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ATS Premium: Barksdale Missile Number Six: The Stolen Nuclear Weapon

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ATS Premium Article by Chuck Simpson

Some History

Barksdale Missile Number Six deserves far more public attention than it's received to date. Missile Number Six is potentially the major story of at least this year.

Until 1968 under the Airborne Alert Program, informally called Operation Chrome Dome, the Air Force routinely kept about a dozen strategic bombers with nuclear weapons flying at all times.

One predictable result was crashes and incidents. In 1968 the Department of Defense published a list of 13 serious nuclear weapons accidents that occurred between 1950 and 1968. In 1980 the list was revised to include 32 incidents through that year.

Notably, the Pentagon has not acknowledged any accidents since 1980. This alone highlights the importance the Pentagon is placing on the recent transportation of nuclear weapons from North Dakota to Louisiana.

Through 1968, several reported incidents involved plane crashes or malfunctions, beginning with the crash of a B-29 near Fairfield, California in August 1950. The resulting blast was felt 30 miles away.

In July 1950 a B-50 crashed near Lebanon, Ohio. The high-explosive trigger for the nuclear weapon detonated on impact. The blast was felt over 25 miles away.

In May 1957 a nuclear weapon fell from the bomb bay of a B-36 near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Parachutes malfunctioned and the weapon was destroyed on impact.

In October 1957 near Homestead, Florida a B-47 crashed. The nuclear weapon was burned.

In March 1958 a B-47 accidentally dropped a nuclear weapon near Florence, South Carolina. The high-explosive trigger detonated on impact.

In November 1958 a B-47 crashed near Abilene, Texas. The trigger of the nuclear weapon exploded upon impact.

In July 1959 a C-124 crashed near Bossier City, Louisiana. Both plane and nuclear weapon were destroyed.

In October 1959 a B-52 with two nuclear weapons was involved in a mid-air collision near Hardinsburg, Kentucky. One weapon partially burned.

In January 1961 a B-52 broke apart in mid-air near Goldsboro, North Carolina. Two nuclear weapons were released. The parachute on one weapon malfunctioned, and contamination was spread over a wide area. The uranium core was never recovered. Daniel Ellsberg reported that detonation was a very real risk because five of six safety devices failed.

In that month near Monticello, Idaho a B-52 carrying nuclear weapons exploded in mid-air. No information was made available as to the weapons.

In March 1961 a B-52 with two nuclear weapons crashed near Yuba City, California.

In January 1964 a B-52 carrying two nuclear weapons crashed near Cumberland, Maryland.

In January 1966 a B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed after a mid-air collision near Palomares, Spain. Two weapons exploded on impact, with resulting plutonium contamination. A months-long program was undertaken to locate and extract the other two weapons from the ocean. Major policy changes were taken under consideration.

In January 1968 a B-52 carrying four hydrogen weapons crashed and burned near Thule AFB in Greenland. Explosives in one bomb detonated, spreading plutonium contamination. Apparently, the other three weapons have never been accounted for.

Following large public protests Denmark, which owns Greenland and prohibits nuclear weapons on or over its territory, filed a strong protest. A few days later the Secretary of Defense ordered the removal of nuclear weapons from planes. After that order was issued, all aircraft armed with nuclear weapons were grounded but kept in a constant state of alert.

In 1991 by Presidential order, nuclear weapons were removed from all aircraft. Bomber nuclear ground alerts, during which nuclear weapons are loaded onto bombers during test and training exercises, were halted. After that time, all nuclear weapons to be delivered by plane were permanently maintained in secure storage facilities.

August 30, 2007

All of which makes the transport of nuclear weapons in combat position on a combat plane so newsworthy.

On August 30, for the first time since 1968, nuclear warheads in combat position were carried by an American bomber. Numerous international treaty provisions were violated in the process.

That Thursday, a B-52H Stratofortress flew from Minot AFB in North Dakota to Barksdale AFB in Louisiana while carrying twelve cruise missiles. Either five or six of those missiles were armed with nuclear warheads.

Cruise Missiles

The missiles on the B-52 were AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missile units, specifically designed to be launched from wing pods of B-52H planes.

A total of 460 units were manufactured by Raytheon. A total of 394 units are currently maintained by the Air Force. Apparently, 38 are to be modernized and upgraded in Fiscal Year 2008 and the other 356 are to be decommissioned pursuant to the 2002 Moscow treaty.

Raytheon has publicly announced the AGM-129 missiles are to be modified to accomplish a "classified cruise missile mission". This has widely been interpreted to mean conversion to bunker-busters, most likely for use in Iran. This widely accepted explanation is being used to explain why armed cruise missiles are being flown in American airspace.

Nuclear Warheads

The AGM-129 was specifically designed to deliver a W-80 nuclear warhead. The W-80 weapon has a variable yield capability, of 5 to 150 kilotons. For comparison purposes, the bomb used on Hiroshima was 13 to 15 kilotons, or equivalent to 13,000 to 15,000 tons of TNT explosive.

News Stories and Flawed Explanations

The story of the B-52 flight was first reported by Army Times, owned by Gannett, on Wednesday September 5. Gannett relied on information provided by "anonymous officers". The story was picked up by Yahoo Wednesday morning, published by USA Today and The Washington Post, and then quickly spread.

In response, the Pentagon quickly spread an official explanation.

The Air Force admitted to an inadvertent error: The intent was to transport ACMs without weapons. According to military officers, the nuclear warheads should have been removed before the missiles were mounted on the pylons under the wings of the bomber. In the words of the Pentagon:

"There was an error which occurred during a regularly scheduled transfer of weapons between two bases. The weapons were safe and remained in Air Force control and custody at all times."

For almost the first time in the history of the nation, the military has publicly and promptly admitted it "made a mistake". This in itself is truly astounding.

To reinforce the military's claim that a mistake was made, a system-wide stand-down was ordered for September 14.

That official explanation was quickly explained away. The mistake was made intentionally, so a "deliberate leak" of a secret operation could occur.

The CIA and the Office of Counter-Terrorism in the State Department explained that Barksdale AFB is a "jumping off point" for re-supply of the Middle East.

The "deliberate leak" was intended to serve as a veiled warning to Iran. This deliberately misleading explanation is evidently intended to lead the public or

Iran or both to logically conclude the missiles are bound for Iran.

Bluntly, State and the CIA converted a whistleblower leak by true American patriots into a deliberate leak by official Washington, to scare Iran.

By this means Washington has led the public to forget or overlook the real issue.

To begin, the multiple official explanations reek to high heaven. They collectively read suspiciously like flimsy cover stories concocted in hasty desperation. And no amount of pretty lipstick will be able to make the official explanations pretty.

Transportation Violations

More conflicting explanations followed. These missiles are part of a group scheduled to be decommissioned. This would explain why they were shipped out of North Dakota.

But the missiles were not transported on their way to decommissioning. Missiles are normally decommissioned at Davis-Monthan AFB at Tucson. Nuclear weapons are decommissioned at the Department of Energy's Pantex facility near Amarillo, Texas, accessed through Kirkland AFB in New Mexico. And military policy requires minimization of the number of flights made with nuclear weapons aboard. So the weapons should not have been mounted on the missiles, flown to Louisiana, un-mounted and flown to New Mexico.

The mode of transportation is also a major issue not defused by official explanations. Per standard operating procedures, or SOPs, both missiles and nuclear warheads are transported primarily by air, in specially modified C-130s or C-17s. Under no peacetime circumstances do military SOPs allow transport of nuclear weapons mounted in cruise missiles mounted in combat positions on combat planes.

Department of Defense Directive Number 4540.5, issued on February 4, 1998, regulates logistic transportation of nuclear weapons.

By delegation of Commanders of Combatant Commands, movement of nuclear weapons must be approved by commanders of major service commands.

Commanders of Combat Commands or service component commanders must evaluate, authorize and approve transport modes and movement routes for nuclear weapons in their custody.

The Air Force is required to maintain a Prime Nuclear Airlift Force capability to conduct the logistic transport of nuclear weapons.

Under SOPs, combat planes with combat-ready nuclear weapons can only be flown on the authority of the Commander in Chief, the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the National Military Command Authority.

All of these transportation regulations were flagrantly violated on August 30.

Handling Violations

Violations of regulations concerning handling of the nuclear weapons in North Dakota are worse.

A sophisticated computerized tracking system is used for nuclear weapons. Multiple sign-offs are required to remove the weapons from their storage bunkers.

The AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missile was designed to carry nuclear weapons. No non-nuclear warhead is available for this missile. So the only possible error could have been loading nuclear warheads on the missiles instead of practice dummies.

The practice warheads have standard blue and yellow signs declaring "Inert, non-nuclear". The nuclear warheads have at least three distinctive red warning signs. This error is therefore highly improbable, absent tampering with signage.

Nuclear weapons are transported from the storage bunker to the aircraft in a caravan that routinely includes vehicles with machine guns front and rear and guards with M-16s. All steps in the process are done under the watchful eyes of armed military police.

Rules require that at least two people jointly control every step of the process. If one person loses sight of the other, both are forced to the ground face-down and temporarily "placed under arrest" by observant security forces. All progress stops until inspections are made to assure the weapons weren't tampered with.

All nuclear weapons are connected to sophisticated alarm systems to prevent removal or tampering. They could only be removed from the storage bunker by turning the alarm off. And the squad commander clearly would not have authority to turn off the alarm.

The Impossible Mistake

Bluntly, the mistake of loading nuclear weapons on a combat aircraft in combat-ready position is simply not possible to make. Safeguards are far too stringent and far too many people would be involved. Particularly given that the mounting was in violation of policy that's been in place without exception for almost 40 years.

No discipline is expected to be meted out. The New York Times tried to imply the commanding general had been fired. Actually, the squad commander in charge of munitions crews at Minot was "relieved of duty pending an investigation". He has not been removed from his position or disciplined. The crews involved have been "temporarily decertified pending corrective actions or additional training" but have not been disciplined. No mention has been made of the wing commander.

Note carefully: These actions amount to nothing at all. The wing and squad commanders are still in place and the crews can easily be re-certified.

Successful Confusion

Washington's efforts to confuse the public have been successful. Attention has shifted from the crucial issue. This news has already become non-news. The August 14 stand-down will momentarily become news, followed by announcements of more stringent restrictions, improved safeguards and additional training. The public always has been and always will be safe.

One of the major issues will be avoided:

Someone in an irregular chain of Air Force command authorized loading and transport of nuclear weapons.

And that would never have been done without a reason. Given the magnitude of regulatory violations involved, the reason must be extremely important.

The paramount issue will be avoided, if necessary with repetition of the reassurance that the Air Force was in control at all times. The weapons were only missing during the 3.5-hour flight.

At Barksdale, the missiles were considered to be unarmed items headed for modernization or the scrap heap, and of no particular importance. They were left unguarded for almost ten hours.

According to one report, almost ten hours were required for airmen at Minot AFB to convince superiors that the nuclear weapons had disappeared. According to information provided to Congress, this time lapsed before airmen at Barksdale "noticed" the weapons were present. News reports will continue to overlook this fact also.

Even here the focus is on time. The number of missiles and warheads issue was overlooked.

Early news reports spoke of five nuclear warheads loaded onto the bomber. Apparently, this information was provided from Barksdale.

That number was later updated to six weapons missing from Minot, apparently based on anonymous tips provided to Military Times by people at Minot. This information has also been forgotten.

Conclusion

Six nuclear weapons disappeared from Minot AFB in North Dakota.

Five nuclear weapons were discovered at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana.

Which leads to my chilling conclusion:

Someone, operating under a special chain of command within the United States Air Force, just stole a nuclear weapon.

What next?

The answer has been provided several times, most recently by CIA Director and General Michael Hayden. On September 7, dressed in full military uniform, Hayden told assembled members of the Council of Foreign Relations:

"Our analysts assess with high confidence that al-Qaida's central leadership is planning high-impact plots against the U. S. homeland."

"We assess with high confidence that al-Qaida is focusing on targets that would produce mass casualties, dramatic destruction and significant aftershocks."

An eye for an eye. Use of nukes will justify use of nukes. A perfect excuse to wage nuclear war against Iran.

I suspect Hayden is absolutely correct, except for his mistaken identification of the "central leadership" that is planning detonation of a nuclear weapon on American soil.

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

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Free UFO Researcher Starter Pack

Created by: [IsaacKoi](#) on September 29, flags: 155, replies: 40

If you want more threads like this one, flag this thread by clicking on the red "Flag Thread" button (on the screen slightly up and to the left from this post). The ATS forums now have several excellent feedback tools – let's use them.

Section 1 : Introduction

Various UFO books contain recommendations of the equipment which a UFO investigator should own (see the relevant *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*). Jacques Vallee has written (in his book "Confrontations") that: "Along with the instrumentation in the back of his truck, anyone going into the field in an attempt to document a UFO report should be equipped with a good sense of humour, a fair dose of skepticism, and a solid background in humility".

I'd suggest that some knowledge of previous attempts to investigate UFOs would also be extremely valuable. During the last few years, I've often voiced concern about the amount of time and effort which is completely wasted within ufology. So many people seem to be content to start from scratch, ignoring the vast amount which has already been written about ufo reports. The rate of progress within ufology is slow (or possibly even non-existent). This will never change unless the amount of reinvention of the wheel within ufology is reduced.

So, what can be done?

Rather than simply moan about it, a few years ago I decided that it would be useful to draw together some references to books and other material. I've previously circulated a 1,800 page Chronology which attempted to draw together references relating to some of the

more frequently discussed matters in the history of Ufology and SETI (see Section 2.3 below). However, that Chronology was aimed at researchers that wanted to find references to discussion of a particular incident or document, rather than providing recommendations for reading for those new to ufology. There are, of course, already a number of lists of recommending reading online, but few of these lists take into account the cost of the books recommended. However, for a relatively small amount of money, it is possible to buy a fairly informative set of UFO books that would take your level of understanding beyond that evident in most on-line discussions of this topic. I'll post recommendations for a cheap "starter pack" (based on a budget of, say, \$30 or \$50) in another post. However, I'll start with this post on material which can be obtained for free.

Given my view that there is a massive gap between the material about UFOs available off-line (in a mass of books and magazines) and the relatively limited material available on-line, some of you may not be surprised to hear that I think a library card is probably the single most valuable item that a UFO researcher can obtain for free. Other than that, it really is a matter of trying to find the more useful on-line resources.

Finding useful and interesting material about UFOs on the internet involves a considerable amount of sorting the wheat from the chaff. I've set out below some of the results of my own attempt to do this sorting during the last few years...

- *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

[edit on 29-9-2007 by IsaacKoi]

Link to thread: ...thread305942/pg1

Gigantic Alien Craft Photographed By Cassini! NASA's Cover-Up Blown?

Created by: [mikesingh](#) on September 8, flags: 134, replies: 740

At the outset, I would like to mention that the clearest photographs yet of gigantic alien spacecrafts published in the French newspaper L'actualite insolite had been posted earlier last year in my thread *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* by balonO.

Unfortunately, balonO's post had been lost in the deep caverns of the thread and out of sight. Considering its importance, I thought it needed to be exhumed and discussed in a different thread as it deserves more attention than it has.

