Extraterrestrials

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Abstract

 This research paper written by Ervin Cruz gives a general view of extraterrestrials by taking a look at various aspects that may affirm the possible existence of these beings. To do so, the author looks into global history accounts about the appearances and interpretations of extraterrestrials as indicated from Erich Von Daniken’s ‘Chariots of the Gods’ along with some controversies associated with said reports. In addition to the literature from books, the author has included survey results of an island community, an overview of the government’s Citizen Hearing on Disclosure regarding the subject matter and Ufologist, Stanton Friedman’s opinion on the topic as well. The literature discussed is accompanied by a review for authenticity and accuracy.

Extraterrestrials

Introduction

The subject of extraterrestrials[[1]](#footnote-2) preexisted before it became global. From religious texts in the Book of Genesis to hieroglyphics on pyramid walls, these scriptures reflect on what has happened in the past. Gods, goddesses, oracles, and messengers from above all have the same characteristics in terms of behavior despite the fact that each culture had its own interpretation. Due to the norm of developing societies, human beings have been taught to be realistic and not observant of how the world is changing meaning that there was always a logical explanation of the events that passed. The idea of beings visiting earth had died down, never to be mentioned. Many years have passed and strange circular aircrafts spotted soaring across the sky were constant and known throughout the world. The suggestion of extraterrestrial beings resurfaced which could not be ignored any longer. Humanity needed answers. With advanced technology, large sums of evidence gathered from all over the world thrown into a box to bring light upon this matter. Ideas are generated; however, there is no definite proof.

Background

Extraterrestrial life is a known subject throughout the nation as strange occurrences formulate hypotheses that turn out conclusive. The crash of an unidentified object on Roswell, New Mexico (July 1947) was an unforgettable event as authorities have claimed the object to be extraterrestrial; not from earth. Later, authorities took back their statement and the site was put on military supervision. However, this was not the only incident involving extraterrestrials that have happened. Some people claim to have had encounters with extraterrestrial aircrafts as well as extraterrestrial beings with no concrete proof. These individuals were subjected to public scrutiny which led them to forget about the whole incident. Although this has been happening for a while, there have been recent testimonials from esteemed officials which gained interest and praise. Before getting into the process of collecting data to answer the proposed research questions, one must have an understanding of the progression of public perception on extraterrestrials over the years. Since there were limited words for descriptions during the earlier time periods, extraterrestrials are presented differently; however, some depictions are strikingly similar to each other.

One considerable difference between archaic aliens and modern aliens is their representation during distinct times. During ancient times, when aborigines would encounter something foreign, they are thought of to have a divine quality. This has been the same throughout the globe when extraterrestrials are first introduced. According to Erich Von Daniken’s (1970) book, “Chariots of the Gods”, the Book of Genesis refers to extraterrestrials as sons or daughters of God, gods, and goddesses (p. 42). These “gods” fall from the sky and reveal themselves to people who are now considered saints such as Moses and Ezekiel, giving them important tasks to do. A few of these tasks involved the construction of the first electric-charged batteries and fleeing from a catastrophe. The Book of Genesis talks about the visitation of angels that led to the destruction of Sodom for some type of cleansing ritual (pp. 43-45). This incident raised awareness of supernatural beings with massive power. Since vocabulary is far more advanced today than before, these descriptions are more accurate, no matter the place. In modern times, extraterrestrials are described as gruesome, man-eating creatures who want to steal wives, kids, and farm animals to implant strange devices onto them or remove organs. Since the twentieth century, this has been the image brought when thinking of extraterrestrials or aliens.

Another significant difference is their appearance. Von Daniken (1970) would talk about extraterrestrials having appendages that outnumber ours, wings of some sort, or many sets of eyes. Sometimes, they would look similar to us; however, more attractive. In the Acadian-written epic on stone tablets, the main character Gilgamesh was considered an extraterrestrial or demigod, for people were astonished by his exclusive beauty and inhumane abilities (Von Daniken 1970, p. 57). Although Ridley Scott, director of the horror film ‘Alien’ introduced his ideas of aliens as horrific and grotesque monsters, common descriptions of modern-day aliens are said to include huge pitch-black oval eyes, large heads, thin body frames, and extended arms, legs, and fingers. This has been the common view for most aliens nowadays; however, they may be altered to some extent.

