

Unidentified flying objects (UFOs), now called unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) have always been a point of contention. With new evidence, some are looking back on past reports to see if there was any validity to the reports, and sometimes, even encounters with those who pilot the crafts.

In September, 2019, the Navy confirmed three separate videos of UAP, titled, "FLIR" video, "GIMBAL" video, and "GOFAST" video, all visual recordings of cockpit instrumentation displays from United States Navy fighter jets based aboard aircraft carriers USS Nimitz and USS Theodore Roosevelt in 2004, 2014 and 2015. In April, 2020, the Pentagon confirmed the validity of these videos.

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All of the UAP crafts captured on infrared video defied all laws of physics, and could reach impossible speeds. Even with these stamps of recognition, there are, as always, skeptics who believe all UAPs are miscommunications, or hoaxes. So, researchers default to the number of witnesses, or the character of the witnesses.



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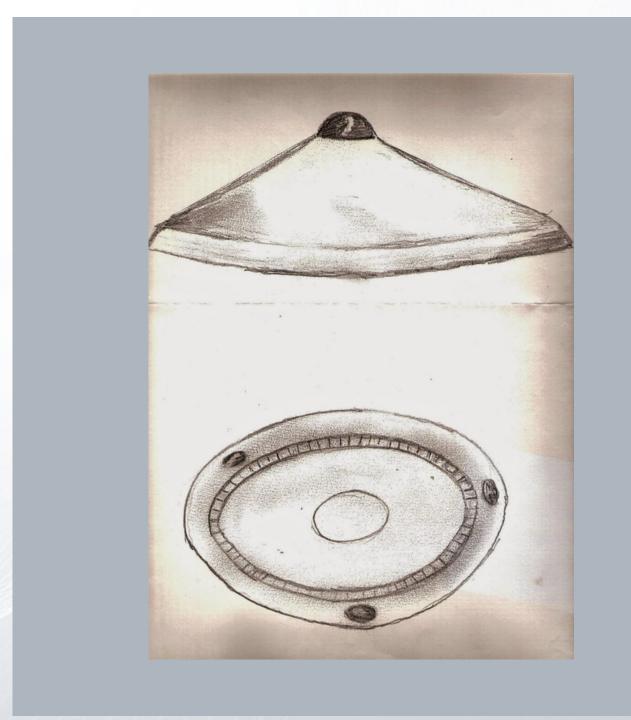
Most sightings are of lights in the sky, which can be easily dismissed, such as the Phoenix Lights, when hundreds witnessed strange lights in the sky in March, 1997.



In November, 2006, 12 United Airlines employees, risking their jobs, reported a saucer-shaped craft above gate C17 at O'Hare Airport in Chicago.

Daylight sightings, where there are multiple witnesses, are even harder to discredit.

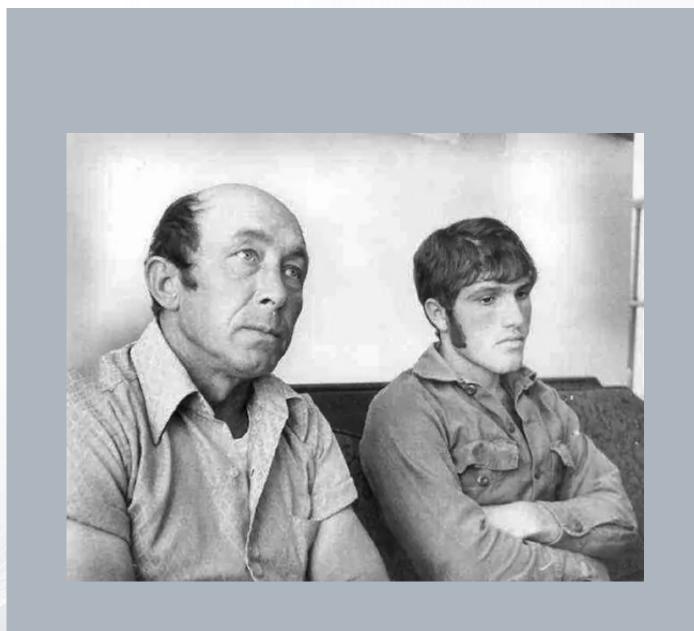
In April, 1966, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 200 students and teachers from two schools watched a saucershaped craft hovering over the area, and even landing.



