky and poor basis for a relationship! Scheming and grasping for the acquisition of 'someone else's technology' is hardly the path towards a friendly and mutually agreeable relationship. We can safely assume that motives in this direction are quite transparent to these beings and do not rebound to the overall health of a relationship. We are deluded if we think that we can surreptitiously or unilaterally develop and deploy ETI technology, especially if the primary motivation is for military applications. Such motives and actions are doomed to failure, if not disaster.

A healthier basis for this relationship is one based on peaceful mutual interests, cooperation and consultation. Agreement, not aggression, is required. Let us aspire towards sharing rather than suspicion, and peace rather than hostility. The choice is ours. May we arise to a destiny which is at once near and inevitable.

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PART 3

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE 5TH KIND:THE NEXT GENERATION OF UFO RESEARCH

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Forty four years have lapsed since the modern era of UFO sightings and research began. In that time, thousands of cases of aerial sightings, landings, crash-retrievals, humanoid encounters and on-craft visitations have occurred. The virtually all-volunteer group of civilian UFO investigators have done a remarkable job at documenting these events, and further obtaining official government papers which substantiate the reality of the UFO phenomenon.

This hard work, dedication and personal sacrifice merits our full appreciation and respect since it is these efforts alone which have prevented this extraordinary phenomenon from vanishing from public view.

The question presented here, however, is this: Have we reached the 'critical mass' of information, sighting patterns and well documented details to draw some important general conclusions and begin a new era of UFO/ETI research? The answer to these questions is a firm yes.

CONCLUSIONS

FIRST. Some, though by no means all, UFO reports represent encounters with structures craft with measureable physical characteristics, indicating that we are dealing with extraterrestrial spacecraft (ETS) belonging to intelligent beings of an extraterrestrial civilization.

SECOND. These ETS display energy and flight characteristics indicating

applied physics which transcend our current understanding of the natural universe. These may involve applied unified field physics., 'hyper-dimensional' physics and/or 'other dimensional' physics.

THIRD. The extraterrestrial intelligence(ETI) behind these craft do not at this time desire open and fully 'official' contact with human civilizations. However, an analysis of the data from the past 44 years indicates that a plan is in place which allows for gradually deeper and more widespread contact and communication, perhaps so that humans may become accustomed to the idea that there is, in fact, other intelligent life in the universe.

FOURTH. Crash-retrieval and numerous world-wide humanoid reports indicate that these extraterrestrial spacecraft belong to more than one extraterrestrial civilization, which may be working in concert on various research and observation missions to earth.

FIFTH. Persistent world-wide reports of telepathic communication and other so-called paranormal experiences associated with ETI indicate mental capabilities which may parallel the physical and technological development of these beings. The 'science of consciousness', which has only recently received serious research by humans, appears to be well advanced in these beings.

SIXTH. Certain agencies of the world's major governments are quite concerned with this phenomenon and obviously know more (and are doing more) than they are officially willing to acknowledge.

SEVENTH. While some aspects of ETI behavior, research and reconnaissance have been disturbing to some human observers, no data exists to indicate that ETI are motivated by NET hostile intentions. It is our conclusion that, while ETI behavior does not always coincide with human values and expectations, the motives and ultimate intentions of the ETI currently visiting earth are non-hostile. However, ETI appear to be wary of and have an aversion to the human propensity towards violence and war-making, and certain elusive or enigmatic

aspects of their own security considerations surrounding their advanced technology and planet of origin. That is, they do not want a divided and war-prone civilization to acquire their technology at this time since this would greatly endanger both ETI and human civilizations.

EIGHTH. Research from the monuments on Mars, Zechariah Sitchin and elsewhere indicate that ETI contact with earth is probably an ancient, as opposed to purely recent, phenomenon.

NINTH. A limited though definite interest in peaceful bilateral contact with humans is evident in many case reports and should be the focus of the next major thrust in active UFO research.

Certainly, there are a number of additional conclusions which can be stated about this phenomenon, such as ETI interest in human nuclear facilities, technology, reproduction and so forth. But with the above nine preliminary conclusions, all of which are supported by both civilian and government UFO evidence, we can begin to formulate a new line of study and research - one which may bring us to new horizons in the ETI-Human relationship.

PROSPECTIVE ACTIVE RESEARCH VS. RETROSPECTIVE PASSIVE RESEARCH

Virtually all non-governmental UFO research in the past has been, by definition, retrospective and passive. That is, there have been investigations and research into sightings, crash retrievals, abductions and so forth which have already occurred. The accuracy and completeness of data obtained by investigating past events are necessarily limited by the passage of time, loss of data, variable memory retention, etc. While such passive, retrospective research is valuable and must continue, its limitations would be compensated by initiating active, prospective research. this type of research would involve 'real-time' monitoring of UFO/ETI events AS THEY OCCUR and would provide an accuracy and dynamism previously not possible. More importantly active prospective research would allow for ETI/Human interaction and

'dialogue' and the furthering of the ETI-Human relationship. Prospective research means having observers or researchers present at the time a UFO event is occurring, and providing them with training and protocols to engage the UFO/ETI in dynamic exchange and communication - a close encounter of the fifth kind.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FIFTH KIND

Contrary to popular beliefs, not all UFO-Human encounters have been human passive in nature. There are many accounts in the UFO literature which describe a chance sighting of an ETS or humanoid whereupon the human INITIATES some action or contact which results in an ETS or humanoid response. The human waves, and the ETS flashes its lights; the human says 'hello' and a humanoid responds, either verbally or telepathically; the human flashes a light, and the ETS returns or lands, and so on. This phenomenon we call a close encounter of the fifth kind, or CE-5. (Close encounters of the first, second, and third were described by J. Allen Hynek; a close encounter of the fourth kind is when a human is actually taken aboard an ETS.) The distinguishing aspect of a CE-5 is that a human actively initiates or actively participates in a bilateral ETI-Human interaction, no matter how simple. (Note that a CE-5 may precipitate or initially involve a close encounter of the first, second, third, or fourth kind.)

CE-5s are further divided into first and second degree CE-5s. A first degree CE-5 is when the actual sighting or encounter is caused by some intentional human action. For example, researchers might place a bank of specially arranged lights in an area of an on-going UFO wave, which then precipitates a close encounter with either a craft or humanoid. A second degree CE-5 is when the ETS is already in the area, but human initiated actions result in a response from the craft or humanoids. For example, a chance encounter is furthered when the human flashes his car lights at the ETS, which then comes closer, rocks back and forth in sequence to the

lights, or takes some other responsive action. A review of the UFO literature to date reveals that both first and second degree CE-5s have occurred in the past, and we believe that humans should explore the potential for such interactive events in the context of active prospective UFO research.

Of course, the opposition to prospective, active research is based on the assumption that close encounters a) are not under human control or INFLUENCE and b) close encounters or UFO sightings cannot be precipitated, anticipated, or predicted. But is this correct? A review of thousands of case reports has led CSETI to conclude that neither of these assumptions are true. While it is true that humans do not ultimately control ETS sightings, evidence exists that humans can and do influence ETS appearances and/or behavior. The well-documented responses of ETS to human actions - be they friendly, communicative or otherwise - are some examples of human influence on ETS behavior. Human military, space-related and nuclear activities are known to influence not only ETS behavior, but have actually precipitated sightings, albeit unintentionally. Moreover, the propensity for ETS to appear in so-called 'waves' or 'flaps', frequently in a well-defined geographic area, provides us with potential opportunities for basic bilateral communication and real-time active research - a CE-5 Initiative. Such a CE-5 Initiative or research project could utilize waves, repeat contactees or 'abductees' who are willing to volunteer and other active means to facilitate prospective research which is both interactive and, eventually reproducible.

