

UFOs— A Realistic Assessment

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In July of 2023, The United States House of Representatives officially conducted hearings into whistleblower allegations that executive branch agencies have withheld information concerning unidentified flying objects (UFOs) from Congress and the public. Moreover, the Pentagon was alleged to have misappropriated funds to shield those operations from congressional oversight while managing crash retrieval and reverse engineering programs at its discretion. Witness testimony claimed the government was in possession of “non-human” spacecraft as well as recovered “biologics.” These same whistleblowers were under oath and faced the threat of perjury.¹

Incredible.

Yet, as the famous cosmologist Carl Sagan once said, “extraordinary claims re-

quire extraordinary evidence” and although generally true it comes with a caveat: what if the affirmatory evidence is intentionally hidden from the public? Could secret elites control the truth of extraterrestrial contact? Can these same elites evade public scrutiny and governmental oversight? Or is sufficient evidence available and the public simply uninformed and disinterested? We know the UFO Phenomenon is enigmatic, obfuscated by officialdom and exceedingly complex; clearly, a “veil of ridicule” exists, while the subject itself stretches human imagination and comprehension. Is there then another way to confirm the unconfirmable?

The purpose of this article is to attempt that confirmation. The issue is complicated because much of the corrob-

orative evidence may exceed our scientific understanding. The UFO Phenomenon represents science past our science, appearing incomprehensible or even supernatural to us. Moreover, science itself is an imperfect analytic device, inherently relative and highly contestable; for example, quantum physics is notoriously counterintuitive (thus devoid of scientific consensus) and Kurt Godel's Incompleteness Theorems prove even mathematics is fallible. Science is also corruptible. Thomas Kuhn in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* proved that when confronted with new discoveries scientific progress is often stifled by those invested in the current paradigm; unfortunately, science itself then is subject to the same frailties as any other human enterprise. Thus, science as an objective arbiter of truth is simply infeasible, especially regarding something as bizarre as the UFO Phenomenon, which, given its extraordinary nature, causes even greater indignation among the orthodox.

In addition, the preoccupation with national security is an impediment to any potential discovery of the truth; virtually everyone agrees the government has intentionally concealed facts, managed disinformation campaigns, intimidated witnesses, subverted investigative efforts, and generally forestalled disclosure, all in the name of national security. Significant time and resources have been spent maintaining secrecy at the diminishment of truth.

As previously mentioned, a “veil of ridicule” operates in both media and academia designed to limit serious inquiry and deflect accountability. That effort is orchestrated, and such orchestration proves the UFO Phenomenon is both real and concerning. Someone has something to hide. As a result, when examining the UFO Phenomenon latitude must be granted to the logically conceivable, not just the scientifically validated or governmentally declared.

Theoretical Underpinnings

Fortunately, we do have some authoritative groundings on the subject. In 1961, renowned astronomer Frank Drake formulated the calculation for the possibility of extraterrestrial life known as the Drake Equation. Essentially a winnowing process, it reduces from the total number of stars in our galaxy to those stars with orbiting planets to those planets with intelligent life. The full Drake Equation is listed below:

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At the time of its conception, the Drake Equation hypothesized 3,500 intelligent civilizations in our galaxy, life relatively rare, as the calculation begins with hundreds of billions of stars and a larger number of planets and moons. Further, hundreds of billions of galaxies exist, so even a preposterously conservative estimate of civilizations per galaxy (say 10 or

fewer) yields trillions of civilizations in the universe. From a scientific standpoint then, extraterrestrial life is virtually certain and universally plentiful.

Nevertheless, intelligent life is separated by vast distances, so next we must consider how extraterrestrials might develop their civilization to traverse the galaxy. The best measure of any civilization's capability is known as the Kardashev Scale, developed by Soviet astronomer Nikolai Kardashev in 1964. The calculation is based on the amount of energy a civilization can utilize. The Kardashev Scale is shown below:

A **type I civilization** can access all the energy available on its planet and store it for consumption.

A **type II civilization** can directly consume the energy of its parent star, typically through a Dyson Sphere (a megastructure surrounding a star, capturing its solar output) or some similar technology.

A **type III civilization** can capture all the energy emitted by its galaxy, including every star and any energetic object.

