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TRACKING BIGFOOT

Is it Real or a Hoax?

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LOST CITY

SPOTTED FROM SPACE!

Is an Ancient Land Under the Sand?



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MUMMIES AND MURDER

Bodies in the Swamp



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UFO LANDING

Was a Crash Covered Up?



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Where's the Proof?

Scientists insist on evidence to confirm that UFOs come from outer space.

When it comes to UFOs, people tend to be either believers or skeptics.

The believers think that UFO sightings prove that aliens have come to Earth. The skeptics doubt that aliens have visited Earth. They want evidence to prove that people who say they've seen alien spacecraft aren't lying or mistaken.

What would it take for someone to prove the existence of UFOs from outer space? Scientists require data, or evidence, to confirm that a claim is true.

Here are a few types of evidence that UFO believers have offered as proof that aliens have come to Earth. Does any of this seem like reliable evidence to you?

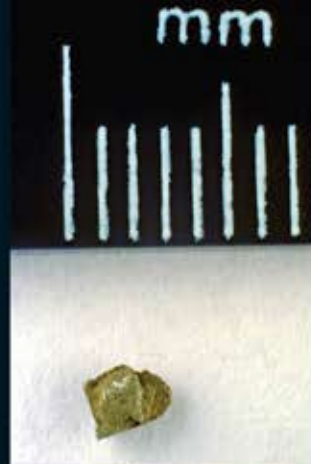


Eyewitness accounts.

EVIDENCE? Many people claim they have seen UFOs or aliens. These eyewitnesses are often described as level-headed.

(Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter said he saw a UFO.)

OR NOT? Even trustworthy witnesses can be confused.



THIS OBJECT was removed from the roof of someone's mouth. The person claimed it had been implanted by aliens.



THIS PHOTO OF A UFO was taken in Japan in 1957.

Photographic proof.

EVIDENCE? Some eyewitnesses have taken photographs of what they claim are UFOs. And some of the pictures look remarkably real.

OR NOT? It's pretty easy to fake a photo.

Physical evidence.

EVIDENCE? Broken branches and packed-down soil have been found at places where UFOs are said to have landed. Isn't that proof that a spaceship landed at that spot?

OR NOT? There could be plenty of other explanations, too.

Personal experience.

EVIDENCE? Many people claim to have been abducted by aliens. Some even say aliens implanted objects inside them.

OR NOT? Strange items have been removed from people's bodies. But there's no proof that these objects came from beyond Earth.

No other explanation.

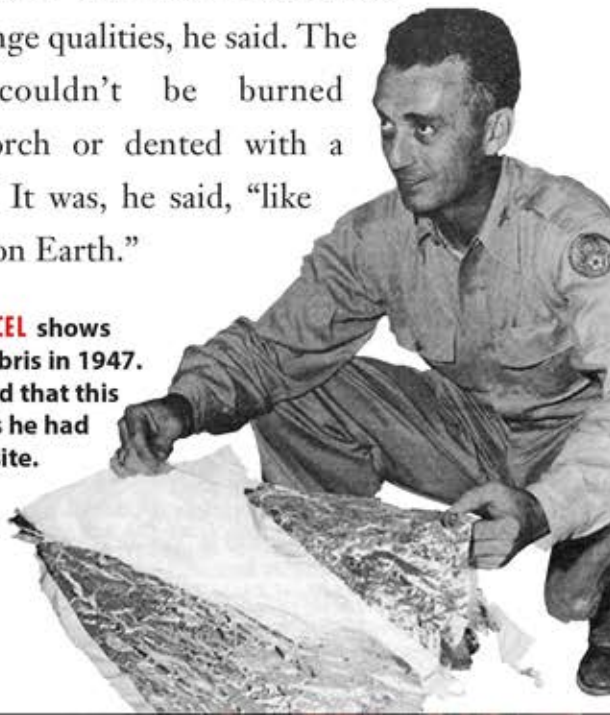
EVIDENCE? Some UFO sightings just can't be explained. So doesn't that prove the existence of aliens? **OR NOT?** Absolutely not, say the skeptics. "Unexplained cases are simply unexplained," writes scientist Hudson Hoagland. He says that a lack of explanation never counts as evidence.

army. But years later, Major Jesse Marcel, the intelligence officer from Roswell Army Air Field, spoke out.