The difference to be discussed last from the two different eras is the interpretation of how these extraterrestrials present themselves. Most religious epics and archaic history reveal that extraterrestrials land on earth from bolts of lightning and rings of fire (pp. 57-58). Some stories depict extraterrestrials arriving on chariots of fire or wheels that had many eyes on them. In archaic times, they ought to relay messages of the gods, foretelling the future of humanity and provide instructions to fortify an empire. Today, and decades ago, extraterrestrials present themselves in spaceships that emit rays of light in different colors. One can make the connection that spaceships with circular lights projections do resemble the descriptions of chariots with many eyes. Blockbuster film, ‘Independence Day’ made a huge impact on views of aliens for many people. Nowadays, aliens are symbols of an apocalyptic event that is to take place. Many people assume that the government has been hiding evidence of extraterrestrial for it might cause uproar just like it did in that movie.

The most common similarity between today’s aliens and ancient aliens is their degree of intelligence. Throughout history, in religious texts and reality, one can come to the conclusion that these extraterrestrials are really intelligent. As mentioned in ancient texts, extraterrestrials relay information on how to build things. How would the Egyptians know how to construct pyramids that indicated the four directions of navigation and many more. How could have Moses constructed an electric-charged block that is now considered a modern-day battery (p. 50). In modern times, scientists and engineers have attempted to mimic the speed of space aircrafts, but failed dramatically. This evidence proves that humanity is behind in the technological realm which raises some thoughts of inferiority and vulnerability.

The points stated in this section show differences and similarities of these entities from distinct times. Aliens from earlier times are thought of to be gods or harbingers of gods will who descend from the sky in chariots of fire or bolts of lightning. Nowadays, the views have not changed since the first crash on Roswell and abductees’ experiences presented to the general public. People crave for the answers that prove the existence or nonexistence of these extraterrestrials. It will continue to be a universal enigma until further studies and reports have been proved indisputable and genuine. The information is gathered to address the following questions:

Is there a possibility that extraterrestrials exist based on a review of current knowledge and perspectives globally in contrast to an island community?

* What is the public’s perception, past and present on this matter?
* What evidence was gathered to affirm this assumption?
* How genuine is the evidence gathered?

Literature Review

The reason behind this study is to serve as an update of awareness that enlightens one on the topic of extraterrestrial beings. This information may include activities that may have not been shown throughout the world, responses from government, and from the public as well. To answer these questions, a formal survey was disseminated and analyzed to gather the general idea of extraterrestrials of an island community, an expert’s opinion included on the subject, and a review on the current information gathered. In addition, the following paragraph make the connection objects of extraterrestrial origin fly through the sky also known as UFOs while the next paragraph indicates that reported extraterrestrial activity.

Hiroshi Nakamura’s article on the United States Space Program titled ‘Video Analysis of an Anomalous Image Filmed during Apollo 16’ discusses the origin of an object caught on film through its characteristics and dynamics. In this article, the author discusses the object’s characteristics by its appearance based on still-shot photos from the video itself as the spacecraft was leaving the moon’s surface and correlates this to humane objects that are most familiar. In addition, the author discusses the dynamics based on the coordinates of the object to the moon and the moon’s gravitational pull on the object. Through this analysis, Nakamura and team points out the location of the footage, dates and times of this event, and finally, its behavior. This article was written in a concise manner, where ideas presented were strongly supported by the means of mathematics and the laws of physics. It also has mentioned the claims of skeptics and addresses them by a further analysis.

Another article titled ‘Ufology: What Have We Learned?’ written by Michael D. Swords, the author lists all the information studied and thus reported as things that humanity has learned about extraterrestrials. To address this, Swords makes reference to organizational research programs such as the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP), United States Air Force’s (Pentagon Intelligence) “Blue Book” project, Center for UFO studies (CUFO). Included in this article is the compilation of data from a locked diary by Charlie Tolbert about an encounter with an “astronomer” and scientific conclusions from Colonel William Odell and other esteemed UFO researchers. By these means, the article provides said information to emphasize the importance of what was learned to help understand the intent of UFOs; extraterrestrials. This article was written in an informative matter that gives specific details and support.