The Kardashev Scale has since been amended by several thinkers, including Carl Sagan and Michio Kaku, to include accumulated knowledge and advancing technology as factors also forwarding a civilization. In any case, an advanced civilization will likely use all means at its disposal (energy, knowledge, technology,

spirituality, etc.) to first safeguard their species and then explore the galaxy. The question is whether they survive for sufficient time without either destroying themselves or succumbing to natural disasters.

Combined, the Drake Equation and the Kardashev Scale provide the basis for whether extraterrestrials exist and how they might structure their civilization for advancement. Logically, civilizations aspire toward star travel for both resource acquisition and species extension; at some point home planets are likely to face energy depletion, with survival demanding expansion into the cosmic neighborhood. Possibly, strategic imperatives also compel civilizations to expand their presence in competition with other beings. The human system of "international relations" is insightful here, cultures pursuing their own interests while also forming alliances when necessary. Extrapolating again to a galactic scale, we can assume the same system characteristics apply for all spacefaring civilizations, including diplomacy, trade, exchanges, missions, sanctions, pacts, espionage, and war. It is anticipated that both malevolent and benevolent civilizations exist. Therefore, we must be prepared as extraterrestrial contact with our solar system is inevitable and not all cultures are peaceful or assenting.

As star systems vary in age by wide margins, civilizations on some planets

could be billions of years older and more advanced than us. Commensurate with that progress would come superior technology and advanced weaponry. History demonstrates that whenever a technologically inferior civilization encounters a superior one, it has disastrous consequences for the former. Typically, the inferior civilization is either exterminated or loses its way of life; think indigenous peoples of the world and European colonizers. Some have argued our leaders understand that axiom and are therefore justified in maintaining secrecy until such time as humanity can handle the truth.² Others have insisted humanity is ready and our leaders have nefarious reasons for keeping the secret.³ In any case, it is time to consider the evidence.

The Evidence for UFOs

Here, we will consider the evidence for UFOs. We can begin with a basic taxonomy of encounters developed by the astronomer J. Allen Hynek and extended separately by both Jacques Vallee and Steven Greer. Consider the following:

- **Close Encounter 1:** Witness sighting of a UFO.
- **Close Encounter 2:** The UFO leaves physical evidence such as indented soil or burnt vegetation.
- **Close Encounter 3:** Witnesses report seeing an occupant of the UFO.
- **Close Encounter 4:** Witnesses are

abducted by the occupants of the UFO.

- **Close Encounter 5:** Human initiated contact with a UFO through lighting or sound sequences.

Several well researched books offer detailed witness accounts including *Clear Intent* and *Above Top Secret*.⁴ Credible cases number in the thousands. Witnesses report observing classic disc shaped objects, flying triangles, shifting ovals or squares, fast moving orbs, and other physics defying craft. Often, the UFO materializes and dematerializes, with bizarre environmental effects, including shifting landscapes and missing time. Physical evidence has included metal fragments, measurable radioactivity, broken tree branches, gouged buildings, and exotic materials.

The occupants of UFOs are reported as humanoid, robotic, apparitional, or even transhuman. The classic is known as a grey, small humanoid the size of a child with a large head and elongated arms and legs. Little differentiation is seen between greys, suggestive of either clones or cyborgs. Often, tall human looking extraterrestrials are observed, displaying overt Nordic features like blond hair and blue eyes; these are typically in command positions, directing various communications and physical examinations of abductees. The apparitional types are often referred to as “light beings” or “energies” and appear to have transcended the need

for physical bodies. The robotic and transhuman figures appear as a fusion of man and machine, typically equipped with remarkable technology and telepathic abilities. Lastly, additional types of beings are reported, in a variety of phenotypes, but in far lesser numbers than those described here.

In 1994, John E. Mack published the book *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens* that detailed the abduction experience. His research included over two hundred case studies whose experiencers reported incredibly similar details of physical UFOs, including interiors, equipment, sounds, lighting, scents, movements, and occupants. Experiencers came from different countries, socioeconomic status, educational levels, types of employment, races and ethnicities, and ideologies and religions. The majority of experiencer accounts occurred before the internet, so a globally orchestrated hoax was impossible. At a previous conference investigating the issue in 1992, top psychologists and researchers reached the conclusion that the abduction phenomenon was either an emerging mental disease or actually happening; given what we know about the Drake Equation and Kardashev Scale, extraterrestrial life is a much more plausible explanation than potential mental issues of the experiencers. Mack noted at the conference that the phenomenon was so bizarre it defied conventional analyses. If real, however, the abduction

phenomenon best describes the reluctance of government officials to acknowledge the truth owing to its terrifying implications: no government can maintain legitimacy when powerless to stop its citizens from being taken against their will by beings from other worlds.