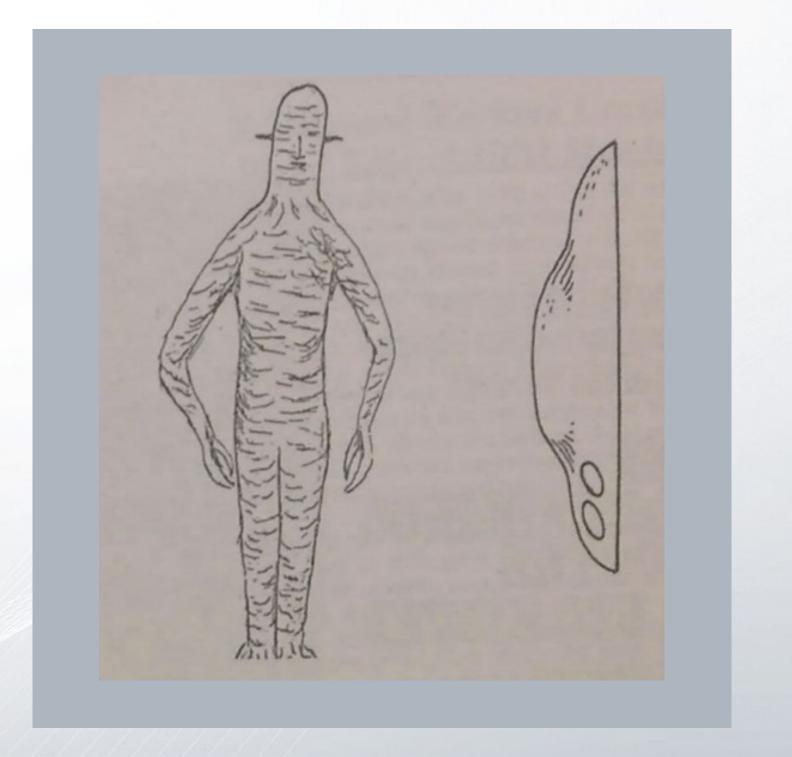
In September, 1994, more than 110 students at Ariel School, in Ruwa, Mashonaland East, Zimbabwe, also came in contact with a landed saucer-shaped craft. However, they also had contact with its pilot, a small humanoid who somehow, without speaking, communicated to the children to take care of the environment.



Not all contact with these pilots follow the stereotypical "grey alien" motif. In October, 1973, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were allegedly abducted, and officials seemed to believe them.



The men reported that the strange humanoid-type robotic pilot stunned them, coming out of a saucer-shaped craft, took them aboard the craft for an examination. This is a staple of many UAP abduction scenarios.



What made the men so believable is that they reported it to the local authorities. And, hoping to catch them in a presumed lie, when detectives left the men alone for a long period of time, all the while still secretly recording the abductees, the men expressed concern that they weren't being believed, and recalled even more of their encounter toward one another.