Methodology

 How has the belief of extraterrestrials changed over time. Do men and women differ in thinking when it comes to the subject of extraterrestrials. What do people of different titles think of these beings. In order to address and collect data that would answer these questions, rather ideas, the junior researcher had to focus on three approaches: the first, public insight from surveys; second, a review of individual opinions from people who have had some familiarity of the subject matter; and finally, the observation of commonalities between reports. What makes this subject so interesting is because it has been a universal enigma for centuries that is now being unraveled.

 The subject of extraterrestrials has been controversial for the information gathered about these entities may be misleading. When collecting information of a subject, the surveyor must note that shared logical explanation is what matters most. Since there has not been any solid proof of extraterrestrial beings, the data must reflect on the assumption of the public in the most logical way. The first step the researcher has done was the formulation of questions of the survey and the distribution of it. As extraterrestrials being the subject matter, the main focus of this survey to reflect on the public’s perception about extraterrestrials; does the public believe in the existence of extraterrestrials, that Unidentified Flying Objects ought to be extraterrestrials, and the like. This process is to allow those surveyed to think more openly to the many ideas that extraterrestrials pose to predict the future of humanity as to the coexistence with extraterrestrials.

 After the pilot survey was created, the junior researcher had to disburse the survey to the test group within a time frame. This step is the most crucial point as it pertains to the preferred way of thinking among individuals of the subject (extraterrestrials). It will show variations of perception on grounds of gender and age-range groups. After accumulating data from a variety of participants, the next step is to analyze the sum. This process will allow the junior researcher to construct additional questions and improve existing ones.

 This section has given an insight to the construction of the formal survey through the process of planning, testing, and revising the pilot. Since this research is about public awareness of extraterrestrials, the completion and testing of the pilot survey is key. The pilot survey will determine the ratio of awareness to oblivion of the specified testing sum. Collecting data on the subject of extraterrestrials and extraterrestrial activities can help bring light to this mystery. Through the usage of surveys, interviews with experts, and observation of reports past and present, there are implications as to what their intentions are whether it is to harm us or to aid us.

 Choosing participants is the most important factor in one’s data collection. To get data on general perception, the junior researcher must look to survey civilian participants with no expertise. For expert opinions, the junior researcher must look to experts of the specified field which in this case is Ufology. To get this information, a letter was sent to Ufologist and physicist Stanton Friedman with a questionnaire regarding extraterrestrials, UFOs, etc. Lastly, the junior researcher must look for reports on extraterrestrials and compile them for review. In efforts to find this data, the junior researcher has reviewed the ideas presented in the Citizens Hearing on Disclosure. In this conference, former and present-day officials from different nations presented their cases whether it was an encounter, debrief of past missions, or an examination of evidence. The data will also be subject to an authenticity report which will prove that the theory that life outside our solar system exist.

Results

 Throughout history, research done to understand these entities have increased. There has also been a change in what the public believes as well. While many find that the existence of extraterrestrial beings is ridiculous, there are some that remain open to the idea because of the evidence that has been presented over the years. In this section, the findings of analyzed data collected from the formal survey, individuals associated with these happenings, and lastly, expert opinions and research findings, if any will be discussed. This analysis will indicate patterns and public familiarity while explaining why these groups and/or individuals have come to their conclusions.

 The first set of data which was the formal surveys. The results of the formal survey indicated that sixty-one percent equivalent to more than half of the participants are more open to the idea that extraterrestrials exist. When the participants were asked about the possible existence of extraterrestrials, most have made the assumption that these life forms and many others do exist because of the vastness of the galaxy (See Appendix B-d). Unidentified flying objects are becoming more apparent and the selected few have witnessed them. Among the experiment group, one-third of the participants have stated that they have seen unidentified flying objects to which they described as saucers, orbs of green, purple, or white. When asked to describe the images associated with extraterrestrials, participants talked about large heads and eyes, gray in color, and etc. These answers seem to partially be dependent on how the media portrays extraterrestrials as most participants related their appearances to movies shown throughout the years such as “E.T.” and “Men in Black (See Appendix B-b & c).” As a result from this formal survey, participants are more curious as to the truth of extraterrestrial existence.

 Testimonies with individuals who have been part of this controversy had to be taken into account as well. During the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure, a short clip was shown in which a former CIA operative testified that the CIA has kept spacecrafts that crashed such as the one from Roswell. The operative had stated that there were alien survivors that were kept captive and interrogated. The reason for the offering of the operative’s testimony is unknown, but it might have been a dying wish. In addition, the passage below explains how Intelligence officer of the Roswell Army Air field Jesse Marcel brought home debris from the crash on Roswell that he had shown his wife and son, Jesse Marcel Junior.