Lastly, regarding human initiated contact with extraterrestrials, Steven Greer claims communication is possible using specific techniques and proven protocols; these include sequential sounds, directed signals, concentrated meditation, lighting displays, and mental focus.⁵ Advocates report appearances of anomalous shapes, actual craft, bizarre lights, anthropologic forms, wavering orbs, and other peculiar manifestations. Many of the anomalies have been filmed and offer compelling evidence for their validity; some locations on Earth are even considered hotspots for this activity. Moreover, certain individuals, like Chris Bledsoe in his book *UFO of God*, have recounted an at will direction of these anomalies to appear. Apparently, the UFO Phenomenon has a continual presence in our world and can be more or less activated. Jacques Vallee has also posited that this presence has a managerial element to its nature, a “control system” guiding humanity throughout our history toward some teleological end. In any case, this “ability” to summon the UFO presence requires further study and will likely proceed without any government acknowledgement or official sanction.

Investigation and Management of The UFO Phenomenon

As the evidence for UFOs and their occupants is compelling, we also must consider who investigates and manages the phenomenon. We will list the relevant actors and discuss each separately. Here, we limit the inquiry to American entities, although similar groups exist globally. They are as follows:

- **The National Security State.** This includes the National Security Council, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, National Security Agency, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The National Security State maintains the intricate data collection and intelligence analysis apparatus necessary to effectively study the UFO Phenomenon. Ostensibly, The National Security Council (under the direction of the President of the United States) would coordinate and direct the various agencies in pursuit of relevant tasks. In effect, the National Security State represents the first line of both awareness and defense regarding UFOs.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). These include the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), International UFO Congress (IUFOC), and To the Stars Academy (TTSA). The combined memberships of

these NGOs number in the tens of thousands. Typically, they employ investigative teams, technical personnel, individual researchers, media representatives, data analysts, and subject experts.

- **Individuals.** This includes researchers, authors, investigators, academics, whistleblowers, and various insiders. Many of these individuals are also members of the aforementioned NGOs and other relevant organizations. Some have been employed by large defense contractors and served advisory roles within national security. Much of what the public knows regarding the UFO Phenomenon comes from this dedicated group of professionals. Notable authors include Jacques Vallee, Jenny Randles, William J. Birnes, Steven Greer, Philip J. Corso, John E. Mack, and Bob Lazar.

- **Majestic 12.** This is the advisory group of twelve members allegedly organized by President Truman in 1947 to investigate and manage human interface with extraterrestrials (and their technology) after the Roswell crash. This entity is theorized to exist, but never proven. Logically, such a group was formed, especially given the vast implications of extraterrestrial life for national security; nations would naturally seek military and intelligence preparedness before public acknowledgement of contact and organize accordingly. This group would reside in the deepest part of the deep state, prioritizing extreme secrecy and avoiding any

regulation or oversight. Reportedly, the majority of the “work” of Majestic 12 is outsourced to private defense contractors, owing to relevant expertise and proprietary rights (evading Freedom of Information Act requests).⁷

· The Aviary. This was a fascinating group of active and retired military and intelligence officers, individual researchers and authors, and insiders and informants from government agencies and defense contractors. They organized clandestinely and risked their security clearances and reputations in pursuit of their passion. Their primary objectives were to secure more UFO related classified information and prove the existence of Majestic 12. The name derives from avian code words (such as falcon and owl) given to its members to maintain secrecy. Likely, the group continues in some form.

In summary of the above referenced groups, Majestic 12 probably exists and is rumored to derive its membership from the Jason Society (an elite group of scientists advising the government of the United States). It is dubious the National Security Council is entrusted with the management of the UFO Phenomenon since its membership changes with administrations; more individuals with privileged knowledge increases the likelihood of media leaks or outright divulgence. Some members of Majestic 12 may serve on the National Security Council, but likely this is to control the Council to serve

its ends.