# UAP Shapes

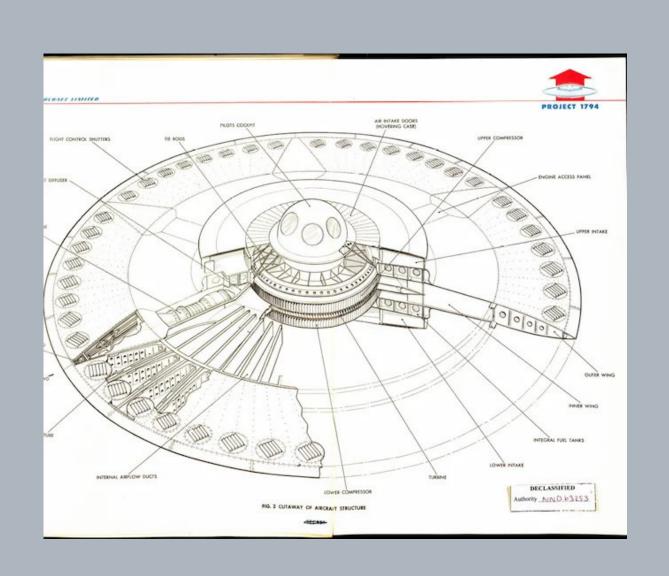


Throughout the 1950's and 1960's, the most commonly described UAP was the saucershaped craft popularized by the case of Barney and Betty Hill, from September, 1961.

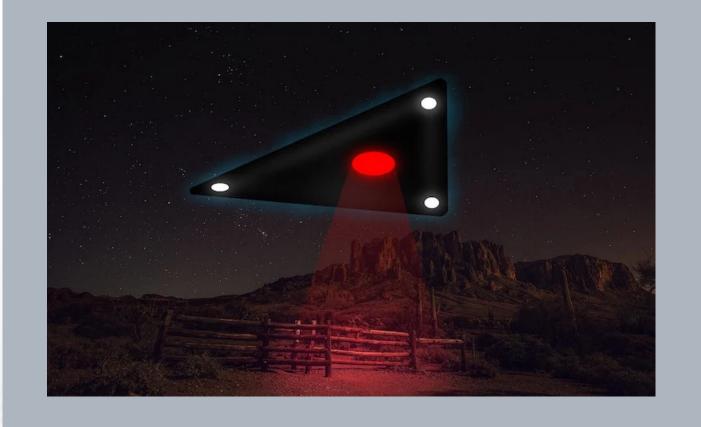


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In the 1950's, the Air Force's Project 1794 sought to create saucer-shaped, supersonic air craft. Apparently never created, the schematics were finally released to the public.



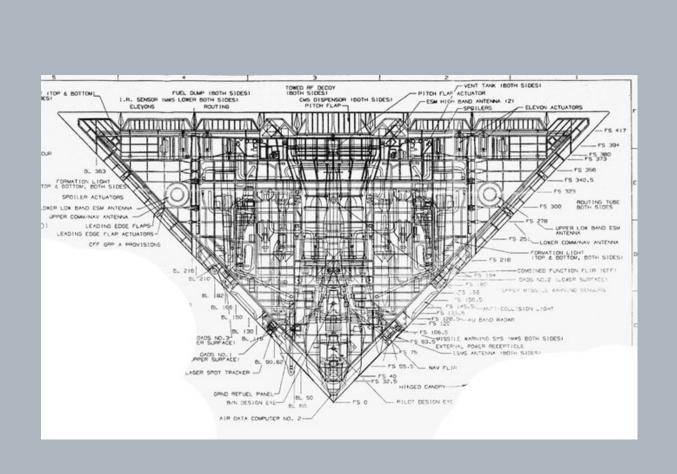
Between the 1990's and into the 2000's, the most commonly described UAP was the "black triangle".

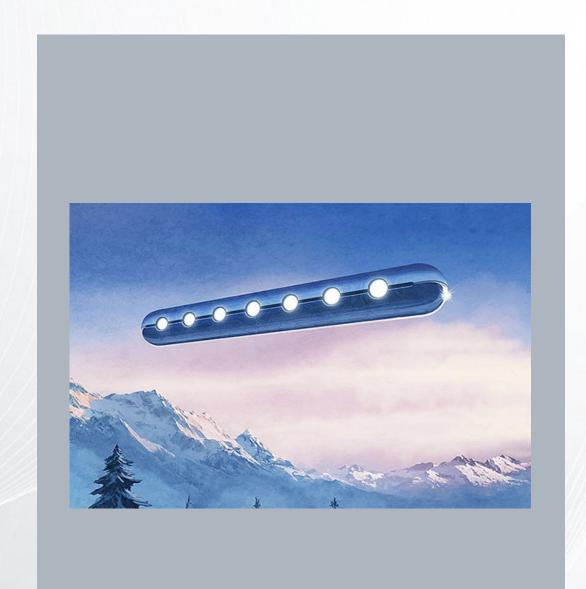


For many decades, it was theorized that sightings of triangle-shaped air crafts were misidentify once top secret stealth air crafts, since they shared a similar shape.



