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PREFACE

Why Would a Cosmologist Care about UFOs?

By Dr. John G. Hartnett, who received his Ph.D. in physics, with distinction, from the University of Western Australia, where he currently teaches and is a research fellow. At the time of writing, he is a collaborator in developing ultra-precise technology for atomic clocks that will be used on board the International Space Station. His other research includes ultra-low-noise radar; tests of fundamental theories of physics, such as general relativity; and measurement of drift in fundamental constants and their cosmological implications. He has published more than 40 papers in scientific journals and holds two patents.

First of all, I love a good mystery.

Second, science does not have all the answers.

Even though I am a cosmologist at a leading university in Australia, and I do extensive research on fundamental theories of physics and measurement of the time dependence of so-called “constants,” I know that there are many mysteries which cannot be solved with simple experiments.

UFOs are one of the biggest mysteries of our time — indeed, of all time — attracting literally millions of believers (and quite a few skeptics).

“What are UFOs?” is a question virtually everyone has asked at one time or another. Many have already made up their minds on the subject. However, rather than dismiss the whole debate out of hand, any open-minded person should at least weigh *all* the evidence before reaching a conclusion. Why reject the possibility of UFOs, unless you have some preconceived notion that you’re afraid to see threatened?

The study of UFOs offers a wealth of valuable lessons — far beyond telling us whether aliens really crashed at Roswell. The study of this one wildly popular topic unveils many broader truths about human nature, life, and the supernatural. Besides, Gary’s book is fun to read, and it touches on all sorts of related popular topics — science fiction, famous films, government cover-ups, hoaxes, serious research, and even the most ancient and increasingly popular “source” about alien invaders, the Hebrew Scriptures, popularized by Erich von Däniken’s *Chariots of the Gods*, among others.

The study of extraterrestrial life also raises the question, “How did our universe come to be?” That’s the question that I’m spending my life studying. (Scientists who study the origin, history, and structure of the universe [*cosmos*] are called cosmologists.) Nearly all modern cosmologists believe that everything was kick-started by a big bang about 15 billion years ago, and all the life in the universe evolved through natural processes. But I’ve discovered that such known “facts” — just like the study of UFOs — are not always as clear-cut as we’ve been led to believe, and “where we came from” directly relates to the subject of aliens and UFOs investigated in this captivating book.

Nearly 100 years since Einstein’s theories were published, the origin and structure of the universe still eludes cosmologists. New cosmological theories are rife today, more than ever before. In fact, they are getting more exotic all the time, creating some bizarre paradoxes, opening the door to all sorts of different beliefs.

You may have heard a host of different explanations for UFOs, but Gary’s book provides some eye-opening research that forces the reader to rethink his assumptions about what is true. The book was extremely interesting and profitable for me, and I trust that you’ll find the book just as intriguing (and entertaining). Whether or not you agree with Gary’s conclusions, you’ll never see the topic in the same light again.

Be prepared to have your own assumptions about this world — and the cosmos — challenged. What we “see” is not always as it seems!

INTRODUCTION

Why Write Yet Another Book on UFOs?

So much has already been written and claimed about the “UFO phenomenon.” Where do they come from; what is their purpose; can they tell us where we came from? With so many claimed visitations and experiences, one would think that all the questions would have been answered by now. However, the questions show no sign of abating. Quite the opposite.

The growing popularity of UFOs may surprise you, if you have never bothered to take a deeper look. Is it possible that UFOs don’t gain as much publicity as they used to, because the idea that “aliens are with us” has become more mainstream? Just ask a few teenagers, and several of them will tell you that they believe aliens exist and may have been humankind’s original creators.

As a young person, my own love of science fiction and alien worlds shaped my view of my place in the universe. Looking back, I can now see that the things I believed to be true were so because I desired them to be true. However, even then, I wrestled with the true nature of aliens and the apparent contradictions of the UFO phenomenon. Today, I have become aware that this “wrestling with the contradictions” is common among other serious researchers and ordinary people alike.

I have written this book out of a genuine desire to understand and then share the truth about this phenomenon, and I have tried to assess the evidence as objectively as possible. Although at times I may disagree

with other researchers, I have a great respect and compassion for the people who have been caught up in alien phenomena, sometimes with very distressing consequences, as you will see. After all, how would you deal with someone who genuinely believes that they are regularly visited by aliens, and who now claims to be on a mission of peace for them? Or the person whose self-esteem and character has been forever altered as a result of the belief that they underwent brutal medical examinations aboard a spaceship? Then there are the reports of millions of ordinary people who have allegedly seen UFOs in the sky, performing aerial acrobatics that defy logic.

I trust that, after you examine the best evidence available on the major incidents and key issues related to UFOs, you will reach a confident and satisfying conclusion.

Addition to the 5th printing onwards

In the 2005 original printing, this book was the sum of my thoughts and research into the phenomenon after many years of investigation. Since that time, and because of this book, that research has widened and intensified due to the many people who contacted me after reading it. It has also increased the opportunity to rub shoulders and compare notes with other concerned UFOlogists. As a consequence, it has provided an excellent first-hand “test bed” of research — a proving ground, if you like, upon which the conclusions in this book can be tested. I am able to verify that nothing in the intervening years since the initial publication has caused me to alter my views on what is actually occurring.

However, there was one area that I was not completely confident about. It concerns the mechanisms that could explain, in particular, some of the finer details and stories pertaining to alleged abduction episodes or “Fourth Kind” encounters. Due to the richness of the subject matter that now presents itself to me, I believe that this new chapter provides the solution or the final piece in the puzzle that has eluded researchers. The conclusions might surprise many, although they are probably not as spectacular as some might have thought. At the end of the day my humble prayer is, after meeting so many experiencers, that they might find help and solace in determining the true nature of what is actually happening to them.

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“I felt that there was nothing more worth knowing about UFOs and aliens, but Gary Bates reveals one of the most closely guarded secrets of all time. This exciting, fast-paced and entertaining book will challenge your worldview. It’s truly one of the most thought-provoking books that I’ve read in years!”

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— Alex Williams, scientist, author and former consultant to the U.N.

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