

Aliens Among Us

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(Ref1: Gary Bates, "Alien Intrusion: UFOs And The Evolution Connection", Master Books, Green Forest, AR, 2004)
(Ref2: Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, "The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects", Doubleday & Co., Garden City, NY, 1956)
(Ref3: Dr. Jacques Vallee, "Messengers of Deception: UFO Contacts And Cults", Daily Grail, Brisbane, Australia, 1979)
(Ref4: Dr. John Mack, "Passport To The Cosmos: Human Transformation & Alien Encounters", Kunati, Largo, FL, 1999)

Note: Ref1 is a christian book, the others are not. References 2, 3, and 4 are written from an atheistic viewpoint and reference 4 is notably anti-christian. These 3 authors (Ruppelt, Vallee, and Mack), along with Dr. Allan Hynek, are generally considered the most credible and credentialed of the UFO investigators which is why they are referenced.

In 2008 a movie came out called: "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed". In this movie Ben Stein interviewed an atheist scientist named Dr. Richard Dawkins (PhD in Zoology, Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, author of the 2006 book, "The God Delusion").

BEN STEIN: What do you think is the possibility that Intelligent Design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics or in evolution?

DAWKINS: Well, it could come about in the following way. It could be that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved, probably by some kind of Darwinian means, probably to a very high level of technology, and designed a form of life that they seeded onto perhaps this planet. Now that is a possibility, and an intriguing possibility. And I suppose it's possible that you might find evidence for that if you look at the details of biochemistry, molecular biology, you might find a signature of some sort of designer.

http://www.movieministry.com/free_movie_clips/free_Movie_Clips.php?illustrationID=869

Dawkins is stating that some form of alien race may have intentionally designed and seeded life on Earth.

Why would such a famous & accomplished atheistic scientist make a statement like this on videotape?

This idea, called "directed panspermia" was proposed in 1973 by Dr. Francis Crick, an atheist, Nobel prize winner, and co-discoverer of the structure of the DNA molecule. Why are such reputable scientists (who are quick to ridicule those who believe in God and the Bible) so accepting of the idea that life on Earth was designed by aliens?

There are two phenomenon that have occurred over the last 50 years that, when combined with the idea of Evolution and the mounting observational evidence of microbiology, have contributed to consideration of the idea of aliens seeding life on the Earth

1) Unidentified Flying Object Sightings

2) Alien Abduction Experiences

We are now living in a time where microbiology is revealing more and more that, at the micro level, things appear to be designed, not evolved from random processes, and the evidence is continuing to accumulate.

Key Point: The idea of aliens seeding life on the Earth allows atheists the option of accepting microbiological observational evidence of design without having to believe in God. It pushes the problems of undirected evolution to some other unobservable planet where timescales for evolution can be imagined to be much longer.

UFOs and Alien Abductions By The Numbers

According to multiple polls, at least 20 million Americans claim to have seen a UFO. Based on past investigations such as the USAF's Project Blue Book, about 5% of UFO sightings are genuinely unexplainable. 5% of 20 million is 1 million and the UFO phenomenon is about 60 years old (started in 1947).

Over the last 60 years this averages out to 45 genuine UFOs being spotted in US airspace everyday!

According to a 1991 Roper poll, 3.7 million Americans claim to have been kidnapped by aliens against their will and subjected to medical and examination procedures while on board an alien spacecraft. (Ref1, pg 16, 225, 252-253).

Over the last 50 years that averages out to 202 Americans being abducted by aliens every day!

The numbers are even larger when reports from the rest of the world are considered as well as multiple abductions of the same person. People rarely make this experience public due to the ridicule and loss of reputation that would result.

On September 2, 2009 ABC News reported that Japan's new first lady, Miyuki Hatoyama, claims to have been abducted by aliens some years ago and flew on their spaceship to Venus and back.

Tonight we are going to investigate these two phenomenon (UFOs & Alien Abductions) and see if we can figure out what is going on.

Optional: play the ABC News video (22 minutes) at:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1614846387438905636&ei=W-CzSsGFPJTCqAO94LGCAG&hl=en#>

If you don't have enough time to play the whole video you can start at the mid-point at 11 minutes, 30 seconds. Another option is play from the beginning to 6 minutes, 45 seconds and then skip to 11 minutes, 30 seconds.

The Evidence for UFOs

During the presidential election campaign of 1976 future president Jimmy Carter spoke about his own UFO experience. (Ref 3, pg 125-126)

"It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it changed colors, and it was about the size of the moon. We watched it for 10 minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was. One thing's for sure, I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified flying objects in the sky. If I become president, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one..." (ref1, page 19)

Contrary to popular opinion many UFO witnesses are credible people. They include US ambassadors, military generals, colonels, pilots, intelligence officers, radar operators, scientists, astronomers, and NASA astronauts.

In fact the credibility of the witnesses is the only reason the UFO phenomenon refuses to go away.

95% of UFO reports are found, when investigated, to be natural phenomenon coupled with unusual optical conditions - or hoaxes. Nevertheless the remaining 5% appear credible and unexplainable.

An Example of a Credible UFO Report

A credible UFO report has multiple credible witnesses reporting independently with a radar report confirming the location of their visual report. A credible report might go something like the following (Ref2):

An observer on the ground sees a very bright light moving in the sky but making no noise. The light is often changing colors or spinning. At the same time an experienced military radar operator picks up the object on their radar. A jet interceptor is sent up to investigate. As the jet approaches the UFO the UFO rapidly accelerates away from the military jet at multiple times the speed of sound. Nevertheless there is no sonic boom. The UFO slows down and the jet, travelling at top speed, approaches the UFO coming within 3 miles of it. The jet's fire control radar is able to lock on to the UFO. Within seconds the UFO takes violent evasive action which breaks the radar lock. A "dogfight" ensues with the jet (the UFO does not shoot). In rare cases the jet attempts to shoot down the UFO but is unsuccessful. Soon the jet is running low on fuel and returns to its base. While returning, the UFO may or may not follow the jet part way back. Another jet may or may not be sent to investigate before the UFO disappears both visually and on radar - disappearing as if a light was turned off. The UFO does not cause any harm to people.