That said, this particular photograph is corroborated by another taken in the infra red spectrum by the Hubble Space Telescope of the gigantic object near Saturn, and posted on another thread of mine (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*) This pic is reproduced below:

(visit the thread to view linked images)

Huge cigar shaped object clearly shown following a definite path in an orbit along the edge of Saturn's ring.

Pic: HST WFPC2, Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI).

Now for the photograph in the French news paper which is similar to the one above, purportedly taken by Cassini near Saturn.....

(visit the thread to view linked images)

L'actualite insolite

Click here for the enlargement: *(visit the thread to view linked images)*

It is in French, so what it basically says is that those objects are massive OVNIS (UFOs) photographed by Cassini near Saturn, and put under wraps by NASA. One of the objects is Earth sized and one over 50,000 Km in length (Four times Earth's diameter!)

How did this French news paper get its hands on this photograph? Unfortunately, we don't have more info on its authenticity. Can the photo experts here try and interpret it?

Keeping in mind the similarity with the HST's infra red image shown above, it may be an actual photograph taken by Cassini. If genuine, the implications are mind boggling! Are we then seeing incontrovertible evidence of an alien presence in our Solar System?

And another thing. Small moonlets/asteroids even a couple of hundred miles long have been mapped and named. These objects are Earth size and some more than 50,000 Km long. Then why have these objects not been named? After all, they've shown up in the official photographs taken by the HST. But then, that's probably top secret! You can't go around naming huge alien objects, can you? Smells of a cover-up, what?

Whatever, the truth is out there in the rings of Saturn!

Cheers! :D

Link to thread: [...thread301532/pg1](#)

applied to manipulating the population, but one can easily see how frequently this is happening in the U.S. Think of all of the "doom and gloom" economic indicators that are constantly reported. We get an update daily on the price of oil alone. It even begins to explain the ridiculous immigration policy that the U.S. has been determined to pursue.

I am very interested in learning more about this - its origins and how widely known this technique is to critics and the public at large. Has any one tried to debunk the origins or is it valid? If it is true, it is even more amazing and fortuitous that it was not destroyed.

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Sample Text - But You Have Got To Read The Entire Manual!

"In the shock testing of an aircraft airframe, the recoil impulse of firing a gun mounted on that airframe causes shock waves in that structure which tell aviation engineers the conditions under which some parts of the airplane or the whole airplane or its wings will start to vibrate or flutter like a guitar string, a flute reed, or a tuning fork, and disintegrate or fall apart in flight. "

"Economic engineers achieve the same result in studying the behavior of the economy and the consumer public by carefully selecting a staple commodity such as beef, coffee, gasoline, or sugar, and then causing a sudden change or shock in its price or availability, thus kicking everybody's budget and buying habits out of shape. "

"They then observe the shock waves which result by monitoring the changes in advertising, prices, and sales of that and other commodities. "

"The objective of such studies is to acquire the know-how to set the public economy into a predictable state of motion or change, even a controlled self-destructive state of motion which will convince the public that certain "expert" people should take control of the money system and reestablish security (rather than liberty and justice) for all. When the subject citizens are rendered unable to control their financial affairs, they, of course, become totally enslaved, a source of cheap labor. "

[edit on 20-10-2007 by UM_Gazz]

Link to thread: [...thread305679/pg1](#)

"Silent Weapons For Quiet Wars" - A Must Read Article For ATS

Created by: [kosmicjack](#) on September 27, flags: **116**, replies: 173

This is perhaps one of the most disturbing articles I have ever read. Not only for the insidious methodology

Possible UFO crash off NJ coast

Created by: [XFoxMulderX](#) on September 2, flags: 101, replies: 523

Last night, it appears that there could have been a major UFO event off the coast of NJ. I was preparing to go to bed, when the 11:30pm news started(it started at midnight due to the college football game) The broadcast started with breaking news, which was that several people were reporting a strange aircraft crashing into the Atlantic Ocean near Normandy Beach. They reported seeing strange red and green lights in the sky before the crash. Witnesses also reported that debris was washing up on shore, but local authorities deny this. I almost jumped out my chair upon hearing this; it sounded like Roswell all over again. In a development this morning, some reports were saying the lights were being spotted all the way down in South Carolina as well. Some people believe that it was a meteor shower, which I highly doubt, since we just had a major shower 3 weeks ago. Also, witnesses were convinced the fireball was some sort of aircraft. The FAA reported no missing aircraft. The Coast Guard has suspended the search for the craft until further investigation. If you witnessed this or know someone who did, please tell them to tell their story here. Here is a link to the story

Link to thread: [...thread300413/pg1](#)

Ron Paul Delegates prevented from vote in Texas straw poll

Created by: [acmeartifacts](#) on September 1, flags: 88, replies: 177

I went to FT. Worth Texas this morning to support Ron Paul. While I was there I saw delegates enter through heavy security into the convention center to cast their vote. All the delegates who were entering were wearing a neck strap that said delegate on it.

The Convention center opened at 9am and was supposed to allow delegates to vote until around 1pm. At 10 am the security guards locked the doors and stopped anyone from entering who did not have a pre printed pass.

As out of town delegates started to arrive at 10am with printed copies from their online purchase of their voting pass, they were turned away one after another. I witnessed dozens of delegates turned away from their right to vote. The Ron

Paul group was gathered in front of the convention center when 2 delegates approached me because I was wearing Ron Paul signs and asked if I could help them get in to vote. We asked nicely to allow the delegates to enter and security said no. So a bunch of us along with 12 delegates approached the security and asked why the delegates could not enter. Here is the video of the confrontation. After this the security called the Police who were on location already and we quickly dispersed as not to cause a scene.

We estimated about a dozen delegates every 10 mins were turned away for over 3 hours straight. These were almost all delegates who were wearing Ron Paul shirts or pins. I calculated approx, 200+ delegates were denied entry.

(isit the thread to view linked videos)

Link to thread: [...thread300335/pg1](#)

Student Arrested, Tasered at Kerry Event

Created by: [Black_Fox](#) on September 17, flags: 84, replies: 586

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

"A University of Florida student was Tasered and arrested Monday when he attempted to speak at a forum with U.S. Sen. John Kerry during a question and answer session, university officials said.

Andrew Meyer, 21, asked Kerry, D-Mass., why he did not contest the 2004 presidential election, which he lost to President Bush, and why there had been no moves to impeach Bush."(visit the link for the full news article)

Video Link:

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[edit on 17-9-2007 by UM_Gazz]

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Italian Astronomers stumble upon UFO on the Moon

Created by: [guyfrom2007](#) on September 26, flags: 71, replies: 218

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"During routine observations of the cosmos, Italian astronomers have recently spotted and tracked on video an Unidentified Flying Object or UFO"(visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: [...thread305257/pg1](#)

NASA Scientist Ryan Mackey Answers ATS Questions

Created by: [CaptainObvious](#) on September 29, flags: 68, replies: 162

For all of you that do not know. On another thread, there was a link to a paper written by a NASA scientist. This paper was written to point out the errors made by Dr. Griffin. I offered to e-mail Mr. Mackey with errors they felt may have been wrong.

I had his wrong e-mail address twice, explaining the time it took for his response. After I found the right address he replied to me in less than 4 hours.

I would like this thread to be dedicated to legitimate questions surrounding his paper.

Mr. Mackey can be reached at the jref site as he is not a member here. I will be more than happy to forward any questions you may have to him directly via e-mail, posting all his reply's promptly.

His paper can be found here:

Let's look at the criticisms one at a time:

FROM "GRIFF":

"One thing I have noticed is pages 17-19 of the pdf when he's talking about wind load. He says that the wind load is the governing factor over the live load. I hate to break it to him but wind load is considered a live load for one thing.

Then he goes on to say that the 2000% is erroneous because the columns were designed for wind load governing live load. This is false because in design, you combine ALL loads into factored loads. He even quotes NIST for this.

What he doesn't realize is that when designing a member, you design the member to hold ALL loads. He is actually shooting himself in the foot there because it shows that the columns were designed to withstand the wind loads (remember that live loads are smaller if you want to separate them out) and could therefore hold much more gravitational load than what he is suggesting."

Response:

First of all, I am well aware of the design process, and if I wasn't, this is well laid out in NCSTAR1-1 and 1-1A. Wind load is not considered as a live load. It is similar but not identical. In particular, the design rules allow "live load reduction" with height, which was a shorthand approach to avoid double-counting safety margin in tall structures. Wind load is not eligible for live load reduction, and therefore must be bookkept separately. Wind load is not a dead load or a superimposed load, so it is perhaps most similar to a live load, but for tall structures it is simply false to state that it is live load. In modern design practice this is

irrelevant as we no longer use load factors and ultimate strength design.

The "2000%" is misleading. Let me argue by way of an example. Suppose a given assembly must support 100 tons of dead load, 25 tons of live load, and up to 50 tons of wind load. Further suppose the design rules state that the ultimate strength $U = 1.5 \times \text{dead load} + 2 \times \text{live load} + 2 \times \text{wind load}$. We then must design the assembly to handle 150 tons + 50 tons + 100 tons of load or 300 tons.

Suppose we then build this structure and consider additional live load on a windless day. The actual load is 100 tons + live load + 0 wind load, so it can theoretically handle another 200 tons of live load before it actually fails. I might then say that "the structure is designed with enough margin to handle eight times its live load." This statement is true, but useless.

This is basically what's going on with the "2000%" quote that Dr. Griffin singles out. Because the wind load on the structures was so enormous -- they were the broadest building faces ever built -- the wind considerations were the primary driver of design in the perimeter. You will note that Mr. Skilling did not say, in 1964, that they were built to handle "2000% of the wind load."

Dr. Griffin singles out this quote because it sounds impressive, and then claims (with no calculations of any kind) that this number proves the structures had enough reserve capacity to withstand the impacts and fires, and to resist total collapse. He's making an enormous leap in logic, and one that turns out to be wrong.

Now, because the winds on September 11th were light, it is true that the wind-tolerant design of the perimeter columns meant much more reserve capacity than an ordinary structure might have had. Since the structure didn't need to fight the wind, the perimeter columns had perhaps a factor of 4 excess capacity on that day, as compared to the core columns, which being only sized for gravity, had only about a factor of 2 excess prior to impact (designed for 1.67, but the service live load was below the design live load). NIST did not ignore this. In fact, this excess capacity explains both why the structures stood as long as they did, and also why they failed in the manner seen.

The perimeter columns were the last things to fail. First they were hit by aircraft, diminishing their capacity by about 1/5. Then they were exposed to heat, diminishing it by another 1/5 or so. Then the core began to shift its load to the perimeter, as it was heated more and compressed, leading to load rerouting through the hat truss, which increased the actual load on the perimeter by roughly 50%. Yet still the structure held, and NIST predicted that it wouldn't

have toppled at all except for the final ingredient, which was the pull-in forces as the still-attached floors failed and sagged in the heat. That led to eccentric loading of the perimeter columns, greatly reducing their effective strength.

It took all of these factors combined to lead to the collapses. This would not have been the case if the perimeter columns didn't start with so much excess capacity. Therefore, the NIST result is completely consistent with this observation. A more detailed explanation is given in NCSTAR1-6.

To answer the original question, (a) the 2000% figure quoted by Dr. Griffin is misleading, (b) wind loads and live loads are not the same, and (c) we all agree that the perimeter columns had considerable reserve capacity. Nothing Dr. Griffin has said in any way contradicts the NIST conclusions.

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What's With The Sudden Brinkmanship?!

Created by: [Goals](#) on September 6, flags: 58, replies: 74

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"Brinkmanship is the practice of pushing a dangerous situation to the verge of disaster in order to achieve the most advantageous outcome. It occurs in international politics, foreign policy and (in contemporary settings) in military strategy involving the threatened use of nuclear weapons."

Let's summarize the month of September up to now shall we?

We have no shortage of sabre rattling:

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We have two bizarre nuclear stories days apart:

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This one to raise fears of a dirty bomb?

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This story obviously leaked to the media and allowed to be publicized by the mainstream media for some reason. Is someone being put on notice? In their outrage and surprise, people and the MSM are overlooking the obvious questions such as why were they being moved and why were they moved to a base that is *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)?*

Then we have *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*. A story showing up in the business press and not covered by mainstream media. Then we have Syria claiming violation of it's airspace with some reports that "something" was dropped and Israel claiming it's planes were shot at for no reason.

See *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* and *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

Now this: *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

We also have: *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* where EIGHT bombers were intercepted. I mean I could see a patrol of 1 or two bombers, but a fleet of eight? That'll get somebody's attention!! The story also takes care to point out that these can carry cruise missiles and nuclear weapons.

So on one side we have the US and Israel flexing their muscle probing the other sides defences and rattling their nuclear sabres and on the other we have Syria, Iran and Russia flexing their muscle probing the other sides defences and rattling their nuclear sabres...

Am I the only one NOT amused by this little game of chicken? :@@:

There's also the very bizarre announcement that the US will *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* in the US on September 14. :o :puz:

Is that to let the other side know that they will be vulnerable on that date or to let the other side think they are while launching an attack hoping they won't be looking?

And let's not forget those huge *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* all expiring before September 21!!

All of this and the month is only six days old!!!

Something is definitely going on behind the scenes.

By the way, if you weren't on ATS do you think you would have all of this information in one place and be able to connect the dots like this? Think about that for a bit. :D

Link to thread: [...thread301123/pg1](#)

911 protest on FOX NEWS- Geraldo Rivera

Created by: [CanadianVandal](#) on September 8, flags: 57, replies: 320

Is anyone watching Geraldo Rivera LIVE on fox news right now?

He turns around read the signs and say "Oh 911 cover up your a bunch of losers get a life" He broadcasting outside NYC I believe, and there are many protesters shooting the whole time with signs, stop neocons, 911 cover up. [chanting inside job] They just went to a break and Geraldo and next they are going to talk about Larry Graig, Geraldo added this

"All these demonstrators are into gay sex hahaha"

They are back he starts " we are surrounded by radicals, or activist what ever they are"

EDIT:

It is 5:46 here

I CAN HEAR ALEX JONES VOICE NOW ON AN INTERCOM!

lol can recognize it anywhere "911 was an inside job"

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"All hell is breaking lose"

Now they are showing people being arrested, "need a permit to protest"

I think Alex Jones may have been arrested.

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[edit on 8-9-2007 by UM_Gazz]

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ATS Premium: Top 10 UFO Photos (and masses of others)

Created by: [IsaacKoi](#) on September 28, flags: 52, replies: 33

Masses of UFO photographs can be found on the Internet. In this article I unveil (for the first time on a public forum) the "Top 10" photographic cases based on the frequency of their discussion within 963 UFO/SETI books.

If ufologists wrote books solely with the objective of presenting the best available evidence, then the most frequently discussed cases would be the ones that the most authors regarded as the best cases.

ATS Premium Article By Isaac Koi.

Masses of UFO photographs can be found on the Internet, including on:

- *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

Which UFO photographs should be focused upon?

Ufologists regularly complain that skeptics fail to address the best UFO cases.

On the other hand, skeptics frequently complain that "believers" refuse to nominate the best cases.

If UFO proponents wish to persuade scientists to examine the evidence for the alleged objective reality of UFOs, then it is not unreasonable to expect those UFO proponents to make serious efforts to identify the material which the scientists should focus upon.