If Majestic 12 exists, they are beyond oversight from any branch of government, operating in complete secrecy yet with immense controlling power. At the deepest level, they control the National Security State. Their influence and direction, when necessary, likely reaches into all sectors of society, including the economy, media, academia, religion, and technology, as well as all three branches of government. The vast majority of societal functioning is organic, but orchestration by Majestic 12 probably occurs at critical junctures or critical events. Those recruited into its machinations are likely instructed on the need for extreme secrecy and compensated accordingly. Their secretive authority is likely achieved through fines, imprisonment, denial of employment, threats of bodily harm, and perhaps even silencing. Even the NGOs are probably penetrated to control public awareness. After all, both private individuals and NGOs are dependent upon release of information from the National Security State, as the vast majority of UFO related data is from declassified government documents.

Those who control the information thus control its dissemination. This managed distribution of material likely fulfills any related agenda of the group. In fact, some experts have suggested a desensitization program exists to gradually bring the public to awareness over hundreds of years.⁸ As mentioned, secrecy of the UFO

presence is imperative, overriding whatever timescale exists for eventual disclosure. How such secretive power and evasion of oversight are possible is detailed next.

To understand how Majestic 12 may control virtually all UFO related material and avoid oversight we must examine the national security clearance structure. Clearances provide access to information that could damage national security if released without proper authorization. The higher the clearance, the more frequently it must be renewed. National security clearances act as a safeguard against public inquiry and are thus extremely effective at maintaining secrecy. The clearance categories are as follows, listed from least to maximum security:

- **Confidential**
- **Secret**
- **Top Secret**
- **Top Secret, Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)**
 - **Special Access Project (SAP)**
 - **Unacknowledged Special Access Project (USAP)**

The Department of Energy has their own classification system, but it corresponds to the above. For our purposes, the insightful levels regarding UFOs are SAP and USAP. These are security protocols restricting information on a strictly “need to know” basis, thus avoiding standard oversight mechanisms. USAPs can be buried within SAPs and avoid all

scrutiny. It is here that Majestic 12 might operate without congressional or presidential oversight while exercising control over UFO related matters. The Tom Wilson affair demonstrates this more clearly. In 1997, Admiral Tom Wilson was the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the Director of Intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He later became Director of the DIA. In his purview he found a database of “special projects record groups” which were separated from typical SAPs. One special project (seemingly UFO related) led to his questioning of both its nature and funding; this project was managed by a top U.S. defense contractor, and as Wilson pursued his inquiry into their activities, he found increasing levels of compartmentalization and secrecy. He demanded to be included and informed. Subsequently, he met with the defense contractor’s program manager, head of security, and corporate counsel, who referred to themselves as “the watch committee” and denied Wilson access to their project.

Angered, Wilson reminded them of his position and pressed for answers. They eventually confided they were a reverse engineering program, claiming to have a craft in their possession that was not from this world. Wilson was shown a bigot list of approved personnel for the project: a few Pentagon officials were cleared, but the majority resided in the private sector. Any potential Majestic 12 membership

was obscured. The program was so compartmentalized that the President, Congress, Cabinet, and Senior Administration officials were unaware of its existence! Wilson sought rectification through appropriate oversight channels, but was told to cease his inquiry or be denied promotion, with loss of rank and compensation. To save his career, he acquiesced.

That is how secrets can be kept, with many historical precedents attesting to this fact. The Manhattan Project (which developed the first nuclear weapon) operated in complete secrecy for years before American citizens became aware of its existence during the Hiroshima bombing. More recently, Area 51 in the high desert of Nevada is notorious for its secretive nature; the public has virtually no information regarding its activities and legal challenges are invariably subverted or denied. An argument can be made that Majestic 12, or some similar group, has a right to extreme secrecy owing to the tremendous burden of its responsibilities regarding the extraterrestrial presence. The counterargument is that our tax dollars grant us the right for complete disclosure. The compromise solution, however, begins with an informed American public, where the average citizen becomes more acquainted with the subject and then more assertive for disclosure. Those managing human interface with the UFO Phenomenon must eventually believe the public can handle the truth if we are to get to the

truth. We must educate ourselves and convince those in charge of our acceptance and confidence in the situation. Only then can we secure their trust.

