

Science and the Bible

A Search for Meaning & Significance

UFOs: Real or Imagined?

Welcome/Opening Notes/Prayer/Videos

Foundational Principle for the Entire Study: **Test everything. Hold on to the good.**

The Premise of this Study: **The Facts of Nature and the Bible are the same.**

Study Questions: Are UFOs real, and if they are, then what/who are they? In addition, where do they come from and what is their purpose/agenda? What does science have to say about these controversial phenomena? Furthermore, does the Bible have anything to say about UFOs?

This study will take the same approach as used throughout this 14-part series on *Science and the Bible*: by looking at the evidence from the general revelation (nature) and the special revelation (the Bible).

Much of the information presented has been taken from the book: *Lights in the Sky & Little Green Men: A Rational Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestrials*, by Hugh Ross, Kenneth Samples & Mark Clark.

Study Outline

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“He who answers before listening – that is his folly and his shame.” Proverbs 18:13

Background Information

Every year, thousands of UFO sightings are reported throughout the world.

Results from a poll concerning the perspectives of Americans on UFOs:

About 57% of Americans accept that the UFOs are real;

Almost half believe they are extraterrestrials (i.e., crafts/beings from another part of the universe);

Fifteen percent of Americans say they have seen a UFO;

And: ~1% claim they have been involved in a UFO abduction!

What are the people seeing who observe the UFOs?

After careful analysis, the vast majority (~95%) of sightings have natural explanations (e.g., Venus, weather balloons, atmospheric events [fireballs], experimental military aircraft, clever hoaxes, etc.).

However, ~5% have credible witnesses (e.g., pilots, astronomers, astronauts, animals [dogs, cattle]) and/or multiple radar detections and defy natural explanation (referred to as residual UFOs or rUFOs).

The most famous UFO researchers (ufologists) have been the agnostics:

Dr.J. Allen Hynek (1910-1986, astronomer) & Dr.Jacques Vallée (1939, computer scientist, astronomer)

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Classification of Close Encounters with UFOs (based on system developed by Dr. Hynek):

- *First Kind:* Close visual sighting
- *Second Kind:* Physical effects on the environment
- *Third Kind:* Contact with a UFO being
- *Fourth Kind:* Abduction by a UFO being
- *Fifth Kind:* Permanent physical harm or death

Indications of the public fascination with the subject of UFOs:

- There are about 6000 professional publications in English dedicated to the investigation of UFOs.
- There are also about 2200 foreign UFO publications.

Famous UFO Conspiracies

Roswell: Something crashed near Roswell on June 14, 1947, and it has been controversial ever since.

Immediately after the incident, the military sealed off the area and gathered up all of the debris. All of the information was made (and remains today) classified. There are two main theories as to what occurred:

1. The “official” story is that what crashed was an experimental high-altitude weather balloon that was actually being designed and tested to acoustically detect Soviet nuclear weapons tests.
2. The “conspiratorial” story is that a saucer-shaped UFO crashed and was recovered, along with four alien beings – three dead and one live. Also, everything recovered was shipped to Area 51.

Area 51 is a military base operated by Edwards Air Force Base, California. Area 51 is an area of land about the size of Connecticut that is physically located on Nellis Air Force Base in Southern Nevada. Many top-secret research & development projects have been carried out there, including the development of most of the military’s advanced aircraft (U-2 Dragon Lady, SR-71 Blackbird, B-2 Spirit – Stealth Bomber and F-117 Nighthawk – Stealth Fighter).

Project Blue Book was a systematic study of UFOs conducted by the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1970. The stated goals of the investigation were (1) to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security and (2) to scientifically analyze UFO-related data. The project analyzed over 12,000 UFO reports and concluded that the vast majority could be explained by man-made aircraft or natural phenomenon. However, a small percentage of the reports were left with a classification of “unexplained” (rUFOs).

Examples of rUFO Sightings

June 24, 1947: A private pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing several thin, rounded objects that were travelling at more than 1200 mph near Mt. Rainier, Washington (corroborated by a prospector).

This was the first post-WW2 report of an rUFO and led to the media coining the phrase “flying saucer”.

July 19-26, 1952: A number of rUFOs flew over Washington National Airport & Andrews AFB several times, disrupting air traffic. Every time fighters went to investigate, the crafts disappeared, but reappeared again when the fighters landed. Multiple radars tracked these crafts, when they were visible.

May 1963: The astronaut, Gordon Cooper, observed an rUFO while on a Mercury orbital mission (Faith 7).

