

BIZARRE THEOLOGY: EXTRATERRESTRIAL DEMONOLOGY

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From The History Press *Forgotten Tales of Texas A Story of My Hometown Port Arthur's Founder Arthur Stilwell:*

“Starting from a base of zero, Stilwell made a lot of money in Kansas City through trust companies and belt-line railways. Along with the *brownies* (or *pixies of night vision*), cycles of boom and bust would follow Stilwell for the rest of his business career. He is best remembered for a railroad he built from Kansas City to Port Arthur, which would later be known as the Kansas City Southern, in 1897. The original terminus point of the railroad was to be located near Galveston but Stilwell changed his mind at the last moment and moved the terminus toward an open patch of prairie that would become the town of Port Arthur, which is named after him. Stilwell’s *brownies* visited him one night while construction of the railroad was well underway and told him not to take the railroad to Galveston because the city was doomed and they knew it, even if nobody else did. At the time, Stilwell told nobody but Jenny [his wife the pixies told him to marry] why he made such a radical decision but in his book *Live and Grow Young* he revealed the reason along with his belief in the *brownies*.

I constructed the city of Port Arthur, Texas and built the Port Arthur Ship Canal and harbor under the same [pixie night advisor] guidance, not deviating from the plans revealed to me in any way.”

From The History Press Book *Texas Obscurities Another 1897 Texas Story Like Roswell But Happening in Aurora:*

04-17-1897 Aurora, Texas UFO Crash. “According to the Dallas Morning News, the craft was reported to have had one passenger onboard whom the citizens of Aurora assumed was its pilot. His (or its) body was ‘badly disfigured’ by the crash and explosion, but onlookers could tell (as the *Fort Worth Register* put it) that ‘he was not an inhabitant of this world.’ The following Easter morning, the townspeople gathered up the remains of the unfortunate pilot and gave him (or it) a Christian burial in the Aurora Cemetery. And the legend of the Aurora ‘spaceman’ was born. Other newspaper reports also placed sightings in the skies above North Texas on April 16. On April 17, Dallas Morning News accounts placed unidentified flying objects in Beaumont and Galveston. In a matter of thirty-eight days, unidentified flying objects were spotted in Texas skies hundreds of times and across dozens of communities. Some thought they were Martian, some believed they were balloon-harnessed airships and **some thought they were harbingers of God’s judgment...**

Another account suggested the craft was helmed by descendants of the [lost] Ten Tribes of Israel who currently resided ‘in a large body of land beyond the polar area of the North Pole.’”

“In many communities, the inexplicable flying object sightings inspired superstition. In the April 17 edition of the *Austin American-Statesman*, one writer direly remarked on what the appearances and sightings of the airships meant: ‘All the predictions of prophecy concerning what would happen on the face of the earth have been verified, and if those airships are supernatural the heavens are about to declare the fulfillment of prophecy.’ Soon after the *San Antonio Express* reported that religious leaders proclaimed that if the unidentified flying objects were ‘earthly devices,’ they would ‘be seen by day as well as night,’ adding that local preachers believed the ‘airships’ were ‘from another world’ and acting as **‘advent’ couriers of the second coming of Christ...**

Then, after C. W. Beale and F. D. Hahns saw a ‘mysterious vehicle’ in the skies over Ennis on April 17, the *Dallas Morning News* commented ‘close students of the Bible are apprehensive that the end of time is drawing near & that the strange visitations are **heavenly inspectors** going about to judge the world.’”

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That UFOs are real is no myth. That we are searching for signs of intelligent life in the universe, sometimes even desperately, is no myth. What is a myth is the idea of human evolution extended into the myth of cosmic evolution, and by implication a plurality of inhabited worlds which provides the expectation of UFO visits and eventual contact. However improbable, this outcome is deemed possible by a large number of people, among them influential scientists and politicians who are increasingly anxious about the endangered condition of our world. The thought of salvation from the sky is likely to grow in appeal.” But the UFO phenomenon simply does not behave like extraterrestrial visitors. It actually **molds itself in order to fit a given culture.** Their purpose is not open contact, in the sense that we would expect friendly contact from advanced civilizations in space. Rather, their goal seems to be psychological and social manipulation. A few of the leading UFO researchers have recognized this, among them John Keel (The Eight Tower; UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse) and Dr. Jacques Vallee (Messengers of Deception). Dr. Vallee has addressed the UN on UFOs and was the model for “Lacombe” in Steven Spielberg’s film “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” He has spent over two decades in serious UFO research. Like veteran UFO researcher John Keel, he has put his intellectual finger on the lowest common denominator of UFO contacts — deception — and also on the most common parallel to UFO phenomena — paganism and demonology. Vallee puts forth the idea that UFOs are purposely hoping to “change our belief systems” and that they are engaging in a “worldwide enterprise of ‘subliminal seduction.’”



“The immense popularity of books such as those by Erich von Daniken, claiming that humanity is in some sense the product of highly advanced life forms who have been guiding our evolution, reveals that people, having forsaken the concept of divine intervention, are more and more open to the concept of extraterrestrial intervention.”

John Ankerberg. The Facts on UFOs (pp. 8-9). ATRI Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Why is the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH) not credible for explaining the current UFO phenomenon? The most popular theory by far concerning UFOs is that they represent physical craft carrying intelligent life from outer space. Unfortunately, this theory has never been credible, at least for the UFO phenomena we are experiencing. Consider the British journal *Flying Saucer Review*, widely recognized as the leading UFO publication in the world. This periodical supports an assemblage of over 50 experts and specialists worldwide who conduct major UFO-encounter investigations. Established in 1955, it is one of the few journals that has objectively and thoroughly evaluated the phenomenon worldwide for almost 40 years. Yet an official FSR statement by editor Gordon Creighton reads, "There seems to be no evidence yet that any of these craft or beings originate from outer space." Coming from a periodical of such weight, this is no trivial conclusion. Yet it is hardly surprising. For example, Dr. Weldon's previous books listed many of the problems with the ETH, including: a) Radar has never recorded the actual entering of UFOs into our atmosphere; b) even with millions of advanced civilizations in outer space, it would be almost impossible if just once a year an extraterrestrial craft were to find us out here on the limb of our galaxy, yet we are seeing literally tens of thousands of craft yearly; c) the "aliens" seem to be able to live in our atmosphere without the help of respiratory devices; d) UFOs have been fired upon scores of times by American, Russian, and Canadian pilots, but these pilots have never been able to physically bring down a craft or capture it; e) no two UFOs ever appear exactly alike, implying that other civilizations must build and use their craft only once, which would be incredible. **Also militating against the ETH are the statistical considerations against life in outer space, the bizarre characteristics of the UFO phenomenon itself, and the high occult correlation and strong parallel to demonic powers.**

John Ankerberg. *The Facts on UFOs* (pp. 9-10). ATRI Publishing. Kindle Edition

UFOs and the Occult Evangelist Billy Graham observed, “Some Christian writers have speculated that UFOs could very well be a part of God’s angelic host who preside over the physical affairs of universal creation,” and he proceeds to note that even sincere Christians with a strong commitment to Scripture “contend that these UFOs are angels.” Mr. Graham does not expressly cite his personal views on the subject, but he does note that “UFOs are astonishingly angel-like in some of their reported appearances.” This cannot be denied. But what is frequently overlooked is that the biblical demons themselves are angels—fallen angels at war with God and man. They are lying spirits who seek to deceive people spiritually.

John Ankerberg. The Facts on UFOs (p. 12). ATRI Publishing. Kindle Edition.

But it should also be mentioned that a sizable number of researchers formerly committed to the extraterrestrial hypothesis have been convinced by the evidence that UFOs are of a parapsychical or occultic nature. For example, Raymond Fowler, the author of five books on UFOs, confesses, quote “I [have] watched in dismay as a number of respected UFO researchers have moved from a physical to a parapsychological interpretation of the bizarre UFO phenomenon. Now, I [too] am being forced to reexamine the UFO phenomenon in light of its apparent parapsychical nature.”

John Ankerberg. The Facts on UFOs (p. 15). ATRI Publishing. Kindle Edition.

After citing a number of examples of researchers who have concluded the UFO phenomenon is evil or demonic, Goldman offers the observations of the late authority on cults and the occult, Dr. Walter Martin, who told him, “The big problem is not what they are but who they are.” Martin writes, “The key to it is their theology. They’re all saying the same thing, and all of it is bad-mouthing the Bible. This tells me that what the Bible says was going to take place is taking place. What you’re dealing with is another dimension of reality which the Bible frequently mentions. It’s called ‘the realm of the prince of the powers of the air.’

In other words, this is a supernatural manifestation which Christianity, Islam, and Judaism would all call demonic.” “Look,” Martin says, “I don’t think that there’s a devil behind every bush and tree. I’m just saying, what would we expect at the end of the ages in our advanced culture? We would expect a manifestation that would fit into our time frame. What better way to attract us than with intergalactic visitors?... We’re obsessed with them!”