However, the TR-3B is Code named Astra, was designed in 1994, and looks more like what witnesses often report.





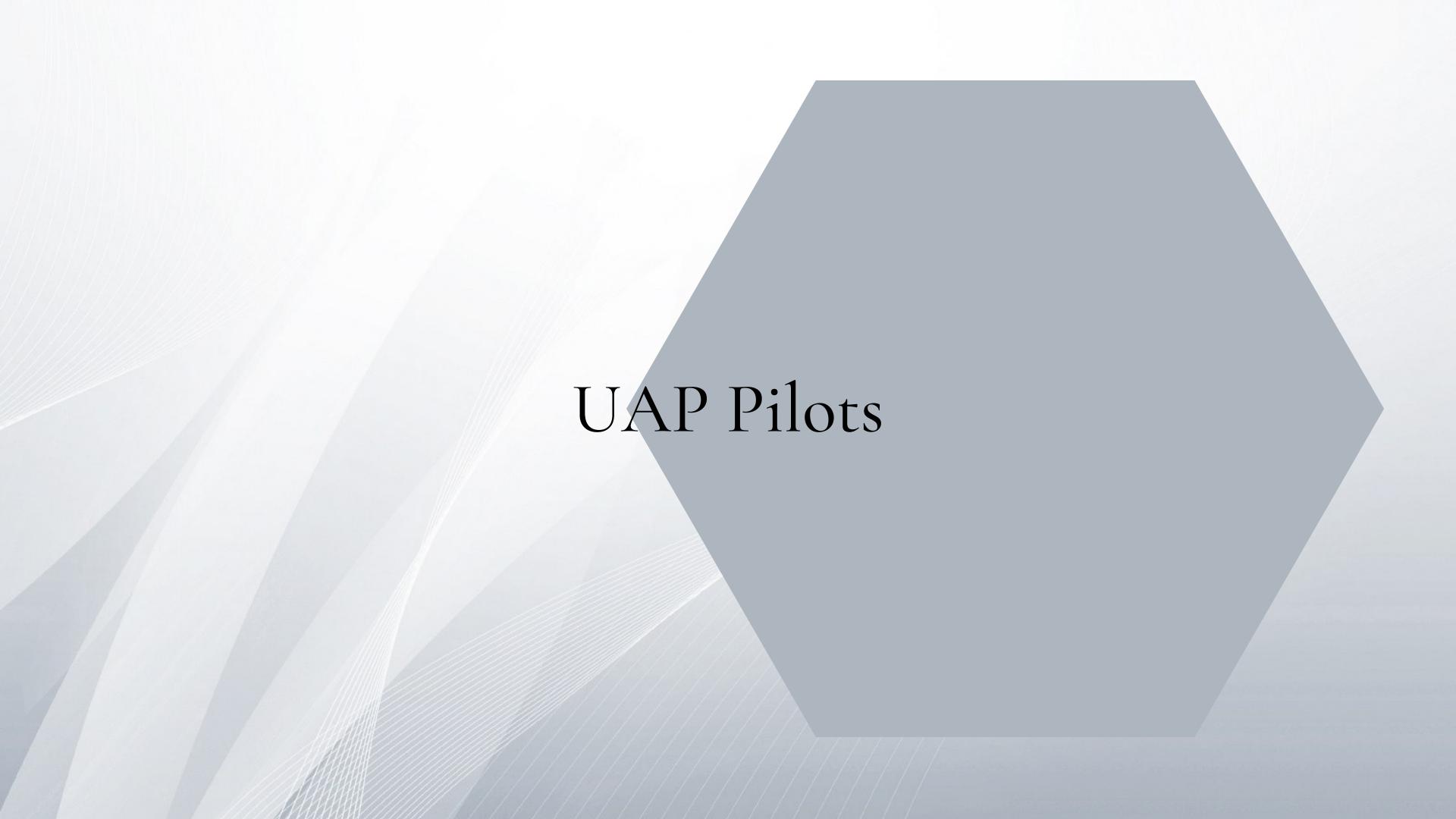
Cigar-shaped, and then rectangular or square-shaped UAP seem the third and forth most common shapes.