We feel that active, prospective research is feasible and should be seriously considered by UFO researchers. An initial program could be a cooperative, low budget, primarily volunteer effort utilizing trained observers at 'wave' locations, individuals who have had repeat encounters, and active experiments designed to precipitate events. We have concluded

that the obstacles to successful CE-5 Initiative are not so much based in logistical, economic, personnel, or technological problems as they are rooted in the question of human will, imagination, motivation and motives, and what can best be termed 'spirit'. That is, the rate-limiting factor in this experiment has been and will continue to be human consciousness itself.

THE IMPERATIVE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

When we speak of interacting with ETI, we are, after all, talking about reaching out to advanced conscious intelligent beings, and not the mere observation of some natural phenomenon or biological process. For this reason, careful consideration must be given to not only our views of ETIs intentions, but more importantly, to our own intentions and attitudes. The human tendency - well evidenced by both military and civilian reactions to ETS - for xenophobic, violent and even paranoid reactions to the new or unknown must be addressed and rectified. The human predisposition to view anything which we do not understand or control as intrinsically hostile and threatening must be overcome. The blind quest for personal gain, profiteering and an inclination towards viewing ETS/ETI in a predominately 'acquisition' framework needs to be altered. If we are motivated by a desire to 'outsmart' ETI and acquire their technology and energy source, then our efforts will fail. If we approach ETI with greed, fear, assumed hostility and suspicion, then we shall expend our efforts in vain. There is no doubt that we are dealing with beings who are capable of reading, by both telepathic and conventional means, our true intentions and motivations, and who can sense the 'spirit of our endeavor'. Success requires that the spirit of our endeavor be one of scientific openness, the search for truth, altruism, selflessness, harmlessness and non-covetness. A desire for the peaceful furtherance of the ETI-Human relationship is paramount. For these reasons, 'purity of motive' on the part of human researchers and investigators is a primary prerequisite, while specific

skills, expertise, and technology are important but secondary considerations. The breadth and clarity of our consciousness is imperative and transcends all other considerations. Our obsession with technology and outward things tends to obscure the Big Picture of the ETI-Human relationship, and all that it entails. While competence and knowledge cannot be slighted, we must insist on the primary importance of consciousness. In this regard, it is likely that a novice possessed of noble intentions and equipped with only a flashlight would meet (has met?) with greater success than a governmental agency motivated by lesser intentions, even though it has advanced technology, personnel and billions of dollars at its disposal. Indeed, an aboriginal with only a bonfire may go further in the establishment of communication and the discovery of truth!

Of almost equal importance is the equation of how we view ETI intentions and motives. If the tabloids, sensationalist book and rumor mills are to be believed, ETI are all either guru-like space gods or Darth Vader space conquerers! Our tendency to polarize on either side of this issue is both premature and unwarranted - and it is dangerous. It is unlikely that they are either perfect gods or evil empire operatives, yet these views of their motives have influenced and will continue to influence our attitudes and actions unless consciously addressed. A review of the cases to date would indicate that while some actions are enigmatic and even disturbing to some human sensibilities, no evidence of net hostile intentions exists. Here, we must differentiate between our perceptions of actions and actual intentions or motives, since these are two separate considerations. (For a more thorough treatment of this topic, refer to "The Case For Non-Hostility: Actions Do Not Equal Motives", also by the author.) A seemingly disturbing action may occur for a net neutral or even benevolent purpose. Certainly as an Emergency and Trauma doctor, not a day goes by where a child or impaired adult victim of trauma does not view my efforts to help him as

painful and therefore motivated by a desire to do no harm, even though my motives are just the opposite. That a frightened child PERCEIVES my actions as hurtful or malevolent is a function of the child's level of awareness and knowledge, and in no way reflects my true intentions. Could not an analogous process be occurring with some ETI events which conventional wisdom has deemed hostile and therefore as evidence of malevolent intentions?

Certainly, for future CE-5 Initiative research it is important to give ETI the benefit of the doubt, and until PROVEN otherwise, assume non-hostility. An assumption of ETI hostility will poison the atmosphere of future bilateral contact and prevent the development of an ETI-Human relationship free of conflict. This is one time in human history where fortitude, trust, and self-discipline are essential prerequisites to further progress. The assumption of non-hostility does not equal either blind naivete or an assumption that ETI are perfect god-like saviors. But it does mean holding an open, non-suspicious and positive attitude towards extraterrestrial beings. To do otherwise is to create a reality based in conflict and hostility, a thorny path already well-traveled by the human race.

Beyond the consciousness of actual researchers or those who have close encounters is the importance of the 'background consciousness' of humanity as a whole. The type and quality of any future ETI-Human interactions - and therefore the specific results of any CE-5 Initiative efforts - will be in part dependent on and limited by the level of evolution in human society. We should not be surprised if an extraterrestrial civilization prefers to limit the degree of open contact with humans given the present preoccupation with militarism, conflict and violence. As human society makes the necessary transition to world peace and cooperation, I believe we will see a concomitant increase in ETI openness and bilateral communication. In this sense, the success of the CE-5 Initiative is directly dependent on the peace and unification of the human race. World peace and world unity and cooperation

then are important determinants of future ETI-Human events, and the depth and quality of CE-5 activities will parallel this evolution. Certainly, it is in the best interest of both human and extraterrestrial civilizations that this is so. The initial successes of the CE-5 Initiative may prove to be modest, but these will increase as human society evolves towards peace and unity.

THE CE-5 INITIATIVE: SOME PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS AND PROTOCOLS

How then might we go forward? A few general scenarios and basic protocols have evolved which may prove to be productive. Important to all of these is the 'imperative of consciousness' mentioned above, and a dedication to an integrated multi-disciplinary approach which utilizes both technology and consciousness. For it may prove to be that a thought is as effective as a laser in facilitating a CE-5 event!

Communication Techniques To Be Considered:

1. Simple light or laser signals or codes
2. Telepathic contact and projection
3. Ground-based visuals, such as crop circle-like (or other) symbols placed on the ground to be visible from the sky.
4. Auditory and/or non-auditory sound waves
5. Direct speech/language (assumes ETI translation capabilities)

Possible Programs and Protocols:

1. The Rapid Mobilization Investigative Team is a network of initially volunteer investigators who will rapidly respond to areas of major confirmed UFO waves. For example, the dispatch of 5-10 people to the recent Belgian wave of 1989 who were trained in employing various CE-5 communications approaches (see above) may have yielded a true break-through in ETI communications. These teams would work with local investigators and authorities in coordinating locations and specific activities. We believe that a core of 50 to 100 trained and dedicated people could supply a wave site with a presence of 5-10 observers.

2. The British Crop Circle Investigating Team is similar to the above team but

would provide rotating members throughout the 'circle season' to not only monitor circle formation, but to further employ communications techniques as mentioned above to 'answer back' to the circles. In this way it is hoped that a crop circle 'dialogue' of sorts would be developed.

3. Individually Based ETI Research is a program which would draw on volunteers who have had repeat close encounters or contact with ETI or ETS. Such individuals would voluntarily cooperate with a research network and use various communications protocols to facilitate ETI-Human contact and exchange.

4. The Telepathic Extraterrestrial Outreach Network(TETON) would be based on the telepathic capacities of both humans and ETI and would utilize protocols designed to precipitate ETI-Human events, which in turn could be monitored by collateral field investigators. For example, a group of trained TETON researchers could employ thought projection to request an ETI sighting or landing at a previously designated and secured site, at a specific time. We have reason to believe that such an endeavor would be successful if properly conducted and if driven by the right motives and understanding. A safe and secure venue would certainly be essential.