*"I was awakened by my dad who was returning from an assignment to collect debris of unknown origin from a ranch out of Roswell. Knowing that he had seen something very special, he wanted my mother and myself to look at this also and said, 'You'll never see this again.”*

*"He brought us into the kitchen where there was this strange debris on the kitchen floor that he had pre-positioned. He said, 'Look at this -- I think this is what you call a flying saucer or remains thereof.”*

*"The debris consisted of three components: there was a very tough metallic foil; there was black plastic debris, like a broken phonograph record; but the strangest thing I saw was an I-beam in the wreckage. There were symbols written along the inside surface of it. They were of a purplish-violet hue, semi-reflective of light."*

*Marcel Junior went on to recount how his father was subsequently ordered to fly the material to General Roger Ramey's office in Fort Worth, Texas.*

*"When my dad got home, he sat my mother and myself down and said, 'You will never talk about this -- this is a non-event.' I never discussed this with my friends or anybody else until Stanton Friedman interviewed my dad in 1978* (Speigel, May 2013)."

The information shows that these individuals believed that it is true as it was deemed top-secret until now.

 The last set of data that was analyzed was the findings and opinions of experts in the field of Ufology. Take nuclear physicist and UFO professional Stanton Friedman for example. Friedman has made four solid conclusions on December 1997 about UFOs. Of these four, one states that while most UFOs are not extraterrestrial, some are. The next statement concludes, yet again that some UFOs are extraterrestrial (Friedman, December 1997). Then, the conclusions go on to show that Friedman’s reports have been reviewed as it makes reference to a classmate from the University of Chicago who could not refute these statements. Friedman has considered many factors such as the Roswell incident prior to the construction of these reports. Data included documents from top-secret organizations such as the CIA, NSA (National Academy of Sciences), and many more. However, the origin of the evidence gathered is unknown. What makes Friedman an esteemed expert is because of the experience obtained from UFO investigations throughout his years. He has interviewed former officials from Roswell, taken part in an investigation of possible UFO crash. This is just a fraction of the work done by Friedman.

 This analysis makes up the framework of the topic on extraterrestrials. The basis of experimentation begins with an observation or an assumption of a group(s) as represented by the formal surveys. A little background is provided with some witnesses, people who have proof that could be tested as represented by reports and interviews with these individuals. Then, to tie it all up, a conclusion is assembled by experts in which all the information is gathered with additional ones. Through this system, the truth of life out there is evident. Some information may be misleading while some are undeniable. The pieces to this puzzle are there; all there is to do is to connect them, and that is what humanity is working towards.

Fact or Fiction

 In our solar system, Earth is the only one that can support life to organisms that can partake in oxygen and carbon-dioxide exchange. However, there are other life forms that can survive on other means; without oxygen. In space, there is absolutely no oxygen which means that there is a possibility that life can exist in space and perhaps on other planets besides earth. In fact, there is another planet named Kepler 78B that is located some light years away in another galaxy which exhibits the same characteristics as earth. This means that it is able to support life. In regards to extraterrestrial life, there have been countless sightings of unidentified flying objects and unusual occurrences that seem to lead to the assumption that there is life “out there.” In 1947, an unidentified flying object crashed on the northeast part of Roswell, New Mexico. What makes this event significant is that an eyewitness, a rancher native to Roswell described the unknown object as something different from what the military claimed it to be. It was a spaceship. With all the information presented that is unbelievably true from the past spoken, written, and thus illustrated, this theory is still not widely accepted.

 The Citizen’s Hearing on Disclosure, a governmental conference seems to be the most compelling evidence found because a mass amount of information regarding extraterrestrials was offered. This hearing was comprised of testimonies given by various state representatives, research groups, and former military personnel from different countries. Although the hearing’s testimonies seem to be documented, this event itself might be considered controversial. On the first day of the hearing, an article was released which read that a representative of Detroit, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick was paid twenty-thousand dollars plus other expenses for attending the event (Sink, April 2013). This overturned the validity of testimonies presented during the hearing and left viewers speculative and skeptical since people were paid to take part in a conference, fake evidence might have been provided. On the other hand, the article just explained that politicians were the ones paid to attend this hearing. Representatives attended to hear about the findings while researchers displayed conclusions and testimonies were given by military personnel and CIA operatives. Public officials such as officer Gary Heseltine testifies to multiple accounts in which law enforcement officers have encountered UFOs. Former CIA operative whose name was not mention testifies to top-secret operations he was apart of (Speigel, May 2013). This event has brought light upon the subject matter from many different viewpoints.