Even though balls of light are the most common UAP, some have described spherical UAP.

UAP can come in many shapes and sizes.





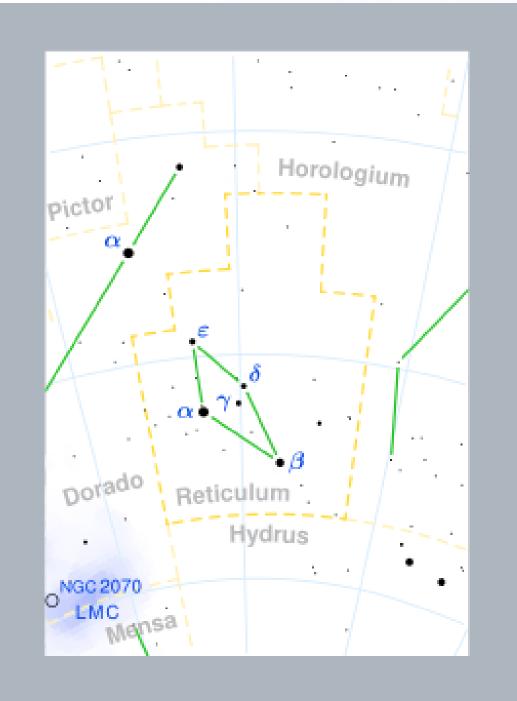


Popularized by the Barney and Betty Hill abduction in September, 1961, greys are the most often described UAP pilots, and are typically known for alleged abduction and experimentation.

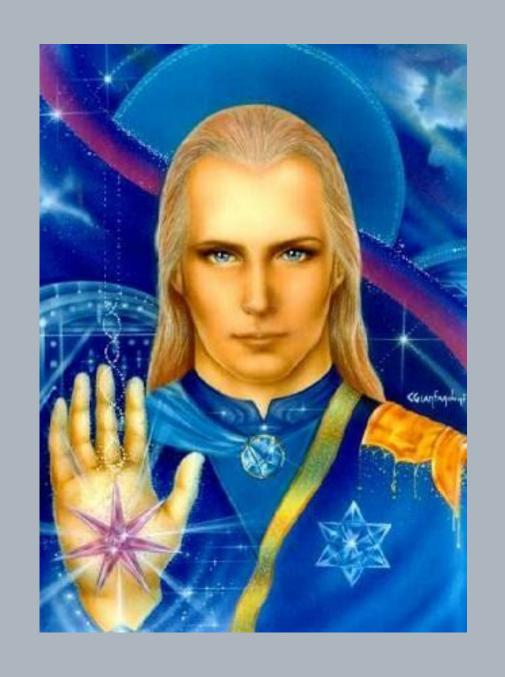


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During hypnosis, Betty Hill (1919 -2004), said that the UAP pilots communicated with her telepathically, sharing that their place of origin was in the Zeta Reticuli system. Thought incorrect at the time, it was later discovered that her drawing, showing a binary star system, was actually correct.