Implications for the Future

Obviously, the UFO Phenomenon portends much for the human future; dangers and opportunities exist in any potential contact with extraterrestrials. Official acknowledgement will prove transformative for society, our institutions and beliefs radically changed, commensurate with our loss of innocence. The confirmation of other sentient life forms will be the single biggest event in human history. We must be prepared for that eventuality. So next, we can identify how we should direct ourselves in this incredibly important endeavor.

First, humanity must be unified. Advanced civilizations will probably have shared purpose with commensurate spiritual development. In fact, those two factors may prove essential to environmentally preserving any planet and managing a technologically sophisticated culture. If federations of intelligent beings exist, they would demand similar cultural unification and spiritual advancement as a prerequisite for inclusion. Unqualified or nonconforming cultures would likely be isolated and surveilled, especially those with violent histories, until they satisfy the prerequisites for membership. Earth

is probably in this category.

Second, with respect to our potential unification, humans have a dubious past; our history is replete with wars, conquests, genocides, racism, sexism, torture, and environmental destruction. Moreover, societal elites are aggregating their privileges, including wealth, knowledge, technology, resources, and capability, with significant compromise to the common good. The historian Richard M. Dolan has written extensively on this amassing of privilege as it relates to the UFO Phenomenon.¹⁰ In fact, little debate exists as to whether this aggregation occurs, rather discussion focuses on potential violators and effective solutions. Further, according to Dolan, the ultra-elite (those with direct knowledge and control of the extraterrestrial issue) accrue tremendous corollary benefits, such as futuristic technologies, exotic materials, enhanced scientific understandings, and other revolutionary advancements; they represent a separating civilization and are potentially hundreds of years ahead of the public. This separation is a danger for humanity, creating divided allegiances and separate agendas.

Third, we must philosophically accept the truth of existence. Extraterrestrial contact will end our anthropocentrism or man at the center of everything. Consider our historical perceptions of self. Both Darwinists and Creationists believe human beings are special; we are either the highest product of natural evolution

or created in the image of God. Ergo, both physically and spiritually we are convinced of our uniqueness and exceptionality. That perception is decimated by confirmation of extraterrestrial life, where our identity changes from one, to one of many. Such an adjustment for humanity will prove especially challenging, as our collective hubris is increasing with every subsequent generation. This egocentricity is exacerbated by the transhumanist belief (exemplified by the World Economic Forum's Fourth Industrial Revolution) that man will fuse with machine and become immortal and divine. The preposterousness of this belief aside, our pride alone could ensure our demise, as some species may not survive premature exposure to superior intelligence without first accepting their own place within the cosmic hierarchy. Perhaps extraterrestrials know this, which might describe their reluctance for open, official contact; humans are simply unprepared for the reality of our existence and would likely respond with either aggression or nihilism. Therefore, we must ensure our self-concept not only survives any potential disclosure, but survives realistically (devoid of narcissism), accepting our cosmic position while affirming our inherent value as sentient beings.

Fourth, corollary to the above, comes the aforementioned hierarchy of cultures. Extraterrestrial civilizations will be vastly superior to our own, at least those ven-

turing through the galaxy. Star travel demands extraordinary technology and likely includes devastating weaponry and mastery of material reality. Apex civilizations will also likely exploit the foundational realms of Mind and Spirit.¹¹ Not only would such civilizations dominate their environments, but also possibly control future outcomes, including manipulation of physical space and even time itself. This will require humans to incorporate these new realities into our worldview while also preserving our fundamental humanity.

Lastly, we must aspire toward cultural exceptionalism, benchmarking apex civilizations for both parity and posterity. Humans will likely never accept subservience to aliens or secretive elites, as history clearly demonstrates our inexorable march for freedom. Incumbent upon us will be to construct a society deserving of inclusion into whatever federation may exist and then excelling past that order into leadership. Although the human past is rife with division and folly, we are defined by ambition and achievement. Striving is our nature and must be accommodated. Yet that nature is dualistic, comprised of both good and evil. We must see that we can advance further and faster by tempering our negative side with enhanced spiritual development.

Our best interest then is to become more virtuous, as nothing would do more to improve our sense of self. As proof,

consider our condemnable history: had we been more principled and magnanimous imagine the destruction and waste we could have prevented. The number of wars alone is simply incalculable. Again, much of our maliciousness is caused by our own frailties, including insecurity, ego, selfishness, greed, ignorance, envy, and immorality; these deficiencies are likely intolerable to advanced beings, who will insist on higher standards of behavior for inclusion into any potential federation.