 Extraterrestrial appearances are often misinterpreted. The common belief of the appearance of extraterrestrial beings is similar to the human structure, but rather large in height, yet frail-looking. There are videos online that tamper with the existing belief of the extraterrestrial being’s composition by immersing the video in visual effects. Although some may seem genuine, there is an increased demand for additional videos with the same subjects. In the course of the Citizen’s Hearing on Disclosure, however, Dr. Stephen Greer, ufologist and retired medical doctor talks about an inhumane corpse that was found on “the driest part of the earth located in Chile.” Dr. Greer further explains about the examination of the six to ten-inch specimen in which he concludes that its form and bodily structures (bone composition) was similar to that of a six to eight year-old human anatomy. This finding is most genuine as it indicates the characteristics of the common belief appearance-wise of these entities.

 One significant idea that is controversial is on the topic of unidentified flying objects. Within the formal survey, a question was asked regarding instances when those surveyed witnessed unidentified flying objects. According to the survey results, twelve out of eighteen test subjects claimed to have never witnessed an unidentified flying object. This result might imply these twelve persons may have seen objects fly through the sky in which they were able to identify. It may also imply that the remaining six may have assumed that the unidentified flying objects are extraterrestrial without thinking about other possibilities. However, the data collected from the formal survey is interrelated with the Apollo 16 video analysis report which examines an extraterrestrial object. During this space mission, cameras caught an object leaving in the opposite direction from the space shuttle carrying the astronauts. According to analysis, researchers report that the spacecraft is an unknown one and could not be a planet, space debris, or a mark due to an error with the camera. This finding was proven by the usage of methods, mathematically (the degree of object orbiting the moon) and scientifically (the gravitational pull of the object to the moon from the degree). The researchers concluded that it is, in fact, an extraterrestrial artifact (Nakamura, 2003, p.431).

 All the ideas presented in this section provide a reason to believe that extraterrestrials are not real; however, the support outweighs these cons as they were sensitive issues that were given careful examination. Literature evidence strongly indicates that extraterrestrial beings are real as indicated. The Citizen’s Hearing on Disclosure proved the authenticity of the testimonies given by researchers and groups; Dr. Stephen Greer’s examination report on real extraterrestrial specimen during this hearing in contrast to the data analysis of common theories associated with the appearance of extraterrestrials; and finally, the video image analysis findings from Apollo 16 that confirmed that the object was extraterrestrial. With all these findings taken into account, the unknown proposal is becoming a known reality.

Discussion

 The data gathered is significant in order to promote awareness of possible extraterrestrial life. Throughout the years, the idea of extraterrestrials have entertained then left in the dark because the availability of proof. Recently, information that to solidify past claims have been broadcasted as they come from individuals or groups associated with top-secret organizations and encounters.

 To evaluate the accuracy and veracity of evidence gathered, a review of the information was conducted. In terms of the governmental conference between nations titled Citizen’s Hearing on Disclosure, it is probably accurate as it was a meeting not only attended by all U.S. government and military officials, but other same-titled officials from different countries as well. This aspect must not have been overlooked and exaggerated if other nations were involved. For this same reason, it will show that Dr. Greer’s report on extraterrestrial appearances during this conference is also genuine. Pictures along with a detailed verbal analysis of the findings were provided of the said specimen. He had concluded that it was extraterrestrial as it resembles no species found on earth. Lastly, the video analysis on the object went through extensive research by Nakamura’s team. In addition, the journal article was published as an article included in the Journal of Scientific Exploration series. These evidences are fully supported and most people, especially experts find them to be conclusive.

 To make this research more full proof, more information must be gathered directly from live interviews with experts, possible abductees, and former secret operatives from the Central Intelligence Agency, etc. This research paper may be subjected to tremendous revision processes to provide a more detailed analysis and results that can be irrefutable. Other factors may arise that will aid the theories presented.