June 1965: Astronauts Ed White & James McDivitt observed an rUFO while on the Gemini IV mission.

December 1965: Astronauts James Lovell & Frank Borman observed one while on the Gemini VII mission.

July 1969: Neil Armstrong & Edwin Aldrin observed rUFOs on the moon while on the Apollo 11 mission.

December 1980: There was a famous series of reported sightings in England, known as the Rendlesham Forest Incident. Many unexplained lights, as well as the landing of one or more crafts, were observed by dozens of personnel just outside of a U.S. Air Force Base over a several day period in late December.

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November 23, 1996: CNN filmed (10 minutes on national TV) a large cigar-shaped rUFO over Seoul.

March 13, 1997: Strange vehicles over Phoenix and most of northern Arizona moving at ~30 mph.

Other astronauts who have sighted rUFOs: Walter Schirra (the first to refer to a UFO as “Santa Claus”), Scott Carpenter, Donald Slayton, Robert White and John Blaha

Common Characteristics of rUFO Experiences

1. **Occult:** A large majority of people who experience UFO phenomena have been involved in some way with occultic practices: astrology, tarot cards, séances, Ouija boards, fortune tellers, transchanneling, witchcraft, crystallog, etc. These practices are considered to be entry points or open doors.

“The symbolic display seen by the abductees is identical to the type of initiation ritual or astral voyage that is imbedded in the [occult] traditions of every culture...the structure of abduction stories is identical to that of occult initiation rituals...the UFO beings of today belong to the same class of manifestation as the [occult] entities that were described in centuries past.” Dr. Jacques Vallée

2. **Deception:** Some people who come in contact with “aliens” portray them as helpful or benevolent, but the alien message and treatment of the contactees is almost always deceptive and malevolent. Moreover, the communications from aliens to humans always are counter to Biblical truths.
3. **Harm:** For every contactee who claims they are helped by aliens, many more are harmed: emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. In addition, most of the people who are harmed have long periods of recovery, and often the malevolence increases with time, sometimes leading to insanity or death.

Other Characteristics: rUFO sightings are most frequent early in the morning (~3 AM) and on lonely roads. rUFOs are prone to revisit the same people.

Encounters with rUFOs tend to draw people into more occult activities and worldview.

The science information expressed by aliens is only slightly ahead of the average person’s knowledge.

Where the aliens claim to come from has changed over time: moon, Venus, Mars, moons of Jupiter & Saturn and recently a distant star system.

The types/abilities of crafts have changed over time: dirigibles, speed of sound and now 15,000+ mph.

rUFO sightings are more frequent in parts of the world with high occult activity (e.g., Brazil, Spain).

Many rUFO messengers teach about channeling, reincarnation, Eastern Mysticism.

The medical procedures carried out on abductees are crude and unsophisticated.

Even the agnostic ufologists have recognized a connection between rUFO phenomena and demonology.

“The ‘medical examination’ to which abductees are said to be subjected, often accompanied by sadistic sexual manipulation, is reminiscent of the medieval tales of encounters with demons.” Dr. Jacques Vallée

With these traits, some answers are beginning to form to the questions about what is the origin of rUFOs.

Three Major rUFO Hypotheses

1. **Naturalistic** All of the rUFOs will be eventually explained by natural or man-made causes.
2. **Extra-terrestrial** The rUFOs are physical crafts and beings from another part of the universe.
3. **Extra-dimensional** The rUFOs are non-physical crafts and beings from beyond space and time.

Evaluations of the Major rUFO Hypotheses

1. **Naturalistic** Attempts to explain rUFOs with natural causes makes no sense for the following reasons:
 - The rUFOs cannot be explained by natural causes, because they are non-physical in nature. They defy the laws of physics, even though they often produce physical effects (details below).

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2. Extra-terrestrial (ET Hypothesis) The rUFOs cannot be physical crafts with physical beings, because:

- There is no natural explanation for the origin of life (see Studies 5, 6).
- Advanced life is not possible anywhere else in the universe (Anthropic Principle) (Studies 8–12).

However, even ignoring these facts and assuming other advanced life exists, the conclusion still holds.