Unparticularised suggestions to read the "UFO literature" or "witness reports" are simply poor advocacy, given the relevant mass of material and the variability of its quality. Scientists and

skeptics are only human. They will keep going as long as the initial material gains their interest. If (as many UFO-proponents claim) they wish to encourage serious study of UFO reports by scientists, why not refer them to the best material to get their attention?

One online debate about UFOs and aliens began with one individual asserting that it is "obviously true they are out there". When challenged to state the facts in support of his statement he responded in the following way: "try googling UFO reports and sightings etc....and any decent site that comes up on google or any other search engine for that matter will be my facts" (see Footnote 1).

Unsurprisingly, the skeptics involved in that discussion did not find this suggestion very helpful or persuasive.

It is not merely those new to ufology that make such statements to skeptics. When asked to provide evidence for UFOs, the astronomer and famous ufologist J Allen Hynek would respond sarcastically "Where do you want the truck to stop" (see Footnote 2).

Various ufologists have produced lists of their best cases. There are also several lists which represent (or at least have been said to represent) a consensus of leading ufologists on this issue. I'll consider several of those lists in a separate series of articles. As an alternative approach, however, I thought that it might be interesting to find out which UFO cases are most frequently discussed in books about ufos and SETI. Over four years later, and having been through 963 UFO and SETI books noting each discussion of various UFO cases, I have drawn up a list of the "Top 100" cases based on the frequency of discussion within this (relatively large) sample of books.

If ufologists wrote books solely with the objective of presenting the best available evidence, then the most frequently discussed cases would be the ones that the most authors regarded as the best cases.

Given the interest displayed by ATS in photographic cases, I thought I would unveil (for the first time on a public forum) the "Top 10" photographic cases as found in this survey of 963 books.

Since including summaries and references for each of these "Top 10" photographic cases would make this a rather long post, I have instead included links to relevant entries on Tinwiki. (For those that don't know, ATS has a wiki. It's called *(links removed, visit the thread for*

external references). (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*) has the potential to become a useful (free) resource available to members of ATS and the wider ufological community. I think it is a bit of a shame that so few ATS members appear to be aware of (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*) or contribute to it. (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*) will only fulfill its potential if more members of ATS (or non-members for that matter...) create new entries and/or edit the existing entries. I'm not sure why more members of ATS don't contribute to (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*). I've sought to address some of the potential reasons on (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*), which also gives some links to some help for beginners.)

The "Top 10" UFO photographic cases are ...
[Drum roll please...]

1. 90 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

UFO skeptic Robert Sheaffer has written that "Many UFOlogists rate this case as the strongest photo case on record".

These photographs have also featured in:

- a list of the "Top 10" UFO cases produced by James Carrion (in 2006),
- a list of five noteworthy cases produced by Richard Dolan (in his book "UFOs and the National Security State: Volume 1")
- a list of the "Top 10" UFO cases produced by Stanton Friedman for the Fortean Times in 2007.
- a list of UFO seven cases produced by Brad Sparks (in 1999)
- a list of UFO twenty cases produced by Bruce Maccabee
- a list of the best four photographic UFO cases produced by Ronald Story

2. 76 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

Bruce Maccabee included several of the Gulf Breeze sightings in a list of twenty UFO cases produced by Bruce Maccabee in 1999.

3. 72 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

The Trindade Island photographs have been referred to as "the most famous of all purported photographs of a UFO" (by Donald Menzel and Lyle Boyd in their book "The World of Flying Saucers", 1963).

This incident came third in a survey in 1965 by Jacques Vallee of the opinion of various UFO groups as to the best UFO cases.

This incident has been included within various lists of the best UFO cases produced by various researchers. For example:

- a list by APRO of the 5 best cases.
- a list by Bruce Maccabee of 20 cases which give "the best evidence for an extraterrestrial origin for the UFO phenomenon".
- a list by Ronald Story of the 4 best photographic cases.

The Trindade Island photographs were the only photos to get their own chapter in a document ("the Rockefeller Briefing Document") endorsed by Dr Mark Rodeghier (President of CUFOS), Richard Hall (Chairman of FUFOR) and Walter Andrus (President of MUFON) as containing "the best available evidence for the existence of UFOs".

4. 64 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

The Tremonton film was one of two motion pictures of UFO sightings considered by the Robertson Panel, organized by the CIA, in January 1953.

5. 58 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

In his book "UFOs Explained" (1974), Philip J Klass referred to the Great Falls footage as "the most impressive and famous UFO movie".

In his book "Scientific Ufology" (1999), Kevin D Randle wrote that the Great Falls footage "would become one of the best, and, therefore most controversial pieces of physical evidence available".

The Great Falls film was one of two motion pictures of UFO sightings considered by the Robertson Panel, organized by the CIA, in January 1953.

6. 46 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

Robert Sheaffer has referred to Heflin's photographs as "one of the most highly regarded series of 'classic' UFO photos of all time".

The Condon Report states that the case regarding these photos "must remain inconclusive" and comments that the case is "of exceptional interest because it is so well documented".

7. 38 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

J Allen Hynek has referred to this photograph as a "widely publicized case", a "classic" that "has made the rounds in just about every magazine and book on the subject".

This photograph was listed by Project Blue Book as "unidentified".

8. 32 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

Several researchers have referred to these photographs as “the first UFO photographs”.

9. 32 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

Ufologist Scott Corrales has commented that the Ummo affair is “without any doubt, the longest-running hoax in ufology”.

Jacques Vallee has suggested that “UMMO is certainly one of the best examples of the systematic application of confusion techniques in the paranormal field”.

10. 31 references : (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

This photograph has been referred to as “the first UFO photograph ever taken in Britain” (Westmoreland Gazette, 8 October 2004).

As a result of the press coverage of this photograph, Stephen Darbishire and his father were invited to Buckingham Palace to meet one of the Duke of Edinburgh’s private secretaries (the Royal Equerry, RAF Squadron Leader Sir Peter Horsley).

It should be noted that I am not suggesting that UFO books are in fact written solely with the objective of presenting the best available evidence.

The objectives of authors of ufologists are not in fact limited to presenting the best case in support of an argument. Entertaining stories are included in book after book, almost regardless of their evidential value. Furthermore, some authors appear to be lazy and others are ignorant of the range of cases - thus, discussions of cases in the few books some of them have read (particularly Ruppelt, Keyhoe and Condon) get recycled endlessly – sometimes almost verbatim.

The list above of the “Top 10” photographic cases therefore has about as much connection to a list of the “Best 10” cases as the weekly “Top 10” popular music charts have to a list of the “best music”. The weekly “Top 10” music charts are lists of the music with the most sales. This is arguably not the same as the best music. Music charts frequently include items that would cause a music connoisseur to shudder (e.g. “The Birdie Song” by The Tweets , Black Lace’s “Agadoo”, the Macarena, and anything by Iron Maiden and similar noise-makers.

So, what cases would appear on a list of the “Best 10” photographic cases? That is probably worth a separate article, but I think it is worth noting the following few points.

Firstly, it is commonly accepted by UFO researchers that a large percentage of UFO photographs are not worth serious investigation. For example J Allen Hynek has commented that “The majority of the photographs in the Blue Book files are indeed obvious hoaxes or misidentifications” (see Footnote 3).

Secondly, as Hynek has commented, “a photograph, of course, is just a UFO report, but in a different form, and like a written report depends entirely of the credibility of the person offering it” (see Footnote 4). In a similar comment, Richard Hall has suggested that “in-depth analysis and discussion of photos is an utter waste of time unless and until the witnesses (photographers) come forth and testify so that their stories and their credibility can be evaluated. Disinformation or not (and I don’t totally rule that out) the principle should be no identified witness testimony, no credibility, no wasted time debating what cannot be resolved without the witness testimony” (see Footnote 5).

Thirdly, Hynek has given the following criteria, suggesting that a purported photograph of a UFO (particularly a Daylight Disc, because they are quite simple to fake) should not be taken seriously unless the following conditions are satisfied:

“(1) there are reputable witnesses to the actual taking of the picture, and those witnesses also sighted the object visually at the same time;”

“(2) the original negative(s) is available for study, since no adequate analysis can be made from prints alone;”

“(3) the camera is available for study; and”

“(4) the owner of the photograph is willing to testify under oath that the photograph is, to the best of his knowledge, genuine, that is, that the photograph shows what it purports to – a UFO. (The last condition need not apply if the photograph in question is accompanied by several independently taken photographs, preferably from significantly different locations.)”

“It is important to remember that in the case of UFO photographs, the photograph is no more reliable than the photographer. Thus, even when all of the above conditions have been met, the most positive statement that one can make about such photographs is that while the probability is quite high that they are genuine, the physical reality of the UFO(s) photographed cannot be established with absolute certainty.”

Despite Hynek having a generally positive view of the merits of various forms of UFO evidence, it is interesting to note that his view as to photographic cases : “There are no cases in the Blue Book files which meet the above stringent conditions. What we do find in the files are several cases that meet nearly all of the conditions.”

[Footnote 1] Exchange on the Bad Astronomy internet forum at the link below:

[Footnote 2] Terry Hansen in his “The Missing Times : News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-Up” (2000) at page 44 (in Chapter 1) of the Xlibris softcover edition.

[Footnote 3] J Allen Hynek in his "The Hynek UFO Report" (1977) at page 220 (in Chapter 10) of the Barnes & Noble hardback reprint (1997) at page 230 of the Dell paperback edition (with the same page numbering in the Sphere paperback edition).

[Footnote 4] J Allen Hynek in his "The Hynek UFO Report" (1977) at page 220 (in Chapter 10) of the Barnes & Noble hardback reprint (1997) at page 230 of the Dell paperback edition (with the same page numbering in the Sphere paperback edition).

[Footnote 5] For Richard Hall's comments, see:

[Footnote 6] J Allen Hynek in his "The Hynek UFO Report" (1977) at pages 224-225 (in Chapter 10) of the Barnes & Noble hardback reprint (1997), at page 234 of the Dell paperback edition (with the same page numbering in the Sphere paperback edition).

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Police: Who is the little girl in the sex tape? (Update: found alive)

Created by: [elevatedone](#) on September 27, flags: 50, replies: 175

" LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) -- Authorities trying to aid two girls seen in a sexually explicit videotape say they have identified one and were showing images of the other Thursday in the hopes that someone would recognize her. "

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)
(visit the thread to view linked images)

Please, if you've seen this girl or know who she is, contact the authorities, let's get her to safty.

[edit on 28-9-2007 by sanctum]

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At The Brink of War

Created by: [Rockpuck](#) on September 12, flags: 46, replies: 186

At the brink of war...

We have seen in recent weeks a turn of events in the world away from the almost ordinary fear of war, the natural actions of international relations that keep us assured we have enemies everywhere, but are safe. Now, it would seem to have turned to a state where we sit at the brink of war..

I would say, in my personal opinion that the world has never set this close to oblivion since the weeks leading up to world war 2.. I say this because we have currently a set of alliances slowly being formed around the world, these alliances are paving the way to total

war between both sides, and what sets this in stone is that there is only two sides facing off, with no middle parties.

We have reports of nuclear bombs being "accidentally" transferred, which of course is impossible..

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Of course, this being out of the ordinary alone means absolutely nothing, correct?

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In Syria Israel claims to have spotted a nuclear facility during fly overs ...

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Which was hushed up by BOTH SIDES.. Syria said they shot AT a plane, but did not say WHY, and did not say what was bombed..... Israel said no comment.

But then..

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It was then confirmed Israel took military action, and admitted it had troops inside Syria at the time to direct the attack... Israel claims to have bombed supplies coming to Lebanon. Right. It was later revealed during the attack surveillance air craft spotted a NUCLEAR institution. Supplied by North Korea.. and a base, funded by IRAN.

Well, that, combined with our missing nuke, could be bad news.. but it goes much further back.

The west has almost suddenly about five years ago isolated its self from Russia, when Bush entered office we where at the very least, friends, or at least no longer enemies. Now we have..

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Think thats nothing?

The United States detonated the then most powerful non nuclear weapon in history, the MOAB (Mother of All Bombs) RIGHT BEFORE the Iraq war, as a show of strength..

The new Russian bomb is FOUR TIMES more powerful.

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I tried to find another time this happened, and I cannot, so presumably the President for the first time in aviation history grounded all Air Force fighters and bombers.. for protocol reviews? ... More VERY unusual behavior by the United States, as if the world is operating behind a curtain with the real plans, while trying to pretend every thing is ok before us..

Then there are is another story, which I cannot seem to find on CNN, was an argument that President Bush and the leader of South Korea had.... it was obscure ... South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and President Bush had a small argument, and the official explanation was that there was a "mis interpretation" ... be it several times in a row? .. South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun wanted Bush to

"make official peace with North Korea. Does that make sense? The United States never went to war with North Korea, the United Nations did, and South Korea is the ONLY ONE who can officially END the war. Roh is a smart man. He knows this... so why does he DEMAND that bush ... make sure? . . that the North does not attack the south? .. what is Roh afraid of? My thoughts are that at the APEC meeting, Bush told Roh about the plans ahead, and the inevitable war that could be coming... Roh obviously was very upset.... as he displayed....

If the North and South ever went to war the North has enough artillery built into the mountains aimed at Seoul South Korea that it is estimated within the first days fighting some TWO MILLION South Koreans would be killed.. aerial attacks would be limited to some of the major artillery areas, but because of the stealth and strength they are placed, it is impossible to take them all out with air power alone.... Seoul will be left defenseless... and I think Roh believes something will be happening shortly to make the North attack, and I believe he was demanding bush protect them... which Bush just gave the testy remark of "I don't know if I can be any more clear..".

Many are guessing dates the war will begin, but I cannot predict the future.. maybe this Friday, I hope not this soon, maybe next year, maybe five years from now..

But what I am trying to say is that when we look at history, we see a mirror of WWI .. and WWII .. the sides are being picked, the major players announced and the battle lines are being drawn..

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Meteorite makes village ill? Yikes!

Created by: **KaiBosh** on September 18, flags: 45, replies: 297

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Villagers in southern Peru were struck by a mysterious illness after a meteorite made a fiery crash to Earth in their area, regional authorities said today.

Around midday Saturday, villagers were startled by an explosion and a fireball that many were convinced was an airplane crashing near their remote village, in the high Andes department of Puno in the Desaguadero region, near the border with Bolivia.

"Residents complained of headaches and vomiting brought on by a "strange odour", local health department official Jorge Lopez told Peruvian radio RPP.

Seven policemen who went to check on the reports also became ill and had to be given oxygen before being hospitalised, Lopez said.

Rescue teams and experts were dispatched to the scene where the meteorite had left a crater 30m wide and six metres deep, said local official Marco Limache. "Boiling water started coming out of the crater and particles of rock and cinders were found nearby. Residents are very concerned," he said.

"

This is frightening stuff, right out of late 50's science fiction. If a microbe from space were capable of affecting human biology, it could very well spell the end of the World as we know it. Forget SARS, Ebola, any of the plagues, or bird flu... This could be a real Captain Trips.