John Ankerberg. The Facts on UFOs (pp. 24-25). ATRI Publishing. Kindle Edition.

UFO entities: What other evidence would lead a person to conclude that UFO beings are not extraterrestrials but are part of the world of the occult? Around the globe there are tens of thousands of reported “UFO entity” cases, thousands involving human abduction reports. The morphology (form) of the UFO “occupants” suggests ties to the earth—not outer space.

Classification of the entities corresponds broadly to creatures of historic folklore, mythology, demonology and occultism in a wide variety of times and cultures. The fact that the UFO entities fit historic patterns of previously existing morphological types from many occultic traditions argues for their being indigenous to this planet. Both Lawson and Vallee have done interesting and important work in this field. It is significant that Lawson himself observes that the devil “is a polymorph and so can mimic any form imaginable, or change his size at will.”

Does the Bible say anything about UFOs?

Many people claim that the Bible contains stories of encounters with UFOs. They see “UFOs” in the Bible in the pillar of fire and cloud in Exodus, in Ezekiel’s “wheels,” in Elijah’s “chariot of fire,” and even in the star of Bethlehem and Christ’s ascension. In essence, all the miracles of the Bible are supposedly the results of UFO intervention. For some rationalistic-oriented theologians, UFOs have become a means to escape the “embarrassment” of the supernatural. In other words, the miracles of the Bible are now understood resulting from the “super-technology” of aliens, in spite of the fact that a UFO interpretation of a given miracle may clearly be more incredible than a supernatural one! Rather than taking the text at face value in terms of its cultural and historical setting, “biblical” ufology reinterprets it in light of modern UFO sightings and disregards the text itself when it conflicts with its premises.

Theological Difficulties

Most Christians tend to ignore the idea of aliens. However, not all Christians do this. An astronomer for the Roman Catholic Church has come out as [saying](#) that aliens may have souls and that he is willing to baptize ET into the Christian faith. However, there are problems with God creating extraterrestrials.

1. God uniquely designed the earth for life (Isaiah 45:18), while other planets have a completely different purpose than earth. Psalm 115:16 says that God gave the earth to man, but that the heavens are the Lord's.
2. The Bible teaches us that all of creation was placed under the curse when Adam and Eve sinned (Romans 8:18-22). The curse was universal. "Therefore, any ETs living elsewhere would have been (unjustly) affected by the Adamic Curse through no fault of their own."
3. Jesus came and died for the sins of mankind, and will redeem not only mankind but all of creation as well (Romans 8:18-22). As I have written about [previously](#), this freeing of creation from bondage includes the animal kingdom on *earth* (and not intelligent beings on other planets).
4. Some people believe that Christ's sacrifice may have been repeated on another world for other beings. "However, Christ died *once for all* ([Romans 6:10](#), [1 Peter 3:18](#)) on the *earth*. He is not going to be crucified and resurrected again on other planets ([Hebrews 9:26](#)). This is confirmed by the fact that the redeemed earthly church is known as Christ's bride ([Ephesians 5:22-33](#); [Revelation 19:7-9](#)) in a marriage that will last for all eternity. Christ is *not* going to be a polygamist with many other brides from other planets." "For God to have created intelligent sentient beings other than humans would violate the gospel—remembering that the whole purpose of creation was to bring forward a bride for Christ (not many brides)."
5. Jesus died for the sins of mankind, not for other species. Neither did he die for fallen angels (Hebrews 2:16).

6. The idea of alien life is based on the theory of evolution. Since we evolved here, surely someone else evolved on another planet.
7. Some want to argue that the universe is so big that surely God would not make it so large and keep it empty. However, this is forcing our ideas about the universe onto God. Dave Hunt makes a good point:

“Doesn’t the belief that space has other intelligent, human-like occupants (a necessary corollary to the theory of evolution) do away with the entire idea of a supernatural act of creation and thus with the God of the Bible? If ‘spontaneous generation’ could happen on planet Earth, why not on millions of similar planets? The clear implication from Genesis to Revelation is that the creation of Adam and Eve was a unique event, never having occurred before nor would ever occur again, anywhere in the cosmos.”

He continues:

“At this point, we are not arguing for acceptance of either the biblical or of the atheistic account but simply showing their incompatibility with each other. How can any ‘believer’ seriously share in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence when such creatures could not exist except through a creative act of God? Yet, what the Bible says from Genesis to Revelation reveals the search for human-like creatures outside the Earth, which is a large part of the space program, of necessity denies the existence of the Creator God in whom all Christians supposedly believe.”

To summarize, it is clear from a biblical perspective, extraterrestrials do not exist. The question remains then, what are people actually seeing?

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UFOs and the Existence of Supernatural Demonic Forces

by [Rich Deem](#)

INTRODUCTION

Supernatural Demonic Forces

There is a television show called *Supernatural*, in which the world is haunted by demonic supernatural forces that the main characters are attempting to eliminate. Do supernatural demonic forces actually exist? Is there any scientific evidence?

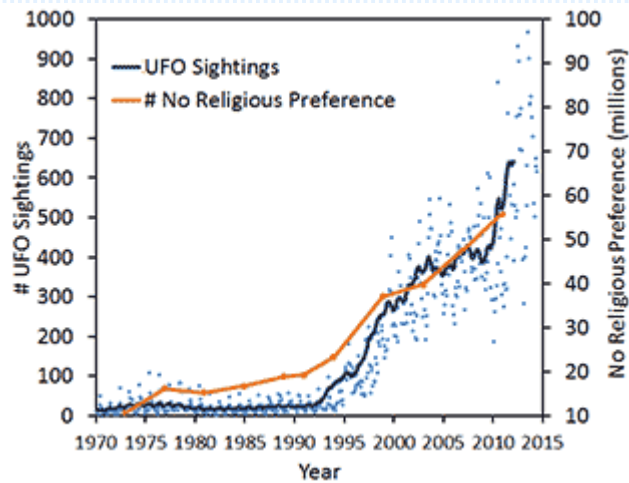
Hundreds of thousands of people have seen UFOs. Although most of these observations can be explained as natural, earthly phenomena, there are a significant number of UFOs that defy these explanations. At least a quarter of Americans believe these objects are real UFOs inhabited by real extraterrestrial aliens.¹ In this article, I propose that these are real sightings, but that the objects themselves are not real, but spiritual apparitions, produced by spiritual demonic beings (demons). Although demons can use various techniques to distract and deceive people, one of their prime methods in this era of technology is to convince human beings that they are not specially created, but just one of a myriad of civilizations scattered throughout the galaxy and universe that arose purely through naturalistic means. It is interesting to note that UFO sightings did not begin until *after* human beings had invented rocket technology—shortly after World War II. The hypothesis that UFO phenomena are partly due to demonic apparitions can be tested, and the data from those tests are presented for the first time in this article.

Residual UFO hypothesis

According to biblical Christianity, God created supernatural angelic beings as helpers of humanity. However, [Satan](#), the original leader of the angels, rebelled against God and convinced one third of the angels (now referred to as demons) to join him in rebellion against God.² These demons now spend their time trying to convince human beings that God does not exist and to follow them in rebellion against God. The residual UFO hypothesis states that supernatural demonic forces are able to manifest in ways that produce lights and "spaceships" that mimic what one would expect to see if extraterrestrial beings were visiting our planet. However, none of these entities are material objects, which is why there is no verified physical evidence of these creatures or their technology. Even so, these demons have done such a thorough job that they have convinced 25% of Americans that UFOs have visited the earth.¹

According to biblical Christianity, we would make several predictions about the nature of these interactions. First, we would predict that demons would be most interested in convincing agnostics, atheists, and spiritual-disinterested parties that UFOs are real and that extraterrestrial aliens exist. According to the Bible, Christians are indwelt with God's Holy Spirit which makes them resistant to the influence of demonic forces.³ In fact, Christians are advised to test the spirits to determine if they are from God.⁴ However, unbelievers lack spiritual discernment, so would be susceptible to demonic trickery.⁵

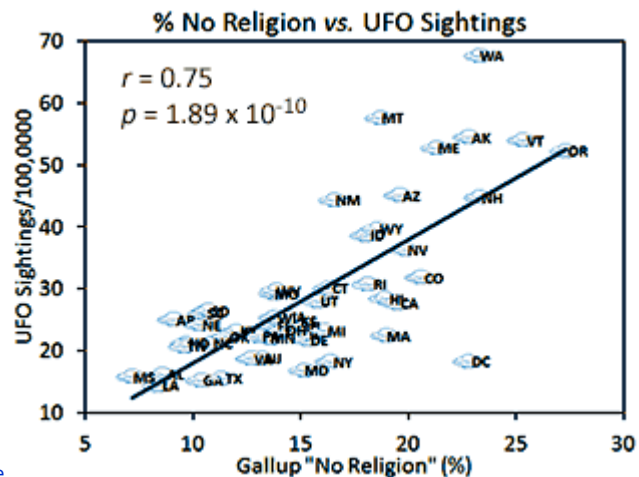
UFO sighting data



[# Unbelievers vs. UFO Sightings](#)

The [National UFO Reporting Center](#) has been collecting accounts of UFO sightings for decades. Their website makes these statistics available for download, which is where much of the data contained in this report has been collected. If UFO sightings were the result of demons trying to trick unbelievers, we would expect that the number of sightings should be proportional to the number of unbelievers. Since the United States has become more secular in recent years, the hypothesis would predict that the number of UFO sightings should increase with the increasing numbers of unbelievers. The graph to the right shows the number of UFO sightings from 1970 to 2014. Plotted along with these numbers are the number of individuals in the United States who have declared their religion to be "none."⁶ These data confirm the correlation between the number of unbelievers and the number of UFO sightings over the last 45 years. However, the correlation is complicated by the fact that cell phone technology and the rise of the Internet makes reporting of such sightings much easier, probably accounting for at least some of the increase in UFO sightings.