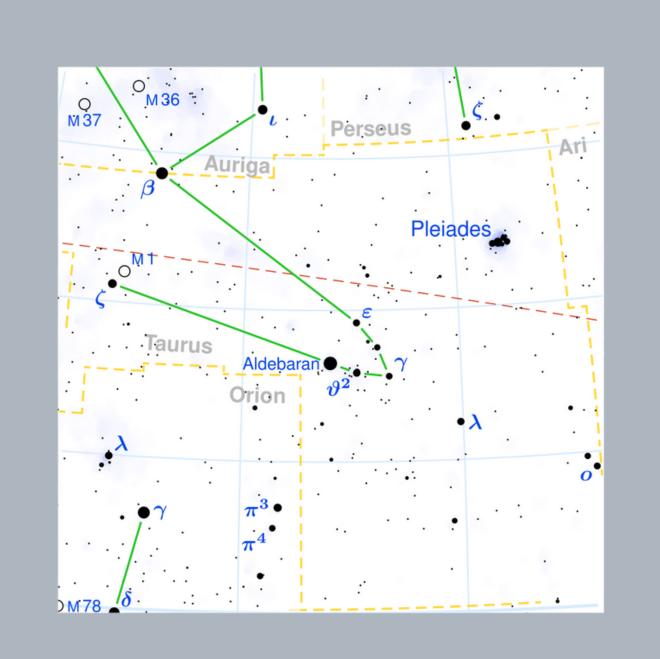
Nordic pilots are called that because of their striking resemblance to people of Nordic decent. Sightings of them became more common in the 1960's and 1970's. During interactions, they show a great deal of concern for the changing environment of Earth, as well as warning against using nuclear technology.



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They always communicated concern about global warming and nuclear weapons. Originally, they were said to be from Venus. However, when it was discovered that the planet can't host complicated life, they were said to originate from the Pleiades in the Taurus constellation.

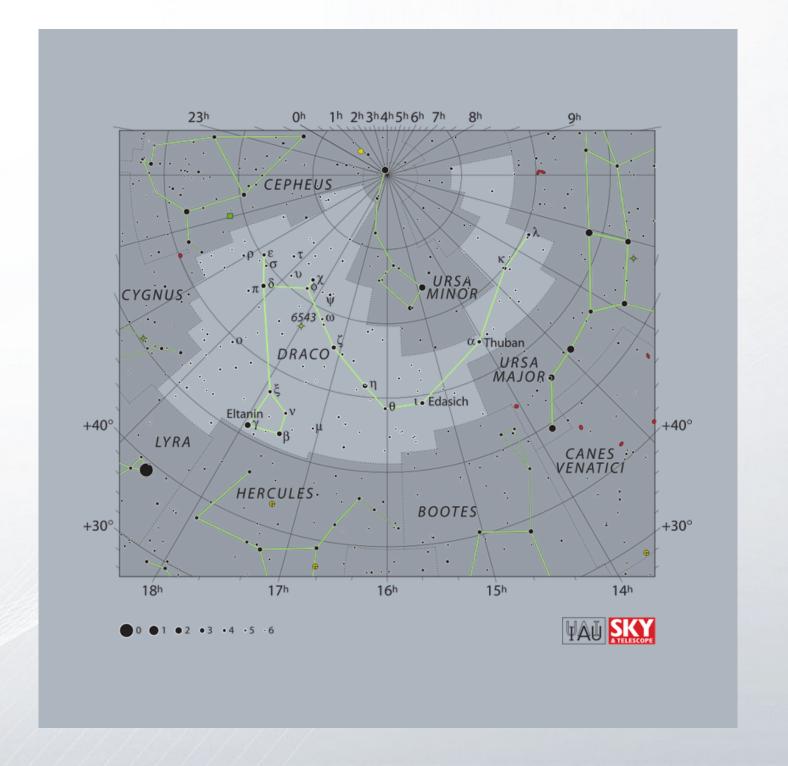




Reptilians are the most contested of alleged pilots, seemingly created and popularized by author and lecturer, David Icke. Skeptics contend he was influenced by the 1983 miniseries, V, based loosely on the works of L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Scientology cult.