Link to thread: [...thread303633/pg1](#)

Police caught on tape threatening to destroy and invent evidence

Created by: **sp00n1** on September 10, flags: 44, replies: 452
(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

"A motorist who refused to discuss his personal business with a St. George, Missouri police officer was threatened with arrest last Friday. Brett Darrow, 20, no stranger to unconventional encounters with police, caught a St. George Police Sergeant named Kenline stating that he had the power to invent charges that would put Darrow behind bars.

"Try and talk back... to me again," yelled Sergeant Kenline. "I bet I could say you resisted arrest or something. You want to come up with something? I come up with nine things."

"(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 10/9/2007 by Mirthful Me]

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The 3 minutes BEFORE the student got tasered @ Kerry's Q&A

Created by: [SpadeofAces](#) on September 19, flags: 42, replies: 308

Check this bs out...

(isit the thread to view linked videos)

If the video does not work...here is the link to it-

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Unbelievable. So much for the spirit of inquiry being fostered at today's U.S. universities.

At least John Kerry answered the question, albeit unintentionally. Kerry stood by while Bush stole the election the same way he stood by while this student was tasered. Horrible. Not a fit leader.

The fascist, repressive response is not isolated or unusual.

I watched the video several times. There's something strangely familiar about the whole scene. I think that the student who spoke up was probably the brightest, bravest mind in there. What is frightening as you watch the video is how passively most of the rest of the students looked on. They appear to be too scared to move.

Fixed vid link

[edit on 19/9/07 by masqua]

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AHMADINEJAD at Columbia University - full transcript

Created by: [u2r2h](#) on September 24, flags: 42, replies: 66

Very interesting... Form your own opinion. (and imagine how Bush would dodge questions..)

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Again, he HINTS AT 911 INSIDE JOB :

"If the root causes of 9/11 are examined properly -- why it happened, what caused it, what were the conditions that led to it, who truly was involved, who was really involved "

very interesting.

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Parallel universes really do exist, according to a mathematical discovery

Created by: [etshrtslr](#) on September 25, flags: 41, replies: 111

" Parallel universes really do exist, according to a mathematical discovery by Oxford scientists described by one expert as "one of the most important developments in the history of science".

In Everett's "many worlds" universe, every time a new physical possibility is explored, the universe splits. Given a number of possible alternative outcomes, each one is played out - in its own universe.

Commenting in New Scientist magazine, Dr Andy Albrecht, a physicist at the University of California at Davis, said: "This work will go down as one of the most important developments in the history of science.""

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It boggles my mind to think about this. Do we really exist in many parallel universes simutanously? Is it possible to ever gain awareness of these simultaneous existences? What does it all mean?

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Understanding the Iran Dis-Info Campaign

Created by: [BitRaiser](#) on September 7, flags: 40, replies: 53

Before reading any further, I want you to understand that I do NOT believe that Iran is a land of all flowers and sunshine. Truth is, their government is largely unpopular, their leaders claim to be inspired by a god that the masses don't believe in, and their population is largely under-educated (other than a handful of elites).

This all should strike a cord of familiarity to US citizens.

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With that said, there has been some gross distortion of facts regarding Iran that everyone should be aware of. Iranian/US History

Bush likes the phrase "to bring Democracy to the Middle East".

Did you know that Iran was a democracy right up until 1953?

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In the 1953 Iranian coup d'état, the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower in the United States and United Kingdom removed the democratically-elected

administration of Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh and his cabinet from power and replaced it with a monarchy. The coup was carried out in a covert operation by Britain and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), codenamed Operation Ajax (officially TP-AJAX).

"(links removed, visit the thread for external references)"

The reasons for that coup were straight forward. The US and Britain wanted their oil. Very little has changed on that front.

Since then, Iran has been a dangerous and aggressive nation, right?

Wrong, actually.

Iran has never invaded another country. The war with Iraq was initiated by Iraq with the backing of the US. This again is a matter of record and not in dispute.

Iran's Nuclear Program

Iran has stated over and over that they are NOT producing nuclear weapons. There is, in fact, not a single shred of evidence that proves they have any type of nuclear weapons program. Everything they've done to date is in-line with nuclear power programs. Even the enrichment (enriched uranium allows for much more efficient nuclear power production and research) which they voluntarily suspended!

They signed the *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* and have complied with all standard accords from the *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*. They have not been found guilty of any violation. They have not even been charged with any violation!

In fact, Iran has long been a proponent for declaring the entire middle east a nuclear free zone. Since 1974, they have been pressing the UN to enact resolutions to ban all nuclear weapons from all Middle Eastern countries. Those resolutions have been put before the UN, but have been repeatedly vetoed by the US (on behalf of Israel).

For an idea of Iran's real nuclear stance, as stated by Hossein Mousavian, a member of Iran's nuclear negotiating team:

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It is incorrect to say that Iran's nuclear activities constitute a response to perceived nuclear threats from other states, such as Israel, or to a strategic threat arising from the US presence in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is therefore also incorrect to adduce the existence of this threat as evidence that Iran is aiming at a nuclear-weapons programme. Naturally, Iran is concerned by the fact that Israel possesses a substantial nuclear arsenal, but Iran's possession of nuclear weapons would not reduce its fears on this score. Similarly, Iranian concerns regarding the US military presence in the region would in no way be allayed were Iran to possess nuclear weapons. The

possession of nuclear weapons would neither conduce to Iran security nor in reality enhance the perception of security enjoyed by the Iranian people.

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I strongly recommend reading that document. Print it 'n take it with you next to you have to take a sit on the can.

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Demonizing Iran in the Media

We all know that the media lies to us. If you have trouble with that concept, you've got some catching up to do here on ATS.

What we hear coming out of Iran is often sound bytes that are taken out of context or suspect to mistranslation by the only major organization that provides translation to western media (*(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*), which has strong ties to Israel).

Much of the verbal insanity to come out of Iran is suspect of being intentionally mistranslated, misquoted, and taken out of context in order to present Iran in a bad light. This isn't surprising considering that MEMRI has admitted in the past to "putting the interests of Israel first".

Accusations of Terror

The only credible claim against Iran in terms of supporting terrorism is it's ties to Hezbollah. These ties really are not in question since Hezbollah leader, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, made this statement:

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"Iran assists the organization with money, weapons, and training, motivated by a religious fraternity and ethnic solidarity," Nasrallah said. "And the help is funneled through Syria, and everybody knows it." "

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However, it should now be pointed out that Hezbollah has a strong central mandate from which it does not deviate:

"

* To expel Americans, the French and their allies definitely from Lebanon, putting an end to any colonialist entity on our land.

* To submit the phalanges to a just power and bring them all to justice for the crimes they have perpetrated against Muslims and Christians.

* To permit all the sons of our people to determine their future and to choose in all the liberty the form of government they desire. We call upon all of them to pick the option of Islamic government which alone is capable of guaranteeing justice and liberty for all. Only an Islamic regime can stop any future tentative attempts of imperialistic infiltration onto our country. [Note that this is a "call", not a demand, for Islamic

Government. The freedom to choose is first and foremost]
It also includes complete destruction of the state of Israel. [Err...]
"

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I urge you to read that entry in full as the subject of this organization is not a simple one.
While I personally cannot condone Hezbollah's call for the destruction of Israel, it should be understood that "Throughout most of the Arab and Muslim worlds, Hezbollah is highly regarded as a legitimate resistance movement." *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

Either way, there has not been a single official call for Iran to expel Hezbollah (strangely, not even from Israel).

Reports of Iran sending support to Iraqi insurgents have thus far been unproven and must be viewed with suspicion considering the sources. Again, it is true that not a single piece of evidence has been presented to prove these claims. If there is proof, why has it not been presented?

In fact, Iran has offered to help train Iraqi security forces and promotes a stable Iraq as it serves their interests better to have a stable nation at their border (with whom they could trade and build diplomatic relations) than an anarchist state occupied by American troops.

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I could likely go on with this article for some time, but I fear I would allow it to snowball into a major project and I'd not be able to post it until... well... until after hostilities start.

Instead, I'll hit the submit button and open this up to (rational, I hope) discussion.

Link to thread: ...thread301289/pg1

Weird Moon Anomaly! A Big UFO Or Artificial Structure?

Created by: [mikesingh](#) on September 18, flags: 40, replies: 254

Here's an image of the Moon, specifically at coordinates:

Latitude = -35 (not 35)

Longitude = 208

This is the original image taken from the Clementine image browser *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* Just fill in the details and click on the highest res.

Zoomed to area and added contrast...

(visit the thread to view linked images)

The second image is zoomed further, and solarized, so it is more identifiable.

(visit the thread to view linked images)

What do you think it could be? And I would also like to mention here that it is apparent that some sort of tampering has been done to try and hide the object. But it's a pretty shoddy job, what?

An artificial construct? A film processing glitch? A UFO? Or a natural geological feature? You be the judge! As for me, one way or the other, that thing is pretty intriguing!

Cheers! :D

Link to thread: ...thread303707/pg1

Triangle UFO filmed near Brussels (Houillart) august 2007!

Created by: [Pjotr](#) on September 2, flags: 38, replies: 160

At 23:00 24-08-2007 multiple witnesses filmed a triangle UFO above Houillart. Comment on niburu.nl says it made no sound. Check it out!

It looks like the UFO wave years ago above Brussels.

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I couldn't find it anywhere on this site so I posted it. Seems to be the real thing, or does anybody have other info on this?

(I know this should be posted in the UFO section, but I noticed that too late, and i Don't know how to change that, and I don't want ot post it twice)

[edit on 2-9-2007 by Pjotr]

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Surviving 2012 & Planet X - New Video Documentary!

Created by: [Terrapop](#) on September 4, flags: 37, replies: 167

New 5 part video documentary about 2012 and Planet X here:

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"Part 1 of 5 shows how the approach of Planet X is already changing our world. Produced and hosted by Marshall Masters, a former CNN science feature field producer, this program offers a straightforward view of this coming human event. As the co-author and publisher of Planet X Forecast and 2012 Survival Guide, Marshall believes that 2012 will be a survivable, evolutionary event."

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"Part 2 of 5 presents scientific proof for a catastrophic return of Planet X in 2012. Produced and hosted by Marshall Masters, a former CNN science feature field producer, this program offers a straightforward view of this coming human event. As the co-author and publisher of Planet X Forecast and 2012 Survival Guide, Marshall believes that 2012 will be a survivable, evolutionary event."

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"Part 3 of 5 presents historical proof for past catastrophic flybys of Planet X and ancient predictions regarding 2012. Produced and hosted by Marshall Masters, a former CNN science feature field producer, this program offers a straightforward view of this coming human event. As the co-author and publisher of Planet X Forecast and 2012 Survival Guide, Marshall believes that 2012 will be a survivable, evolutionary event."

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"Part 4 of 5 examines the massive Planet X preparations our governments are making in anticipation of a 2012 Planet X flyby. Produced and hosted by Marshall Masters, a former CNN science feature field producer, this program offers a straightforward view of this coming human event. As the co-author and publisher of Planet X Forecast and 2012 Survival Guide, Marshall believes that 2012 will be a survivable, evolutionary event."

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"Part 5 of 5 offers a post-2014 vision of our world and how humanity will rebuild after the Planet X flyby. Produced and hosted by Marshall Masters, a former CNN science feature field producer, this program offers a straightforward view of this coming human event. As the co-author and publisher of Planet X Forecast and 2012 Survival Guide, Marshall believes that 2012 will be a survivable, evolutionary event."

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photo's -MISSION - (don't ask how I got them)...shhhhh

Created by: [airtrax007](#) on September 10, flags: **37**, replies: 189

Pictures i acquired---from last shuttle mission

[edit on 10-9-2007 by airtrax007]

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Created by: [andayt](#) on September 10, flags: **37**, replies: 100
as it shows above type this in google and you should be capable to see though cctv cameras i do not know were this goes ir if it is already on here but i found it anyway on some of these u can control the movement of the cameras pretty sweet this is

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Five suns phenomenon in Kazakhstan.

Created by: [bridas](#) on September 27, flags: **37**, replies: 74

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"This unique phenomenon ocured in February, 2007 in Kazakhstan in settlement Shubarkuduk. What it is Five Sun?"(visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: ...thread305666/pg1

Navy Submarine Base Under the Nevada Desert?

Created by: [johnlear](#) on September 1, flags: **36**, replies: 265

Over the past 20 years I have heard stories of a huge U.S. Navy submarine base under the desert in Hawthorne Nevada.

During that time I have driven from Las Vegas to Reno many times and was always intrigued at the guard gate and sign just before entering the town of Hawthorne. (Hawthorne is about 5 hours drive from Las Vegas and about two and a half hours drive from Reno.)

It used to read 'Naval Undersea Warfare Training Center'. Today it reads 'Naval Undersea Warfare Center'. They must have made the change in the past year or so. Maybe longer.

Hawthorne Nevada is a U.S. Army Depot where ammunition is made, tested and stored. Endless rows of ammunition bunkers dot both sides of the road.

Just to the north of Hawthorne is Walker Lake. The East Walker river drains into it and over the past 20 years has become shallower and shallower. The lake is about 18 miles long and about 8 miles wide the longer axis running north and south.

It can't be very deep. I am not good at judging lake depths, maybe 100 feet? 150 feet? Certainly wouldn't seem deep enough for a Ohio, Virginia, Seawolf, Los Angeles. Maybe that little nuclear powered Fast Attack Sub. But I know nothing about submarines.

And the lake itself certainly wouldn't be big enough or deep enough to train for Undersea Warfare. Or so it would seem.

There are stories that California and Nevada sit on a shelf underneath which lies an eastern portion of the Pacific Ocean. Maybe the Pacific Ocean extends under that shelf to Hawthorne Nevada (and even further?).

Maybe there is some kind of access from the surface of the desert within the area occupied by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. And maybe if you go deep enough there is a huge part of the Pacific Ocean in which the Navy conducts Undersea Warfare training. Impossible? Improbable? So it would seem.

But let's assume that it might be true. There would have to be a route from the Pacific Ocean to Hawthorne. If we take a set of dividers and place one end at Hawthorne Nevada and place the other end at the closest portion of the Pacific Ocean we would find that it is in Monterey Bay, just south of San Francisco. Just north of Fort Ord.

The distance is roughly about 212 statute miles.

Now let's also assume that there is traffic both to and from Monterey Bay and Hawthorne Nevada. We would probably have to have to separate channels, one for each direction of travel. If it's a sea how can we separate these channels? I don't know.

Below is a chart on which I have drawn two lines representing these channels between Monterey Bay and Hawthorne. If a submarine were to make 33 knots the trip would take about five and a half hours.

Here is a link to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport Washington.

Here are a couple of excerpts from that site.

"Our main facility is located at Keyport, Washington, in the Puget Sound region near the major components of the Fleet we support. We have Detachments located near our Pacific Fleet customers in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and San Diego, California. Fleet testing and logistics sites are located at Nanoose, British Columbia, and Hawthorne, Nevada."

"Although NUTEC provides test and evaluation services wherever needed, the test center is focused at NUWC Division Keyport, Washington, building upon a foundation of over 90 years of undersea vehicle expertise. Here, in the protected waters of Washington's Puget Sound, near Seattle, NUTEC offers extensive range instrumentation and support services at test sites at Keyport and in Dabob Bay and the adjoining waters in Hood Canal. NUTEC also provides a variety of portable test systems and distance support capabilities to facilitate unmanned vehicle testing at other Navy range facilities and at sites of operational interest world-wide."