Conclusion

 The information provided within this research paper may lead to the truth. This research has introduced perceptions directly from participants. It has also included an expert’s opinion towards the issue together with a review of documented reports. The connections have been made. The willingness to accept these reports is solely dependent on each individual. The remaining evidence needed to solidify these accurate assumptions is the showcasing of a real extraterrestrial being. This research paper was designed to spark interest and awareness as it is possible that extraterrestrials exist despite the uncertainty behind it. Just because possible answers were provided, that does not mean to stop thinking. The truth is inevitable, and the past is irrevocable; make use of what was provided.

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Appendices

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Appendix A

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1. Thank you for filling out this survey. Please respond to the demographic questions below.
2. What words or images come to mind when you think of extraterrestrials (aliens)?
3. Have you ever seen an unidentified flying object? How did it look?
4. Do you believe in the existence of extraterrestrials? If so, what makes you believe this?
5. Do you believe that it is about time for people to become aware of the possibility of their existence? Why?
6. What are some common descriptions which you know of that are associated with the appearance of extraterrestrials?
7. Do you consider extraterrestrials as threats to humanity? Why or why not?
8. As you may or may not know, some people claimed that we were abducted and experimented on by extraterrestrials. Do you believe this claim to be false? Explain.
9. Read the passage below and answer the following questions:
In July 1947, an unidentified flying object crashed on Roswell, New Mexico which stirred up rumors pertaining to extraterrestrials. After it was reported, the military stated that it was a military surveillance balloon and not a spaceship.

Do you believe that the military covered up this event and that the unidentified flying object was in fact a spaceship? Explain.

1. What are your concerns regarding the coexistence of humans and extraterrestrials?

Appendix B

# Thank you for filling out this survey. Please respond to the demographic questions below.

# What words or images come to mind when you think of extraterrestrials (aliens)?

* ET, Paul, Men in Black
* Flying saucer Monster
* UFOs, outer space, farms, crop circles, cows, aluminum hats...
* ET from the movie ET. Big head, small body
* UFO
* Far, Light-years, Smart, Cool
* Space, pretty colors
* Flying saucers.
* Furry dog monkeys. Forked tails. Infected rashes that cause people to die.
* E.T. , flying saucers, science fiction.
* Outer space planets
* Ugly
* Paul (movie)
* UFO's and tall, slender, white creature with large heads and dark black eyes.
* The song or basically pictures of aliens
* The movie ET
* Aliens in alien vs. predator
* Unbelievable.

# Have you ever seen an unidentified flying object? How did it look?

* No.
* Nope
* I haven't.
* No
* Yes, Bright, far away and moving. Definitely not a plane
* No
* sure, when i don't have my glasses on
* Not in real life. On television and it looked like a flying saucer.
* No.
* Once as a child I saw something that did not appear to be a plane or helicopter. I described it in the pilot survey.
* I haven't
* NO
* Yes, I do not know cause it was floating really high.
* Yes, it was a big red ball of light that was hovering as high as those streetlight poles.
* Yes! it was round and had lights around the ends
* No
* Yup. It was like a big white light that shot upwards.
* No.

# Do you believe in the existence of extraterrestrials? If so, what makes you believe this?

* I’m not sure. I have to see it to believe it.
* I have no idea since I have never seen an alien or an unidentified flying object.
* Yes. Since the universe is kind of freaking extremely large, of course there would exist other things out there.
* Yes because there are many evidences such as pictures
* Yes. Life itself. Possibilities
* Yes, the universe is too big for only one planet to have life.
* Sure, anything is possible
* Yes. We are not the only planet. There's a whole lot of stars and other planets in the universe, aliens or other inhabitants can live on those other planets.
* Yes. The universe is way to vast to hold only us, and I watched a Stephen Hawking documentary on aliens, which was absurdly convincing.
* I believe it is possible because of the sheer size of the galaxies we live in and that are near us. I also believe that the evidence of extraterrestrials has built up for a very long time and is difficult to ignore.
* Yes, I think that they exist because the universe is very large and there is a very big possibility that other things exist out there
* No I don't.
* I don't think they exist.
* Yes, after seeing that flying object I began to believe.
* Not really sure. Only the movies, articles, internet, are starting to make me think it exists.
* No
* There are many more galaxies out there. It seems a bit close-minded to assume humans are the only race capable of these things.
* No.