Certainly other programs could be suggested, and we are open to any other ideas which might further the CE-5 Initiative. These are only initial ideas and concepts, and we welcome serious input from other analysts and researchers.

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DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE COLLECTIVE SELF-ESTEEM

For any of this to go forward, it is essential that we address the question of how humans view themselves, and how the human race is viewed, by humans, as a whole. How many times do we read in the UFO literature the word "superior" in reference to the extraterrestrial beings currently visiting earth. And how often have we heard theologians and others indicate that we humans are the only beings that really matter in this universe so grand! Both of these extreme views - that of innate human inferiority and that of innate human uniqueness and divine superiority - are dangerous distortions of the collective appropriate self-esteem needed for a healthy ETI-Human long term relationship.

On the question of ETI superiority, we must make a distinction between possessing more advanced technology or even more developed intellectual abilities, and actual superiority as beings. Were the Europeans who possessed greater technology superior AS PEOPLE to the Native Americans which they found here? Certainly not! And is a MIT scientist with an IQ of 160 superior as a person to a wood craftsman with an IQ of 100? No! To state that a race or people possess more advanced technology or social systems is not to say that they are superior beings. On the other hand, it is equally true that if their values and attributes vary from 20th century human values and attributes then they are not inferior beings either. We must be careful not to repeat the old mistake which humans have made with each other: confusing sameness with equality. Both between two individuals and between two peoples from two different planets we will find variation, difference and strengths and weaknesses; this does not mean that one is superior or inferior to the other, only that they are DIFFERENT. Our equality as beings is founded in the fact that both humans and extraterrestrial beings are conscious, intelligent sentient creatures. Conscious Intelligence

is both our point of equality and our point of unity; it is the basis for the relationship itself. If we look to our point of unity, we will discover delight. While we must avoid the arrogance and chauvinism which has characterized human relationships, we must also avoid a sense of inferiority or worthlessness based simply on greater ETI technology or even intelligence. For there is more to the life of a conscious intelligent being than IQ and material advancement. While exhibiting genuine humility where warranted, we must maintain the appropriate sense of collective self-esteem born out of the realization that to be human is to be conscious, awake, intelligent and self-aware, just as every other being in the universe is conscious, awake, intelligent and self-aware. Beyond this it is entirely likely that humans may have as much to offer to the development and enlightenment of ETI as the other way around. If we are to gallop out steed into this arena, then mutual respect and self-respect are required, not puffed up arrogance or cowering inferiority. The strict materialist model of looking only to things and differences, of endless reductionism and fragmentation, will assure us only confusion, consternation and loss. We must be wise, and perceive the whole, while yet discerning the distinctions. Our vision must be clear, for it alone can be the foundation of our success. We must learn to see with the eye of oneness, for in a universe so diverse we shall be lost without it. To be human is wonderful: It is to be consacious, intelligent, loving and aware. And what is wonderful about being human is what is wonderful about being any intelligent being in the universe; this, let us share.

THE CE-5 INITIATIVE PRINCIPLES

DEFINITION: CE-5 is a term describing a 5th category of close encounters with Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI), characterized by mutual, bilateral communication rather than unilateral contact. The CE-5 Initiative has as its central focus bilateral ETI-Human communication based on mutual respect and universal principles of exchange and contact. CE types 1-4 are essentially

passive, reactive and ETI initiated; CE-5 is distinguished from these by conscious, voluntary and proactive human initiated or cooperative contacts with ETI. Evidence exists indicating that CE-5's have successfully occurred in the past, and the inevitable maturing of the human/ETI relationship requires greater research and out-reach effort into this possibility. While ultimate control of such contact and exchange will (and probably should) remain with the technologically more advanced intelligent life forms (i.e. ETI) this does not lessen the importance of conscientious, voluntary human initiatives, contact and follow-up to conventional CE's type 1-4.

CORE PRINCIPLES AND PREMISES OF THE CE-5 INITIATIVE

1. ETI and Extraterrestrial Transports (UFOs) have been and currently are in contact with human society.
2. ETI has a net peaceful, benign and probably protective motive for the relationship with humanity at this time.
3. The CE-5 Initiative is proactive, bilaterally communicative and multidisciplinary in nature and is not primarily motivated towards the current acquisition of ETI technology, except as mutually permitted by the ETI-Human relationship.
4. ETI's enigmatic and elusive behavior may be understood as human-protective when viewed from their perspective; a war-torn, aggressive, nuclear armed and disunified earth civilization must not receive further potentially harmful technologies until a lasting world peace and unity is achieved, and international human goals become peaceful, cooperative, and unified in nature. Such a transformation will then indicate the readiness for a fuller contact and exchange between humans and ETI. We must respect and accept ETI's control and wisdom in this regard.
5. Notwithstanding the protective limits mentioned above, ETI is apparently desirous of an expanded contact with humans, and is open to voluntary, human initiated contact and exchange. There is strong evidence to suggest that ETI

has been systematically introducing themselves to human civilization for the past 45 years or longer, and that such contact has steadily deepened and intensified over this period.

6. CE-5 communication based in a paradigm of love, unity, non-violence, cooperation and shared interests has been and will continue to be most effective.

7. in addition to point number 4 above, we may expect a certain limited nature to ETI contact so that the disruptive potential of such contact will be minimized. Certainly, a massive influx of ETI culture, technology, etc. would prove harmful to long term human evolution if said influx was sudden or ill-timed. Though the exact limits as human civilization evolves and grows in peace and unity, or at times of significant world-wide crisis.

8. All CE-5 Initiative contact will be for the benefit of all of humanity (as well as ETI) and will not redound to the benefit of only one nation or culture. This is essential.

9. All CE-5 Initiative contact will be free of hostile intent, and will be free of the presence of any and all weaponry, defensive or offensive.

10. All CE-5 Initiative contact will be shared with all CE-5 Associates to the extent possible. The CE-5 Initiative will cooperate with all other UFO/ETI research organizations so long as such groups are credible and have non-harmful and peaceful procedures and intentions.

11. Both humans and ETI have physical and mental/spiritual aspects to their reality and contact and communication will proceed on all levels of our shared reality.

12. The CE-5 Initiative affirms that humans and ETI, as conscious beings, are essentially more alike than dissimilar. Regardless of how different we may externally or physically appear, the reality of humans as conscious and intelligent beings establishes the common basis for communication, deeper and bilateral contact, and mutual self-respect.

13. Our embryonic efforts now will have ramifications throughout the next millenium and should therefore be undertaken with all due deliberation, vision and integrity. Our goals, methodology and conduct are oriented towards a broad-based long-term endeavor.

14. The primary model for communication and exchange, as well as internal communication within the CE-5 Initiative, is that of consultation and respect for the views of others.

15. The most important charactersitics, required of CE-5 Initiative participants are honesty, open-mindedness, intuitive ability, good communication skills and trustworthiness. Technical skills and academic credentials are certainly valued, but the above qualities are primary. CE-3 and 4 contactees are especially encouraged to participate as research associates. Participant confidentially will be assured if requested. In addition, CE-5 Initiative Core Groups will ideally have participants expert or competent in:

1. Medicine/Physiology
2. Physics, Theoretical and Applied
3. Psychology/Counseling
4. Higher mental/spiritual functions(e.g. meditation, telepathy)
5. Communications and Electronics
6. Public Relations
7. Research/Documentation, including video, audio and print
8. Astronomy and Astrophysics
9. Sociology and Anthropology

16. CE-5 Initiative Core Groups will work with ongoing research efforts to maximize our collective knowledge and data base. Current and ongoing CE 1-4 sites/locales or individuals will especially be integrated into CE-5 strategic planning.