UFOs are completely silent, even when travelling many times the speed of sound (no sonic boom). UFOs do not appear to cause physical harm to people. UFOs appear from out of nowhere and can disappear just as fast. UFOs can outmaneuver the best military aircraft.

(write these on the board – keep adding to the list as additional info is discussed)

Kenneth Arnold (flying saucers) – June 24, 1947

The UFO phenomenon started on June 24, 1947. At the time people thought that “Flying Saucers” were funny and silly. That changed on January 7, 1948, when Kentucky Air National Guard Captain Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., was piloting an F-51 accompanied by three other Guard planes. Shortly after 1:30 p.m. Kentucky State Police reported that citizens were sighting a large circular object over Mansville, Kentucky. Similar reports soon came in from Irvington and Owensboro. It was seen from the control tower of Godman Air Force Base. While investigating the UFO, Capt. Mantell’s plane crashed resulting in headlines proclaiming that he was shot down by a UFO. An investigation determined that Capt. Mantell attempted to chase a weather balloon above 20,000 feet with no oxygen equipment. He lost consciousness and died when his plane crashed. Although he was not killed by the “UFO” people became concerned about what these UFOs were and what danger they might pose. This was the beginning of the UFO scare.

Project Sign (1947 – 1949)

In response to the UFO scare the US Air Force started Project Sign to investigate UFO reports. The end result of this 2 year effort was that a report was written stating that the most likely explanation of the unexplainable reports was extraterrestrial spacecraft (the extraterrestrial hypothesis, ETH). This was based on a large body of compelling eyewitness testimony and a lack of natural explanation. The report was rightfully rejected by four star general Hoyt Vandenberg due to a complete lack of physical evidence.

This is one characteristic of UFO sightings that continue to this day – large numbers of very credible eye witnesses combined with zero physical evidence.

Project Grudge (1949 - 1952)

The goal of Project Grudge was not to investigate UFO reports but to debunk the idea of UFOs and try to get the public to lose interest in them. The government was concerned that the distraction of military resources caused by UFO reports could be used as cover for a surprise attack by the Soviets. Phase one had been started by the people of Project Sign. They realized that a great many reports were caused by people seeing balloons or astronomical bodies (planets, meteors, or stars). They also realized that before they could get to the heart of the UFO problem they had to sift out this type of report.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of Ohio State University's Astronomy Department, was given a contract to sort out those reports that could be blamed on stars, planets, meteors, etc.

According to the records, about 50 per cent of the reported UFO's could now be positively identified as hoaxes, balloons, planets, sundogs, temperature inversions, etc. The leaders of project Grudge has already decided that UFOs were not to be taken seriously and they acted accordingly. Project Grudge lapsed more and more into a period of almost complete inactivity. Good UFO reports continued to come in at the rate of about ten per month but they weren't being verified or investigated. Most of them were being discarded. Only the logbook, showing incoming reports, gives any idea of the activity of this period.

Project Grudge’s mission was to debunk any UFO sightings reported in order to calm the public.

Project Bluebook (1952 - 1969)

Project Grudge was followed up by Project Blue Book. Its first commander, Capt. Edward Ruppelt, was genuinely interested in investigating UFOs and determining what they were. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remain "unidentified." Keep in mind that except for the two years of Project Sign and the two years of Project Blue Book under Capt. Ruppelt the other 16 years that the USAF investigated UFOs they were either hostile or neutral to the idea of UFOs and committed to debunking them.

Therefore the 5% number of UFO sightings that are truly unexplainable may be conservative.

The USAF investigation of UFOs was stopped after 20 years because after thousands of credible eyewitness sightings, no physical evidence had been gathered and no significant property damage or injuries had been caused by UFOs. In other words, UFOs did not appear to be causing any real problems. In addition it was embarrassing to the military that they could not figure out what they were so they just wanted it to go away.

UFOs still occur but until they kill someone or leave behind compelling physical evidence no one cares

Alien Abduction Experiences Start

In 1961 the UFOs got more serious. Now they were landing and aliens were abducting people against their will. The most famous early incident occurred in September 1961 with the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill.

Although their abduction occurred while driving their car on a desolate road, the majority of abductions today actually occur in people's bedrooms!

Just like UFO sightings, alien abductions are sometimes hoaxes, dreams, or due to mental illness. However, many of the experiences appear to be real.

Dr. John Mack, a medical doctor and professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, studied 60 abductees to try to determine what type of mental illness was causing these experiences. He discovered that the abductees were a cross section of the population with no more evidence of mental illness than the general population. Dr. Mack spent 10 years working with over 200 abductees, screened for credibility. In other words he screened out people with mental illnesses or other characteristics that would degrade their credibility (criminals, drug addicts, etc.). Our discussion of this phenomenon will be based on these more credible abductees.

Like UFO sightings, Alien abduction experiences are characterized by large amounts of credible eyewitness testimony and zero physical evidence.

The Bottom Line

Before we go any farther let me give you the bottom line. Genuine UFOs and Alien Abductions are due to the activity of Satan and his fallen angels (demons). As Christians we do not have to worry about these things. The fact is demons are scared of you, the Christian, because like the Archangel Michael all you have to do is call on Jesus to help you and these demons will be dispatched by God in a painful way.

Jude 1:9 - But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

We are going to be talking about some scary stuff but as a Christian you don't have to worry about it. If you are not a Christian then being worried about these things is appropriate.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jeremiah 10:2

Thus says the LORD, "Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them;

Where Are These Aliens From?