Here is an excerpt from the Branton files:

"The Underground Empire
(Branton -- File No. 008)

In March of 1980, John J. Williams, a New Mexico "Patriot" who published the anti-Communist oriented "REBEL MAGAZINE" (at the time available from: Consumertronics Co., c/o John J. Williams. Pres., 2011 Crescent Dr., P.O. Drawer 537., Alamogordo, NM 88310) revealed some incredible details on an alleged subterranean system which the Navy had been exploring below the western United States. The report appeared in issue No. 6 of his magazine, and was later reproduced in the Fall, 1985 (#164) issue of SEARCH Magazine, at the time edited by Marjorie Palmer, widow of the late Ray Palmer.

The article, titled 'CALIFORNIA FLOATS ON OCEAN?', revealed the following:

"Some time ago, I heard a man on a TV interview-show briefly mention that parts of California and neighboring states are floating on the Pacific Ocean! He was a high ranking Naval officer on a top- secret nuclear submarine that has been (and is) exploring and mapping these enormous caverns and passageways underneath the West for over 10 years now.

"A friend of mine finally tracked the man down. He is now living quietly in retirement and asked that no details pointing to him be revealed as he does not want publicity and government attention. After writing this article, I destroyed my files on him. This is his story..."

Williams explains that not "all" of the areas in question are actually "resting" or "floating" on the ocean, however there are allegedly many subterranean cavities below the western U.S., and they are not limited to California, and many of them consist of very large water-filled aqua-systems. These have been explored via nuclear submarines to several hundred miles inland, particularly in the region of southern California and the southern Oregon - northern California area. Williams continues:

"...When he retired several years ago, in spite of about 10 years of intensive Naval study, the Navy had not gotten even a handle on their exacts and dimensions. Today, the story may be different.

"He makes the following statements from his observations:

"1. The passageways are labyrinthine with widths from a few to thousands of feet (caverns), averaging roughly about a 100 feet.

"2. Much like dry caverns do, heights and depths vary a great deal and in some cases, two or more caverns or passageways pass over or under each other at different depths.

"3. Most of the entrances lie just off the Continental Shelf (ie. in the Continental Slope - Branton).

"4. Most of the entrances are too small for submarine investigation; and many that are large enough lie in waters that are too deep.

"5. Some of the caverns (in S. California) are topped with oil while some others are filled with gases believed to approximate our atmosphere (in very ancient times).

"6. The San Joaquin Valley is essentially a portion of the original cavernous area that collapsed eons ago due to its sheer weight.

"7. What is being passed off as the 'San Andreas Fault' are large, unsupported chambers that are in the process of collapsing. When the BIG ONE finally hits, many scientists in the know believe that most of California will break off like a cold Hershey bar and slide into the ocean! (it is postulated by some that an ancient land-mass which some believe may have been connected to what is now California, broke off and sunk into the ocean during an ancient cataclysm - Branton)

"8. (We are deleting this section due to the possibility of undue stress and fear which may result from its disclosure. Also, because of recent international events which may have resulted in a solution to this problem. We will merely state that it involves a scenario similar to that which was portrayed in a James Bond movie, and which concerned underground caverns, silicon valley, nuclear weapons, and the San Andreas fault - Branton).

"9. A WELL-KNOWN U.S. nuclear submarine lost its way in these passages and disappeared forever. It was reported to have been lost IN OPEN SEA ELSEWHERE to keep the American people in total ignorance and to justify an enormous pay-off to an eccentric U.S. billionaire (who died in recent years) for providing the fictitious "recovery" effort. "I have no reason to doubt the man. I can't tell for sure whether or not these caverns and passageways exist or to their extents. The story does sound a bit fantastic but I have no reason to doubt the man. I have seen copies of documentation that at least prove that he was a high ranking Naval officer (nuclear submarine duty) and a distinguished scientist. In fact, his scientific background and reputation are impeccable. He definitely cannot be labeled as a crackpot, lunatic or publicity-seeker. I would very much like more information on this topic..."

After further inquiries to Mr. Williams on the part of 'inner earth' researchers, Williams responded with the following when asked whether or not he had received any replies to his request for more information about the alleged passageways below California: "Since publishing our article on the vast cavern network under much of California, we have received many responses and inquiries. Some of these responses appear to be

knowledgeable sources. Note that the material sent to us for this article was written by someone of very high repute whose credentials I personally checked out.

Due to an agreement with him, I cannot reveal his identity. "One response was from a retired (conventional submarine duty? - Branton) submarine commander, who according to him, spent many years in the waters off California. He stated that the caverns do NOT exist. "Another response was from an anonymous person who cited unpublished oil company seismographical data, and stated, 'Although most of the caverns you depict in your drawing are smaller, larger or located somewhat differently than the actual caverns, you are essentially correct... My information is more up-to-date than what you apparently relied upon.' He (or she) did not supply any maps to pin down our differences, just some written descriptions. However, some knowledgeable person could probably deduce his (or her) overall 'map' from the voluminous seismographical data sent. I am in the process of looking for this input; it's been several years now and it may have all been thrown out... Incidentally, the oil company seismic data had much data round the Fresno area if that helps any. "One incident which tends to confirm the fact that California is in fact floating on the ocean was a story which made the headlines in recent years.

This incident involved an oil discovery beneath Long Beach, California. When oil companies began pumping oil out of the ground beneath Long Beach it was soon learned that the entire city BEGAN SINKING INTO THE OCEAN! "It sank up to 26 feet and dikes had to be built to keep out the water. The problem is (temporarily) being rectified by 'water injection'--i.e. pumping an equivalent amount of WATER into the ground to the amount of oil and water taken out, in order to keep the city AFLOAT!"

One thing which may be of interest in connection with Mr. Williams' account was a statement which was made by a prominent California Bigfoot investigator by the name of Virginia Louise Swanson, who has done a good deal of study on caves and their connections to the Bigfoot phenomena. She refers to these caverns in the following words: "...Somewhere I got the idea that a big portion of Death Valley is located on a shelf of FALSE bedrock. A certain type of earthquake would collapse all of it down to an enormous series of caverns that would open up into another Grand Canyon." According to our knowledge, the only nuclear submarines ever to disappear under mysterious circumstances were the U.S.S THRESHER and the U.S.S. SCORPION. It is uncertain whether the retired Navy Officer who John J. Williams spoke of was referring to the THRESHER or the SCORPION, although the disappearance of the Thresher probably

caused more publicity. The Thresher was the LEAD SHIP or 'Flag' ship in the world's most advanced class of nuclear attack submarines. She was designed to operate deeper and more silently than any of her predecessors and was also endowed with significant advances in sonar equipment, in noise reduction, and in fire-control. All in all, she was the most advanced international submarine in the world at the time of her disappearance and would have been an ideal choice for a top- secret mission such as the exploration of the caverns mentioned by John Williams' source.

On April 10, 1963 (according to official reports) the Thresher, under the command of Lt. Commander John W. Harvey, USN, with a total of 129 men (comprised of the crew, civilian technicians, and observers) disappeared without explanation. NOT A SINGLE TRACE or clue as to the fate of the craft, or it's occupants, were ever recovered: no oil slicks, radiation, floating debris, or similar signs of wreckage were ever seen. It is interesting to note that almost all of the reports at the time stated the ship had "disappeared," or was "lost," not "sunk!" One woman whose husband was on the ill-fated ship reported her belief that her husband was still alive. Theologically speaking, the possibility of a long-distance connection or "communion" on a deep, emotional level between a husband and a wife should not necessarily be consigned to the realm of the occult or "psychic" phenomena. Many religions believe that the very spiritual natures of a husband and a wife are united upon the consummation of a marriage, and thus they become, as Christian teachings say, "one flesh".

The actual words of this woman, who was interviewed by Will Carson and Jeannie Joy--two writers devoted to pursuing strange events--shortly after the Thresher incident, were as follows: "My husband was on the submarine Thresher when it disappeared. I don't consider myself a widow. I don't believe my husband is dead. No, it's not a matter of just not being able to believe it, to accept reality; I just can't get over the conviction that he's still alive somewhere. I love my husband very much. I know he loved--loves me. We were very close. We could always tell when something was wrong with each other. Intuition, I guess. I should have felt something the instant there was trouble, if he was really in serious trouble and knew it--a matter of life and death--but I didn't." "What do you believe really happened?" Carson and Joy asked the attractive young woman.

"Most people think I'm crazy when I say this, but I believe the Thresher was captured." "By whom?" "I can't say for sure, but there WAS a Russian submarine spotted near there that day (that is, near where it REPORTEDLY vanished 220 miles off Boston harbor)--only I can't imagine how even the Russians

could CAPTURE a vessel like the Thresher without leaving the slightest evidence!"

The following account, concerning an area just east of BISHOP (OWENS VALLEY), CALIFORNIA, was related by Val Valerian in his 'LEADING EDGE' Newsletter, Dec. 1989 - Jan. 1990 issue. The article, titled: 'DEEP SPRING'S, CALIFORNIA', stated: "Deep Springs, California is an area that is becoming known as the site for very strange events. According to the information released both on the air on KVEG-AM and from other sources, the area is full of strange people wandering around in black suits. There have also been rumors that there is an underground facility in the area. Checking with gravity anomaly maps proved that there are large cavities under the ground in that area. The wildest claims relative to the area have stated that alien lifeforms are being released there... Deep Springs Lake has been probed and it appears bottomless. Divers have traveled along an underground river 27 miles toward the Las Vegas area before having to turn around." (This 'river' would probably have been a 'partially' water-filled cave with a large stream or river flowing through it, rather than an entirely underwater passage, since 27 miles would undoubtedly be entirely out of the question if it were all underwater travel, with present diving technology - Branton)."

Last Tuesday I drove from Reno to Las Vegas after attending the Bay Area UFO Expo. As I drove through Hawthorne I came upon the entrance to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center which is on the north side of the road I pulled over to the right and took out my camera to get a picture of the sign. As I rolled down the window and lifted my camera I heard a bunch of shouting and guards waving their arms from the guard shack.

I pulled across the road to the entrance just short of the shack a lady in Army uniform came over and told me I couldn't take pictures. I mentioned to her that I was just going to take a picture of the sign which was less than ten feet from the highway. She told me I couldn't take pictures anywhere around there.

I asked her if I could sign up for a tour. She responded vehemently in the negative. She then advised me that she should call the Military Police to confiscate my camera. I told her that I hadn't had time to take a picture and that I was just happened to be leaving at that moment. She waved me to turn around and jotted down my car license number. I was going to ask her if there were any submarines parked underground but she was Army and I figured she probably wouldn't have known.

So. What do you think? Is there a vast underground sea under California and Nevada with tributary rivers

running in various directions? Maybe one that goes to Las Vegas?

Is there a possibility that the Navy does operate submarines from Monterey Bay via an underground sea which extends underneath the San Joaquin Valley, then under the Sierra Nevada mountain range to a Naval Undersea Warfare Center deep below the Nevada desert in Hawthorne Nevada?

Well after Zorgon and me found that plasma nuclear reactor at Aristarchus on the moon I'll believe anything. :)

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Latest Bin Laden Video Is a Forgery?

Created by: [promomag](#) on September 9, flags: **36**, replies: 54

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"Osama Bin Laden's widely publicized video address to the American people has a peculiarity that casts serious doubt on its authenticity: the video freezes at about 1 minute and 36 58 seconds, and motion only resumes again at 12:30. The video then freezes again at 14:02 remains frozen until the end. All references to current events, such as the 62nd anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Japan, and Sarkozy and Brown being the leaders of France and the UK, respectively, occur when the video is frozen!"(visit the link for the full news article)

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Live Riot blog from Burma with Pictures

Created by: [dntwastetime](#) on September 26, flags: **36**, replies: 491

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"Wednesday, 26 September 2007

I am a Singaporean working in Myanmar for the past 11 years.

I was on my way to office(near Thuwana area) at around 4 to 4.30pm when the riot police block the road near "Super one, ILBC area". I stop my car with my wife and walk out. suddenly riot police and soldiers drove the truck around the corner and start firing shots

at the crowd. we quickly ran to the side and squat down near the wall.

The soldiers came down and start to shoot at us. I was shot twice but i did not know what hit me. My both leg were bruised. the soldiers and police kicked us and the rest of the crowds into the drain and shouted that they would kill us if we look at them.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 27-9-2007 by SkepticOverlord]

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Report: Air Force lost track of nuclear missiles

Created by: [TruthWithin](#) on September 5, flags: **35**, replies: 190

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"The paper, a fellow Gannett publication, cites anonymous sources who say that five Advanced Cruise Missiles were mistakenly loaded on a B-52 bomber that flew from a base in North Dakota to one in Louisiana. The missiles, set to be decommissioned, should have been removed from the plane. Instead, they were mounted on the bomber's wings."(visit the link for the full news article)

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"WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Six nuclear warheads on cruise missiles were mistakenly carried on a flight from North Dakota to Louisiana last week, prompting a major investigation, military officials have confirmed.

The plane took the cruise missiles from Minot Air Force Base to Barksdale Air Force Base for decommissioning Thursday, the Air Force said. "(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 5-9-2007 by UM_Gazz]

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Sorcha Faal... Internet Hoax Queen Courtesy of David Booth...

Created by: [Mirthful Me](#) on September 24, flags: **35**, replies: 47

On almost a weekly basis some outrageous claim is made in an ATS thread, and usually the topic is centered on the demise of civilization as we know it. Here are some recent threads that are based on Sorcha Faal's "research" and "insight."

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

The above is a sliver of the threads available on ATS.

There is a common element to these "reports," the "author" Sorcha Faal. Who is "Sorcha Faal" and what is "her" agenda?

Here is some insight:

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Our own inquiry:

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

And my favorite disclaimer regarding Sorcha Faal being used by a website:

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Note:.. There is no such person as "Sorcha Faal, Russian academic" "Sorcha Faal" is actually David Booth, an American computer programmer "Sorcha" is alleged to be a Russian academic but there is absolutely no record of anyone with such a name in Russian academia. These periodic eruptions have absolutely no basis in any kind of fact or reality and are typical of the nonsense bespangling the internet. These reports, however, have a good deal of entertainment value. This idiocy is almost as funny as the Scientology cult babblings. Ed.

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So why does David Booth/Sorcha Faal perpetrate this fraud? Apparently it is an excellent way to solicit money, and to promote his/her/its book:

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And he should be dead now:

"

As agreed upon by the congregation this final message to humanity would be released only upon the death of David Booth, the last in the line of the 'messengers' for the family.

And as our Dear Brother David Booth lies tonight before that doorway of death we release to the world tonight this Final Message from him.

"

But he's not... He's still coming up with hoax after hoax... Most likely using the "Sorcha Faal" moniker because his name has been tied to hoax's, plagiarism and other unsavory undertakings. Why feed David Booth's need to yank on the collective internet user's chain? Why do people drink the Kool-aid and hang on to a particular story's veracity? Is it because it reflects their personal world view, or beliefs? I'm not sure... But I am sure that every time I see a Sorcha Faal article referenced the possibility of "Deny Ignorance" has been greatly reduced regarding that particular topic.