1. **The Velocity Problem:** Because of the universal laws of physics, the speed of light (C) is the absolute limit in velocity; however, there are practical issues that make the realistic velocity limit much lower. Presently, the fastest NASA spacecraft travels at a speed about $1/12,000 \times C$. Taking into consideration technological advances, the highest practical speed of a craft has been estimated to be $1/100 \times C$; however, in this discussion, a conservative $1/10 \times C$ will be assumed.
2. **The Damage Problem:** Most of the universe is not empty space, but contains both radiation and dust- to planetesimal-size debris. As a result, any spacecraft would have to be built with armor to protect its passengers. The damage to a craft from debris goes up by the square of any increase in the velocity (e.g., increasing the speed 1200 times – from $1/12,000 \times C$ to $1/10 \times C$, increases the damage by a factor of 1.44×10^6). And, practically speaking, increasing the velocity, increases the armor, which increases the weight, which increases the fuel, which increases the weight...
3. **The Distance Problem:** Scientists have determined that the closest star with a planet somewhat similar to Earth (in its size and distance from its sun) is 155 light years from Earth. A spaceship travelling at $1/10 \times$ speed of light would take 1,550 years to travel from that planet to Earth.
4. **The Logistical Problems:** Consider the people (large numbers, living space, motivation), health (full medical and psychological hospital facilities), food, energy, fuel, etc... over a long time.
5. **The Numbers Problem:** Hundreds of rUFO crafts are seen each year, and almost every one of them is reported to have a different appearance (size, shape, color, etc).
6. **The Common Sense Problem:** Why would a craft from a distant planet spend all of the time and resources to come to Earth and then not simply land someplace like the White House lawn?

3. Extra-dimensional The only reasonable explanation of rUFOs is that they are extra-dimensional.

- Science has demonstrated through the theorems of general relativity that there is something beyond physical reality (the beginning of the universe had to come from outside of the cosmic dimensions).
- The rUFOs violate universal physical laws. Crafts often hover, but do not create any air movement; some dematerialize and then rematerialize or change color and/or shape; others land or crash with vegetation matted down/burned or soil compressed, but leave no debris; no one has ever measured electromagnetic radiation from an rUFO, and yet many have disturbed electrical devices (including watches, compasses and devices in cars and airplanes); some move at speeds up to 18,500 mph (the fastest fighter jet is the F-15 Eagle at 1875 mph), with some being observed making right-angle turns at those incredible speeds; some also travel at velocities 10 times the speed of sound without creating a sonic boom; when photographed, sometimes they show up, sometimes they don't; etc. In summary, the rUFOs invade the universe's 4 dimensions (actually 10, but 6 dimensions have been curled up since the initial moments of creation), but they are not limited to these dimensions.

"What they have reported is that they have seen something appear on the spot, take on a physical shape, sometimes even changing shape, and then disappear, sometimes faster than the eye can trace.

On occasion, it will disappear in a closed space by either becoming transparent and then vanishing or by concentrating into a single point. An example that's often given is like turning off a television set; the image goes 'zoom!' to a single point." Dr. Jacques Vallée

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All of the evidence points to the fact that the rUFOs must be from beyond the dimensions of space and time. However, where can the information be found on beings outside of the universe?

Biblical Perspective on the rUFO Phenomena

- The Bible is the only source of information about non-physical reality prior to the time of Einstein. The information about non-physical reality in other so-called holy books is wrong and/or inconsistent.
- The Bible teaches God created angels: other beings subject to spiritual laws, but not to physical laws. Furthermore, it states that there are two types of angels: the righteous angels and the malevolent angels. Satan (the devil) was created as one of the most beautiful & powerful angels ^{Ezekiel 28:12b-15}, but because of his pride, he lost his place in heaven and was cast down to the Earth ^{Ezekiel 28:15-19, Isaiah 14:12-15}. At that time, a third of the other angels came with him ^{Revelation 12:3-4} and are his demon powers ^{Revelation 16:12-14}. Satan is a natural deceiver ^{Revelation 20:7-10} and liar ^{John 8:44}, as are his followers/children ^{John 8:44, Acts 13:10}.
- The Bible also warns about how involvement with the occult can provide Satan with an entry point for a greater opportunity to negatively influence a person's life ^{Psalms 106:36-43, Luke 11:24-26, 1 Corinthians 10:18-22}.

"I think we are dealing with something that is both technological and psychic, and seems to be able to manipulate other dimensions." Dr. Jacques Vallée

The fallen (malevolent) angels are a perfect fit to answer the questions "What/who are the rUFOs?" and "Where do they come from?". One unanswered question remains: "What is their purpose/agenda?"