During abduction experiences (an average of 202 per day, every day, just in the US) many people ask the aliens where they are from. In the early years the aliens would say the Moon, or Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter or other planets in our solar system.

Since then we have sent men to the Moon – guess what? No one is there. We have sent probes to Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, and close to the other planets. Guess what? No one is there, either. (For a list of some of the space probes we have sent into space see the appendix).

Today, when asked, the aliens say that they are from star systems that are conveniently too far away (many light-years) for us to send probes to. (Ref1, pg 65)

Key Point: Whoever these aliens are, we have already caught them lying about where they are from!

1 John 4:1-3

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

We know from our space probes that the aliens are not from our solar system. So, where are they from?

The next closest star to the Earth (after the Sun) is Proxima Centauri, 4.2 light-years away. Some of the aliens today claim to be from Sirius, 8.6 light-years away. Most star systems are thousands, millions, or billions of light-years away.

But just for discussion let's assume they are from the closest star – Proxima Centauri. In order to travel to Earth and back would require a ship to accelerate to the speed of light, maintain that speed for 4 years and then decelerate from the speed of light back to a stop. The amount of energy needed to do this is enormous!

If we tried to accelerate the Space Shuttle to 50% of the speed of light (93,000 miles per second) it would require the energy equivalent of 23 million atomic bombs (Ref1, pg 67). And after travelling for 8 years at half the speed of light you would need the same amount of atomic bomb energy to decelerate. Then on the return trip you would need to do it all over again. By the way, space has dust in it. If you happen to hit a speck of dust during the trip the explosion on the surface of your ship would be equivalent to tens of tons of TNT.

If aliens used a Space Shuttle sized craft to travel from Proxima Centauri to Earth and back at half the speed of light it would take 16 years of time and the propulsion energy of 96,000,000 atomic bombs!

Its hard to imagine 200 ships a day being sent to Earth and back under such difficult and costly circumstances.

“Oh, but Mr. Daily, the aliens have warp drive. They just punch a button, the stars blur, and away they go!”

Warp drive is essential for science fiction stories. Without it everyone would die of old age long before they came across anyone to interact with. But the laws of physics do not allow for it.

Even if you take the craziest theories of physics (wormholes, folding universes, etc.) the theoretical amount of energy to use such a mechanism for travel is unimaginable. Even if you could “fold the universe” or travel through a “wormhole” and get to a point millions of light years from your starting point in just a few minutes, the energy required to do this would be far beyond trillions of atomic bombs.

You can't get here from there - at least not without being seen!

The Silence Is Deafening

Ok, so even though its technologically unbelievable, let's assume the aliens figured out a way to travel large numbers of light years relatively quickly. We should at least be able to see them coming and going, right?

Even if they use some weird technology we ought to be able to see them coming toward Earth on our radars or telescopes or by detecting a brief electromagnetic hiccup of some type. But instead we detect nothing.

Are we looking hard enough?

Below is a list of some of the telescopes we use to scan the skies. Different instruments look for different things. The list includes light, infrared, X-rays, gamma rays, microwaves, and radio waves.

Scientists are looking:

Hubble Space Telescope	Chandra X-ray Observatory
Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory	ROSAT X-ray Observatory
SOHO Solar Observatory	WMAP
2MASS Sky Survey	ASTER Earth Imaging Instrument
MISR Earth Imaging Instrument	NAOJ Subaru Telescope
Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX)	European Southern Observatory (ESO)
Wide-Field Imager (WFI)	SOFI Infrared Multi-mode Instrument
Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (CFHT)	New Technology Telescope (NTT)
Atacama Pathfinder Experiment (APEX)	Spitzer Space Telescope (SIRTF)
Herschel	Planck

The military is looking:

There are the air defense sensors and satellites of NORAD. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is a US/Canadian organization whose mission is aerospace warning and aerospace control for North America. Aerospace warning includes the monitoring of man-made objects in space, and the detection, validation, and warning of attack against North America by aircraft, missiles, or space vehicles.

Non-profit organizations are looking:

Since 1960 a group of non-profit organizations has been searching for extra-terrestrial life by constantly scanning the skies across the electromagnetic spectrum. This effort, referred to as SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) is the collective name for a number of activities people undertake to search for extraterrestrial life. SETI projects use scientific methods to search for electromagnetic transmissions from civilizations on distant planets. The US government contributed to earlier SETI projects, but recent work has been primarily funded by private sources. After 50 years of listening they have not detected anything.

Key Point: Over the last 50 years no one has seen any evidence of spacecraft approaching the Earth, leaving the Earth, or disturbing the electromagnetic environment of space. Its so quiet you can hear a pin drop.

The Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis (ETH) Falls Out of Favor

In the 1970's the accumulating evidence mentioned above called into question the whole idea of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis – the idea that these aliens were from other places in our universe.

"One theory which can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships."
- 1975, Sir Arthur C. Clarke, Author of 2001: A Space Odyssey

After 28 years of investigating UFO sightings, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy and lead scientist for the USAF during the 20 years of Project Blue Book, said in October 1976:

"I have come to support less and less the idea that UFOs are 'nuts and bolts' spacecraft from other worlds. There are just too many things going against this theory. To me, it seems ridiculous that super intelligences would travel great distances to do relatively stupid things like stop cars, collect soil samples, and frighten people. I think we must begin to re-examine the evidence. We must begin to look closer to home."

Dr. Hynek and other investigators of this time period, such as Dr. Jacques Vallee, proposed a new idea to explain where these aliens were from. Their idea, called the Inter-Dimensional Hypothesis or Extra-Dimensional Hypothesis (EDH) was that the aliens lived on Earth or close to it but in a parallel dimension.

This would explain why their ships could pop in and out of our airspace so often and so easily without any warning. This idea also fit the eyewitness accounts better and was compatible with the idea of the Big Bang theory which requires the existence of a fourth dimension of space that we can't detect.