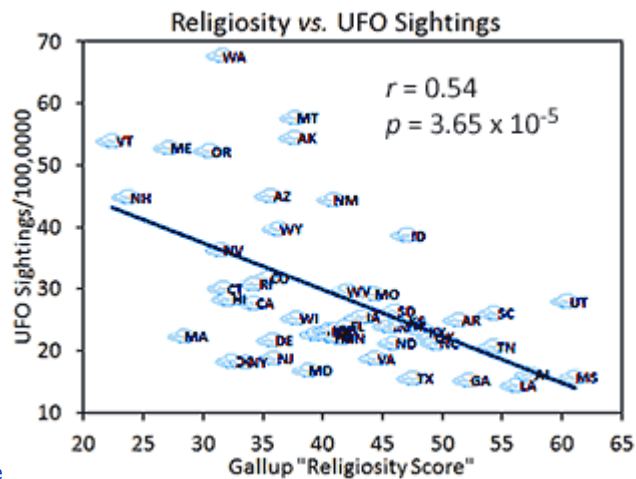
UFO sightings versus unbelievers by state



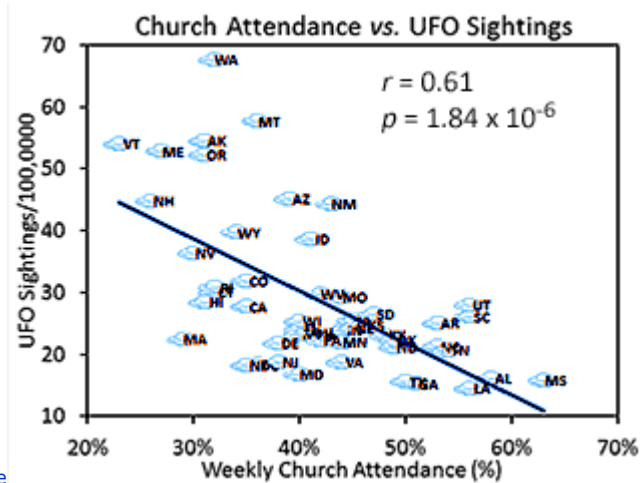
[% Unbelievers vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

Most of you are probably aware that different states of the United States are either "red" or "blue" states by political preference. In the same way, the number of religious vs. non-religious individuals varies widely by state. If the presence of unbelievers in a state is driving the number of UFO sightings, we should see a correlation between those numbers and the frequency of UFO sightings (sightings/100,000 individuals). These two values are plotted against each other for the 50 U.S. states plus District of Columbia in the graph to the right.⁷ The correlation is remarkable, giving us a Pearson's correlation coefficient (r value) of 0.75 (where a value of 1.00 is perfect). The p value for these 51 points is 1.9×10^{-10} . So, the probability of this result happening by chance is less than 1 in one 5 billion!

UFO sightings in religious states



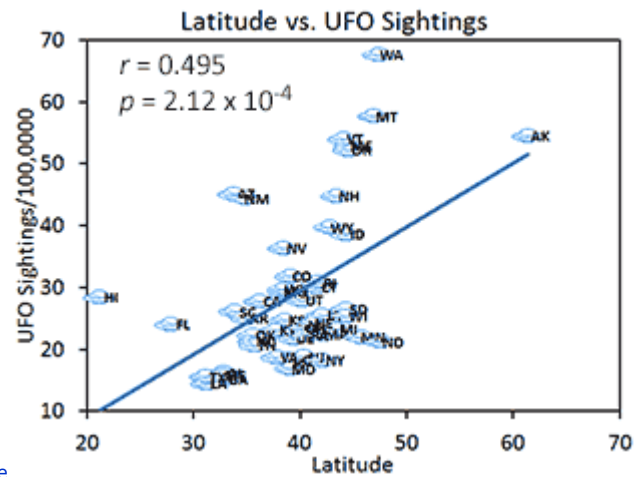
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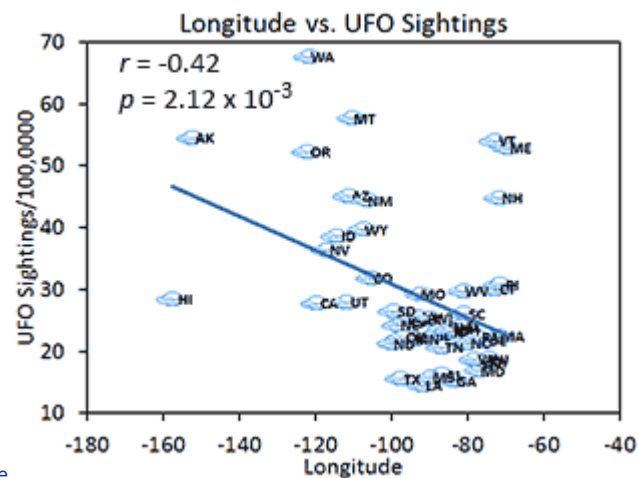
[Church Attendance vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

In the same way that the number of unbelievers might drive UFO sightings, high numbers of religious people in a state would be expected to result in *fewer* UFO sightings. UFO sightings by state were plotted against the percentage of people who attend church weekly and also their religiosity score (from two different studies by Gallup). As expected, measures of religious activity were negatively correlated with the frequency of UFO sightings.⁸ The r values for those correlations were 0.61 and 0.54, respectively (with p values of 1.8×10^{-6} and 3.7×10^{-5}). So, these correlations support the spiritual hypothesis for UFO sightings in the United States.

Geographic correlations

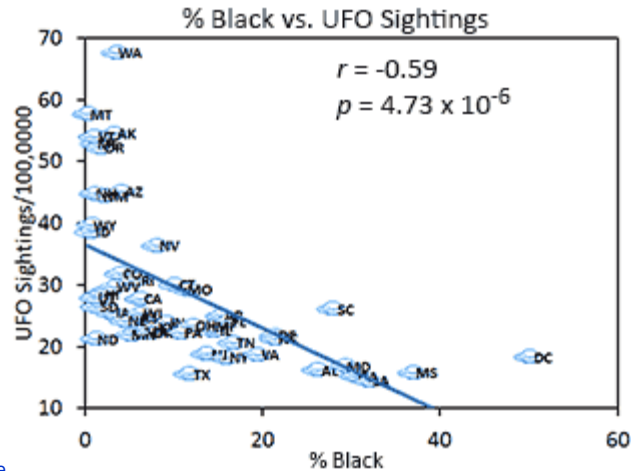


[Latitude vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)



[Longitude vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

The reason I first became interested in this topic was due to an article in *The Atlantic* that claimed UFO sightings were the result of "mostly drunk people in the West."⁹ They came up with the idea that the people were drinking alcohol because UFOs were sighted mostly between dinner-time and sleeping time (see graph in [References](#), below). Looking at the map of UFO sighting frequencies showed that higher frequencies of sightings were found in the West, producing a negative correlation between longitude and sightings (graph, right).¹⁰ A close look at the graph shows that most the states that have high longitude and low UFO sightings are in the Southeast. Of course, this part of the United States is affectionately referred to the "Bible Belt." So, the difference between West and East is more likely due to religiosity than longitude, per se (Unless one were to propose that extraterrestrial aliens have a peculiar preference for the western portion of the United States over the eastern portion.). Since the majority of UFO sightings probably have a natural explanation, it might be hypothesized that the northern lights (Aurora Borealis) might play a role in the prevalence of UFO sightings. Therefore, one would expect higher UFO sighting frequencies at higher latitudes (more North). The second graph to the right does show a positive correlation between latitude and UFO sightings. However, the aurora borealis is only commonly seen at latitudes above 55° north, which is north of all U.S. states other than Alaska.¹¹ So, it is unlikely the aurora is a probable explanation for the geographic correlation. Like the correlation with longitude, the correlation of latitude with UFO sightings is highly influenced by the low frequency of UFO sightings in Bible belt states (lower left quadrant of the graph). So, it would seem that geographic correlations are probably the result of skewed religious preference in the southeastern U.S.