17. CE-5 Initiative Projects, training and results will be shared through conferences, symposia, and publications.

18. The activities of the CE-5 Initiative will maintain high standards of conduct and professionalism, while preserving an atmosphere of open-mindedness

and creative 'brainstorming.' Anyone found to be spreading misinformation or falsified cases intentionally will be prohibited from participating in any of the activities of the CE-5 Initiative.

19. We hold that carefully planned Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind will unlock new frontiers in the relationship between ETI and humanity. All sincere researchers and theorists are welcome to join in this profound endeavor on behalf of mankind's growth and evolution.

ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF THE CE-5 WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANT

The goal of the CE-5 Initiative is nothing less than the establishment of a voluntary, mutually beneficial relationship between humans and those extraterrestrial people currently visiting earth. We have neither been appointed nor outwardly selected to engage in so high an endeavor. Rather, we have voluntarily come forward driven by an interest at once sublime and urgent. As important as individual skills and capabilities may be such an undertaking, they are nevertheless secondary to the consciousness and attitudes of the individual and the group.

Personal integrity, honesty, selflessness, harmlessness, peacefulness, patience, acceptance of diversity, courage, unity, maturity, a reasoned but open mind, the ability to maintain confidentiality - these qualities must rank pre-eminently among those needed by CE-5 Initiative Working Group participants. For if we are skilled but selfish, we shall fail to succeed; if we are knowledgeable but aggressive, our efforts will be in vain; if we are curious but fearful, we will not be able to endure. We cannot expect to be saints, but at the same time, a specific consciousness and attitude are required if success is to be realized.

Basic to all these qualities is purity of motive and the essential condition of being free from prejudice and malice. Those who are familiar with 'UFOlogy' will know that this is no mean feat, insofar as there is a virtual epidemic of fear, paranoia and wild and frightening speculations infecting the UFO/ETI

field. Subjective and reactionary interpretations of certain UFO related events have spawned a cottage industry of those exponents of conspiracies, goblins, good and evil E.T.s, Star Wars-type encounters and so on. This poisonous and insidious millieu has expanded to encompass countless books and organizations, and is slowing growing colonies of fear and paranoia in innumerable minds and hearts. So pervasive is this attitude that some of the individuals who claim to be most scientific and objective routinely use words such as 'alarming', 'sinister', 'intruders', 'victims', 'deception', and even 'rape' and 'murder' when describing UFO occupants and their interactions with humans. It is little wonder that impartial observers consider many UFO 'buffs' to be kooks, crackpots or worse. There is a super-abundance of emotionality, hyper-religiosity and superstition, and only a nominal amount of seasoned analysis and sane yet visionary planning.

In this environment of fear and near hysteria, it is a challenge to the conscientious. There is a tendency for students of UFOlogy to become colonized by these fear-engendering ideas, and view this phenomenon through the darkened visor of negativity. GOing beyond this fear and remaining free of these negative prejudices is an essential condition which all CE-5 Initiative Working Group participant must achieve. Our position, which is clear and unequivocal, is that all extraterrestrial people are to be regarded as non-hostile and approachable. There is no conclusive evidence to suggest otherwise, and until clearly PROVEN otherwise, our position is firm. Clearly, anyone who holds one group of extraterrestrials as 'good' and another as 'bad', and so on, is wholly unsuited for this endeavor. To be so prejudiced is to subvert the entire purpose of our mission, which is the establishing of a peaceful relationship with any and all extraterrestrial people visiting earth. In this regard, we make no distinction between the so-called 'greys' and the so-called Nordic types, or any other group for that matter. It is clear from multiple case reports that these various groups are involved with a cooperative

project regarding earth and her people, and it is dangerous and unwarranted to hold prejudiced views towards one group or the other. That one group or the other is associated with certain activities is, we feel, a specialized function of the overall cooperative effort currently under way. We must remember that human perceptions of actions must not be confused with true extraterrestrial motives, and to reach prejudiced and negative conclusions based on these fragmented perceptions is dangerous, premature and unproductive.

While every person is certainly entitled to his or her own opinions, it is the uncompromising policy of CSETI at this time that no person holding such negative and prejudicial views will be allowed to participate in CE-5 Initiative Working Group activities. The reasons for this are more than merely philosophical: It is evident that these extraterrestrial beings are capable of assessing the views, attitudes and intentions of both the Working Groups and their individual members. For any member to hold negative and prejudicial views towards one or any other group of extraterrestrial people may very well result in the failure of the CE-5 Initiative protocols and all group endeavors. That is, one member of a group holding such views may result in the failure of the entire project, insofar as the extraterrestrial people may feel both unwelcome and unsafe in approaching the group. Nor should we arrogate to ourselves the right to 'pick and choose' among various extraterrestrial peoples, anymore than we should 'pick and choose' prejudicially among various races of human; all such prejudices are offensive and unenlightened, and must be overcome.

To be free from prejudice is a significant challenge for many people. For CE-5 Initiative Working Group Participants, it is an essential requirement and not an optional one. Let us free ourselves from the fancy, fiction and fear which abounds, and hold to a higher vision, above fear, free from negative preconceived ideas. Let us be visionary and creative, but grounded;

courageous but not foolish; open-minded but not gullible;
analytical but not
fragmented or cynical; intelligent and yet loving. Our task calls
for nothing
less, and our success is dependent on our arising to such inner
standards
that no rumor or fear can defeat.

Peace be with you.

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PART 5

ONE UNIVERSE, ONE PEOPLE

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One of the greatest tasks humanity has faced throughout history
is the
establishment of peace and unity among differeing and diverse
peoples.
Superficial, external and cultural distinctions such as gender,
race, ethnic
origin, nationality, religion and so forth have long divided
humanity and been
the cause of much warfare and social turmoil. It is only in the
last 100 or so
years that humans have seriously begun to explore worldwide our
points of
unity and begun to overcome the barriers which have seperated
humanity. Central
to this evolutionary process has been the dynamic of at once
accepting and
celebrating diversity while simultaneously seeing the fundamental
oneness
which all humans share. This dynamic of unity - seeing with the
eye of
oneness - is the essential foundation for lasting world peace and
prosperity,
and will be the motivating principle of the next millenium. The
long and

painful process of overcoming prejudice and embracing humanity's essential oneness, while by no means yet complete, has brought us to the dawn of a true world-encircling community of one people. The recognition that mankind is one, that race, nationality, gender, religion and so on are secondary to our shared humanness, may well be the crowning achievement of the 20th century.

But what does it mean to be human, essentially human, apart from a purely biological definition? Our deepest point of unity transcends race, culture, gender, profession, life roles, even level of intelligence or emotional makeup, since all these attributes vary widely among people. Rather, the foundation of human oneness is consciousness itself, the ability to be conscious, self-aware, intelligent sentient beings. All other human qualities arise from this mother of all attributes. Conscious intelligence is the root essence from which all other human qualities emanate. It is the universal and fundamentally pure canvas on which the dazzling array of human life manifests. The firmest, most enduring and transcendent foundation on which human unity is based then, is consciousness itself, for we are all sentient beings, conscious, self-aware, and intelligent. No matter how diverse two people or two cultures may be, this foundation of consciousness will enable unity to prevail, as it is the simplest yet most profound common ground which all humans share.

As great as the challenges to unity have been and continue to be for humans, how much greater might this be for the emerging and embryonic relationship between humans and extraterrestrial civilizations. The superficial and cultural differences between, say, an American and a Kenyan tribesman may pale before it! If disunity and conflict arise when we look only to the differences between humans, how much greater will the potential disunity and conflict be if we are able only to focus on the points of difference between humans and extraterrestrial beings. The failed and disastrous ways of the past - of seeing only differences and foreign qualities - must give way to a new way of

seeing, of seeing with the eye of oneness. This eye of oneness must be directed not only towards our fellow humans, but towards extraterrestrial people as well, for the same fundamental basis for unity which exists among humans also exists for the relationship between humans and extraterrestials.