For an in-depth discussion of the Big Bang theory and this fourth dimension of space please see the study: "Starlight and the God of the Universe" (aka, "Starlight in a 6,000 Year Old Universe") at <http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

Key Point: *50 years of observational data does not support the idea that UFOs/aliens are extra-terrestrial. They most likely live on or close to Earth.*

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Satan and his fallen angels live on planet Earth.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Satan and his angels rule the air.

Ezekiel 10:9-17

⁹Then I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the gleam of a Tarshish stone. ¹⁰As for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel were within another wheel. ¹¹When they moved, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which they faced, without turning as they went. ¹²Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings and the wheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them. ¹³The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels. ¹⁴And each one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵Then the cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar. ¹⁶Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them. ¹⁷When the cherubim stood still, the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the wheels would rise with them, for the spirit of the living beings was in them.

Angels can take the form of men, animals, birds, and gleaming mechanical wheels that spin.

Ezekiel 1:6-10, 15-20

⁶Each of them had four faces and four wings. ⁷Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze. ⁸Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, ⁹their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. ¹⁰As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle. (the picture on the right is a gleaming bronzed baby shoe)



<http://baby-shoe-bronzing.com/data/storage/attachments/de26e04c0e80829bf0487875e0420641.jpg>

¹⁵Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living beings, for each of the four of them. ¹⁶The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like sparkling beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship being as if one wheel were within another. ¹⁷Whenever they moved, they moved in any of their four directions without turning as they moved. ¹⁸As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were full of eyes round about. ¹⁹Whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also. ²⁰Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings was in the wheels.



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beryl>

Angels can gleam like metal (burnished bronze) and appear like wheels of sparkling beryl.

Key Point: fallen angels can appear in humanoid form, in the form of animals, and as spinning wheels of metal or colored crystal. In other words they can appear as aliens and as UFOs. They can also appear as animals such as those used as "spirit guides" by shamans (see appendix on shamans).

The Circular Reasoning Of The Godless Fool

Psalm 14:1 - The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God " They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

Its interesting to note that trying to explain creation without God leads to the Big Bang theory. The Big Bang theory leads to the idea of billions of years for the age of the universe and millions of years for the age of the Earth. Belief in very long time spans leads to a belief in Evolution as the process by which life has developed. Belief in Evolution leads to a belief that other beings (aliens) must have evolved like we did and that some of them are likely to be more advanced than we are. Belief in aliens leads to a belief that UFOs must be the spaceships of these imagined aliens. Belief in UFOs leads to belief that the abductions people experience must be occurring at the hands of these evolved aliens. The emotional and physical experiences people have during these abduction events are so real and deep, so much more intense than those of everyday life, that the realness of the aliens and their message makes belief in the God of the Bible seem irrelevant.

Deuteronomy 32:17 - "They sacrificed to demons who were not God, To gods whom they have not known, New gods who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread.

What Message Do The Aliens Have For Us?

The millions of abductions that have been reported (to researchers, not publicly) share a number of common events. In addition the message communicated to people during an abduction also has common elements.

The primary message is one of saving the environment of the Earth. The aliens imply that they have an interest in how life progresses on the Earth and that humans are rapidly destroying the Earth through environmental pollution. Highly emotional images of environmental destruction are shown to the abductees with warnings that action to prevent such a disaster are not moving fast enough.

Although this is the primary message, the aliens sometimes go into more detail, particularly with people who have been abducted multiple times, about what will be necessary to fix the problem. In these cases the aliens will talk about the need for a one world government because only a one world government will be able to finally address the problem (Ref3, pg 162-163). As a last resort it may also be necessary to remove those people who continue to stand in the way of saving the planet. In other words the aliens will, if necessary, perform a mass abduction and remove those people standing in the way of saving the planet.

From a Christian perspective the alien message appears to be a counterfeit preparation for the Rapture of the Church and the one world government of the anti-christ.

I Timothy 4:1-3

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ²by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, ³men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

The Alien Abduction Experience

Optional: Watch the ABC news video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZ5wQkyzZOQ>

If you don't have time to watch all of it look at these time sections: **0 to 1:00, 1:33 to 2:09, 2:45 to 3:19**

or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkL8s7vBQdU> Time sections **2:10-3:50, 6:30-8:53**

II Corinthians 11:14-15

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

The millions of alien abduction reports share a number of common characteristics (Ref1, pages 235-242).

- 1) The experience usually occurs at night while a person is driving a car, sitting at home, or lying in bed. The majority of abductions occur while lying in bed.
- 2) One or more very bright unusual lights appear in the room.
- 3) There is often a sense of stillness and quiet.
- 4) There is a sense of fear and of the presence of someone in the room, often described as an evil presence.
- 5) The person experiences complete paralysis below the neck.
- 6) The lights change into aliens of various types who may or may not communicate with the person telepathically.
- 7) The person is levitated out of bed and they and the aliens float toward the window, wall, or roof of the house.
- 8) The person and aliens pass through the solid window, wall, or roof with no problem.
- 9) Once outside the person floats toward another bright light thought to be the alien ship. If people are walking around outside they may look at the direction of the person being abducted but act like they don't see anything. At this point the abductee may lose consciousness.
- 10) The abductee wakes up in what appears to be an examination room on the alien ship with no clothes on.
- 11) A number of odd "medical" examinations are conducted along with surgical operations.
- 12) The medical examinations are humiliating and the surgical operations are done without anesthetic and are very painful. The terror of the experience is usually so great that people often have symptoms of post-traumatic stress syndrome similar to a person that has been raped.
- 13) After the examination there is a conference time where the aliens share their message with the abductee. They are told that they have been selected for a special mission that will be revealed to them when the time is right. The message of environmental disaster is shown to them visually in emotionally intense, graphic detail.
- 14) They may be taken on a tour of the craft and shown the results of some type of breeding program involving humans and aliens. The primary purpose of showing this "breeding program" may be to reinforce the idea that life on Earth owes its existence to the aliens and they, therefore, have the right to do what they want with humans.
- 15) A religious message may also be communicated. This message is typically along the lines of all religions lead to the same place and that they will one day come together as one fully enlightened belief system.
- 16) The person is returned to where they were taken and told to forget the experience.
- 17) The person becomes aware of "missing time". Hours have disappeared that they can't account for.
- 18) Initially the abductee has no conscious recollection of the abduction after the appearance of the unusual lights (step 4) although they may suffer from psychological and physical problems for many weeks after the event. When seeking counseling as a result of these effects hypnosis reveals the remaining details of the experience although some abductees' memory comes back without hypnosis.
- 19) The abductee often experiences a personality change or change in their belief system. A large percentage of abductees develop an interest in New Age, Occult, or mystical type religious experiences.
- 20) Some abductees believe they have psychic abilities after an abduction experience. (Ref1, pg 159)