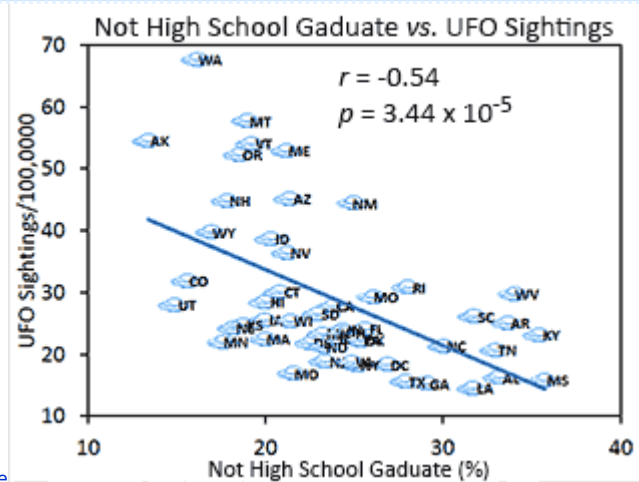


[% Black vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

Racial/ethnic correlations

UFO sightings are not correlated with the percentage of Hispanic or Asians in a state (see [table](#), below).¹² There is a barely significant positive correlation of the percentage of Caucasians with UFO sightings. However, there is a highly significant negative correlation of the number of African Americans with UFO sightings. Again, the graph, right, shows that the correlation is due to the presence of large percentages of Blacks in the southeastern, Bible belt states. In addition, Blacks have a higher percentage of believers compared to other racial groups,¹³ which would be expected from the hypothesis. So, again, the differences in frequencies of UFO sightings based on ethnicity are really the result of religious differences.

Educational attainment

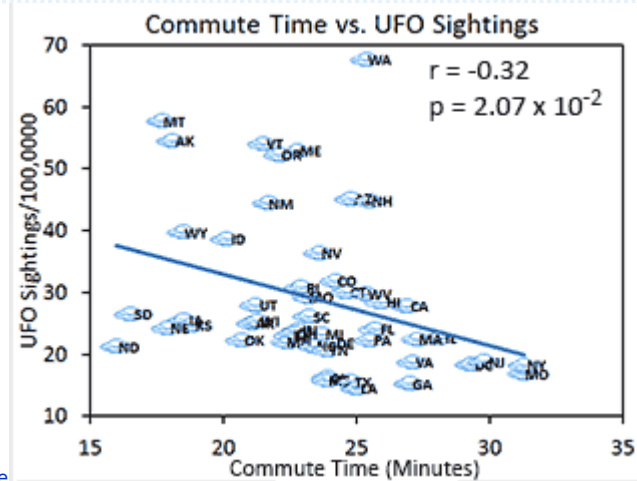


[No High School Diploma vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

Surprisingly, there are correlations between education and frequencies of UFO sightings, although the correlations are not what one would intuitively expect. First, there is no correlation between the percentage of those with college degrees and UFO sightings (see [table](#), below).¹⁴ However, there is a *positive* correlation between those who have only a high school diploma and UFO sightings. The saying, "A little learning is a dangerous thing"¹⁵ just might be true. Surveys have shown that those with high school degrees believe that UFOs really are the result of aliens compared to college graduates.¹⁶

There is a highly significant *negative* correlation between the percentage of those who didn't graduate high school and UFO sightings. Do we really think that less educated people would see fewer UFOs? A closer examination of the graph, right, shows that this correlation is also due to lower high school graduation rates in the Bible belt states, suggesting that this correlation is also the result of religious differences.

Other correlations



[Commute Time vs. UFO Sightings by State](#)

We have examined several other demographic measures that would *not* be expected to correlate with UFO sightings according to our hypothesis (see [table](#), below). The data shows that UFO sightings do *not* correlate with per capita income,¹⁶ age,¹⁷ percent underemployed workers,⁷ percent government workers⁷ or percent that lean toward the Democratic party.⁷ One would expect that commute time might be positively correlated with UFO sightings, since people would have a longer time on the road to see UFOs. Instead, there is a barely significant negative correlation between commute time and the frequency of UFO sightings.¹⁸

Correlation of UFO Sighting Frequencies

Parameter	<i>r</i>	<i>p</i>
Religious measures		
No Religion ⁷	0.750	1.89 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
Very Religious ⁸	-0.543	3.56 x 10 ⁻⁵
Weekly Church ⁸	-0.610	1.84 x 10 ⁻⁶
Geographic		
Latitude ¹⁰	0.495	2.12 x 10 ⁻⁴
Longitude ¹⁰	-0.420	2.12 x 10 ⁻³
Racial/ethnic measures		
Caucasian ¹²	0.277	4.89 x 10 ⁻²
Asian ¹²	-0.103	4.72 x 10 ^{-1*}
Black ¹²	-0.590	4.73 x 10 ⁻⁶
Hispanic ¹²	0.053	7.11 x 10 ^{-1*}
Educational attainment		
Not High School ¹⁴	-0.544	3.44 x 10 ⁻⁵
Advanced Degree ¹⁴	-0.066	6.44 x 10 ^{-1*}

Correlation of UFO Sighting Frequencies

Parameter	<i>r</i>	<i>p</i>
Bachelor's ¹⁴	0.029	8.38 x 10 ^{-1*}
High School ¹⁴	0.431	1.55 x 10 ⁻³
Miscellaneous		
Income ¹⁶	-0.109	4.45 x 10 ^{-1*}
Median Age ¹⁷	0.211	1.37 x 10 ^{-1*}
Commute Time ¹⁸	-0.323	2.07 x 10 ⁻²
Underemployed ^Z	-0.065	6.50 x 10 ^{-1*}
Government Workers ^Z	0.099	4.90 x 10 ^{-1*}
Democrat Lean ^Z	-0.154	2.81 x 10 ^{-1*}

*p=not significant

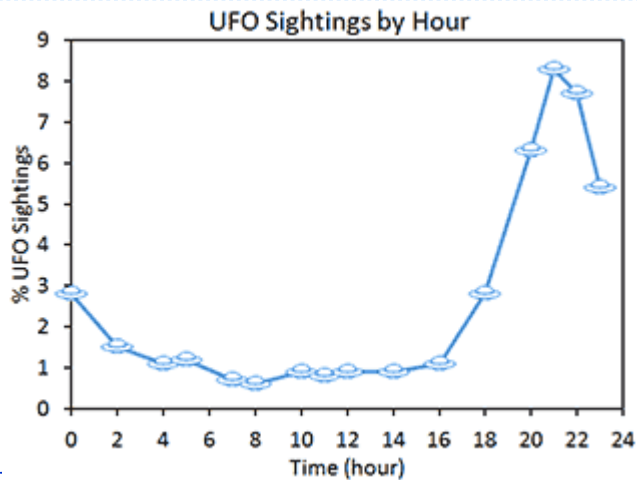
Residual UFO predictions

If UFO sightings are the result of demonic supernatural appearances, our hypothesis predicts there would be increasing numbers of UFO appearances as the United States continues to become more secular. The correlation between the frequency of UFO sightings and lack of religious preference should also increase. We will test these predictions in future years.

CONCLUSION

In the United States, the frequency of UFO sightings is strongly correlated with the percentage of unbelievers within a state, and negatively correlated with the percentage of believers. In addition, the tremendous rise in UFO sightings in recent years parallels the rapid secularization of the U.S. population. No other demographic factor is as strongly correlated with UFO sightings as religiosity. These data, coupled with biblical insights, leads us to conclude that supernatural demonic forces are responsible for at least some of those UFO sightings. The model makes testable predictions about the future UFO sightings frequencies. The implications of the study suggest that demonic supernatural beings exist, providing further evidence that God exists and that Christianity properly describes the spiritual nature of the universe in which we live.

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3. Christians are filled with the Spirit of God:
 - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. ([Acts 2:4](#))
 - Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ([Acts 2:38](#))
 - While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. ([Acts 10:44](#))
 - and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ([Romans 5:5](#))
 - Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ([Romans 15:13](#))
 - for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ([1 Thessalonians 1:5](#))
4. Beloved, 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. ([1 John 4:1](#))
5. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. ([1 Corinthians 2:14](#))
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UFOs: Why Earth Has Never Been Visited





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21st Century Christian Apologists & Evidential Scientists Have Written Extensively on Extraterrestrials & U.F.O.'s

NATURE AND SUPERNATURE

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THE NATURE OF SUPERNATURE

“People believe whatever they want to believe,” says the cynic. Most philosophers, scientists, and political scientists would agree that people have that right. But of course, the right does not make all beliefs true. Beliefs vary in validity and can be evaluated by how closely and fully they align with established facts. And many people do care about the rational validity of their beliefs. For those who care to investigate, nature holds abundant clues to its supernatural Source, or Cause. And that investigation may hold keys to unlocking some of the mysteries of UFO phenomena. As astonishing as it may seem, astronomers today have access to telescopes & imaging instruments through which they can observe to the theoretical limits of the entire cosmos. They have captured images of the universe before any galaxies existed. One shows the moment long before stars existed, when light first separated from darkness—a moment when the universe was just 0.002 percent of its present age. In surveying the universe very nearly all the way back to the origin event, researchers observe its various characteristics. These characteristics, in turn, give shape to human understanding of the transcendent Cause behind (or before) the universe. The profile cannot be complete, of course, because the observers are confined within the universe, but it can be adequate to rule in and rule out certain attributes of the Cause.

