

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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Abstract

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) is military code for fairly frequent sightings of strange objects visually and by radar. They seem to be curious about military vessels, and likely have speed and maneuverability exceeding anything now in our arsenal. We are left with a puzzle that, to date, is tantalizing but unsolved. Data scraps alone do not eliminate our speculating logically about possible implications of real UAPs and UFOs. This essay links to five important essays on this general topic.

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) are subsets of more commonly known appearances called UFOs. The American military labels as UAPs unidentified “things” they detect with radar and visually. UFOs would also include everything else unidentified – including imaginary giant spaceships that descend on Earth and try to obliterate all humans, which is the general plot skeleton for most alarmist science fiction movies.

The unclassified version of our federal 2021 UAP report tries to have it both ways: On the one hand, the writers cannot clearly come up with a credible nation state or other earthly explanation for all of these phenomena recorded instrumentally – except

possibly for top secret American military research, which is not revealed. On the other hand, the authors choose to not spread fear and panic by acknowledging that the most likely source of these UAPs is extra-terrestrial, and really unknown.

We should be happy that our military has had (so far) enough sense to NOT shoot at these apparitions. They may be curiously monitoring our bizarre and primitive social order. On the other hand, futilely shooting at what seem to be ghostlike entities could provoke what will happen when you smack with your hand at a previously peaceful swarm of hornets.

Science fiction and science fantasy movies frequently end with heroic everyday human families saving the Earth in absurd ways, accompanied by uplifting music tracks. Some such movies have teasers at the very end suggesting that there are more evil UFO encounters soon to challenge us, which of course could be the secret sauce for additional movies. A very few plots end up with "evil" winning, yielding a clean slate for yet more movies.

In the world of science and logic things are not as clear-cut when it comes to *probabilities* lacking solid statistical bases. Without verifiable historical and/or scientific bases, only *logical possibilities* are valid – whereas fanciful "probabilities" merely suggest some sort of alien reality, however implausible.

Evidence, such that it is, comes in a few flavors. Most absurd is the ongoing TV series where ancient aliens are credited with just about every scrap of progress humanity has made. Many shows therein suggest a lot of what and when; and not much of the how and why. If hyper-evolved aliens are attracted to our galactic neighborhood, then we should try to decipher what's in it for them: Are they potential sentient friends? Are they hungry for protoplasmic snacks? Are they robotic scientists examining us as if we were fish in a bowl? Are they planning to replace us on this fertile biosphere with themselves and their robots?

I have written on the logical possibilities several times. Recent interest in space visitors (friendly or otherwise) is a fair arena for scientific and logical speculation. We must objectively understand Earth's visitors before we can properly interface, if possible.

One idea is that what we detect are advanced holograms. If so, that could help explain the weirdness we see, as well as the unreal speeds and direction shifts. Even so, holograms of any type would need to be directed and orchestrated for a purpose, which brings us back to the basic questions being considered.

If all we envision so far is high-level delusion, then the global game is well worth speculation for social-psychological reasons. Always remember that when humans show up on Mars we could be space aliens with advanced technology to whatever Martian life forms we might encounter. Remember that we and Martians (still living, or long deceased) may share a very ancient life lineage.

Five More UFO/Space Aliens Essays

Here below are five essays I have posted on my site that amplify and clarify the above. Rather than extend this UAP essay unnecessarily, I link these five essays for your enjoyment and edification. Click on, and read them in any order:

The Dark Forest Theory

SETI vs. Battleship

UFOs and Nukes

UFOs: What We Meet

The Intelligence Paradox