I hope this helps some of the members and guests of ATS understand the true nature of the Sorcha Faal/ David Booth viral hoax campaign...

[edit on 24/9/2007 by Mirthful Me]

Link to thread: [...thread304918/pg1](#)

At least 22 British SDI engineers dead by mysterious Suicides

Created by: [WolfofWar](#) on September 5, flags: **32**, replies: **81**

Since 1988, a total of 22 engineers and researchers involved with Operation Star Wars, the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) were all found dead in mysterious circumstances, all involving apparent suicides.

"Fifty-year-old Alistair Beckham was a successful British aerospace- projects engineer. His specialty was designing computer software for sophisticated naval defense systems. Like hundreds of other British scientists, he was working on a pilot program for America's Strategic Defense Initiative--better known as Star Wars. And like at least 21 of his colleagues, he died a bizarre, violent death.

It was a lazy, sunny Sunday afternoon in August 1988. After driving his wife to work, Beckham walked through his garden to a musty backyard toolshed and sat down on a box next to the door. He wrapped bare wires around his chest, attached the to an electrical outlet and put a handkerchief in his mouth. Then he pulled the switch.

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"

The eeriest one is Alistar Beckham, who walked to his shed and put wires around his body, and stuck it into an electrical socket. Who honestly kills themselves in such a bizarre fashion of electrocution?

more importantly, what is so important in the SDI program that 22 people had to die over it?

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[edit on 5/9/2007 by Mirthful Me]

[edit on 6-9-2007 by UM_Gazz]

Link to thread: [...thread300971/pg1](#)

5 Reasons why America is Going to Hell in a Handbasket.

Created by: [SimiusDei](#) on September 8, flags: **32**, replies: **160**

5. Political Correctness - Not only has the "philosophy" of political correctness stripped us of our testicles in this country, it has also managed to make us feel bad about ourselves for using words that were perfectly commonplace several years ago. Hey, we've got the slavery and genocide carried out by our ancestors to keep us guilty for the next few centuries. Let's wait

until then to worry about whether or not ordering our coffee "black" will offend someone.

4. Political Corruption - The system of checks and balances seems to have long gone out the door. This should have been confirmed for MANY when the democrats took a bit of control last November yet, nothing at all changed. While we are busy fighting to "spread democracy", we at home have to wonder if our votes even count when it comes to our elections.

3. Perpetual War for Profit - Still stuck in Iraq after 5 years and nothing has been accomplished. Unless you count a bunch of millionaires becoming billionaires and 4000+ American lives being lost as something. And for what? The only logical answer: MONEY..."OH! But we got Saddam out of power!" Bah, Saddam hasn't hurt any of us over here on American soil, at least the last time I checked.

2. The Federal Reserve System - Everyday we get to hear about the nation's "debt". And who are we indebted to? A small group of rich bankers who made a killing by convincing our government that issuing money that had no solid backing (such as gold or silver) was the good way to go. Our economy is rapidly falling apart and it seems as if nothing will be done about it. A guy named Kennedy tried to fix this mess once, though I hear something bad happened to that guy. Who owns America? The Federal Reserve Board, that's who. We could have our economy fixed by tomorrow morning, if the source of our economic problems weren't the ones in charge of our economy.

1. Apathy - The American public, as a whole, knows more about what happened on Big Brother or UFC last night than they know about the workings of their own government. The only thing sadder than that is, THEY JUST DON'T GIVE A [snip]! The stresses of everyday life have become too much of a hassle for us here in the land o' the free. We have slipped to the point where we have forgotten that freedom is not just given away, it is EARNED. We have been fed more and more crap to keep us placated over the years so the crooks can run amok without us putting up much, if any, fight. It's time to WAKE THE [snip] UP AMERICA! What good are your television and cell phones gonna do ya when you are inside on of those FEMA run concentration camps? If nothing else, I guess you can always take pictures of your fellow detainees with your camera phone. Apathy is going to kill this country quicker than anything else. Unless us American's make a concious effort to get off of our collective [snip] and change a few things, violently if necessary, we stand as much chance as an ice cube in [snip]

Jasn

NOTE: Mirthful, proceed. (Just try not to make it Rant alright? That forum is dead as all [snip] and this isn't a rant....it's a commentary haha.)

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[edit on 8-9-2007 by elevatedone]

Note: elevatedone, hell (as in the place) is a curse word? I must say, I am confused by this edit.

[edit on 8-9-2007 by SimiusDei]

Link to thread: [...thread301641/pg1](#)

Five People Arrested For Reading The Constitution At A Pro War Rally

Created by: [jimrat201](#) on September 20, flags: **32**, replies: 49

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well its now been proved once and for all, they could at least announce there is no freedom of speech instead or pretending there is whilst arresting anyone for it. its utterly disgusting. Yeah those code pink protesters are nothing but trouble WTF :mad:

Link to thread: [...thread304196/pg1](#)

Thruster May Shorten Mars Trip from 6 Months to 1 Week

Created by: [Keyhole](#) on September 10, flags: **30**, replies: 65

The founder of the Bae Institute, Young Bae, has built a photonic laser thruster (PLT), which, once upscaled they say will be able to shorten trips to Mars from 6 months to 1 week.

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An amplified photon thruster that could potentially shorten the trip to Mars from six months to a week has reportedly attracted the attention of aerospace agencies and contractors.

The demonstration produced a photon thrust of 35 μ N and is scalable to achieve much greater thrust for future space missions, the institute said. Applications include highly precise satellite formation flying configurations for building large synthetic apertures in space for earth or space observation, precision contaminant-free spacecraft docking operations, and propelling spacecraft to unprecedented speeds -- faster than 100 km/sec.

"This is the tip of the iceberg," Bae said in a statement from the institute. "PLT has immense potential for the aerospace industry. For example, PLT-powered spacecraft could transit the 100 million km to Mars in less than a week."

He has been contacted by NASA, JPL, DARPA, and the Air Force Research Laboratory. This is HUGE if what he says is true, to Mars in less than a week?

Here are some other websites with info.

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

[edit on 10/9/07 by Keyhole]

Link to thread: ...thread301958/pg1

Osama Bin Laden Video Discussion and Updates

Created by: **UM_Gazz** on September 7, flags: **28**, replies: 552

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

"CAIRO, Egypt — Usama bin Laden appeared for the first time in three years in a new videotape Friday, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they want the war in Iraq to end, according to a transcript obtained by ABC News.

The videotape appeared to have been recently made, since bin Laden refers to the Democratic victory in Congress and to French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who was elected in May

"(visit the link for the full news article)

Video Clips:

(Full Length)

Video Transcript:

(pdf File)

Related ATS Discussion:

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Most Recent Thread Post:

[edit on 10-9-2007 by SkepticOverlord]

[edit on 11-9-2007 by UM_Gazz]

Link to thread: ...thread301405/pg1

St.George cop is fired!

Created by: **zeroeffect** on September 20, flags: **28**, replies: 56

i live in st,louis and the st.george cop that was taped harrassing and threatening that man was just announced fired from the dept by alderman in st.george and also under investigation is the st.george police chief who's fate is also being decided tonite also the whole saint george dept is being decided it might be dissolved and given to saint louis county police. if anyone has any questions i would be happy to answer them and there is justice afterall

Link to thread: ...thread304305/pg1

The 9/11 Coincidences - best documentary out there

Created by: **Copernicus** on September 29, flags: **28**, replies: 35

Ok, I realized that this documentary may not have been seen by everybody here. Its the best and most complete of them all in my opinion. So Ive linked to every part of it below for your convenience. Enjoy. :)

Its called 9/11 Coincidences, and here is the list of its parts. There is no need to watch them in order since they are all about a single topic.

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Link to thread: ...thread305972/pg1

September 14th: A day to remember?

Created by: **TruthWithin** on September 10, flags: **27**, replies: 216

So ever since the discussion over the 5 or 6 nukes "accidentally" carried on board that B52 bomber *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* I have been perplexed as to why they chose to ground all of the US fighters and bombers *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* on September 14th (Friday).

So I started looking around for September 14th around the net and came upon a few interesting things:

The *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* claims that no flights on El Al Airlines (out of Tel Aviv) are flying to the US on September 14th.

So I went to the site and checked. No flights to New York OR LA on the 13th, 14th and 15th of September (they normally have flights on those days of the week). I urge you all to go the the *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

Although I find Hal Turner to be a racist &##\$%, this is an interesting little tid bit.

I seem to recall hearing about similar things happening before September 11, 2001.

I also saw on his site that *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* will "be confined to special security events" from September 11 thru the 18th.

I went to Wikipedia and found 2 notable events that have occurred on this date in history *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*.

1 - 1948 - Groundbreaking for the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

2 - 1960- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is founded.

Also, Roshashana, the Jewish Holiday is the 13th and the 14th of this month. This very well could explain why the flights aren't departing from EL AL around those days, but I thought I would mention it.

I don't know what to make of all of this. I don't want this to all sound like a baseless prophesy or anything. I just thought it was interesting.

If you compound this with all of the other stuff thats been floating around (*links removed, visit the thread for external references*), then it all seems a bit convenient.

Anyone else know of anything else about September 14th?

Edited to add date to the founding of OPEC and to fix the El Al link.

[edit on 10-9-2007 by TruthWithin]

Link to thread: ...thread302051/pg1

Short Poem Contest - Winners Announced on Pg 9

Created by: [worldwatcher](#) on September 13, flags: 27, replies: 200

For all I am

For all that I can be

What am I right now?

Nothing but me.

Do you think that is good short poem? No, not really, well how about you submit one. :P

The following contest is a Short Poem Free for all . Any topic, any format, basically a free verse, only rule, it must be short, no more than a 8 lines.

8000 ATS Points to the Winner

5000 " " for Second Place

3000 " " for Third Place

Anyone can enter this contest except for me ;)

Writer status will be given to participants. Post your entries in this thread but be sure to bold the poem part of your post. Limit three (3) entries per member.

Winners Announced on Monday, Sept 17

Thread closed to entries midnight eastern Sunday the 16th.

In addition to the official winners, we'll also have popular vote winner

Participants and readers, show us who is your favorite poet by giving their post a star.

The poem with the most stars will also win a prize.

good luck have fun

[edit on 9-13-2007 by worldwatcher]

[edit on 9-14-2007 by worldwatcher]

[edit on 9-17-2007 by worldwatcher]

Link to thread: ...thread302654/pg1

Police Website Threatens Teenaged Video Vigilante

Created by: [section8citizen](#) on September 17, flags: 27, replies: 73

(*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

"When stopped by an out-of-control St. George, Missouri police officer last Friday, motorist Brett Darrow feared for his life. It turns out, he had legitimate reason for concern. Three months ago, participants in an online forum frequented by Saint Louis law enforcement personnel threatened to harass -- and even physically harm -- Darrow."(visit the link for the full news article)

Related AboveTopSecret.com Discussion Threads:

(*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

Link to thread: ...thread303570/pg1

Six Soldiers Who Handled "Missing Nukes" Now Dead

Created by: [Keyhole](#) on September 19, flags: 26, replies: 60

According to this article 6 men have died who had something to do with the transportation of the missing nukes.

(*links removed, visit the thread for external references*)

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Since the Minot story broke a week ago about the missing nukeclandestine operation from Minot, we have the following (for those who are paying attention):

1. All six people listed below are from Minot Airforce base
2. All were directly involved as loaders or as pilots
3. All are now dead
4. All within the last 7 days in 'accidents' [Not all of them --LRP]

"

If you go to the article, there are six links to news articles about the deaths of each of these six men.

What are the odds that six of the soldiers that had something to do with the "missing" nukes would die within a week of each other?

Seems like somebody isn't happy!

We'll probably never know how the nukes became missing or how or why these soldiers died.

Link to thread: ...thread304031/pg1

The Sister Lucia of Fatima Who Died Recently was not the Real Sister Lucia: Compelling Evidence!

Created by: [Palasheea](#) on September 21, flags: **25**, replies: 170

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Earlier today I was thinking about purchasing a book online about the Vatican's cover-up having to do with the Marian Visitation at Fatima where I saw a photograph of Sister Lucia, one of the seers of Fatima, in her seventies or eighties. Yet, something seemed amiss....

So then I went looking on web if there were any photographs of Sister Lucia in her twenties, thirties or forties and while doing so, I stumbled on the link above which gives compelling evidence that the Sister Lucia that we've all seen over the few years before she recently passed away is in fact NOT the real Sister Lucia! There are 2 pages of photographs showing comparisons between the more current public photo's of Sr. Lucia and older photo's of the real Sister Lucia... I'm sure you will find this amazing!

Please look over the link at the top of this page and tell me what you think.

All I can say is that at this point in time, nothing the Vatican does anymore surprises me....

My only question is, whatever happened to the real Sister Lucia? And how does all of this effect the veracity of the 3 Secrets of Fatima?

Here's some more information on this:

A traditional Benedictine monk Brother Michael Dimond says that:

"...Sister Lucia, who received the prophecies at Fatima, was actually an imposter after 1960, when the real Lucia either died or was killed. That is why the third secret of Fatima wasn't revealed at the time"

Here's his website:

And here's an article from his site about this imposter Sister Lucia

[edit on 21-9-2007 by Palasheea]

Link to thread: [...thread304315/pg1](#)

'Three-day blitz' plan for Iran

Created by: [The_Coo](#) on September 1, flags: **24**, replies: 214

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

"A national security expert revealed to The London Times that the Pentagon has "drawn up plans for massive airstrikes against 1,200 targets in Iran, designed to annihilate the Iranians' military capability in three days."

According to the paper, one Washington source said the "temperature was rising" to launch an Iranian attack inside the Bush administration.

Israel has said if the United States back down, it is "ready to attack."

"(visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: [...thread300353/pg1](#)

Man Working On The Moon?

Created by: [AcesInTheHole](#) on September 3, flags: **24**, replies: 103

I came across this site describing the Aurigids, but I think NASA slipped up on this one.(emphasis mine)

"Important because:

Only known case in our lifetime: crossing of the dust trail of a known long period comet.

Long-period comets, such as were Hale-Bopp, Hyakutake, and McNaught, tend to sneak up on us. They are a potential impact danger. What can the dust trail tell us about their physical nature?

Their dust is a danger to satellites in orbit and man working on the Moon.

Dust stream could contain material from original cosmic-ray produced crust of comet. "

Is this some type of whistle blowing? What do you think they mean by man working on the moon??:puz:

[edit on 9/3/07 by AcesInTheHole]

Link to thread: [...thread300651/pg1](#)

NEW 9/11 VIDEO - FLIGHT 93 Fraud - #1 Smoking Gun evidence

Created by: [OutoftheSky](#) on September 4, flags: **24**, replies: 81

The 4 minute video show "shocking proof" that no plane or Flight 93 crashed at Shanksville on 9/11 and that possibly a missile or bomb was used.

See for your self. Youtube link

Link to thread: [...thread300851/pg1](#)

Demon outside my window?

Created by: [Ranbo](#) on September 17, flags: **24**, replies: 436
Demon outside my window?

First of all, I want to be completely honest with you all. I've been browsing this site for a while, and frankly...I thought you were all full of it. Yes, I know very harsh, but I feel I must be honest before I can tell me tale. So without further ado...