First, the measured characteristics of the universe reveal what one might call “fine-tuning” with respect to the needs of living things, from single-celled bacteria to much larger and more intricately complex organisms, such as humans. Each of 38 characteristics (to date) falls within a narrowly defined range of values that, if changed slightly one way or another, would render impossible any conceivable physical life, anywhere, anytime in the history of the universe. For example, unless the density of matter in the universe is fine-tuned to within one part in 1060, the universe will expand at the wrong rate for stars like the sun and planets like Earth to form. Likewise, the stars needed for physical life to be possible will burn at the wrong rates unless the ratio of the electromagnetic force to the gravitational force is fine-tuned to within one part in 1040. The impression of exquisite design goes beyond the gross features of the universe. At least 153 different characteristics of Earth’s galaxy and solar system must be fine-tuned to allow for the existence of life on planet Earth. Molecules inside the simplest cell show a level of design vastly beyond the best machines humans have built. This pervasive fine-tuning compellingly suggests such characteristics as intellect, knowledge, creativity, and will, not to mention awesome power. In fact, it suggests purpose and care as well. Such characteristics as one sees in the cosmos belong solely to persons. In other words, the clues point to a Person, rather than to an abstract entity or force, as the designer and manufacturer of the cosmos.

THE ANTHROPIC PRINCIPLE The impression of purpose and care has become so strong as to receive a name: the anthropic principle. **The various features of the cosmos point emphatically toward the human being, a complex sentient and spiritual creature, as the beneficiary of transcendent design.**

The existence of even one potential life site (planet Earth) requires the existence of slightly more than 10 billion trillion stars, no more and no less. (If the observable universe contained fewer than about 10 billion trillion stars, no elements more massive than helium would exist. If it contained more stars, no elements less massive than iron would exist. In either case, life chemistry would be impossible.)

But this window of opportunity for life doesn't last long, so life must enter the scene at the right time or not at all. The planet chosen for life must also be carefully primed & timed also. Making the Earth chemically safe for advanced life, and building up the deposits of metal ores, fossil fuels, topsoil, limestone, marble, gypsum, and phosphates necessary for an advanced civilization requires just as much time. Within the laws of nature one sees indicators of the Creator's personhood. These laws reflect consideration of, and preparation for, humanity's physical & spiritual needs. These laws show consistency & constancy, without which an intelligent physical being could neither discern them nor trust them. **The universe blends order and chaos in exactly the right balance to accommodate the needs of sentient beings.** And those sentient beings exist in the precise place that not only accommodates needs of their existence and survival but also gives them a clear view of the entire cosmos—a rare and perfect place on a just-right planet in a just-right solar system in the just-right spot between the spiral arms of a just-right galaxy to gain a clear view of the just-right universe. As one of its just-right features, the universe does provide sufficient (though, again, not necessarily complete) information with which to propose, test, and refine human understanding of truth. **And the reality of a intersection between nature and supernature leads to the inter-dimensional hypothesis for UFOs.**

THE INTERDIMENSIONAL HYPOTHESIS

Does science inadvertently—and dangerously—open Pandora’s box in affirming that nature and supernatural interface? The fear that it does drives many scientists and others away from any willingness to discuss religious beliefs in general and paranormal phenomena in particular. Meanwhile, humanity proves persistently religious and incurably curious about the paranormal and supernatural. Science can and does offer its methodical approach to questions about both tangible and intangible reality. **This approach, which incorporates principles of logic, has been applied for centuries in testing truth.**

It applies to evaluation of the various UFO hypotheses: the natural-explanation hypothesis, the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH), the cover-up and conspiracy hypotheses, and the inter-dimensional hypothesis (IDH). Abundant physical evidence for reality of residual UFOs (RUFOs) diminishes the plausibility of the natural-explanation hypothesis, which says they are unreal. Abundant physical, historical, and psychological data diminish the plausibility of the cover-up and conspiracy hypotheses, which say they are hidden. Evidence that RUFOs are nonphysical both in origin and behavior diminishes the plausibility of the ETH. Impossibility of interstellar space travel and of a natural explanation both for life’s origin and for alternative life sites virtually destroys the plausibility of the ETH. But what can scientific methods say about the IDH? Though at first glance the IDH may appear to be beyond the reach of objective analysis, it can be sifted through the filter of scientific data about the dimensionality of the universe. A brief review may help clarify the point.

In their attempt to develop a model that accurately describes the physical dynamics of the universe, physicists encountered—and eventually solved—a troubling contradiction: Within the boundaries of three space dimensions and one time dimension, either gravity or quantum physics could operate, but not both. Yet proof exists for the operation of both. The short version of the long and exciting story is that **a ten-dimensional model (which involves “string theory”) works.** It accommodates and explains both gravity and quantum physics. As a powerful confirmation, this theoretical model independently corroborates the equations of special and general relativity. With respect to supernatural reality, these findings do more. They place a lid on Pandora’s box. They set up a border around various notions about origins. They provide new testing tools for those people who choose to root their philosophical and religious beliefs in verifiable truth. Thus, they help answer questions about the validity of the interdimensional hypothesis.

VERSIONS OF THE IDH Proponents of the IDH conclude that RUFOS enter the physical dimensions of the universe from “outside” the four familiar dimensions of length, height, width, and time. But within the general framework of the hypothesis, IDH proponents offer a variety of scenarios. Some suggest that entities appear in this universe from some other physical universe made up of space and time. Others suggest that **these entities are coming from some other dimension that is altogether different from the familiar concepts of space and time, perhaps a spiritual realm.** Any unwitting suggestion that RUFOS come from dimensions “between” the space-time dimensions of the cosmos, whether from the six tightly compact dimensions of string theory or from other unidentified dimensions, misconstrues or misrepresents the scientific data.

The most articulate and well-known spokesman for the IDH, French physicist Jacques Vallée, claims that **UFO phenomena “represent evidence for other dimensions beyond spacetime.”** He describes that realm as a “multiverse” all around the cosmos, a realm people have “stubbornly refused to consider ... in spite of the evidence available to us for centuries.” While Vallée’s hypothesis offers fascinating food for imagination, it is essentially irrelevant from a physics standpoint.

General relativity dictates that once physical observers exist in a particular universe, space-time dimensions of another hypothetically existing universe could never overlap the dimensions of the universe containing the observers. The observers’ universe remains isolated, in the physical sense. Yet while one must set aside Vallée’s concept of a multiverse on scientific grounds, there may be other forms of the IDH that are completely consistent with scientific understanding.

The principles of physics do not rule out—and in fact, through the demonstrated reliability of the space-time theorems of general relativity, they affirm — a reality beyond the cosmos. But to be rational, human speculation about that reality must reflect what the evidence of the observable universe reveals about the Cause and Source of the cosmos. The characteristics of the universe that make science a doable enterprise—constancy, consistency, order, freedom from contradiction, causality—provide a reasonable litmus test for any so-called deity or divine revelation. The scientific method can be applied to help determine which, if any, “holy book” or other communication, affirms a reality all around the cosmos consistent with those features.

THE EXTRADIMENSIONAL HYPOTHESIS

Science attests to a transcendent cause (or Cause) for the origin of the universe. Most revelatory books, allude to trans-or extra-dimensional phenomena and to a transcendent being or force, but these allusions are typically inconsistent and non-verifiable. Most significantly, the God or gods and doctrines proclaimed in these books typically take their shape and limitations from the four large space-time dimensions of the universe: length, width, height, and time. **One book, the Bible, proclaims the existence of a personal Creator who acts independently, outside the cosmos—outside its four large space-time dimensions and six tiny space dimensions. The God of the Bible is in no way restricted to length, width, height, and time or to any of the ten cosmic space-time dimensions, for He is said to be the One who created them. Of all the holy books of the world’s religions, only the Bible unambiguously states that time has a beginning (thus, it is finite, not infinite), that the Creator brought time into existence (thus, caused time), and that God can — and does — exercise cause-and-effect capabilities outside the time dimension of the universe.** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Hebrews 11:3) The Hebrew phrase translated “the heavens and the earth” refers to the entire physical universe. The Hebrew word for “created” in Genesis 1:1 is defined in the lexicons as “to make something brand-new or to make something out of nothing.” Hebrews 11:3 states that the detectable universe was made through that which is undetectable to humans. **In other words, the universe was made transcendentally; it comes from a Source that exists apart from matter, energy, length, width, height, and time.**

The Bible does depict “miracles,” nonrepeatable events that cannot be directly verified, but only after establishing the frame of reference that would support the possibility of those miracles. That frame, of course, appears in the first story the Bible records—the Creation story passed on and preserved from generation to generation. Because the Creator brought space, time, matter, and energy into existence at will, as that story tells, He certainly possesses the capacity to interact with space, time, matter, and energy in ways that subsequent miracles require. A New Testament confirmation and clarification of the divine capacity for trans-or extra-dimensional interaction with the cosmos appears in John 20:19. This is the account of Jesus’ startling presence and conversation with His disciples following His execution when He appeared in a room that had been locked. The disciples understood the impossibility of a physical body passing through physical barriers. Science confirms what people know by personal experience about the impossibility of passing a physical object through a physical barrier without one or the other breaking. But a physical being (or object) with access to other dimensions (or their equivalent) or with trans-or extra dimensional capacities could pass through.