Strange Material

In 1978, just before he died, Marcel told a tabloid newspaper called the *National Enquirer* that the army had lied. The materials shown to reporters in 1947, he claimed, were not the materials he had picked up in the desert. The debris from the desert had strange qualities, he said. The metal foil couldn't be burned with a blowtorch or dented with a sledgehammer. It was, he said, "like nothing made on Earth."

MAJOR JESSE MARCEL shows the mysterious debris in 1947. In 1978, he claimed that this was not the debris he had seen at the crash site.



Close Encounters

What do you call a UFO sighting?
It depends on how close you get.

People who study UFOs refer to UFO sightings as "close encounters." There are four types of close encounters:

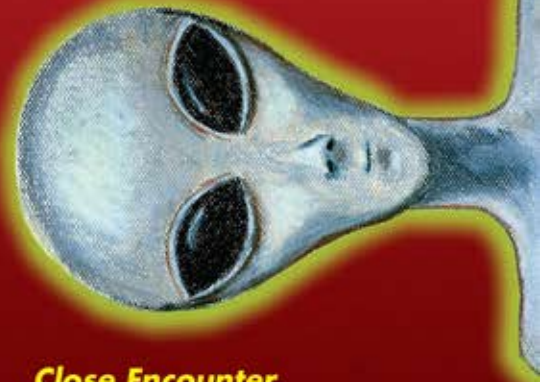


Close Encounter of the First Kind

Seeing a UFO from a distance

Close Encounter of the Second Kind

Seeing a UFO that leaves physical evidence behind (like the supposed alien remains below)




Close Encounter of the Third Kind

Seeing an alien

Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind

Being abducted by aliens. Even many UFO researchers are skeptical about whether abductions have ever really occurred.





YEARS AFTER the Roswell incident, witnesses claimed they had seen the U.S. military remove bodies from the site. This alien dummy is based on their descriptions.

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The Truth Is Out There

Is the U.S. military hiding alien bodies?

Major Jesse Marcel's story reopened the Roswell case. A flood of UFO researchers headed for New Mexico. The researchers found hundreds of people who claimed to know something about the crash. And many of these witnesses had strange stories to tell. They insisted that metal and rubber weren't the only things found in the desert in June 1947. Alien bodies had fallen to Earth as well.

A man named Grady L. Barnett said he had seen

Visitors Welcome!

Were these sightings of real aliens—or could there be other explanations?

What happened, and when?

Where?

What's the story?

UFO, or not?

The Lubbock Lights

August 31, 1951



Lubbock, Texas

A teenager took this picture of the Lubbock Lights. Between August and November, about 100 people saw lights in a crescent formation streaking across the sky. Among the first to observe the lights were three university professors.

Probably not, but no one has come up with a satisfying explanation. Military officials investigated. They decided that the UFOs were most likely migrating birds reflecting the city lights.

A Real Alien Autopsy?

August 28, 1995



American television

Millions of people watched a TV show called *Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?* It featured clips from a film that supposedly had been shot in Roswell in 1947. It showed military doctors operating on what were said to be alien bodies.

No. In 2006 a special-effects expert named John Humphreys admitted that he created models of aliens for the film.

A Flying Cigar?

March 1987



Belleville, Wisconsin

Between January and March, there were four UFO sightings in the town of Belleville. Some residents there saw cylinder-shaped objects like this one. They supposedly rose up out of forests—in broad daylight.

Possibly. Many eyewitnesses saw something strange. Illinois Air Traffic Control, which monitors flights in the airspace above Belleville, even reported a UFO in the area. But there's no proof that what people saw was from outer space.