Note: What is the purpose of the examinations and operations of steps 11 and 12? No one seems to know. I view it as a sadistic challenge for the aliens (demons) who are doing these things to people. They find it entertaining to see how far they can go in traumatizing, humiliating, terrorizing, and inflicting pain on people and still have these people follow them and believe them and reject the God of the Bible.

What Kind Of People Get Abducted?

The most common predictor of abduction is a person's previous involvement in New Age/Mystical religious activities or occult practices (palm readers, tarot cards, Ouija boards), even if done in a non-serious way (i.e. for entertainment). These things open the door to abduction experiences.

Leviticus 19:31 - 'Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:6

'As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. ¹⁰"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹²"For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

Also, if you are a spouse, child, or close friend of someone who has been abducted your chances of abduction become very high. Children of abductees experience abductions themselves starting at about age 5.

Exodus 34:6-8

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." ⁸Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

Can You Stop An Abduction?

Yes. There is one way that has been found (by non-christians) to stop an abduction experience. In Ref4, page 228 (a book hostile toward Christianity), Dr. Mack came across one example where a person was able to stop an abduction experience. During the experience a woman was being shown horrible images of herself and her children being killed. She tried to counter the images with thoughts of love toward the aliens. In her own words she sent a "last burst of love energy, calling on Jesus and feeling good inside toward" the alien. The alien went down in pain, making a strange noise, and the abduction stopped. The woman came to the conclusion that the "love energy" she was sending stopped the abduction (wrong conclusion).

In Ref1, page 256-264 an alien abduction research group in Florida led by Joe Jordan (at the time a New Age practitioner) stumbled onto a few cases where alien abductions were stopped. After Mr. Jordan became a Christian he began to recognize that the common thing among those who stopped an abduction was that they called out to Jesus Christ for help.

As a result he decided to launch a research project to understand how abductions could be stopped. After 10 years of research Mr. Jordan has documented over 400 cases where alien abductions were stopped and in each case it was stopped by the person calling out to Jesus for help. Today Mr. Jordan's group is a Christian organization called, "CE-4 Research Group".

The website can be found at: <http://www.alienresistance.org/ce4.htm>

Mark 16:17 - "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

Luke 10:17-20

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. ²⁰"Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

Conclusion – A Strategy of Deception

The aliens are nothing new. They are the fallen angels of old. The demons of the Bible - enemy of God and man. They prey on those who seek spiritual experiences apart from Jesus Christ.

What is the purpose behind the deceptions of UFO and alien abductions? No one really knows but here are two ideas to consider.

1. Tactical Deception

The experiences of UFO sightings and alien abductions have an extreme emotional intensity to them that makes them not only real to people but "hyper-real" as some describe them.

Key Point: Those who put their faith in experiences instead of God's Word are easy prey and will be easily deceived by these experiences.

Colossians 2:18-19

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ²and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' ³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴"You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. ⁵"But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk So you shall purge the evil from among you.

Highly emotional experiences are powerful ways to deceive people and move their focus to the wrong thing.

2. Strategic Deception

In addition I believe there is a future purpose for such events. Israel was re-established as a nation in May of 1948. This event marked the beginning of the end times since Israel plays a key role in the Tribulation. It is interesting to note that the modern UFO phenomenon started in 1947 about a year earlier. The UFO sightings did an excellent job of preparing people for the alien abduction experiences.

Today there are millions of people who have experienced an alien abduction. These people have been told that man is destroying the Earth's environment and that drastic action is needed to save the planet. They have been told that the only way to muster the power to save the planet is to have a one world government with a unified economy under its control. And, if necessary, a mass abduction of people resistant to this mission may be needed to enable mankind and the Earth to survive and make progress.

Sometime in the future the Church will be raptured and hundreds of millions of Christians will instantly disappear. When this happens the world will panic wanting to know what happened. This would be the ideal time for the millions of abductees to go public with their experiences and with the message the aliens have given them including the mass abduction of those resistant to saving the Earth (perhaps this is the special mission they will be given).

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDqgTfEhkgE&playnext_from=SL Time section 1:30 to 4:46

Following the rapture, the Earth will experience the judgments of Revelation. These will be explained by the abductees as the consequences of our lack of taking care of the environment – just as the aliens said.

The alien message will also help make the idea of a one world government (led by the anti-christ) acceptable to the world and viewed as part of the alien plan for saving Earth.

II Thessalonians 2:9

that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

Matthew 24:24

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Galatians 1:8

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Believe God's Word, not experiences. Stay away from occult and mystical practices. Put your trust in Christ, call to Him for help when you need it. Recognize that Satan is real and is working to deceive.

Appendix – Is there sentient, morally accountable life in other parts of the universe besides Earth?