According to science and mathematics, access to the equivalent of six spatial dimensions would make this phenomenon possible. In the case of Jesus’ physical entry through locked doors, He could have rotated the three spatial dimensions of His physicality into **supra-dimensions** (beyond human dimensions), passed through the barrier, then rotated back into the disciples’ three space dimensions. This [aspect of] the doctrine of transcendence holds a pivotal position for two reasons. First, it aligns with observable facts, as attested by rigorous scientific investigation. Second, it requires something more than mere human imagination.

Images and ideas, including religious ones concocted by humans manifest the limitations of human visualization and consistency. A revelation and belief system that comes from the Creator can be expected to stretch beyond the limits of human visualization and yet do so without inconsistency or contradiction. The transcendent God and spiritual doctrines unique to biblical revelation, Old and New Testament, speak to the credibility of its contents. The long & growing list of “just-right” conditions in the cosmos, in the solar system, and on Earth speaks volumes about their Source—a Person rather than an impersonal force, a purposeful plan rather than just random happenstance, consistent rather than capricious.

Such exquisite, meticulous design and abundant provision at all levels for all creatures point to the God revealed in the pages of the Bible, specifically in its many accounts of God’s creative work. No other sacred book communicates so accurately about the natural realm. Perhaps more remarkably, the Bible predicts scientific discoveries about the natural realm thousands of years prior to their discoveries. Most reassuringly, the Bible invites and encourages testing, as does no other religious or spiritual communication known to humanity.

RUFO OPTIONS The Bible extensively, accurately, and uniquely describes the spirit realm (the realm beyond matter, energy, and the ten space time dimensions associated with matter and energy) on any and all points that can be confirmed by scientific inquiry. Its integrity in these matters lends significant weight to its trustworthiness in addressing those matters that lie beyond the reach of direct scientific confirmation. At the very least, one could argue that because no other holy book or revelation, including the books of the UFO cults, comes close to the Bible’s accuracy in depicting physical reality, the Bible stands alone as the best source of trustworthy revelation about the spirit realm.

The Bible declares the existence of God and of two more distinctively spiritual types of creatures: humans and angels. Humans are physical beings with spiritual awareness and spiritual capabilities. Angels, on the other hand, are spiritual beings who are not bound to Earth but are capable of manifesting themselves—even physically—on Earth within limits established by God. According to the Bible, the majority of these creatures remain obedient to God, faithful in His service. A sizable minority, however, rebelled against God. The first and most powerful of these rebellious angels is called Satan (among several designations). Those who followed him in rebellion are most often called evil spirits, fallen angels, or demons (Matthew 25:41; Luke 10:18; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 20:2).

Because human beings remain physically restricted to the dimensions of the cosmos, they cannot account for the unexplained, or RUFO, phenomena, though they can certainly be responsible for some of the UFOs that become IFOs (identified flying objects), and at least some **RUFOs may be explained as events in their minds. Angels or fallen angels, however, remain as possible links. Angels, according to the Bible, are intelligent beings existing beyond space-time dimensions of the universe, subject to God's spiritual laws but not to all of Earth's natural laws. Angels within certain limits set by God have the capacity to make contact with humans & even to influence their actions. They can take on what appears to be human form & even consume physical food, as in the case of Abraham and Lot's visitors (Genesis 18:8; 19:3). Angels do possess some supernatural powers: the two who visited Sodom struck Lot's attackers with blindness. But angels, as God's creation, operate within limits set by God, and their powers in no way approach the magnitude of God's power.**

The Bible defines the boundaries of God’s exercise of supernatural power. While no expression of power lies beyond His capacity, God’s actions never violate His character. As Jesus clarified during His years on Earth, God never performs a miracle simply to dazzle, fascinate, or impress anyone. These biblical parameters, then, offer a basis for making determinations about the source of various phenomena. If they are from God, their impact will reflect God’s revealed character.

All creatures who serve Him, the Bible says, will be recognizable by their exaltation of Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life given by God. They will further the fulfillment of God’s stated purposes for human beings: to love and serve Him, to love and serve other human beings, and to take care of the world He created. They will never turn attention or worship away from Him toward any other message of salvation or being. If, on the other hand, RUFOs result from the stated purposes and activities of fallen angels, they will reflect a penchant for rejecting God’s authority and purposes. They will draw attention away from God & the gospel and turn it elsewhere. They may appear beautiful, dazzling, and inviting (“angel of light”; see 2nd Corinthians 11:14) or ominous, and confusing. This impact may be immediate and temporary or gradual & long-term.

Given the stark contrast between these two possibilities any RUFO impact that proves truly benign may be considered as having a yet-unexplained but identifiable source—some explanation other than spiritual, or supra-dimensional. With these criteria in mind, one can proceed to look at how RUFOs actually behave.

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SUMMARY

Lights in the sky — speculations about them may always persist. But solid answers to questions about them do exist. Considering the issues in relationship to physical science, theology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and political science can help solve the mysteries. Since the beginning of the “flying saucer age” in 1947, and even well before that, people have observed what appear to be mysterious aerial visitors. The nature of these phenomena makes them very difficult, but not impossible, to study. Investigators have developed classification systems to assist them in sifting through the multitude of UFO reports. Researchers are able to offer standard explanations for most of the sightings — the UFOs are hoaxes or fireballs or the lights of an aircraft, for example. But a small percentage of these UFOs remain unexplained after all the natural explanations have been exhausted. These are the residual UFOs, or RUFOS.

Ufologists usually resort to one of two hypotheses to explain RUFOS: the extraterrestrial hypothesis (RUFOS are physical visitors from outer space) & the interdimensional hypothesis (RUFOS are entities from beyond physical dimensions). If an inquirer looks into the extraterrestrial hypothesis, or ETH, from a scientific standpoint, that person quickly realizes that it doesn't stand up.