2 Weeks Ago-

I was sitting in my room, and I had a huge headache. I was trying to sleep but I was restless. I turned on my tv and all I got was static, which I thought was weird, but, we have dish so that happens sometimes. I stood up and went into the kitchen and got a coke from the fridge and headed back to my room, upon entering I looked at my window, and a man was standing there. His eyes seemed to be glowing red. First thing I did was run to my mom and tell her, and she called the police. When they came, they checked outside and prints were there. The weird thing was, they were incredibly small, like the man was on his tippy toes. I decided it was fine, and went on with my life.

1 Week ago-

A week ago, I was riding my bike with my friend down to the store at the corner of our street. I was riding and I looked on the side of the road, and across a small ditch the man was standing there(Keep in mind, I'm in the middle of the street) He grinned at me, and my friend called out, 'STEVEN!' and I swerved to the left and a car whizzed past me, and sent me sprawling on the road, I looked again and the man was gone. Oddly, I had no injuries.

2 Days ago-

My Grandma died. I know, it's odd. We went to the funeral and it was a nice reception and such. My family was in tears, yet I couldn't find them myself. My mother was asking me what was wrong, and I couldn't tell her. Yet, I felt something was off. Later I went into the parking lot and sat on the car. (This next part, I haven't told anyone else, for fear of being sent to a psychologist. I think I'm able to tell it here, since this is so anonymous.) The man approached me, his eyes weren't glowing red, they just SEEMED to be glowing, no matter how cliché it sounds. The conversation was as such.

"Dreadful" The man said.

"What the *SNIP* are you?" I screamed.

"Vassago"

I started to run, I had no idea what he meant but I wasn't about to stick around.

Yesterday-

My mother won 2000 dollars in the lottery, enough to pay off our rent and enough to get me an xbox 360. I could've sworn I saw the man at the store.

I know. This might sound crazy, but I couldn't think of any other place where people might believe me.

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[edit on 18/9/2007 by Mirthful Me]

Link to thread: [...thread303547/pg1](#)

Bowman Now Calls For Impeachment: Asks Military To Refuse Orders To Attack IRAN

Created by: [Truth4hire](#) on September 17, flags: **24**, replies: 373

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

"I contend that should some civilian order you to initiate a nuclear attack on Iran (for example), you are duty-bound to refuse that order. I might also suggest that you should consider whether the circumstances demand that you arrest whoever gave the order as a war criminal.

I know for a fact that in recent history (once under Nixon and once under Reagan), the military nuclear chain of command in the White House discussed these things and were prepared to refuse an order to "nuke Russia ."”(visit the link for the full news article)

Related News Links:

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Link to thread: [...thread303463/pg1](#)

B-52 Nukes Were Headed for Iran: Airforce Refused

Created by: [hightowerx](#) on September 26, flags: **24**, replies: 154

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-- SPECIAL REPORT --

Air Force refused to fly weapons to Middle East theater

By Wayne Madsen

Sept. 24, 2007

Author's website

WMR has learned from U.S. and foreign intelligence sources that the B-52 transporting six stealth AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missiles, each armed with a W-80-1 nuclear warhead, on August 30, were destined for the Middle East via Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. However, elements of the Air Force, supported by U.S. intelligence agency personnel, successfully revealed

the ultimate destination of the nuclear weapons and the mission was aborted due to internal opposition within the Air Force and U.S. Intelligence Community. Yesterday, the /Washington Post/ attempted to explain away the fact that America's nuclear command and control system broke down in an unprecedented manner by reporting that it was the result of "security failures at multiple levels." It is now apparent that the command and control breakdown, reported as a BENT SPEAR incident to the Secretary of Defense and White House, was not the result of a command and control chain-of-command "failures" but the result of a revolt and push back by various echelons within the Air Force and intelligence agencies against a planned U.S. attack on Iran using nuclear and conventional weapons.

"(Not sure if you guys had this yet. Didn't see it on the search.)

From: Rense.com

Report:

Looks like Project_silo was right...

[edit on 26-9-2007 by hightowerx]

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[edit on 26/9/2007 by Mirthful Me]

Link to thread: [...thread305388/pg1](#)

John Lenard Walson: Biggest discovery ever?

Created by: [MetisElara](#) on September 3, flags: 23, replies: 183

Mods, bear with me, as I'm aware there have been threads on this topic in the past. However, I feel they weren't started correctly and focused on Jose Escamilla's controversial and undependable distribution methods rather than on the actual subject matter itself. I feel this thread should stand alone. I ask responders to focus on the subject, rather than on their anger for not receiving proper service from Mr. Escamilla after paying for the online download of "Interstellar", which uses Microsoft DRM and has caused some issues. I understand that Mr. Escamilla

should be accountable and timely in issuing refunds, however this is not what I'm focusing on, so I politely ask that you remain on subject. I do not have first hand experience with the broken downloads or refunds; I am merely addressing the people that have posted about it to get it out of the way. I also understand that there were some copyright issues with the YouTube videos below. I don't want that to be the focus of this either. I believe this topic deserves a more focused beginning, (which the other's lacked) in order to pick up some steam; hence the reason I've started this one. I hope it doesn't get locked. Here goes:

Amateur astronomer John Lenard Walson claims to have devised an "apparatus" composed of a common CCD camcorder and a commercial grade telescope that is capable of zooming and focusing in on deep space objects (which appear to the naked eye as regular stars) in such a way, that their shape and structure becomes clearly visible.

In the latest release from independent UFO documentary filmmaker Jose Escamilla, titled simply, "Interstellar", Mr. Escamilla claims to provide half an hour of "live" footage recorded directly through Mr. Walson's contraption. The images are incredible and shocking, to say the least. If the footage is real, this could be the biggest discovery in history. The images show intricate and structured objects of vast proportions, clearly not of naturally occurring origin. Jose and John have taken to calling them "starships". They claim these starships are orbiting earth at varying distances; some in very deep space and others closer than I dare to imagine! I will admit that some of the objects appear to be nebulas or gas formations, but others appear more "intentional" or anomalous to be natural, at least in my opinion. Mr. Walson claims to have received attention from NASA astronomers as well as prestigious universities for his discovery and has stated that he will disclose his technique to the world at large at some point in the near future. The images below are only a tease. Watch the videos!

Link to article on Walson and the film Interstellar:

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Link to official download of the film (Remember there have been issues.):

(links removed, visit the thread for external references)

Images:

Videos:

YouTube video compilation #1 (Catchy little song!):

(isit the thread to view linked videos)

YouTube video compilation #2 (First half is shown in negative.):

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Link to thread: [...thread300556/pg1](#)

3000 years history of NWO video

Created by: [sp00n1](#) on September 8, flags: **23**, replies: 60
Great film. It's called "Ring of Power" but its also known as "The empire of the city"

This 5 hour long film is packed full of information that you won't find tied together anywhere else. It is absolutely astonishing how much research went into this video!!

Trace the NWO back to Ancient Egypt and explains a lot of things that never made sense before.

Part 1

(visit the thread to view linked videos)

Part 2

(visit the thread to view linked videos)

Link to thread: [...thread301571/pg1](#)

6 Nukes were never missing,They are heading to IRAN.

Created by: [Project_Silo](#) on September 12, flags: **23**, replies: 334

I'm sure everyone has heard about the *(links removed, visit the thread for external references)* "accidently" flown to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. There has been many discussions here at ATS concerning how it would be possible to do this "accidently". In the end everyone generally agrees its would be impossible to do such a thing on accident.

I believe these weapons are headed to Iran and I'll tell you why.

(links removed, visit the thread for external references) has flown over 150 missions in iraq in this latest Iraq war.

" In March 2003, time finally ran out for Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein whose regime had continually defied the U.N. for almost 13 years. Returning yet again to the deadly skies of Iraq, Barksdale B-52s flew over 150 combat sorties against military targets throughout the southern half of the country. In a lightening campaign dubbed Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. and Coalition military forces -ousted Saddam Hussein paving the way for democracy in Iraq "

So why would the military even announce such a event ever happend?To intimidate Iran I believe.Crazy eh? Well withen 9 days the threats have increased in potency.Scary really.

First threat on September 02,07 - .Wich i see basically as just a threat,but still disturbing.

"THE Pentagon has drawn up plans for massive airstrikes against 1,200 targets in Iran, designed to annihilate the Iranians' military capability in three days, according to a national security expert "

Then September 11,07 ,*(links removed, visit the thread for external references)*

"Political and military officers, as well as weapons of mass destruction specialists at the State Department, are now advising Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the diplomatic approach favored by Burns has failed and the administration must actively prepare for military intervention of some kind Among those advising Rice along these lines are John Rood, the assistant secretary for the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; and a number of Mideast experts, including Ambassador James Jeffrey, deputy White House national security adviser under Stephen Hadley and formerly the principal deputy assistant secretary for Near Eastern affairs."

WTF!No longer can we hope for that miracle.It looks like its going to happen.This is not a threat,this is them saying the diplomatic approach has failed?! You must understand this is much more significant then past threats.This bad bad news.

And all this the same time the nukes were flown to a base that flies missions to Iraq occasionally?Odd.

Also this Aircraft stand down coming on the 14th.This could be preparing the aircraft and breifing the pilots on what is to come.I really hate to see this be the case but im afraid it is,and I'm pretty un easy.I firmly firmly believe a war with Iran will evovlve into something unthinkable.I will discuss this further if anyone wants to know.

Really think about this and tell me what you guys think.A lot if adding up.And the threats have reached beyond and things can start happening anytime now.I dread the next time i hear the Emergency alert system.I mean this is real folks.

***** By the way notice how it says "Political and military officers, as well as weapons of mass destruction specialists at the State Department, are now advising Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the diplomatic approach favored by Burns has failed and the administration must actively prepare for military intervention of some kind "

WTF,a weapons mass destruction expert,and Nuclear missiles shipped to Barksdale.Sigh,sorry for getting all worked up but i have never been worried in all my years of following the worlds pulse.I am however realizing this could really happen....wow

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Just found that

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Home Owner Stockpiles Ammo: ATF Raids. NWO - Project Disarm

Created by: [AllSeeingI](#) on September 4, flags: **22**, replies: 159

The Crackdown is happening. If the NWO finds out you are stockpiling ammo and guns they can raid your home too.

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Alan Greenspan claims Iraq war was really for oil

Created by: [DocMoreau](#) on September 15, flags: **21**, replies: 131

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"AMERICA's elder statesman of finance, Alan Greenspan, has shaken the White House by declaring that the prime motive for the war in Iraq was oil.

In his long-awaited memoir, to be published tomorrow, Greenspan, a Republican whose 18-year tenure as head of the US Federal Reserve was widely admired, will also deliver a stinging critique of President W Bush's economic policies.

However, it is his view on the motive for the 2003 Iraq invasion that is likely to provoke the most controversy.

"I am saddened that it is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: the Iraq war is largely about oil," he says"

Wow, I wonder why it took him so long to say it.

DocMoreau

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Blackwater security firm banned from Iraq

Created by: [Jgruh4e](#) on September 17, flags: **21**, replies: 134

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"Iraq's Interior Ministry has revoked the license of Blackwater Security Consulting, an American firm whose contractors are blamed for a Sunday gunbattle in Baghdad that left eight civilians dead.

The firefight took place near Nisoor Square about noon, an Interior Ministry official said Sunday. In addition to the fatalities, 14 people were wounded, most of them civilians, the official said.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

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8.4 Magnitude Earthquake Rocks Indonesia - Tsunami Warnings Issued

Created by: [AllSeeingI](#) on September 12, flags: **20**, replies: 162

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"JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake hit Indonesia on Wednesday, causing buildings to sway in the capital, and authorities issued a tsunami warning.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.9, the Indonesian Meteorological Institute said. It said a tsunami alert had been issued.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

Mod edit: Title. Upgraded to 8.4 + Not Jakarta, but Indonesia

[edit on 2007/9/12 by Hellmutt]

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Cheney Orders Media To Sell Attack On Iran

Created by: [EBE154](#) on September 4, flags: **20**, replies: 95

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"Dick Cheney has ordered top Neo-Con media outlets, including Fox News and the Wall Street Journal, to unleash a PR blitz to sell a war with Iran from today, according to Barnett Rubin, the highly respected Afghanistan expert at New York University..."(visit the link for the full news article)

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Grey alien shown with George W. Bush

Created by: [pjslug](#) on September 7, flags: **20**, replies: 322

C2C is showing a very interesting picture on its pages.

(visit the thread to view linked images)

"Was watching CNN-- President Bush was talking about the Housing Market. I believe it was Sep 3rd 2007 and noticed reflection on White House door showing a Gray alien...Fox News also showed this at the same time. [Video stills below.]

--Carolyn C."

You have to see these video stills! Very interesting.

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[HOAX] Found New Video- large Space Objects-F.A.S.T. [HOAX]

Created by: [Gridkeeper](#) on September 16, flags: **20**, replies: 390

admin edit:

This thread contains videos of what has been defined as satellites and stars being presented as huge "interstellar space craft" by using slow shutter speeds and moving the tripod holding the out of focus video camera.

The author, now banned from AboveTopSecret.com for hoaxing, has been asked several times to provide pristine exif data, present a fast shutter speed image taken seconds before or after capturing the "ships" or provide a clearer image of a known object as has been done by more than one of our members who have the same grade of telescope as the hoaxer.

Needless to say none of these things were provided and the author decried the request as an attempt to "control" him and stated he was leaving ATS forever, :@@: just like 99% of all hoaxers usually do when they are caught. :dn:
Springer...

This has been uploaded to blip.tv, it appears to show more detail than before and even has closer shots of some of these objects. There is more information in it and it also shows filming through the back screen of a camera onto a pc. Two of the shots also show a zoom in and out of a star which is below orions belt. There is a video description which just asks many questions but doesn't tell us much about the film itself.

Video Link:

Description: Quote:

"F.A.S.T. Far Above Space and Time An Introduction Into the New Possibilities in a World with an Infinite Mind Created Universe. Are We Alone?

Are the people of this world really ready for the most mind altering disclosure regarding large objects or even life which may not be from this planet? Can humanity really handle the truth at this stage of their evolution? What are these objects? What does this mean for the future of mankind in general? For there are and will be people whom will fight amongst themselves regarding the origins and truth behind the filming of this footage and the acceptance or non acceptance of it into their lives. There is no hope of the government ever telling you because they believe you are not yet ready or they just wish to lie to you. Many people believe you cannot accept this as you are unable to keep peace between yourselves. This is the

introduction.....Are you ready? Are we alone? Can YOU handle the truth. "

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WeAreChange confronts Bill Clinton

Created by: [dntwastetime](#) on September 30, flags: **20**, replies: 78

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"Luke Rudkowski of WeAreChange.org discusses their recent confrontation of former Bill Clinton during a book signing.

After Clinton refused to answer a question about extraditing Osama Bin Laden when he had the chance, the group let Clinton have it--

"(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 30-9-2007 by dntwastetime]

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[edit on 30-9-2007 by DontTreadOnMe]

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Mom, Dad? Why did they point guns at me?

Created by: [Knightshadowz](#) on September 23, flags: **19**, replies: 55

Call this post a warning to anyone with parental instincts and a desire to ensure the future of our children by protecting them from ANYONE who would influence them. This includes our so-called government, along with state and local ILLEGAL police procedure.