I don't think so. Let's say there are some Vulcans out there in the universe. Adam's sin corrupted the entire universe so the Vulcans would be cursed by Adam's sin.

Christ came to redeem men. So, the Vulcan's would not be redeemed.

Someday the Heavens and the Earth will be replaced with a new heaven and a new earth. That means the Vulcans will all die.

Does not appear to be very just yet we know God is just.

Also, in Revelation we don't see aliens around the throne of God. If they exist they are not represented in the heavenly assembly.

Also, God's Word claims to have everything we need yet it makes no provision for other morally accountable creations other than man and angels. If we are to come into contact with extra-terrestrial sentient beings then the Bible would have provided us with some guidance as to how to handle that. The Bible provides us with guidance on how to relate to God, to other people, to angels, and to demons.

Since it makes no mention of extra-terrestrials it means one of two things:

- 1) There are no extra-terrestrials
- 2) God will make it impossible for us to ever come in contact with them.

Either way it means that it is impossible for people to ever make contact with real extra-terrestrials and any claim by someone that they are an extra-terrestrial must be false.

(I Corinthians 15:21-24, Romans 8:19-23, Revelation 5:7-10, II Peter 1:1-4)

Appendix – List of Space Probes

Mariner 4 -- Mars	Mariner 6 & 7 -- Mars	Mariner 9 -- Mars
Mariner 10 -- Mercury	Viking to Mars	Magellan to Venus
Mars Pathfinder	Deep Space 1	Mars Climate Orbiter
Mars Polar Lander	Sputnik	Explorer
Vanguard	Cassini/Huygens Mission	Clementine Moon Mapping
Galileo	Genesis	Giotto ESA
Lunar Orbiter	Lunar Prospector	Mars Global Surveyor
2001 Mars Odyssey	Mars 96 (Russian)	NEAR
Nozomi to Mars (JAPAN)	Mars Phobos (Russian)	Pioneer to Venus
Pioneer 10	Pioneer 11	Ranger Lunar Mission
Sakigake Comet Halley	Suisei Comet Halley	Surveyor Moon Mapping
Ulysses	Vega 1 (Russia)	Vega 2 (Russia)
Venera to Venus (Russian)	Voyager	Zond Soviet Lunar Missions
Mars Rovers - Artwork	Mars Rovers - Spacecraft	Deep Impact
Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter	Stardust	Venus Express
MESSENGER	MODIS Image Of The Day Archive	Phoenix Mars Lander
Chandrayaan-1	Kepler	Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter
New Horizons	Mars Exploration Rover - Spirit	Mars Express
Mars Exploration Rover - Opportunity		
Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (HiRISE)		
STEREO (Solar TERrestrial RELations Observatory)		
STEREO (Solar TERrestrial RELations Observatory) 3-D Sun Images		
MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer)		

Appendix – Shamanism (Wikipedia)

Shamanism is based on the premise that the visible world is pervaded by invisible forces or spirits which affect the lives of the living.

Forms of Shamanism are found in most cultures of the world including Eastern religions, Native American mysticism, witch doctors, Wicca, New Age religions, etc.

There are many variations of shamanism throughout the world but several common beliefs are shared by all forms of shamanism. Common beliefs include:

- 1) Spirits exist and they play important roles both in individual lives and in human society.
- 2) The shaman can communicate with the spirit world.
- 3) Spirits can be good or evil.
- 4) The shaman can treat sickness caused by evil spirits.
- 5) The shaman can employ trance inducing techniques to incite visionary ecstasy and go on "vision quests."
- 6) The shaman's spirit can leave the body to enter the supernatural world to search for answers.
- 7) The shaman evokes animal images as spirit guides, omens, and message-bearers.
- 8) The shaman can tell the future, scry, throw bones/runes, and perform other varied forms of divination

Appendix - Summary of New Age Beliefs (the new age is the Age of Aquarius)

An umbrella term for a wide range of personal and individual beliefs and practices influenced primarily by Eastern religions, paganism, and spiritism. <http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/2001/06/What-New-Agers-Believe.aspx>

- Belief in Deity - God is the impersonal life force, consciousness, ultimate truth and reality, the incorporeal, formless cosmic order personified within all people and matter. God is all and all are God.
- Worship - There are no particular incarnations to worship, as all in the universe are embodiments of God.
- Origin of Universe and Life - The universe, life, and matter were not created by God but "are" God. The universe and life emerged out of the creative power of the eternal universal life force.
- After Death - Some believe in continual rebirth--no death--as life is spirit. Some believe that our souls rest for a time before deciding on a new body (or bodies). Heaven and hell are states of consciousness, self-imposed, due to ignorance of God as all.
- Why Evil? - No original sin, no Satan, and no evil. Most believe people make "mistakes" when they are ignorant of the power of goodness, which is God, within themselves and others. Some believe evil is perpetuated through accumulation of past-life wrongs and spiritual ignorance.
- Salvation - Salvation lies in the realization of oneness with the impersonal life force. Awareness can be heightened through methods that induce altered states of consciousness, e.g., hypnosis, meditation, music, drugs. Spiritual "tools" include crystals, tarot cards, amulets, channeling, fortunetellers and psychics. Some believe the salvation of humanity will occur when a critical mass is reached, when people converge in experiencing their oneness with God and with each other. This will bring a New World Order or new Planetary Order, resulting in oneness of civilization and one-world government, peace, and harmony.
- Undeserved Suffering - Suffering is the result of greed, hatred, and spiritual ignorance in a person's past lifetimes, which returns as suffering (karma). Suffering is sometimes viewed as occurring for a specific purpose, to further spiritual growth and learn a life lesson.

(The appendices on Ruppelt, Hynek, Vallée, and Mack are taken heavily from Wikipedia articles)

Appendix - Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, USAF (BS in Aeronautical Engineering, Iowa State University)

Ruppelt was a US Air Force officer best-known for his involvement in Project Blue Book, a government study of unidentified flying objects. He is credited with coining the term "unidentified flying object" to replace "flying saucer".