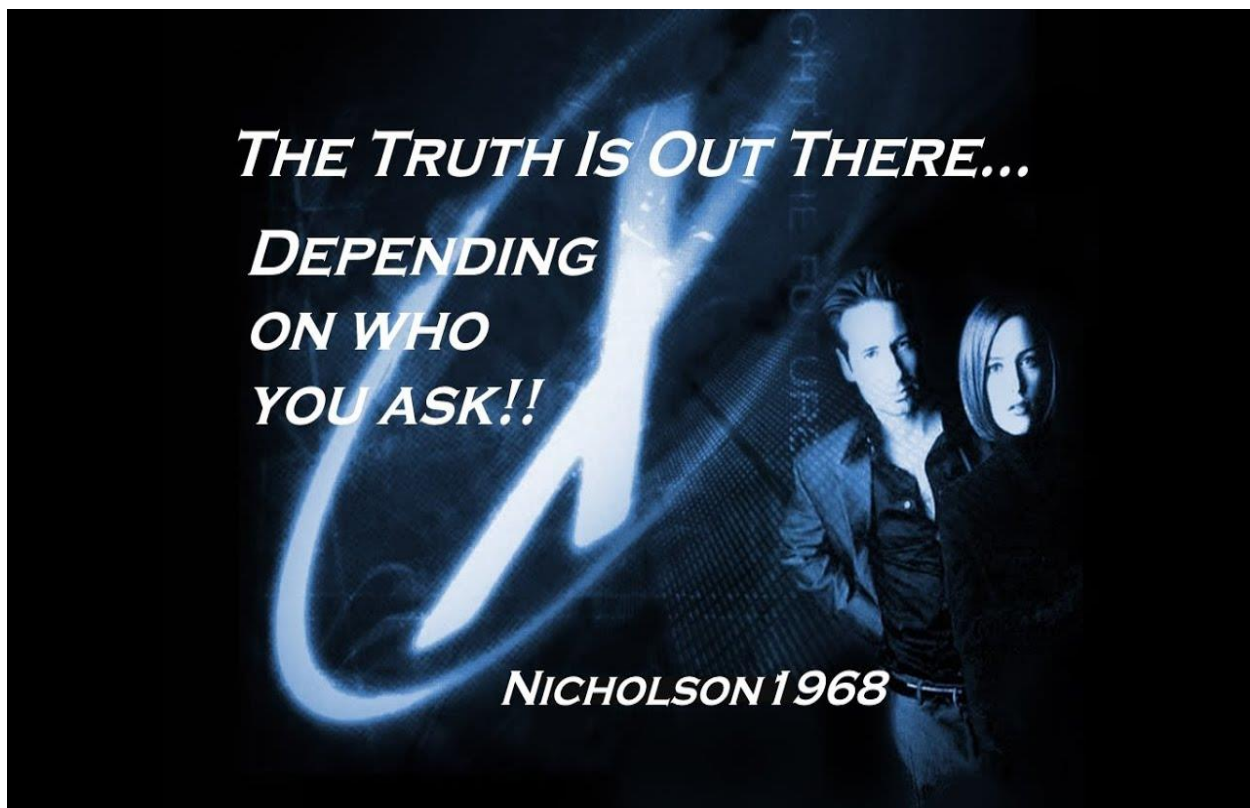
Where would extraterrestrial intelligence come from? There are fewer planets in the universe than many people presume. Furthermore, the vast number of characteristics required for a planet to support life essentially rules out the possibility that a suitable home for physical life can be found anywhere in the universe but here on Earth. Apart from these facts, even if E.T. somehow did exist somewhere, traveling to Earth would pose insurmountable obstacles for him (or it). Vast distances would necessitate navigating at high speeds through obstacles such as space dust, meteors, comets, radiation, and gravitational perturbations. Thousands of years of high-velocity travel pose energy and shielding problems that are impossible to resolve. Wormholes do not provide shortcuts because anyone passing through one would be obliterated! Yet RUFOS do exist. They are clearly real, though they do not obey the laws of physics. Could it be that they would be better understood if people had access to all the information known by the government? Most unlikely. The government would be unable to contain such explosive information as evidence for alien existence.

In the end, it seems best to abandon the ETH and consider the second option: the interdimensional hypothesis, or IDH. While in its more popular versions the IDH departs from verified and verifiable reality, the extradimensional hypothesis holds promise. And here the investigator stands on firmer ground, scientifically speaking. The space-time theorems show that supernature must exist, because nature was plainly originated by something beyond itself.

Therefore, a scientifically credible possibility exists that RUFOs come from beyond the four familiar universe dimensions. If one takes the extradimensional hypothesis to mean entities could come into the universe from a spiritual realm, one can see remarkable correspondence between science & Scripture. The Bible describes a Creator who is beyond matter, energy, and space-time dimensions of the universe. It also describes spirit beings who are able to enter the universe and exhibit physical effects. A closer examination of RUFOs shows that they are consistent with the Bible's descriptions of demons.

Contactees are people who claim to be used by aliens as channels of information. From out of contactee experiences have arisen several UFO cults, which are best understood as new religious movements of an occult nature. These cults claim to possess information from aliens that humanity needs to know. In addition to their bizarre beliefs, these cults often become deadly, as in the case of the Heaven's Gate cult. The worldview held by cult members and other UFO believers is not logical or coherent. The biblical worldview is much more satisfying. It leaves open the possibility that God could have created life elsewhere in the universe, but it also suggests that there is no reason for Him to have done so.

The truth about UFOs can be known. Indeed, the UFO mystery is a mystery solved. Earth is not being visited by aliens from another planet.



Biblical Scholars Writing on the Subject Applying The Ancient Hermeneutic & Higher Order Biblical Logic:

Does the Bible Refer to UFOs?

By Wayne Jackson



Could you explain the reference in the book of Ezekiel chapter one about the “wheel within a wheel”? Some say that this is an allusion to ancient visitors to the Earth in “flying saucers.”

In recent times a few radical sensationalists have contended that centuries ago Earth was visited by space beings from distant planets. It has been alleged that evidence for such a notion is to be found not only in the archaeological records and monuments of antiquity but that the Bible also contains allusions to such.

For instance, in the book, *Chariots of the Gods* (and the subsequent movie of the same title), Swiss author Erich von Daniken contended that Ezekiel 1 contains a biblical description of flying saucers visiting earth from outer space. However, careful study of this chapter thoroughly refutes von Daniken’s absurd theory.

Ezekiel's Vision

The prophet Ezekiel was one of the captives of the Babylonian conquest in 606 B.C. As the book opens, it is the thirtieth year (probably the thirtieth year of his own life) and the prophet is in Babylon by the river Chebar. The “heavens were opened” and, the prophet declares, “I saw visions of God.”

As the dramatic scenes began to unfold, Ezekiel saw the likeness of four living creatures. They were similar in appearance to men, except that they had four faces—one like a man, one like a lion, one like an ox, and one like an eagle (v. 10).

They had hands like men, but feet as calves (vv. 7-8); and each creature had four wings—two of which covered the body (v. 11) and two of which stretched upward supporting “the likeness of a firmament” (vv. 22-23). Their appearance also was like burning coals of fire and their movements appeared as flashes of lightening (vv. 13-14).

Beneath these four living creatures were four wheels. Each wheel was fashioned as “a wheel within a wheel” and it could move in four directions without turning. Moreover, the rims of the wheels were “full of eyes” (vv. 15-18).

Above all of this was a throne upon which sat one who had the “appearance of a man” and who was surrounded by a fiery and glorious brightness (vv. 26-28). Overpowered by the spectacle, Ezekiel fell upon his face.

The Meaning of the Vision

Before discussing the actual elements of these scenes, several preliminary observations are in order.

Visions of God—Not UFOs

Rather than relating to mysterious outer-space UFOs, these visions were breathtaking glimpses of the **glory of Almighty God**. Indeed, verses one and twenty-eight stand like guardian sentinels at the beginning and end of the chapter to prevent fanatical speculation as to the meaning of the narrative.

In the first verse, the prophet says:

“I saw visions of God.”

In the final verse he concludes:

“This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah.”

Ezekiel Saw Visions

These scenes are identified as visions. This biblical term may refer to purely **oral** communications (Habakkuk 2:2, 3) or it can denote the **written record** of a divine revelation (Nahum 1:1).

In this instance, there is a miraculous audio-visual phenomenon through which divine truth was made known to the prophet. (Compare the account of the transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-9.)

Visions were frequently connected with the revelation of God in ancient times.

“Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I Jehovah will make myself known unto him in a vision” (Numbers 12:6; cf. Hebrews 1:1).

Visions Are Meant To Be Symbolic

The narrative is highly **symbolic**, as evidenced by the repeated use of “appearance” (fourteen times) and “likeness” (ten times). The things he saw were meant to represent divine truth and were not mere physical phenomena.

The Visions Were Preparatory

Finally, it should be noted that this vision of Deity—similar to Isaiah’s (6:1-8) and also to the apostle John’s (Revelation 1:9-20)—doubtless was to prepare the prophet for the great truths he would receive in the ministry for which he had been chosen (cf. 2:2ff).

The Four Living Creatures

The four living creatures were not space people from some remote planet; rather, they are identified as heavenly **cherubim!** Note Ezekiel's own explanation:

“And the cherubim mounted up; this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar” (10:15, 20).

Cherubim were an order of angelic beings in Jehovah's service. For example, they were used by the Lord to guard the entrance to Eden after Adam and Eve's transgression (Genesis 3:24). Cherubim figures were mounted on opposite ends of the mercy seat atop the ark of the covenant within the most holy place of the tabernacle (Exodus 25:22).

In Ezekiel's vision, each cherub had four faces—man, lion, ox, and eagle. Jewish tradition interpreted this as follows:

Man is exalted among creatures; the eagle is exalted among birds, the ox is exalted among domestic animals; the lion is exalted among the wild beasts; and all of them have received dominion, and greatness has been given them, yet they are stationed below the chariot of the Holy One (*Midrash Rabbah Shemoth*, No. 23, on Exodus 15:1).

This is doubtless a symbolic representation of Jehovah's supremacy and sovereignty over the **entire creation!** There is not the remotest connection with space aliens.

The Wheels

The wheels are described as a “wheel within a wheel.” To identify these as flying saucers is, quite frankly, absurd! The truth is, the cherubim with these under-girding wheels represented a **heavenly chariot**, upon which was the throne of Jehovah God (cf. 1 Chronicles 28:18, where the cherubim are described as **the Lord's chariot**). The wheels are simply a component of the chariot vision.

This celestial chariot could move along the earth by its wheels or be borne aloft by the cherubim wings (v. 21), thus showing that Jehovah is “the God of heaven and the God of the earth” (Genesis 24:3).

