## Extra-Terrestrials - Fantasy or Fact? 2022

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Answers to this question: impossible, totally crazy, religion in disguise, hyper conspiracy, extremely unlikely, possible, maybe occurring, currently occurring, present for a long time, human survival may depend on strategic engagement.

In the modern context, the topic of extra terrestrials gets fused with the claimed evidence for UFOs – unidentified flying objects. Following review of the evidence by credible authorities, about 5% of UFO sightings are categorized as unexplained. For many, this fact alone suggests that the very small percentage of unexplained events simply represents evidence for natural phenomena that we do not yet have the ability to understand. For others, these "inexplicable" cases constitute proof that such sightings are not only accurate, but also that the capabilities reported in these unexplained cases are so far beyond human abilities that the source must be attributed to intelligent life – extra-terrestrials.

What the proper position is on this answer continuum depends on what the facts are that constitute reliable evidence!

- 1) Similar UFO phenomena have been reported worldwide for thousands of years.
- 2) Various mythologies of different humans groups attribute these phenomena to either the activities of the Gods or visitations by non-human aliens.
- 3) Claims are made that these "visitations" are responsible for a significant number of human cultural advancements that are purported to be otherwise inexplicable.
- 4) Claims are made that some of the "best," modern, reported UFO events have multiple, independent, reliable, even expert human sources as well as superior corroborating technological sources.
- 5) Claims are made that various world governments, including the U.S., have accumulated physical evidence of UFO space craft, and "biological" evidence of extra terrestrials. These governments are held to be in collusion to suppress this evidence fearing the negative potential consequences to human civilization.

In the United States, a full report of all of what is known about these phenomena from all relevant federal governmental departments and agencies has been demanded by Congress. The report was due 6/21, but to date -2/22, there has been no report of its submission to Congress. Key in this process will be the extent to which the content of this document is redacted or held secret at what level, and to what extent and what degree it is to be made public.

## The Range of Potential Conclusions

- 1) The entire "best" evidence "package" is completely accounted for by natural phenomena or secret technological developments by different countries. There is nothing to even suggest an extra terrestrial component.
- 2) There is evidence that remains unexplained, but this evidence is expected to be explained in terms of our conventional understanding of our physical reality as a consequence of ongoing scientific investigation. There is no basis for attributing an extra terrestrial component to these phenomena.
- 3) There is evidence that is very difficult to explain in terms of what we understand to be the nature of our physical reality. But, at this time, this evidence does not justify the attribution of any extra terrestrial source. This evidence is challenging, but not threatening.
- 4) #3 with the conclusion that the evidence is both challenging and potentially threatening.
- 5) There is unexplained evidence that suggests that Earth is being visited by some outside source with technological capabilities that greatly exceed current human capabilities. It is not known why this is happening, but it has not proven threatening to date.
- 6) #5 with the conclusion that the consequences could be threatening to human civilization and may require a concerted effort to eliminate the source.
- 7) #5 with the conclusion that the consequences could be either threatening or enlightening for human civilization depending on what the results may be of human efforts to communicate with or through these visiting phenomena.
- 8) The evidence indicates that the Earth is being visited by an advanced "life" form, and that this may have been the case for a very long time. The purpose of these visitations is unknown, but has not proved threatening to date. This advanced life form may have the ability to materialize and dematerialize and exceed other limits of both current human understanding and human physical reality. If this is the case, it is a total puzzle why these super capable "visitors" over thousands of years have not colonized Earth if it is desirable, altered humans physically, mentally and culturally to the conditions they prescribed, or eliminated humans altogether. From a human perspective, "Wait and see" seems an odd objective for these long time visitors. Humans have no choice but to try to contact, communicate, and relate positively to these visitors and their alternative, highly advanced civilizations. Attack in any form is useless and may invite a decisive counter attack that terminates the human species.

The underlying question regarding UFOs and extra terrestrials is a serious one. Which of these conclusions is appropriate depends on 1) <u>a full review</u> having been conducted of <u>all relevant evidence</u> accumulated by <u>all governments</u>, 2) this review having included <u>independent assessment</u> by the appropriate range of experts, 3) this evidence being <u>fully shared</u> with the public.