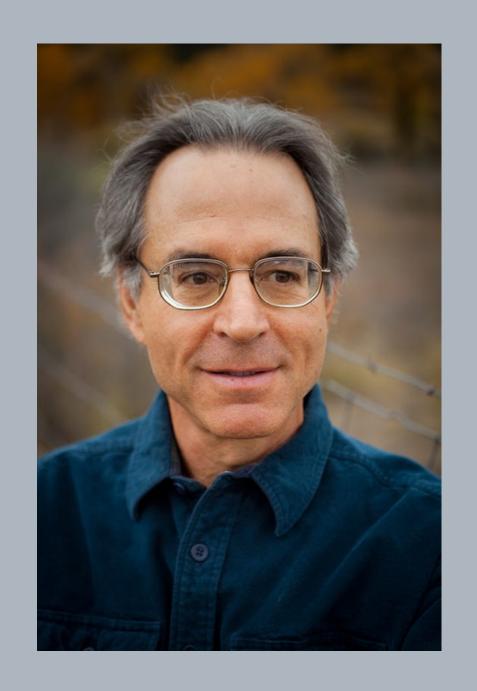
Icke insists that they are from the conveniently named Draco constellation, can shapeshift to look like humans, and are, strangely, installed as secret shadow government officials, controlling the world.



Insectoid pilots, sometimes called mantis aliens, are rarely reported. However, they did appear to test subjects when Dr. Rick Strassman conducted research on the hallucinogen N, N-Dimethyltryptamine (DMT).



DMT is a psychoactive chemical that has long been extracted from plants in indigenous Amazonian shamanic practices. However, the human body can produce this mind-bending chemical, as well. From 1990 to 1995, Strassman led a government-funded clinical research team at the University of New Mexico studying DMT's effects on human subjects in experimental conditions.



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Dr. Strassman theorized that sudden overproduction of endogenous DMT could explain some abduction scenarios, as some of the test subjects found themselves being examined by insectoid creatures, while under the influence of the chemical.

Just like UAP types, there are many other different proposed types of humanoid pilots.

## Claims of Contact

Close encounters of the first kind are visual sightings of an unidentified flying object, seemingly less than 500 feet (150 m) away, that show an appreciable angular extension and considerable detail.

Close encounters of the second kind is a UAP event in which a physical effect is alleged; this can be interference in the functioning of a vehicle or electronic device, animals reacting, a physiological effect such as paralysis or heat and discomfort in the witness, or some physical trace like impressions in the ground, scorched or otherwise affected vegetation, or a chemical trace.

Crop circles fit into this category, and are allegedly impressions left by UAP, though this could be debated.



Close encounters of the third kind is a UAP event in which an animated entity is present - these include humanoids, robots, and humans who seem to be occupants or pilots of a UAP.

## Close encounters of the fourth kind is a UAP event in which a human is abducted by a UAP or its occupants.

The abduction scenario always seems to follow a similar narrative. The person is taken by UAP pilots, and then medically examined while being unable to move or speak. In some claims, the person, called an abductee, is then allowed to speak with pilots, and are sometimes even given a tour of the UAP.

The abductee is then returned, with their memory erased, but experience missing time, and physical injury or marks from their time aboard the UAP. Afterward, there may be a host of unpleasant mental health issues, that can occasionally serve as the catalyst to mystical experiences.

Josef Allen Hynek (1910 - 1986), an astronomer and scientific advisor for one of the United States investigatory committees into UAP, Project Blue Book, outlines a different narrative for repeated abductees.



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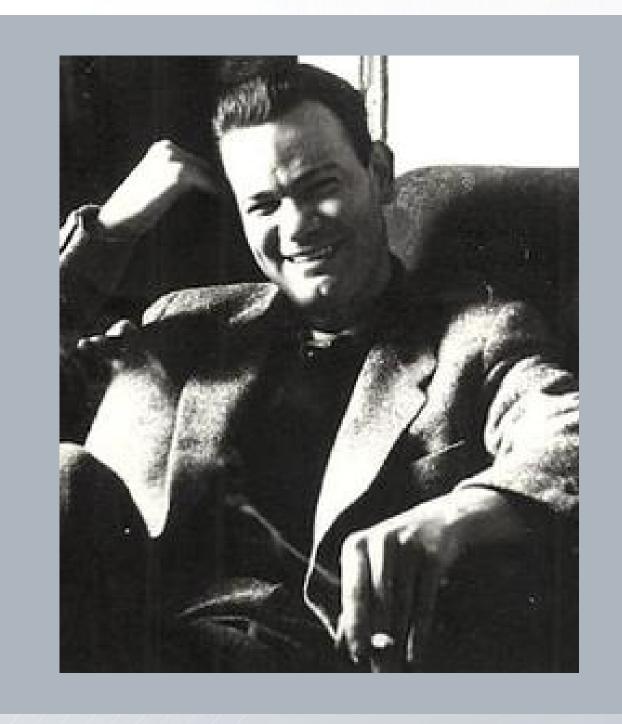
The abductee will have a sense of an impending abduction, shortly before entering an altered state of consciousness. Taken aboard the UAP, they will be medically examined, and then the pilots become more benevolent. The pilots occasionally telepathically communicate with the abductee.