The wheel-within-a-wheel motif conveys the image of two wheels blended together at right angles, thus enabling the chariot to move in all four directions without turning. The Almighty is **present throughout the entire universe!**

“Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah” (Jeremiah 23:24).

It is important to note further that these multi-directional wheels are “full of eyes round about” (v. 18), emphasizing the ever-watchfulness of our all-seeing Creator.

“The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, keeping watch upon the evil and the good” (Proverbs 15:3).

The Throne of God

Above the cherubim, and supported by their wings, was an awesome, crystal-like “firmament.” Beyond this was the “likeness of a throne” (vv. 22-23). Upon the throne was a “likeness with the appearance of a man” bathed in a brilliance “as it were glowing metal,” and over him a rainbow-like hue of brightness (vv. 26-28).

The identity of this personage is not a matter of speculation.

“This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah” (v. 28).

Conclusion

The Bible is its own best commentary. This chapter clearly is a marvelous portrayal of the majesty of Almighty God. How our hearts leap as we, through the inspired pen of Ezekiel, are permitted to view such glorious scenes.

Let us, therefore, exalt and serve well our maker—and interpret his Scriptures sensibly.

Alien Life, Evolution, and Telescopes

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Astronomers from more than 30 research institutions in 15 countries are working together to select a site for a giant telescope that they hope will read TV or radio signals from alien civilizations. Slated to cost \$1 billion, the Square Kilometer Array, or SKA, would be the world's most powerful radio telescope. Speaking at a conference of the International Society for Optical Engineering in Orlando, Florida, project astronomers said they hope to find "immediate and direct evidence of life elsewhere in the Universe" ("Sites Under...", 2006).

The scientists admit, however, that they face several "ifs." First, they may be unable to "eavesdrop on the latest episode of little green men's reality shows" since the instrument might not be able to actually decode the transmissions. Second, any programs received would be several years old, because of the delay in light transmission to Earth. Third, astronomers are unsure how to recognize such signals. Last, but certainly not least, astronomers concede that there may well be no signals for the simple reason that **there may be no little green men** ("Sites Under..."). Indeed, the irrational preoccupation with "extraterrestrial life" fails to take into account the perfectly plausible alternative explanations for the spaciousness of the Universe (see Miller, 2003).

Nevertheless, astronomers insist there are other worthwhile uses of the telescope: "The instrument would also serve to study the evolution of the universe from shortly after the fog of the Big Bang explosion, believed to have originated the universe, lifted" ("Sites Under..."). Never mind the fact that the Big Bang theory itself has been blown to bits, its credibility completely debunked (cf. Thompson, et al., 2003).

Think of it. One billion dollars—to be wasted. Imagine what that money could do if directed to more noble and worthy purposes. When we reject belief in the Creator of the Universe, confusion, futility, and superfluous pursuits are inevitable (Psalm 14).

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UFOs and Aliens

Those who produce movies do so to make a profit. In some cases it is not about making profit but rather trying to get across an agenda to the moviegoers without them knowing it. By way of example, how many movies over the last several years have ever been produced which puts God in a good light? How many movies portray marriage in light of what the Bible says? The clothing worn, language used, ideas conveyed deal more with promoting an agenda than making movies for profit.

A constant theme that the moviemakers keep coming back to is invasion from other planets by aliens. They fly in these special “UFO” crafts and the world is under fire. The whole world unites together to defeat these aliens. Reports surface from time to time of individuals who have seen these “lights” in the sky. People claim they have been abducted by creatures from another planet. Is Hollywood then only reflecting the time or is there a hidden agenda to bring all the world under one rule? The Christian has the Word of God as the source and standard for his life (Deuteronomy 29:29). It is the most powerful weapon to deal with hidden agendas.

Why not start at the beginning? Moses writes that God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). The creation of the earth proceeds then in chapter one with the formation of land, sea, trees and vegetation. It is not until day four that the stars, planets, sun and moon are created (Genesis 1:14-18). Earth, therefore, was here first before all the things which are out in space. So what, you ask? In all the movies, creatures from other planets are always more developed than those of the earth and are always greater in knowledge. The Bible shows God beginning with the earth and the creation of things in space followed that.

In all the movies produced by Hollywood, no alien seems to care or be interested in the sin problem. God, before He created the earth and all things, established how it was that He would save man from the sin problem. Man, created on day six, was going to need a Savior. Paul calls it the “eternal purpose” which God the Father purposed in His Son, Jesus the Christ. Before Adam was ever created, God determined the means of man’s salvation (Titus 1:2). The prophecy uttered early in the book of Matthew was about the coming of the Savior (Matthew 1:21).

This verse also declares that Jesus would save His people from their sins. When Moses wrote about the coming of The Prophet, he reveals that the prophet would be a Jew, “of thy brethren” (Deuteronomy 18:15). Is Matthew therefore revealing that Jesus died just for Jews only? John tells us that Jesus was the propitiation for our sins and for the sins of the whole world (1st John 2:2). The mystery of God hidden from the world was that God in the last stage of man on earth would have a people composed of both Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 3:5,6). Jesus, therefore, died for all men, both Jew and Gentile. The wording then of Matthew 1:21 of “His people” must carry the meaning of all humanity. Jesus is God and He left heaven and became flesh and lived among us (John 1:14). Jesus was made in the “likeness” of men (Philippians 2:7). He had human characteristics in as much as He was born of the Jewish people. On day six of creation week, when God brought the woman to Adam, Adam knew immediately that woman was no animal but someone like him. Jesus took upon Himself the form of a servant & was made like men. Therefore, for all the movies made, who are these alien creatures like? They are always *different* than men. Their bodies or powers are always superior to man and therefore fear is created by their existence.

Moses, in writing about the events of the creation week, sums up each day by saying it was good. In six 24 hour days, everything God created was good. Man, on day six, was created in the likeness and image of God (Genesis 1:26,27). The agenda of Hollywood is to keep alive the foolishness of evolution. To them the earth is just the “third rock from the sun” and man being here is just a blind accident. I do not fear aliens, UFOs or any such thing, I fear God, don’t you?

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*But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let **them** be under God's curse! – Galatians 1:8*

I recently was in a conversation about Aliens and the enquirer was curious to know if they exist. I decided to be coy and asked "And what if they do, how would this affect one's faith?"

The Bible records the creation of angels in the heavenly realms (Ps. 148:2, 5; Neh. 9:6). These ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14) have visited the earth to execute God's will (Heb. 13:2, Gen. 18:2, 19:1) and there are those that have fallen from their spiritual position in heaven (Is. 14:12, Luke 10:18). There is no implicit mention of other extra-terrestrial beings in the Bible. However, the Bible is very clear that what was written is for **our learning** (Romans 15:4) and we have **all** that pertains to **life and godliness** (2nd Peter 1:3).

The Bible did not tell us in details of other planets, how many there are, what is in the core of the earth **but** it informs us of what is **essential** to mankind's salvation. The truth of God's word is not changed by discovering new species of marine life in the depths of the ocean or a new planet. Neither should one's faith be changed by our findings in space, under the sea or under the earth.

I am intrigued with Science fiction films and Hollywood makes a lot of business with the curious subject of Aliens and UFOs. They feed off the inquisitive minds of the audience and their interest in the subject of extra-terrestrial life by promoting the popular notion "Do you really know if we (earth) are alone?". This mysterious feeling of "uncertainty" adds to the ticket sales and interest in the movie genre. There are also religious fanatics who try to use the Bible to prove Aliens exists and misapply the proper context of passages. A case in point is the literal interpretation of Ezekiel's vision in Ezekiel chapter 1 to be that of him seeing a UFO rather than as the scriptures says a *Godly vision* with Biblical figurative languages and symbolism.

OUR REAL CONCERN!

*See to it that no one takes you **captive** through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. – Colossians 2:8*

Colossians 2:8 warns us to not be captured by vain philosophy and 1st Timothy 1:4 reminds us not to be caught up with things that doesn't advance the work of God. The message of Aliens should not deter you from the establish message and harmonious truth of God and Jesus Christ. As Paul encouraged the Galatian church in Galatians 1:8-9 any message spoken by any being (angels, humans or otherwise) that is in conflict with that which is recorded should be tossed away!

Based on the internal & external evidences of the Bible, I stand, just like the apostle Paul, resolute in my conviction that...

*...neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers neither height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation**, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:38-39*

What we should be concerned about is being prepared for the last day when this universe (Alien or no alien) will be **no more!** (Matthew 24:35, 2nd Peter 3:7-12, Revelation 21:1)





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PERSONAL REMARKS:

Everytime there is newly released footage of unidentified aircraft followed inevitably by the subsequent speculation as to the object's origins and/or purpose - I come back amazed at the time and mental energy repeatedly wasted in fruitless discussion and debate.

In my opinion, there are no satisfactory answers to be found and there never will be this side of the grave... Moreover, I believe the brightest and best can do much better than to either defend night visions of brownie pixies or absurd claims of alien demon pilots.