# Do you believe that it is about time for people to become aware of the possibility of their existence? Why?

* Sure I guess, if it is going to put harm against us.
* Yes. Humans want to know more about space.
* No, I don't think it seems important for them to know right away. Maybe if we had an apocalypse, that's when we should all start freaking out...when it's too late.
* Yes because UFOs have been seen often
* Yes. May be dangerous
* No, people are still too damn close minded.
* Yeah
* Yes and no. Yes to keep us informed and prepared if an invasion were to come. No because if we searched for them, they might consider us a threat and attack our planet.
* Perhaps, I mean, because of today's media and culture we would be pretty open to the idea, so at least it wouldn't be coming out of left field.
* Yes, I believe that if the evidence as indicated in congressional hearings is indeed global and abundant governments should stop trying to fool their citizens and just be honest about what they know. Basically I do not have a strong faith in the intelligence of the governments that are usually elected either and would not assume that they could make the best decisions on their own. History in fact shows governments to be narrow minded and often profit minded.
* I think people should believe what they want to
* There are beliefs but I haven't seen or heard of any existing or discovery of aliens.
* I have not seen proof so i don't see why we should be aware.
* Yes, because if they do exist we should know about them and if they are dangerous or not.
* Yes, to either prepare if they plan to come and be precautious if their dangerous or not.
* No
* Yes, for understanding life more.
* No because I don't believe they exist.

# What are some common descriptions which you know of that are associated to the appearance of extraterrestrials?

* Bright light with unusual noises
* According to some movies that I watched, the physical appearance of extraterrestrials is just like a human with big ears.
* Big eyes, big heads, human-like forms.
* No hair, big head, small body, and wrinkly skin
* Landed and disappeared.
* like the movie Paul
* n/a
* Flying saucers. kind of an egg shaped head.
* Terminator type killers or heroes.
* People describe being taken aboard ships and some claim to have been tagged or micro chipped or had medical procedures done. Others claimed to have had interesting talks and tours of interesting places. Still others claim to have missing amounts of time but remember seeing extraterrestrials just before. Others have simply witnessed them without any direct interaction.
* Big eyes, big heads, skinny bodies
* IDK
* Green, big eyes, intelligent, skinny.
* Tall, slender, white creature with large heads and dark black eyes.
* Just big eyes, leather skin
* None. I don't believe they exist.
* Area 51
* They have huge eyes, thin naked body, and weird voices.

# As you may or may not know, some people claimed that we were abducted and experimented on by extraterrestrials. Do you believe this claim to be false? Explain.

* Sorry, no I don’t think so.
* I do not believe this claim. In my opinion, these people maybe just want to get attention and no one can prove this claim.
* I'm not sure.
* I do not know.
* I need to see it to believe it.
* No, I don’t think they’re false.
* I haven't heard of anything like this if it has happened cool
* I honestly do not know. Maybe they just wanted to be famous or maybe it actually happened. But I did hear people missing in Alaska. IDK.
* I don't believe it's false, if only for the reason that I've never really read, watched or talked about a real abduction claim enough to have an opinion.
* I think there are some that claimed this when it was not true. Basically because they might have wanted it to be true or maybe because of medical or personality disorders. However the vast amount of people claiming this which is a very large number do not have any medical or personality problems and in fact risk ridicule by telling their stories. However the stories continue to come and many by people with normal characters. Some that are well known and even famous mention it. So many people have discussed it for so long and in so many places it is hard not to believe there is truth in the claims. In addition microscopic chips have been removed and surgeries and chips have been photographed and recorded a number of times in recent years which supports these claims.
* I think that this may have happened but I don't really know for sure since the people who were abducted may not be here anymore
* I don't really know anything of or about extraterrestrials
* Yes, because people can claim anything.
* It could be possible. Maybe the inventors of things new to man were a result of the abduction.
* Yes. They don't have proof to why their saying that
* Yes. I don't believe in aliens.
* False, It’s really hard to believe
* False. I believe we are all here by God and for God.