Further, enhanced spiritual development provides recognition that we and all intelligent species are part of a larger plan. Abduction experiencers often report spiritual overtones and religious messages during their many encounters, extraterrestrials confirming that God exists, and that humanity is an ensouled species.¹² The Near Death Experience (NDEs) provides further evidence, scientifically substantiated through observation and experimentation, that consciousness survives physical death.¹³ We are souls in bodies. Teleological ends (the universe constructed for a desired result) not only rightfully displaces seemingly organic evolution, but also provides greater meaning for all existences, ours as well as extraterrestrials.

Hence, the universe was constructed for a purpose, and everything happens for a reason. All sentient life is subject to the master plan, sharing a type of mediocrity contrasted to the grandeur of cre-

ation. Humans and extraterrestrials are pieces in a much larger game, and are bound by the game's parameters and objectives. Thus, whatever hierarchy remains between species suggests spiritual enhancement for potential leadership, congruent with the spirit of the plan. The more that plan comes into focus, the more spiritually focused we must become. In short, those beings with the highest spiritual development will ascend because they form superior civilizations and best equate the essence and intentions of the Creator.

Conclusions

The UFO Phenomenon is real. The evidence is beyond convincing; were there not a concerted effort by governments to maintain secrecy, UFO visitation would be a globally known fact. Nonetheless, Majestic 12 or some similar group may be justified in hiding the truth as humanity is clearly ill-prepared for the reality of the extraterrestrial presence. Confirmation before humanity is ready could be disastrous for our civilization; we could lose our sense of self, our beliefs, our traditions, our values, our culture, indeed, our very way of life. Some of that is the situation and some of that is on us. Our unpreparedness is our own fault and the fault of our leaders. We must educate the masses and demand honesty from those in charge. We must lift our collective understanding of the situation and then in-

sist on accountability from our government. We must improve ourselves and our society to be included in galactic affairs.

Unfortunately, a number of challenges exist in this regard. First, our collective intelligence is declining at exactly the time we must be more astute. Second, secret elites may have myriad reasons for maintaining secrecy apart from security concerns. Third, our leadership may not be fully empowered, operating in a type of negotiated surrender situation. Fourth, a lack of comprehension may exist, where global authorities are struggling to understand a phenomenon exceeding our best capabilities. Again, this is where the UFO Phenomenon may represent science past our science. We can briefly consider each possibility.

Numerous studies indicate human I.Q. is declining.¹⁴ Potential factors include environmental causes, reliance on technology, poor diets, underbudgeted educational programs, professional specialization, unfavorable demographic trends, and (somewhat conspiratorially) intentional denigration of academic achievement in younger generations to reduce motivation and productivity (thereby saving the planet, but furthering a separating civilization). Yet understanding the UFO Phenomenon and then convincing secret elites we can handle the truth requires enhanced collective intel-

ligence, as the subject is infinitely complex. This increase in intelligence will require shifting societal priorities away from entertainment and pleasure and toward education and responsibility. Perhaps here social media can finally provide some benefit by expanding both awareness and cohesion.

Secret elites may have a variety of reasons for maintaining secrecy apart from security concerns, such as increasing privilege, securing economic advantage, covering constitutional violations, obscuration of crimes, protection of resources, and dereliction of duty. Steven Greer has developed an entire thesis around this premise.¹⁵ Some, such as William Cooper, John Lear, Jordan Sather, and Haim Eshed have argued that Majestic 12 has negotiated with extraterrestrials and even signed treaties with them.¹⁶ In fact, the conditions of these treaties (mutually agreed concealment, technology transfers in exchange for human abductions) are the reasons for the endless secrecy.

Former naval intelligence officer and controversial author William Cooper has claimed that faced with extraterrestrial superiority, humanity exists in a type of negotiated surrender. He reported our leaders have signed treaties to buy time until weapons systems were developed to bring us to parity. Nonetheless, if technology transfers have occurred, progress in some areas is likely, either from the exchanges themselves or from reverse engi-

neering recovered extraterrestrial spacecraft. It is dubious that extraterrestrials would provide weapons technology to such a warmongering species as humans; more likely, non-lethal applications, specifically artificial intelligence, robotics, and travel technologies, would be granted to accelerate human progress. This corresponds with the teleological thesis put forward by Jacques Vallee. The case of Gary McKinnon also illustrates this possibility.