The term Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI), so curiously nondescript, wonderfully lends itself to these concepts of unity. Regardless of planet, star system or galaxy of origin, and no matter how diverse, ETIs are, essentially, intelligent, conscious, sentient beings. Humans are essentially intelligent, conscious, sentient beings. We are, essentially, one. On this basis, we may speak of one people inhabiting one universe, just as we now envision one people as children of one planet. Differences are always a matter of degree, but true unity established in consciousness is absolute. The beings currently visiting earth from other planets, while no doubt different from humans in both superficial and more profound ways, are nevertheless conscious intelligent beings. Consciousness is the basis for both human and extraterrestrial existence and is therefore the foundation for unity and communication between the various people of the universe. Beliefs may vary, biological processes may vary, assorted capacities may vary, social systems and technology may vary - but the simple thread of conscious intelligence which runs through all peoples elegantly weaves our unity. This essential unity is not subject to the trials of diversity, for it is pure, immutable and fundamental to the existence of intelligent life itself.

The challenges of establishing unity among the peoples of the universe is a grand extension of the challenge of establishing unity and peace among the people of the earth. Diversity, distinction and differences must be met with mutual respect, acceptance and even celebration, while the deeper foundations of unity are held steadily in view. The eye of oneness does not exclude or reject the diversity among peoples, but relates this diversity to a

paradigm of universality based in consciousness. The development of this capacity, of this kind of awareness, is the most important prerequisite for not only peace and unity among humans, but also for the peace and unity between humans and other intelligent life in the universe. We must hope and pray that the errors and shortcomings humanity has manifested in its long and, as yet, incomplete march to world unity will serve as well-remembered lessons as we face the task of peacefully interacting with extraterrestrial peoples. The endless diversity which so outstanding a universe can present will only be endured by minds established in the calmness of universal consciousness. In the coming decades, centuries and millenia, it will be increasingly realized that the success of humanity's existence will be dependent on the development of consciousness more than on any outward progress.

As there is one God which manifests one creation, so there is one God which is the source of all conscious beings, whether on earth or elsewhere. The great Universal Intelligence has sent a ray of this light of consciousness throughout all conscious beings, and we are united to God and to one another through its subtle and all-pervading effect. It is for these reasons that I state that the reality of man and the reality of other extraterrestrial peoples are one. Viewed with the eye of differences, we are diverse and unrelated, but viewed with the eye of oneness, we are more alike than dissimilar, more kindred than alien. And so it is that we must look to our inner reality to find not only our oneness with our fellow humans, but our oneness with other intelligent life in the universe as well. While ephemeral differences may confound us, our essential oneness in consciousness will never fail us. For there is one universe inhabited by one people, and we are they.

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PART 6

UFOS, HUMANITY AND THE FULL SPECTRUM OF REALITY

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For more than a decade a debate has been raging among UFO investigators and theorists regarding the true nature of UFOs. Typically, this debate is divided between those who regard UFOs as 'nuts and bolts' spacecraft (usually of extraterrestrial origin) and those who feel UFOs defy purely physical descriptions and are actually an 'inter-dimensional' phenomenon. On the side of the 'nuts and bolts' argument are the well documented electromagnetic effects, landing traces, radar evidence and retrieval of actual crashed spacecraft and their occupants, among others. Proponents of the 'inter-dimensional' theory cite a number of extraordinary aspects of the phenomenon, including rapid appearance-disappearance (materialization-dematerialization?) of craft, associated levitation, telepathy and telekinesis and other related events. Both sides of this debate hold that there is compelling evidence supporting one viewpoint or the other, and at times significant rancor has accompanied these debates. Could it be that BOTH are correct? The reconciliation of these two views is possible by employing a comprehensive paradigm of reality which does not fragment 'physical' from 'other dimensional' but which instead replaces the either/or argument with 'and/and'. That the predominant western bias for dualism, separatism, and reductionism has been applied to UFOlogy, as well as other areas of study, does not mean that such a perspective in any way reflects reality. We are accustomed to speaking of mind-body, material-spiritual, physical-non-physical as though a real

separation exists, when in actuality such distinctions are convenient, though linear, mental constructs. The discussion of 'other dimensions' assumes that, indeed there are other dimensions which are somehow separate from this dimension, whatever this dimension IS. In fact, what is this 'dimension'? It seems certain that we will be confounded in our attempts at understanding the UFO phenomenon so long as we lack a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon of humans, for if UFOs are 'more than just nuts and bolts', then just as certainly humans are more than mere flesh and blood. Conversely, if humans are more than mere flesh and blood, then it is just as certain that UFOs and their occupants are more than flesh and blood flying around in metal craft of some sort. The truth is found in transcending the old 'either/or' arguments and seeing that the manifestations of the UFO phenomenon can be viewed in an integrated way which includes both the nuts and bolts physical as well as the 'other dimensional' aspects. Such a unified theory or perspective requires a holistic paradigm as well as a comprehensive understanding of what it means to be HUMAN, since many of the obscure aspects of the UFO phenomenon are illuminated by the apprehension of the reality of man. Just as the full spectrum of light involves both seen and unseen elements, so also the full spectrum of reality involves aspects which are seen and unseen. This spectrum is, in fact a continuum, or an integrated reality, and the distinction of seen and unseen is an artificial contrivance wholly dependent on the perception of the individual. That X-ray radiation went undetected by humans for thousands of years does not mean that it did not exist as part of the electromagnetic spectrum until its 'discovery'! Similarly, the spectrum of reality is comprised of aspects which are both seen and 'unseen', at least from one level of perception or consciousness. That there are aspects to reality which are not as commonly perceived as others does not in any way compromise the integration of reality itself. For purposes of analysis and verbalization, it is convenient to divide reality into variously

described components, but in so doing we must be careful not to confuse these artificial conventions with reality itself. Conventional means of knowing, of analysis and communication have innate limitations which unfortunately become determinants of what we hold reality to be. But the full spectrum of reality transcends these conventions, and is whole, complete and uninterrupted; it is present in its entirety here and now, no matter how fragmented and partial our perception of it may be. Our predisposition to compartmentalize mind/body, material/'spirual', physical/transcendent is convenient yet false; it is at once an over-simplification and a complex confusion of reality.

One of the great challenges, and thus blessings, of the UFO phenomenon is the coexistence of dramatic and often seemingly opposing manifestations of UFOs. I believe that these perplexing aspects of the phenomenon hold the greatest lessons to be learned not only about UFOs but about reality itself. The coexistence of advanced material technology with advanced 'mind technology' indicates that we are dealing with beings who have explored and integrated the full spectrum of reality more fully than human civilization has. Put another way, UFOs represent not so much beings from another dimension as they do beings (and craft) which operate in a broader aspect of the spectrum of reality. That is, the full spectrum of reality includes not only the material and physical laws and 'laws of consciousness or mind' not yet fully understood or utilized by most humans. In this way we may view UFOs and their occupants as examples of beings who are utilizing a somewhat more expanded spectrum than we humans have yet mastered; but the difference is a matter of DEGREE and not of fundamental reality. From this perspective, we should have no problem integrating the clear evidence of the physical reality of UFOs such as landing traces, radar detection and the like with more extraordinary evidence such as telepathy, levitation and rapid materialization. Given the pace of human development in the last 100 years, we should not be too surprised if extra-terrestrial beings 1000, 5000,000, or 1 million years more advanced than us