As many of you may have noticed, the sheer number of reports of police brutality in the last 2 weeks have been escalating. Police do not serve AND protect those that actually pay their salary. In fact, they are very much like security guards that have by far overstepped their bounds when it comes to just how much power they are allotted.

On top of that, we have people we didn't elect in command of America's military might that don't give a damn about who they hurt, so long as there is profit to be made from the deaths of our fighting men and women. They give us our opinion through the influence of the news room, plain and simple.

I am 21 years old, and a citizen of the nation that was once consider the land of freedom and equality. Sadly, we lost our nation with the passing of the patriot act.

To anyone without their head in their bowels, the chain of events in the last 100 years is more than proof that something is amiss.

In the event of a draft, which is inevitably going to happen, I will be in total refusal to fight on the grounds that it is illegal. We didnt learn that we cant punch things we cant see from Vietnam, where it was more than obvious that FEAR was the choice weapon to drive the American war-machine into that mess.

From the false election, to the fake attacks on the WTC, to the gustapo tactics that our police forces use today. According to them, you don't have any opinions other than the views presented to you. Unless you a psychic and know everything, you cannot deny the world we live in is being manipulated.

Control is what they dont want to loose, and if they know they will lose it, they will do ANYTHING including nuclear "dirty bomb" attacks on the US just to gain your trust again by declaring martial law in the interests of homeland security.

The point of this topic is subtle:

Do you prefer your children to live afraid to do anything without the approval of someone that is 300-1000 mi. away? Do you honestly think that you are doing them a favor by supporting blood-shed in the name of profit? I completely understand now why so many in the world hate us, and perhaps one day someone else will wake up like me and see that we are wrong. If the whole worlds against us, then obviously we are the ones in the wrong so long as we allow the leadership in place to just sit back and let things happen.

I will not fight against another country for any man's profit, nor should others be sent and forced to fight in my sted. I pray I will never see the day that I have to fight my own countrymen just to defend rights I earned by being born here. My forefathers fought for the rights of others in every major conflict starting with World War I, and its in their name that I would stand for the cause of freedom in our homeland against the Facist pigs who use that freedom to further their own corrupt and illegal agendas.

Just imagine for one second that your child is on the floor of a school, and a cop is bearing down on them with a gun demanding drugs, and you tell me what you would do. It goes without saying that the cop is a dead man, as drawing and pointing a weapon at an unarmed child in a school where it is against FEDERAL LAW to carry a firearm constitutes a breach of the patriot act on grounds of terrorist action.

A terrorist is ANYONE who uses fear to gain a strategic or profitable advantage over another person, be it man, woman, or child. This includes people from this country that wear a badge, and make decisions that can affect a person for life. If that person chose to execute that power to commit an illegal action, it is

within the bounds of the constitution of the united states to defend yourself.

-Knight

[edit on 23-9-2007 by Knightshadowz]

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Canadian Dollar Officially Worth more than United States Dollar

Created by: [sp00n1](#) on September 23, flags: **19**, replies: 147
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"Against the Canadian dollar, the U.S. currency fell to \$1.0018 from \$0.9992 on Sept. 21, when it declined to a 31-year low of \$1.0064.

The dollar fell to 115.10 yen at 12:35 p.m. in Tokyo from 115.50 late in New York on Sept. 21. It traded at \$1.4101 against the euro from \$1.4091 last week and a record low of \$1.4120. Against the pound, the dollar reached \$2.0266, the lowest since Sept. 13, from \$2.0203. It may fall to \$1.42 against the euro this week, Attrill said."(visit the link for the full news article)

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NORTHCOM Plans 5 Day Martial Law Exercise

Created by: [CaptGizmo](#) on September 6, flags: **18**, replies: 63

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"The United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) has just announced plans for an anti-terrorism exercise called Vigilant Shield 08. The exercise which is slated to run from October 15th to October 20th is described as a way to prepare, prevent and respond to any number of national crises. The exercise is simply a test case scenario for the implementation of martial law. Although the description of the exercise is disturbing, USNORTHCOM also announced that they are more prepared for a natural disaster and a terrorist attack after they used their response to Hurricane Katrina as a test laboratory.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

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Bin Laden To Address the USA ON 9/11 anniversary

Created by: [The_Coo](#) on September 6, flags: **18**, replies: 259

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"Osama Bin Laden plans to issue a video message addressing the American people on the sixth anniversary of the attacks on September 11, US-based monitoring service SITE said on Thursday."(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 6-9-2007 by The_Coo]

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9/11 mystery jet stirs conspiracy theories

Created by: [AllSeeingI](#) on September 13, flags: **18**, replies: 104

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"A mystery plane that flew over Washington on September 11, 2001, is still a cause for concern. CNN's John King reports"(visit the link for the full news article)

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Minot Air Force Base Airman Dies on Leave

Created by: [Meatclown](#) on September 16, flags: **18**, replies: 80

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"Authorities are investigating the death of a Minot Air Force Base airman who died while on leave in Virginia. Base officials say 20-year-old Airman 1st Class Todd Blue died Monday while visiting family members in Wytheville, Virginia.

Blue enlisted in the Air Force in March of last year and joined the 5th Security Forces at Minot Air Force Base the following August.

Information on how Blue died has not been released."(visit the link for the full news article)

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Wheelchair-Bound Woman Dies After Being Shocked With Taser 10 Times

Created by: [Black_Fox](#) on September 19, flags: **18**, replies: 150

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"A Clay County woman's family said it's seeking justice after their loved one died shortly after being shocked 10 times with Taser guns during a confrontation with police."(visit the link for the full news article)

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Ohio Woman Tasered 5+ Times, Plus kicked

Created by: [minnie](#) on September 21, flags: **18**, replies: 99

Another incident of police brutality using tasers on an Ohio woman, check out this video:

(I couldn't find a video that is able to show up on this page)

--Minnie

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Get out of the United States now !!! 2.19, 2008 Deadline

Created by: [K-illuminati](#) on September 21, flags: **18**, replies: 93

hello fellow GAIA inhabitants, this is the most serious piece of news that no one is talking about anywhere, you wont hear about it, only here. Anyone especially the true whistle blowers here on ATS with REAL information and documents must act on this news ASAP because martial law and the new world order is officially here as of the date of February 19, 2008, any human that wants to fly or boat their way within, out of, into or through the U.S.A is guilty until proven innocent and before being able to fly or boat you must be aproved to be cleared! by the government, I dont want to hear security out of anyones mouth on this thread GET LOST!, anyone who they see fit that they want to put on this list, will be put on this list!!! if they dont want you to fly or boat for whatever reason, your not leaving this country!!! nor can you fly or boat to another state!!! especially the REAL whistleblowers out there, we will be on that list with honors. THIS IS VERY SERIOUS, READ THE THE ARTICLE, ACT NOW !!!!!!!!!!!

"Federal Approval To Travel WITHIN The US

Come with me into a nightmare world where American citizens will have to obtain permission from the government before they can travel by air in the U.S.

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Anti-Atheist Conspiracy?

Created by: [MajorMalfunction](#) on September 25, flags: 18, replies: 220

I have seen on this board, numerous times, accusations that there is an anti-Christian conspiracy, and that Christians are persecuted and discriminated against in this country. I have always thought to the contrary, considering the number of Christians vs. the numbers of members of other religions and non religions.

Christians have not been persecuted since Rome. I do, however, have evidence that there may be an anti-atheist conspiracy, which goes contrary to our federal Constitution, namely that in seven states of the US, the state constitutions prohibit atheists from holding public office.

These states are:

- Arkansas
- Texas
- Maryland
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Pennsylvania

There is not a single state in the US that prohibits Christians from holding office.

My question is this: why claim to be discriminated against, when in fact, those that make the claim are doing the discrimination?

Why is it so hard to accept that atheists can be upstanding and ethical without needing a god?

What if these state constitutions disallowed a race of people to be barred from office? Would that make a difference to anyone's point of view?

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Let's Give Burma Monks A Round Of Applause !

Created by: [Wirral Bagpuss](#) on September 23, flags: 17, replies: 43

Don't know if this has caught much interest across the pond, but BBC over here has been reporting in the last day or so that there is something of an uprising taking place in Burma. Buddhisit Monks in most of Burma's Cities and towns have taken to the streets vowing to bring down the Government there. Now it looks like the Nuns have followed suit. The Burmese Governemt at this stage are fearful of taking any action for fear of causing an even wider backlash by the people of Burma as the monks are highly respected in Burma. So either we shall witness the collaspe of Burma's Government or a terrible tragedgy unfold.

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Are the Pyramids of Giza a 'Precession Clock' pointing to the past and future?

Created by: [JimmyProphet](#) on September 14, flags: 17, replies: 109

"A new theory by the author Scott Creighton demonstrates how all 11 Egyptian pyramids along with the Great Sphinx form a grand `Precession Wheel', indicating key dates from humankind's remote past - and, indeed, its future. In addition it demonstrates links between Giza, Teotihuacan in Mexico, Xi'an in China and - peculiarly - the site of Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland."

What is so fascinating is its astrological alignments not only to stars but to other 'various' points of reference on the global map. It all points to future events predicted by other sources concerning the countdown to 2012. What actually is this and what does it tell us? Get your mathematical brain working and have a read. What do you think?

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Feds probe whether Blackwater smuggled weapons into Iraq

Created by: [DocMoreau](#) on September 21, flags: 17, replies: 38

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"WASHINGTON (AP) -- Federal prosecutors are investigating whether employees of the private security firm Blackwater USA illegally smuggled weapons into Iraq that may have been sold on the black market and ended up in the hands of a U.S.-designated terrorist organization, officials said Friday."(visit the link for the full news article)

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The Greatest lie ever told - The Bible

Created by: [Quantum_Squirrel](#) on September 22, flags: 17, replies: 204

The Greatest lie ever told - The Bible

Before i proceed to point out the problems with the Bible i must point out that i do believe in the possibility of an

'intelligent creator' .

CREATION

Lets start with the first two books of the bible and Genesis.

The first chapter states that God creates Adam and Eve at the same time,

In the 2nd chapter God creates Adam, then Adam wanders around, names the animals does a few things, then he talks to God and Say's he is lonely, so God says Ok i will provide you with a mate so he takes the Rib and creates Eve.

In the first Two chapters of the book are conflicting Creation stories , so which is true? Now Believers will say "well it's just two different versions of the same story" this is fine but then don't say in the next Breath that the Bible is meant to be taken litterally and when it says something it means it!! because it obviously does not.

Modern man has 24 ribs. Did Adam have 25, 24 or 23? Did he grow a new rib to achieve 24 or did he have the spare 25th to begin with? If God made Adam, why couldn't he make Eve in the same manner? Making Eve from Adam's rib is like cloning, which would make their physical union a variation of incest.Maybe God just forgot the method He used to make Adam? The Bible turns the possibilty of God being an amazing scientist and demotes him into being a carnival magician..

THE GREAT FLOOD

The Bible says the Great Flood covered the entire world. The problem with that assertion is that the Biblical writers thought the earth was flat and only knew about a small part of the earth. While this does not in itself preclude a total planet flood, it precludes those writers from having the knowledge to make such a statement. Common sense in the 21st century allows us to infer that the idea itself is preposterous. That would apply even if all the ice on the planet melted.

I think we could all agree that there is no possible way that Noah could have put all 10 billion species on the planet on his Ark and then distributed them in the different regions of Earth that they are native to.

Noah's tale is probably a mixture of stories about a flood on the euphratees river, 125 miles south-east of present day bahgdad There is Archeoligical evidence that there was a 6 day storm around 2900 Bc and the river rose 22 feet, the river overflowed and a lot of people got killed. a Survivor a summarian king named 'Zuisudra' got hold of a commercial barge loaded it with merchandise and road the flood, landed safely on a hill top and made a sacrifice in a hill top temple to give thanks for his safe landing.

Sound familiar? great flood, happy landing on hilltop? at least 6 other cultures have a similar flood stories in the region and there is Geolical and archeological evidence to prove this .. Noahs story no evidence outside the Bible.

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Thousands of Jews are supposedly enslaved by the egyptian pharoh.. We cannot find ANY evidence of this anywhere. NONE, no were outside the Bible is there evidence that any jews were ever in egypt. there is also NO evidence of Moses outside the Bible, so moses go's to the pharoh and says let my people go and they escape and spend 40 years wandering around the desert. if thousands of people spent 40 years wandering a desert there would be evidence of them having been there, heck we find evidence of 2 people living in a cave from millions of years ago so thousands of people you would think there would be some.

Now lets go to the new testament.

JESUS CHRIST

An ancient jewish historian name josephus wrote about Jesus and his followers later a first century Roman historian also wrote about Jesus and the fact he was crucified, at least we do have evidence of this (althogh written decades or centuries after the fact.

Jesus was not the only messaih at the time, did you all know this? there were lots of messiah's. there is documentation of another fellow named ' apolonias of tyana' who in the first century was claimed by his followers to walk through walls , heal the sick and raised the dead. He was persucuted for his religous beliefs he was brought to trial by the local roman court and crucified and after he died he rose from the dead...sound familiar?

Ironicaly Monty Python's life of Brian is more accurate with its plague of messiah's than the Bible.

THE BIBLE...

People always Love to quote the Bible, however they always seem to pick and choose

If you believe the Bible is the word of God you cannot pick and choose which parts to live your life by you must incorporate it all.

conservatives love to quote the famous passage,

13. If a man also lie with a man-kind, as he lieth with a women, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Therefore homosexuality is a sinbut if you turn to the next chapter it clearly states that you should stone to death disobediant children!!!

So you pick and choose the parts of the Bible that you like and convienantly ignore the parts you do not, this is not just and is not fair afterall isn't it all the word of God?

other classics include it is ok to sell your daughters into slavery, and it is a Sin for a man to have long hair. lol ever see a picture of Jesus with short hair? i didn't think so.

If you believe that your God is infallable you cannot throw out some of the rules because you disagree with them.Whatever you do , do not read the Bible for a Moral code it advocates prejudice, cruelty, superstition and murder.

If your religous and you believe the Bible is true because of faith nothing you read will persuade you otherwise would instantly turn you into an atheist?..... 'none i have faith'

Organised religion has been responsible for most of the wars on the planet and the big one may yet be to come, the Bible is a form of control so you all work your ass of on this earth because you believe there is a big reward at the end of it all.

In closing put the Book down and go out into the world and see whats really happening and actually DO

something for the greater good of all regardless of thier beliefs.

I saw a great post on here once, i quote ' I know your just trying to save my soul, but guess what? i'm trying to save your mind'

So close the Book and stop reading'The greatest lie ever told'

this info was collated from numerous sources and includes my own opinions

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Israel seeks exemption from atomic rules

Created by: **FredT** on September 25, flags: 17, replies: 59

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"VIENNA, Austria - Israel is looking to a U.S.-India nuclear deal to expand its own ties to suppliers, quietly lobbying for an exemption to non-proliferation rules so it can legally import atomic material, according to documents made available Tuesday to The Associated Press.

The move is sure to raise concerns among Arab nations already considering their neighbor the region's atomic arms threat. Israel has never publicly acknowledged having nuclear weapons but is generally considered to...."(visit the link for the full news article)

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