Upon being returned, memory of the event quickly fades, but they see physical evidence, such as implants, and begin remembering the event through dreams. Sometimes, these memories include themes of harvesting reproductive material, but the person resumes their life, awaiting their next abduction.

## Close encounters of the fifth kind is a UAP event that involves direct communication between aliens and humans.

Contactees fit into this category. These are people who believe they have telepathic communication with UAP pilots, or have been taken on interstellar flights while being abducted. Contactees usually relate that the UAP pilots they communicate with are concerned with global warming and nuclear weapons.

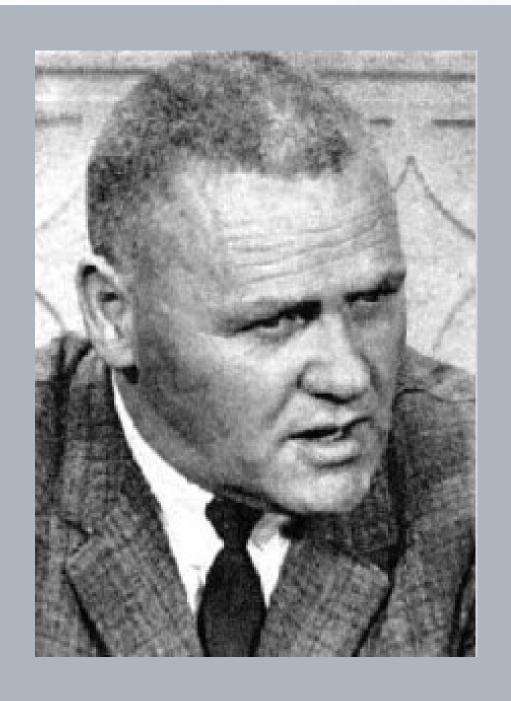
In 1975, John Keel (1930 - 2009) wrote of the truly bazaar experiences in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, that culminated in the collapse of the Silver Bridge in December, 1967.



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The 2002 film ignored all of the UAP incidences, and focused on the creature known as the Mothman. Included in his book was the incident that a man named Woodrow Derenberger, who filed a police report after meeting a UAP pilot, who called himself Indrid Cold.



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Derenberger later claimed to be a contactee, and revealed in his 1971 book, Visitors from Lanulos, was even taken to the pilots home planet. Keel, however, doubted these claims, and openly called Derenberger a "pathological liar".

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Dr. Steven Macon Greer claims to be another contactee who developed a paid app, called CE5 Contact, to allow telepathic contact with UAP pilots, whom he believed to be interdimensional beings. He also charges large amounts of money to take people on camping trips to implement his own strategies.



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# Close encounters of the sixth kind leads to the death of a human or animal associated with a UAP sighting.

Cattle mutilations fit into this category, and are allegedly impressions left by UAP, though this could be debated.

# Close encounters of the seventh kind leads to the creation of a human/alien hybrid, either by sexual reproduction or by artificial scientific methods.



Some abductees have reported being harassed to keep silent, after an encounter with an UAP, by truly bizarre men, dressed in black, three piece suites. They are called Men In Black, and sometimes seem to be robotic or otherworldly in nature.

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