should have explored and placed into practical application aspects of the full spectrum of reality beyond our current mastery. Indeed, we should be astonished if this was not the case! All of this would be less astonishing if we would look to the extraordinary capacities which we know humans possess. The 'science of consciousness', while yet embryonic as a field of formal study, has documented those aspects of the spectrum of reality pertaining to mind or consciousness. Both ancient and modern writings testify to the existence of human mental capabilities which approximate the most extraordinary reports from UFO encounters. Telepathy, precognition, thought projection and even levitation are all aspects of the human experience which have been documented throughout the ages. Recent research into telepathy, thought projection, and precognition would indicate that these experiences are not so uncommon as conventional wisdom would have us believe. If humans possess physical bodies and physical craft and yet are able to manifest extraordinary mental capabilities, why should we be perplexed if somewhat more advanced beings from elsewhere in the universe have physical bodies and physical craft and are able to utilize consciousness as we would matter? As physics and other sciences evolve, we find that the once clear line between mind and matter becomes rather tenuous, if not obliterated altogether. We are reaching the point where further advances in the physical sciences will require concomitant advances in the realm of consciousness or mind. At that point, we will find that the interface between mind and matter, physical and transcendent is in reality a matter of perception and dependent on the level of consciousness of the perceiver. Our perplexity over the UFO phenomenon is in part due to a lack of insight into what it means to be human, of the dynamics of mind and consciousness, and a strange addiction to the neat and hypnotic separation between mind and matter, science and religion, objective and subjective. Such fragmentation is a monster of our own devising, and can be inclusive, holistic, and unified. In this we find the greatest challenge

and the greatest lesson in the UFO phenomenon. May we not fail in this endeavor.

In its greatest sense, the full spectrum of reality is another way of saying 'God', and therefore is infinite and all-inclusive. While each generation of scientists and philosophers regard their current knowledge as the apex of all learning, just as surely the next generation will surpass it.

We will not exhaust the full spectrum of reality in this generation, nor in the next. But the path of exploration will remain open only to the extent that

we hold our minds open to an ever-expanding reality. For just as soon as we

think we know it all, or say "Aha! That's it!", we limit our progress and

throw a road block onto the path of knowledge. Those scientists who hold that

UFOs could not possibly be extraterrestrial spacecraft simply because humans

have not yet unraveled the laws of physics allowing them to get from 'there'

to 'here' fail to understand that MOST of even physical reality and its laws

have yet to be comprehended by humans. And those UFOlogists who dismiss

evidence of extraordinary mental capacities of extraterrestrials (or for that

matter humans) fail to appreciate the reality of man, of consciousness and

mind, and have blinded themselves to a very large and significant aspect of the

spectrum of reality. Such foibles are, in fact, a modern day reenactment of the

sun-revolves-around-the-earth episode of a bygone era. We must remember that a

mere 200 years ago, lasers performing surgery and holograms at amusement parks

would have been considered magic, other worldly, even witchcraft! Therefore,

we should not be dismayed that others are able to traverse interstellar (or

should we say intrAstellar) space, or that they might manipulate matter and

gravity even as we would alter atoms and genes. We should be similarly open

to the probability that they might use a thought as adeptly as we would use a

telephone or alter matter by mind as easily as psychiatrists alter mind by

matter. Ultimately, then, the limiting factor in our comprehension of reality

in general and the UFO phenomenon in particular is the openness, breadth, and

depth of our own consciousness. The old ways of thinking will fail us here, for we are bumping up against the limits of what linear reality and linear thinking will allow. Like never before, our progress is dependent on the evolution of our own consciousness, and our consciousness is dependent on what our will allows. And so we should have no difficulty accepting that structured material craft occupied by physical beings are able to demonstrate both physical and so called inter-dimensional characteristics. For we are also inter-dimensional beings, and are not limited to the physical plane alone, and our differences are more a matter of degree than anything essential. It is most likely that both humans and other conscious beings potentially have open to them the full spectrum of reality, and the differences observed are due to the extent to which this potential is realized. We should not be dismayed that one group appreciates this spectrum more fully than another; on the contrary such a realization is cause for celebration, not alarm. Our task is to be open to the full spectrum of reality, in all of its manifestations, and to grow in our appreciation of it. If we do this, our progress will be unlimited. As we contemplate the various aspects of UFO evidence, we would be well-served to keep in mind the full spectrum of reality, all that is known and all that is potentially unknown. While most humans yet hold to linear processes and dualistic ways of perceiving reality, it seems clear that the extraterrestrial beings responsible for UFO events do not. The unified, full spectrum of reality which includes, in an elegantly integrated whole, the total range of physical and transcendent, mind and matter, is open to exploration by humans as well as other beings in the universe. We are potentially as inter-dimensional as they; our only limitations are those which we place upon ourselves. Perhaps then the ultimate meaning of the UFO phenomenon is that it serves to move us towards the next quantum jump in human evolution, towards the realization of the full unified spectrum of reality.

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PART 7

THE CASE FOR NON HOSTILITY: ACTIONS DO NOT EQUAL MOTIVES

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On a beautiful fall day in 1990, an 11 year old boy was gliding with abandon down a rural North Carolina road. The exhilaration of the moment quickly turned to horror when a car sped over the crest of a hill and smashed directly into the child, crushing his chest and abdomen, but miraculously sparing any serious injuries to his head. Paramedics were rushed to the scene and quickly transported the child to an Emergency Department trauma room. There, the child entered a foreign world of stainless steel, white walls and strange overhead equipment. What followed next was destined to frighten the still-alert child perhaps more than the accident itself: His blood pressure was falling and the staff had only minutes to establish intravenous lifelines and decompress a life threatening chest injury which is often rapidly fatal. There was no time for general anesthesia, and in order to survive, the hapless victim had to endure emergency procedures while awake. Despite calm assurances and explanations that the staff meant only well, the child was understandably terrified as needles probed him and a chest tube was put through his chest wall and into the chest cavity. The child protested violently, scared and quite convinced that the staff really meant him only harm, pain and further

suffering. To the child, they were demons bent on tormenting him; their actions seemed incomprehensible, harsh and even tortuous. But, of course, his perceptions of their actions were the direct opposite of their true intentions, since the staff had only his ultimate welfare and survival in mind. From this child's level of understanding and awareness, their actions - and therefore the medical staff as people - were evil and malevolent, but in truth in their hearts and minds, they were motivated only by compassion, the sanctity and preservation of life, the alleviation of suffering, the healing of trauma and disease...

This story illustrates a point about many commonly held assumptions regarding the motives and ultimate intentions of the extraterrestrial beings presently visiting earth. That is, we must avoid the assumption of negative motives based on the reported actions of ETI. Our perception of an action must not be confused with the actual motives of the beings performing the actions, since it is quite possible that frightening or negatively perceived actions are derived from genuinely good motives. Unfortunately, the UFO/ETI literature is filled with the 'conventional wisdom' that many aspects of the phenomenon represent sinister actions driven by equally sinister motives.

There is a facile tendency to conclude, either directly or by inference, that many reported actions are indicative of 'malintent'. A careful reading of many if not most, 1980's books on UFOs and 'abductions' reveals an alarming tendency to jump to sinister conclusions. Even the language used to describe these events is emotionally charged and shows a propensity towards assumed ETI hostility and malevolence. Reports of actions are taken as evidence of hostility or evil motives without a careful analysis of the possible neutral or positive motives which may account for the events. As will be shown, such conclusions are both unwarranted and fraught with danger, since they color our thinking and emotions with unjustified fear, paranoia, and negativity, and in turn will negatively affect the future ETI/Human relationship. We must be careful that

our assumption of false hostility does not create a future of actual hostility.