The Air Force started Project Sign, followed by Project Grudge, followed by Project Blue Book. These three projects, although different in purpose, were directed at the UFO phenomenon. Ruppelt was the director of Project Grudge from late 1951 until it became Project Blue Book in March 1952; he remained with Blue Book until late 1953. Jerome Clark writes, "Most observers of Blue Book agree that the Ruppelt years comprised the project's golden age, when investigations were most capably directed and conducted. Ruppelt himself was open-minded about UFOs, and his investigators were not known, as Grudge's were, for force-fitting explanations on cases."

Ruppelt implemented a number of changes in the late stages of Project Grudge, which were carried over to Blue Book. He streamlined the way in which UFOs were reported to (and by) military officials, partly in hopes of alleviating the stigma and ridicule associated with UFO witnesses. Ruppelt sought the advice of many scientists and issued regular press releases (along with classified monthly reports for military intelligence).

Ruppelt also ordered the development of a standard questionnaire for UFO witnesses, hoping to uncover data which could be subject to statistical analysis. He commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to create the questionnaire and computerize the data. Using case reports and the computerized data, Battelle then did a massive scientific and statistical study of all Air Force UFO cases (completed in 1954 after Ruppelt had left Blue Book) and known as Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14. Battelle scientists found that even after stringent analysis, 22% of the cases remained classified as "unknown" and that these were different from the "knowns" at a very high level of statistical significance. The Battelle study also found that the best cases (those with the most credible and complete data) were twice as likely to be classified as unknowns as the worst cases.

Appendix - Dr. John E. Mack (MD, Harvard Medical School)

Mack was a psychiatrist and professor at the Harvard University School of Medicine. He was a Pulitzer Prize winning biographer and an authority on the spiritual or transformational effects of alleged alien encounter experiences. Mack received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

The dominant theme of his life's work has been the exploration of how one's perceptions of the world affect one's relationships. This theme was taken to a controversial extreme in the 1990s when Mack commenced his decade-plus study of 200 men and women who reported recurrent alien encounter experiences.

Mack initially suspected that such persons were suffering from mental illness, but when no obvious pathologies were present in the persons he interviewed, Mack's interest was piqued. Mack began concerted study and interviews. Many of those Mack interviewed reported that their encounters had affected the way they regarded the world, including producing a heightened sense of spirituality and environmental concern.

Mack was more guarded in his investigations and interpretations of the abduction phenomenon than were earlier researchers. The BBC quoted Mack as saying, "I would never say, yes, there are aliens taking people. [But] I would say there is a compelling powerful phenomenon here that I can't account for in any other way, that's mysterious. Yet I can't know what it is but it seems to me that it invites a deeper, further inquiry."

Mack noted that there was a worldwide history of visionary experiences, especially in pre-industrial societies. Mack suggested abduction accounts might best be considered as part of this larger tradition of visionary encounters. Mack's interest in the spiritual or transformational aspects of people's alien encounters, and his suggestion that the experience of alien contact itself may be more spiritual than physical in nature -- yet nonetheless real -- set him apart from many of his contemporaries who advocated the physical reality of aliens.

Appendix - Dr. J. Allan Hynek (PhD in Astrophysics, University of Chicago Yerkes Observatory)

Hynek joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Ohio State University in 1936. During World War II, Hynek was a scientist at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he helped develop the Navy's radio proximity fuze. After the war, Hynek returned to Ohio State, rising to full professor in 1950. In 1956, he joined the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, which had combined with the Harvard Observatory. In 1960 Hynek took the position of professor and chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University. Hynek was scientific advisor for the US Air Force's three projects investigating UFOs starting in 1948 and ending in 1969 (Project Sign, Project Grudge, and Project Blue Book). In 1973 he founded the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). Hynek was also the inventor of the "close encounter" scale developed to better catalog UFO reports.

When Project Sign hired Hynek in 1948, he was initially skeptical of UFO reports. For the first few years of his UFO studies, Hynek was essentially a debunker. Hynek often stretched logic nearly to the breaking point in an attempt to explain away as many UFO reports as possible. But after examining hundreds of UFO reports over the decades (including some made by credible witnesses, including astronomers, pilots, police officers, and military personnel), Hynek concluded that some reports represented genuine empirical observations. Another shift in Hynek's opinions came after conducting an informal poll of his astronomer colleagues in the early 1950s. Of 44 astronomers, five (over 11 percent) had seen aerial objects that they could not account for. Hynek also noted that this 11% figure was greater than in the general public.

In a 1985 interview, when asked what caused his change of opinion, Hynek responded, "Two things, really. One was the completely negative and unyielding attitude of the Air Force. They wouldn't give UFOs the chance of existing, even if they were flying up and down the street in broad daylight. Everything had to have an explanation. I began to resent that, even though I basically felt the same way, because I still thought they weren't going about it in the right way. You can't assume that everything is black no matter what. Secondly, the caliber of the witnesses began to trouble me. Quite a few instances were reported by military pilots, for example, and I knew them to be fairly well-trained, so this is when I first began to think that, well, maybe there was something to all this."

Hynek remained with Project Sign after it became Project Grudge and then Project Blue Book. Though Hynek thought Capt. Ruppelt was a capable director who steered Project Blue Book in the right direction, Ruppelt headed Blue Book for only a few years. Hynek has also stated that after Ruppelt's departure, Project Blue Book was little more than a public relations exercise, further noting that little or no research was undertaken using the scientific method. It was during the late stages of Blue Book in the 1960s that Hynek began speaking openly about his disagreements with the Air Force.