In 2001, a Scottish computer expert named Gary McKinnon hacked into Department of Defense and NASA computers and discovered evidence of an advanced space platform (since termed Solar Warden) whose mission was to patrol our solar system with a fleet of highly advanced spacecraft. Such spacecraft are beyond our current known capabilities, but might be possible using gifted or reverse engineered extraterrestrial technology. If Solar Warden exists, it is definitive proof of extraterrestrial pedigree and influence. So, rather counterintuitively, a negotiated surrender situation may actually enable greater extraterrestrial cooperation because aliens feel less threatened by humanity, which is an otherwise aggressive and nuclear armed species. This “security” would accelerate technology transfers while fulfilling both human and extraterrestrial agendas.

Lastly, it is doubtful the security elite

have a complete grasp of the UFO Phenomenon. In all likelihood, they are often intimidated and confused. A useful analogy is prehistoric man attempting to understand a commercial aircraft. The UFO Phenomenon is simply beyond our current understanding of physics, biology, chemistry, and technology. Therefore, the inherent gap in our comparative capabilities is concerning. History is replete with examples of incomprehension and complacency in the face of hidden dangers; for instance, prior to World War II world leaders were largely unaware of Nazi Germany's economic and military buildup and the results were devastating. The gap between Nazi Germany and the world is nothing compared to the gap between extraterrestrials and humans; although our leaders have some understanding of the UFO Phenomenon, voids in knowledge and potential responses must certainly exist.

This is where secrecy becomes problematic. Lack of transparency limits both requisite funding and access to superior expertise (private sector scientists and relevant academia) because of excessive security concerns. Efficiency is thus compromised. Increased transparency would encourage Congress to allocate the necessary funding while also securing public support for UFO related endeavors through its public forum. This would greatly increase awareness, prioritize col-

lective focus, begin the unification process, promote the necessary human behavioral adjustments, and decrease the timeline for full disclosure.

The issue is how to determine whether humans can handle the truth. For this, the UFO control group (Majestic 12 or something similar) must accelerate the desensitization program to "test" human readiness and response; that necessitates the declassification of larger numbers of UFO documents and also more whistleblower testimony. Hence, at every level of human acceptance, elites should increase the level of divulgence; whenever societal travail appears, reduce the exposal. An authentic mainstream media with accurate reportage is absolutely mandatory for successful desensitization; this will prove more effective than the usual reliance on Hollywood or social media to educate the masses. For this task, however, mainstream media must quit filtering and propagandizing and instead report objective facts and logical linkages in order to regain its lost credibility. The message must be conveyed and conveyed honestly for the campaign to succeed.

Experts must also opine about the expected phenotypes of aliens. Humans must be visually and psychologically prepared for what we encounter. Clearly, there will be some astonishing differences in both appearances and demeanors. Majestic 12 fears a frightened and anarchic

public, but that fear is partially their own creation: proper education of the masses (Drake Equation, Kardashev Scale, the latest exobiological, cosmological, and ontological research, etc.) should largely mitigate human insecurity if the government is forthcoming with truth. Humans have previously accepted much existential danger, including potential nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare, as well as pervasive disease and the inevitability of death. Moreover, perhaps our self-conception should expand past human to include humanoid. The galaxy is a big place, and such a perspective would seem necessary to join a federation of beings clearly both visually dissimilar and yet essentially similar to us. We should have much in common. Appearances aside, probably all sentient beings seek posterity, security, sociality, and spirituality. The vast majority likely share a respect for all living things and act accordingly. In fact, it may be us that are primitive. We should be confident our species can accept the situation and make our galactic contribution while also advancing to finally match our aspirations. That will require a unified effort prioritizing our spiritual foundations, where we practice our principles instead of claiming them. It is time to become what the future demands.

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J. Corso, in his book *The Day After Roswell*, maintained he directed the reverse engineering efforts leading to particle beam devices, fiber optics, integrated circuit chips, and Kevlar.

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<https://www.congress.gov/117/meeting/house/114761/documents/HHRG-117-IG05-20220517-SD001.pdf>. Wilson has denied the meeting occurred.

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context of a mental and spiritual universe.

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