The reasons for reaching these negative conclusions are probably multiple. Some events, on the face of them, appear disturbing to human sensibilities, and like the child in the car accident, lend themselves to quick assumptions of hostility. The entire topic of technologically advanced extraterrestrials visiting earth may play to innate human insecurities and fears of domination or loss of control. The tendency of humans to think in linear and dualistic terms of black/white, good/bad, etc. certainly contributes. A psychological tendency to dwell on or be attracted to spectacularly negative things or events, such as monsters, wars, murder stories, ghost stories and such like may provide an impetus to reaching conclusions of ETI hostility (more people go to see a movie like "Friday the Thirteenth" than, say "Ghandi"). And, unfortunately, sensationalized concepts of vile aliens invading hapless humans sells books, movies, and television programs.

To be specific, let us take the most disturbing and sensational reports of ETI involvement with human reproductive events. The story of a female being taken aboard a craft and subjected to abdominal or vaginal needle probes to remove ova has been extensively studied in the past decade. While we do not definitely know this, let us assume that the ETI are taking ova (and sperm) and are preserving them, or are using them to develop test tube babies, or even ETI/Human hybrids. As disturbing as such events may sound, could there be 'ultimate intentions' which are non-hostile?

What if the ETI, alarmed by wild nuclear proliferation and/or massive ecosystem damage, perceive a high probability of a human or geological cataclysm in the near future? Could they be motivated by a desire to safeguard and preserve human and other earth life in the event of a worse-case scenario? If the hundreds of reports of ETI paranormal mental abilities are to be accepted, perhaps they have 'seen' a probable future of massive earth changes, and these

actions are viewed by them as a well-intentioned rescue attempt. While human ethics might be offended by this, perhaps Zacharia Sitchin's assertion that ETI genetically intervened several hundred thousand years ago to establish modern homo sapiens is true, and they are now attempting to further advance the human race. While such concepts may shock and offend many humans, they are not motives of hostility or malevolence per se, especially from the ETI perspective. Indeed if ETI view us as a race of beings whose chief activities are warfare, violence and environmental destruction, and who are on the verge of self-annihilation, such motives may be understood as benevolent and altruistic!

The point here is that there are actually a number of explanations for even the most disturbing reports of ETI actions which involve non-hostile intentions. It is entirely possible - if not probable - that ETI actions which many humans view as hostile are actually neutral or benevolent, and would be seen as such even by humans if the 'big picture' were appreciated. What follows below is a brief listing of possible ETI motivations which are either neutral or positive:

NON-HOSTILE ETI MOTIVATIONS

Human-Perceived Positive/ETI Perceived Positive:

- Protective Surveillance
- Emergency Intervention and 'Rescue' (in the event of manmade or natural cataclysm)
- Human War Limitation and Control (nuclear)
- Documentation and Preservation of Ecosystems
- Eventual ETI-Human Knowledge & Technology Transfer (pending world peace, human non-aggression)
- Eventual Earth Incorporation into Inter-Planetary Union
- Inter-Cultural Exchange and Communication, long term plan

Human Perceived Neutral/ ETI Perceived Positive:

- Observation
- Basic Research
- Sample and Data Collection

Human Perceived Variable (may be positive, Neutral and/or Negative)/ETI

Perceived Positive:

- Limitation of nuclear contamination of space
- Limitation or containment of space exploration pending

- human evolution to world peace, unity and non-aggression
- Protection of non-earth civilizations from human aggression
- Human genetic research, preservation and experimentation
 - a. to ensure continuance of human species
 - b. to develop advanced ETI/Human hybrid
 - c. basic research
- ETI Security Considerations (e.g. safeguarding of ETI technology, protection of intelligence data base, etc., pending human evolution to non-violence)

On balance, UFO/ETI reports provide no overall evidence of ETI hostility. Some disturbing reports exist, but so too do reports of peaceful intentions, kindness, healing, benevolence and so forth. No conclusions regarding ETI intentions can be reached by simply viewing isolated case reports. The polarizing tendency to declare ETI as either sinister intruders or perfect god-like saviors is unwise at best, and probably dangerous to the long term health of the ETI-Human relationship. This does NOT mean, however, that we must view this phenomenon in a 'motive vacuum', and I feel that a strong case for assumed non-hostility can and indeed must be made. This assumption of non-hostility means that in our research, analysis and ETI interactions, we assume non-hostility until clearly proven otherwise. It does not mean that we regard ETI as necessarily god-like saviors, but it clearly avoids the premature characterization of ETI actions and motives as hostile or sinister. Such a moderate positivity and optimism is essential for the emerging ETI/Human relationship to develop with the least chance of conflict.

The Case For Non-Hostility, The Case Against Hostility

Perhaps as much or more is revealed about ETI intentions by what has not occurred as by what has. UFOs have not attacked humans or fired weaponry unless first threatened or attacked. ETI have not invaded or destroyed any part of earth, nor have they shown any intentions to do so in the future. Notwithstanding superior technology and maneuverability, they have not attempted any domination or aggressive actions over the past decades, if not centuries, of sightings. Such long term restraints belies any ultimately

hostile intention. The assumption of hostility is illogical when the entire phenomenon is viewed over time. If ETI have been observing, and to some extent interacting with earth for centuries, why delay a hostile occupation? The rather marked increase in UFO/ETI activities coinciding with the dawn of the human nuclear age in the mid-1940s would indicate a genuine concern for human hostile capabilities. This would indicate that ETI is a) concerned for the long term welfare and survival of humans, or b) concerned about the potential for human nuclear aggression being exported off-earth to extra-terrestrial civilizations, or both. Neither of these concerns is indicative of hostility towards humans, but rather a concern for human hostility. Certain militarists may find such interest in our nuclear capabilities disconcerting, but on balance this does not warrant a conclusion of ETI hostility. On the contrary, it supports the view that ETI motives are non-hostile in nature.

If the work of Zacharia Sitchin, Richard Hoagland (Monuments on Mars) and others is to be believed, ETI involvement and observation with humans is an ancient, not recent, phenomenon. If aggression, domination and such like were actually motivating ETI, why wait until a) humans possess weapons of mass destruction, capable of inflicting damage on even ETI craft and personnel, and b) the earth has been significantly damaged and overrun by billions of humans? Certainly, the earth would have been an easier - and more pleasant - catch even 200 years ago. On balance, the 'hostile aliens' theory, while sensational and making great science fiction reading, is illogical and is not supported by the facts of this phenomenon when analyzed comprehensively.

The Evolutionary Selection of Non-Aggression in Intelligent Beings

A more fundamental and essential basis for assuming non-hostility is the theory of the Evolutionary Selection of Non-Aggression in Intelligent Beings. Briefly put, this theory holds that an intelligent species cannot evolve past

a certain technological level without the concomitant and essential development of non-aggression. That is, malevolent aggression is an attribute which ensures the self-destruction of a species if retained past a certain point in technological and cultural evolution. It stands to reason that any intelligent species, such as humans, who operate from a paradigm of malevolent aggression will first turn that aggression on themselves, thus resulting in their 'mutually assured destruction' if retained much past the point of developing nuclear technology. Such aggression would perforce severely incapacitate or destroy intelligent species, thus limiting their ability to persist long enough to develop technologies capable of inter-planetary or interstellar flight. It is, therefore, unlikely that a species would evolve to possess space travel capabilities while maintaining unchecked aggressive and malevolent tendencies. It is more likely that at some point in the evolution of a technological society (perhaps at the advent of nuclear technology) a species is required to transcend their own aggressiveness in order to survive. There is, then, a self-limiting dynamic which protects other planetary systems from aggressive species since the establishment of non-aggression is a requirement for significant and long term technological development. The evolution of the consciousness of non-aggression is an absolute prerequisite for the long term survival of a technologically advanced civilization.