Late in his life, Hynek was critical of the popular extraterrestrial hypothesis, and began expressing his doubts to theories that UFOs were physical spacecraft from other planets. As Hynek himself said in October 1976: "I have come to support less and less the idea that UFOs are 'nuts and bolts' spacecrafts from other worlds. There are just too many things going against this theory. To me, it seems ridiculous that super intelligences would travel great distances to do relatively stupid things like stop cars, collect soil samples, and frighten people. I think we must begin to re-examine the evidence. We must begin to look closer to home."

In 1975, in a paper presented to the Joint Symposium of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics in Los Angeles, he wrote, "If you object, I ask you to explain – quantitatively, not qualitatively – the reported phenomena of materialization and dematerialization, of shape changes, of the noiseless hovering in the Earth's gravitational field, accelerations that – for an appreciable mass – require energy sources far beyond present capabilities – even theoretical capabilities, the well-known and often reported electro-magnetic interference effect, the psychic effects on percipients, including purported telepathic communications". Besides the aspect of materialization and dematerialization he cited the "poltergeist" phenomenon experienced by some people after a close encounter; the photographs of UFOs, sometimes on only one frame, not seen by the witnesses; the changing form right before the witnesses' eyes; the puzzling question of telepathic communication; or that in close encounters of the third kind the creatures seem to be at home in earth's gravity and atmosphere; the sudden stillness in the presence of the craft; levitation of cars or persons; the development by some of psychic abilities after an encounter.

Appendix - Dr. Jacques F. Vallée (PhD in Computer Science, Northwestern, MS in Astrophysics)

Vallée is a French-born venture capitalist, computer scientist, author, ufologist and former astronomer. Vallée is notable for co-developing the first computerized mapping of Mars for NASA, and for his work at SRI International in creating ARPANET, a precursor to the Internet. Vallée is also an important figure in the study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), first noted for a defense of the scientific legitimacy of the extraterrestrial hypothesis and later for promoting the Interdimensional hypothesis. Vallée received a BS in Mathematics from the Sorbonne and an MS in Astrophysics from the University of Lille. He began his professional life as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory in 1961. He moved to the United States in 1962 and began working in astronomy at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1967, Vallée received a Ph.D. in computer science from Northwestern University. Vallée has authored four books on technology, including *Computer Message Systems*, *Electronic Meetings*, *The Network Revolution*, and *The Heart of the Internet*. Along with his mentor, astronomer J. Allen Hynek, Vallée carefully studied the phenomenon of UFOs for many years and served as the real-life model for the character portrayed by François Truffaut in Steven Spielberg's film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Considered one of the leading experts in UFO phenomena, Vallée has written several books on the subject.

In the mid-1960s, like many other UFO researchers, Vallée initially attempted to validate the popular Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH). But by 1969, Vallée's conclusions had changed, and he publicly stated that the ETH was too narrow and ignored too much data. Vallée began exploring the commonalities between UFOs, cults, religious movements, angels, ghosts, cryptid sightings, and psychic phenomena. These links were first detailed in Vallée's third UFO book, *Passport to Magonia: From Folklore to Flying Saucers*.

Vallée's opposition to the ETH theory is summarised in his paper, "Five Arguments Against the Extraterrestrial Origin of Unidentified Flying Objects", Journal of Scientific Exploration, 1990:

"Scientific opinion has generally followed public opinion in the belief that unidentified flying objects either do not exist (the "natural phenomena hypothesis") or, if they do, must represent evidence of a visitation by some advanced race of space travellers (the extraterrestrial hypothesis or "ETH"). It is the view of the author that research on UFOs need not be restricted to these two alternatives. On the contrary, the accumulated data base exhibits several patterns tending to indicate that UFOs are real, represent a previously unrecognized phenomenon, and that the facts do not support the common concept of "space visitors."

Five specific arguments articulated here contradict the ETH:

- 1) unexplained close encounters are far more numerous than required for any physical survey of earth;
- 2) the humanoid body structure of the alleged "aliens" is not likely to have originated on another planet and is not biologically adapted to space travel;
- 3) the reported behavior in thousands of abduction reports contradicts the hypothesis of genetic or scientific experimentation on humans by an advanced race;
- 4) the extension of the phenomenon throughout recorded human history demonstrates that UFOs are not a contemporary phenomenon
- 5) the apparent ability of UFOs to manipulate space & time suggests radically different and richer alternatives.

Vallée proposes that there is a genuine UFO phenomenon, partly associated with a form of non-human consciousness that manipulates space and time. The phenomenon has been active throughout human history, and seems to masquerade in various forms to different cultures. In his opinion, the intelligence behind the phenomenon attempts social manipulation by using deception on the humans with whom they interact.

Vallée's *Messengers of Deception* is recognized as an important sociological work in its own right, since the subject of this 1975 study is UFO contactees and cults as opposed to the UFO phenomenon itself. In the course of the study Vallée expresses concern about the often authoritarian political and religious views expressed by many contactees. Amongst the groups profiled are the nascent Raelian movement and an early form of the Heaven's Gate suicide cult. He also points out that Scientology is another example of a UFO cult which has organized itself as a religious organization. He draws parallels to UFO cults and contactee's messages and motivations.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Aliens Among Us*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jude 1:9, Romans 8:38-39, Jeremiah 10:2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 12:7-9, Ephesians 2:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ezekiel 10:9-17*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Aliens Among Us*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ezekiel 1:6-10, 15-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalms 14:1, Deuteronomy 32:17, I Timothy 4:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 11:14-15, I John 4:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Aliens Among Us*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Leviticus 19:31, Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Exodus 34:6-8*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 16:17, Luke 10:17-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Aliens Among Us*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 2:18-19, Deuteronomy 13:1-5*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Thessalonians 2:9, Matthew 24:24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Galatians 1:8, Ephesians 6:12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Aliens Among Us*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 15:21-24, Romans 8:19-23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 5:7-10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Peter 1:1-4*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?