An Introduction to Nephilim

Genesis 6 opens with these verses:

Genesis 6:1-2 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. The long lifespans indicated in Genesis 5 caused a massive increase in the earth's population at that time. The phrase "sons of God" (*bene ha Elohim*) is used as an indication of a direct creation of God, and is almost always interpreted to refer to angels ^{Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7}, and "daughters of men" (*benoth adam*) is better translated "daughters of Adam". Some Scripture passages in the NT ^{Jude 1:6, 1 Peter 3:19b-20a, 2 Peter 2:4-6,9} seem to confirm the angels spoken about here are fallen angels who had sexual relations with human women.

Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

2 Peter 2:4-6, 9 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to [Tartarus], putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness ...; if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ... if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

NOTE: In many Bible versions, the word noted as "Tartarus" above ^{2 Peter 2:4} is mistranslated "hell".

It probably is equivalent to what the Bible refers to as the "abyss" ^{Luke 8:31, Revelation 9:1-2,11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1-3}.

(Tartarus is mentioned in Homer's Iliad as a place "as far below hades, as the earth is below heaven".)

The Genesis 6 passage continues by saying:

Genesis 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal, his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

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Mankind became increasingly sinful, but God mercifully decided to give them 120 more years to repent.

Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days – and also afterward – when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

It seems clear from Scripture that the Nephilim (literally: “the fallen ones”) were the giant offspring of fallen angels and earthly women. These actions were part of Satan’s strategy to thwart God’s plans by defiling the human race and by increasing his numbers that were (and are) less than the Heavenly hosts.

Revelation 12:3-4a Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.

The Genesis 6 passage continues by saying:

Genesis 6:5-9 The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – ... – for I am grieved that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

So, because of man’s pervasive sin and the defilement of the human race, God decided to wipe them out in the flood, in order to essentially start over. The Lord proclaimed Noah as “righteous” and “blameless”, because his ancestry had not been corrupted by the “hybrid” race. However, the defiling continued after the flood, because there are later Biblical examples of Nephilim ^{Numbers 13:31-33, Judges 1:20, 1 Samuel 17, 1 Chronicles 20:4-8}.

Numbers 13:31-33 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

1 Samuel 17:4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.

1 Chronicles 20:6-8 In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot – twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha. When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimeah, David’s brother, killed him. These four were descendants of Rapha in Gath, and they fell at the hands of David and his men

There are also references in Greek mythology to Titans who were partly terrestrial, partly celestial beings. The Titans, Atlas & Hercules, rebelled against Uranus, were defeated and condemned to Tartarus by Zeus. Many other ancient cultures have had similar legends about giant people, including the American Indians who apparently raised their hands not as a friendly greeting, but to prove they had ‘normal’ (5-finger) hands. In conclusion, Nephilim, Rephaim and Anakim are hybrid races of giants existing before and after the flood that are the offspring of the “sons of God” (fallen angels) and the “daughters of Adam” (earthly women).

The demons (fallen angels) deceived human women in order to produce the Nephilim before the Flood.

Does this type of deception by Satan have an application for today and/or in the future?

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rUFOs and the End Times

Jesus briefed His disciples about the End Times, and His key warning was about not being deceived:

Matthew 24:3-4 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately.

“Tell us,” they said, “...what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered: “*Watch out that no one deceives you.*”

Matthew 24:24-25 [Jesus said:] “*For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect – if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time.*”

Jesus also told His disciples about a great terror “coming on the world”:

Luke 21:25-26 [Jesus said:] “*There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.*”

Paul also spoke of the deception Satan will bring at the time of and through the Antichrist:

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

In addition, Jesus equated the End Times with the times of Noah:

Luke 17:26-27 [Jesus said:] “*Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.*”

Could the terror coming in the End Times be a time of unparalleled deception by Satan’s demons “coming on the world” in rUFOs to perform miracles, following the LORD’s removal of the “restrainer”?

2 Thessalonians 2:5-7 Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

Finally, who is the restrainer? It must be the Holy Spirit, who is removed at the Rapture of the church.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Perhaps today’s rUFO phenomena are paving the way for Satan’s deceptive activity in the future End Times.

Conclusion

The preponderance of information leads to the conclusion that the rUFO activity is the result of extra-dimensional beings. And, these beings are most certainly the malevolent (fallen) angels or demons who deceived the majority of people before the Flood, have deceived many throughout time (including today) and will probably be a major part of Satan’s final push to deceive everyone during the End Times. And, it may very well be that the increasing rUFO activity of today is a prelude to/preparation for their arrival *en masse* immediately following the Rapture of the church.

Questions?

“A wise man attacks the city of the mighty and pulls down the stronghold in which they trust.” Proverbs 21:22

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