It is doubtful, then, that any species - including humans - who fail to embrace peace and non-aggression will survive their own technology, much less make it to another planet or star system. The inner development of consciousness eventually overtakes technology, simply because it must in order for the species to survive or further evolve. The establishment of non-aggression or non-hostility in a species does not mean, however, that such a species would have values, beliefs and behaviors perfectly matched to those of late 20th century earth! On the contrary, since aggression, fighting, war-making and the like are pervasive activities of 20th century man, such values and beliefs

may be quite opposite! But we must not confuse varying values and behaviors with hostility towards humans per se. that values and behaviors vary between species who have evolved on different planets is to be expected; however, it must not be cited as proof of extraterrestrial hostility, nor allowed to become foci of significant conflict. For this is the same disastrous and well-traveled path which humans have gone down for centuries.

Beyond these considerations, the unfortunate and prevalent assumption of ETI hostility is fraught with the high potential for danger and loss. If we assume UFOs/ETI to be hostile, then our thoughts, actions, and plans will reflect this. The important possibilities for peaceful communication and exchange will be poisoned with fear, aggression and suspicion. Instead of viewing ETI as an opportunity for peaceful communication, we will view them as yet another target of human aggression and xenophobic reactionary behavior. Instead of viewing their energy and technological advancements as potential sources of peaceful progress on earth, we will become obsessed (as perhaps our government has) with capturing their technology to be reverse-engineered into human military applications. We run the very real risk of creating our own negative reality, all based on premature assumptions of net ETI hostility.

It is far safer to take the high road and assume non-hostility, and behave accordingly, until ETI intentions are well-proven to be otherwise. We have much to gain, and strategically and realistically little to lose, by such a stance. We must be careful not to squander so golden an opportunity for communication, exchange and progress as is presently presenting itself to mankind. To assume non-hostility means that our thoughts, attitudes and actions will be peaceful, scientific and receptive without the polluting overlay of fear and paranoia. It will avoid the creation of unnecessary and avoidable conflict and will actually facilitate communication and exchange. It does not mean that we go to the other extreme and regard ETI as god-like

saviors, only that we regard them as essentially non-hostile and behave accordingly. It means that we will not jump to sinister conclusions every time a UFO/ETI related event occurs which we either do not fully understand, or which offends current sensibilities. Most importantly, it means we will reach out with peaceful intentions ourselves and in so doing maximize our potential for exchange and communication - an exchange which will be peaceful and beneficial to all involved. It is most likely that we have "nothing to fear but fear itself", so let us let go of our fear, and let us step out of the old paradigm of aggression and disunity. Let us create a new reality, and a new way of seeing, one which embraces peace, calmness and unity. Let us give ETI the benefit of the doubt and assume non-hostility, until clearly proven otherwise. The old and disasterous ways of suspicion, militancy and aggression must give way to openness, peace and trust, for we cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of past generations as we begin so grand a journey. Too much is at stake, and we may possess only one chance to create a world - and a universe - guided by virtue.

A HARVEST OF FEAR

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The pursuit of truth requires the ability to see beyond the appearance of things to the meaning and substance behind the forms. In no field of study and research is this more essential than that of UFOlogy, a field beset by mystery, partial information, misinformation and deliberate disinformation. And, alas, in no field is there so great a deficiency of this very quality.

Take for example the present climate where every rumor, fantasy and observation is given a spin to fit into the preconceived framework of 'alien' sinister designs and manipulations. From abductions, to animal 'mutilations', to secret goings-on at U.S. military bases, all are described in the 'sinister aliens' mold. The pervasive, if unspoken, status quo is to place all such events, real

or imaginary, in the same dark and rather frightening shadows. To depart from this conventional wisdom, this unofficial party line, is to incur the derision of those self-appointed experts who, after all, know best.

It would appear that the UFO hysteria pendulum has swung full cycle: If the 1950s were the era of gorgeous Venusians, space gods and saviors from the galactic federation, the past decade has brought us to the age of sinister 'aliens' snatching mother and child alike from their bedrooms, harvesting cattle, cats, dogs and even fetuses for obviously nefarious purposes, and the collaboration of military fascists and 'aliens' in a plan to dominate the earth! For the most part, those who claim to be objective UFO and 'abduction' researchers, as well as UFO journalists and authors, have been swept up in this hysteria, this harvest of fear.

Even those who sincerely intend to "just describe the facts" are affected by the dominant milieu of fear, negativity and hysteria. Words such as victim, abductee, alien, mutilation, rape, sinister, disturbing, alarming, deception, controlling, manipulative, evil, and so on are accepted as automatic members of a UFO lexicon at once mandatory and unquestioned. There is an abundance of automatic interpretations and a real lack of deep analysis, which leaves us with nearly unquestioned - and unchallenged - conclusions, which are uniformly negative. Rather than objectively collecting facts, analyzing trends and making intelligent plans for future research and UFO-Human interactions, there exists an increasingly powerful machine of hysteria bringing forth a harvest of fear. And facts which do not fit into this fear and negativity paradigm are either ignored or deliberately debunked as 'alien' screen memories and deception.

The real victim in all of this is, of course, Truth.

Truth is hard to discern amid the din of hysteria and the clouds of fear currently holding sway over the UFO community. Events are prone to misinterpretation and even censure in this environment, and those facts which

do survive intact are nonetheless presented with a patina of fear and paranoia. The danger in all of this is that we may perpetuate a trend which, while initially false, may create its own reality - and its own future conflicts. We must give serious thought and much reflection to this matter, for to do otherwise may result in serious and potentially catastrophic consequences for not only humanity as a whole, but for individual observers of the UFO phenomenon as well. Indeed, we do create our own reality, and we must contemplate deeply what that reality may be.

Beyond these rather sweeping if not abstract concerns, there is the more immediate and ethical question of what all of this hysteria is doing to the numerous innocent percipients of the UFO phenomenon. Aside from the fact that the truth is being continuously if not unintentionally distorted, those individuals who have had close interactions (a.k.a. 'abductees' and 'contactees') with UFOs and their occupants are being forced, at times quite cruelly, to deny any positive or edifying aspects of their encounters, and are left to dwell only on the frightening and negative aspects of the experience. Is this common? Exceedingly so! We have interviewed several individuals who have stated that so-called 'abduction researchers' not only enforce a certain negative and fear-engendering interpretation to their experiences, but go further and actually 'throw out' any aspects of the experiences which do not fit this preconceived 'fear paradigm'. That is, positive, loving, healing and edifying experiences with extraterrestrial beings are either ignored, or deemed screen memories which only constitute a further sinister deception by the ETs. Objectively, open-mindedness - and the truth - are cast away so that these experiences may be fit into a framework of pre-conceived (if unstated) negative conclusions. On the one hand, these researchers will go to great lengths to establish the credibility and veracity of their subjects, only to turn around and ignore or actively debunk those aspects of the experience which do not fit the researchers' own paradigm.

If we are to pick and choose among the facts of these cases,
could we not
just as well contend that the negative experiences are the
"screen memories"
triggered by the individual's own internal fears and insecurities
while the
edifying and spiritual memories are the 'true' ones? If we are to
pick and
choose among the facts, why not just take the happy alternative?
Indeed, one
alternative is just as dishonest and dangerous as the other, and
both should
be avoided. It is imperative that we accept - and report - all
the facts, and
then analyze their meaning in a calm and NON-hysterical manner.
With the
information and experiences we collectively possess thus far, we
can neither
proclaim these extraterrestrial beings to be sinister Darth Vader
space
conquerors, nor can we assert that they are perfect space gods.
Our
polarization on this question is one of the chief manifestations
of a collective
hysteria which is at once pervasive and unproductive. And the
greatest task
facing us is the elimination of this hysteria and the
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own fear.

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