# Read the passage below and answer the following questions: "I was probably about 5 years old or so ... and a bright blue light would come in to the room and the door would open, and there would be like, a foggy kind of misty blue light, just shining through the whole house," Audrey said. "And these two figures would come in. There would be a tall one, they had black capes, but they were bald and had big eyes." No matter what anyone else believes, people like Audrey and Debbie are convinced that what they've witnessed is real. "I remember one time being on a spaceship and standing there on the spaceship and the floor and the walls disappeared. And I was staring at the Earth," Debbie said. They said they realize their stories sound too fantastic and, at times, like the stuff of sci-fi blockbusters. In science fiction, aliens are often anthropomorphic and benign creatures, like "E.T.," "My Favorite Martian," the classic "Star Trek" television series or the hit movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

#  - Statements from twins Audrey and Debbie, New England Town. Chang, J. (2009, August 17). Abducted by aliens: believers tell their stories. ABCnews. Retrieved from abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=8330290

# What are your thoughts from reading this passage? Are you more skeptical or more convinced as to their existence? Please explain.

* In a way but They were 5 and dreams can feel like it is really, remember when everyone wets the bed at night, its because when they were dreaming to use the restroom, it felt real so they just did it.
* I am more skeptical to this story. Sounds like a science fiction or a Hollywood movie. No one can prove the truth. I can also make a similar story.
* It doesn't affect my opinion; I do think that they exist, but I find it hard to believe two little girls.
* I am more skeptical because the article seems very persuasive.
* Not really.
* n/a
* I don't know how I feel.
* skeptical. If aliens were to abduct a person, why would they send them back to earth? Usually kidnappers would take, once they're done, kill them.
* The most I can say is that I do believe there are people with extensive and vivid delusions and whether or not the twins from the story are one of them.... well, I couldn't say. But, it wouldn't be hard to believe, even if that's a cop out.
* Neither really because their stories are so brief. Also because there are other stories where there is evidence that are much more hard to ignore. For example someone will have taken a picture of the same space ship described. Others will have witnessed a ship over someone's house or odd circles or footprints are left as evidence. As well as physical evidence odd shaped scars, bruises, surgeries, etc. THese so rts of things that correspond with numerous stories make them believable.
* I still think the same way. I think that they could exist.
* It takes a lot to believe even from a story from one person to another. I'm having a hard time believing what I just read. If there was a capture of it then I would believe eventually.
* More skeptical. If a kid said they saw it, wow that's Believable. My kid brother saw Godzilla and I believed him.
* I'm still convinced they're real.
* Skeptical. They’re kids so they probably don't even know what their talking about.
* My opinion remains the same. I still don't believe in aliens until i see it myself.
* Okay, WEIRD!
* Convinced. If others have experienced it experts should start investigating and find out results.

Appendix C

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Salutations Mr. Stanton Friedman (fsphys@rogers.com)

My name is Ervin Cruz, a second year college student at the Northern Marianas College, and I am writing to ask your expertise on a topic I am writing on for an assignment. It has come to my attention that you are very or quite familiar with the subject of extraterrestrial beings, so I am requesting for your assistance in providing me with some information on that. The purpose of this request is to serve as an aid to my research report for my English Composition II class in which my instructor Dr. Kimberly Bunts-Anderson has assigned my class to execute.

If you will, below is a short questionnaire of the subject matter in which I will need you to answer to the best of your ability. There is no limit to your response; in fact, I highly encourage you to write in as much detail as possible. The questionnaire does not take long to complete. You will not be named in my report unless you permit me to do so. In addition, your responses will remain anonymous.

I look forward to your response as it will contribute significantly to my research. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully yours,

Ervin Cruz

Questionnaire:

* What makes you believe that extraterrestrial beings are real/unreal?
* Have you witness an unidentified flying object yourself? If so, what did it look like?
* As you know, a number of former congressmen and women, officials from ten other countries and some current representatives of the U.S. government held a national conference regarding these extraterrestrial beings; why do you think that they made this decision?
* Do you personally believe the testimonies given by civilians and public officials regarding their encounter/abduction with extraterrestrials?
* What evidences were significant during your interview with Jesse Marcel Sr. on 1978?
* Why do you think that the government held on to classified information for so long? Was this information kept in order to “protect” humanity from these extraterrestrials or was it for another purpose?
* Do you know if there has been any attempt worldwide to communicate with these life forms?
* Do you think that extraterrestrials have been visiting earth to aid humanity or to expand their empire?
* What are your concerns regarding the coexistence with these beings?
* Do you believe the evidence supporting the existence of other life outweighs the evidence opposing it? Why or why not?
1. *Extraterrestrial: (adjective) coming from or existing outside the planet Earth; (noun) an extraterrestrial being.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-2)