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I have a feeling that the whole of humanity
is about to embark on the greatest journey of all.

Over time, I think, this will
become more and more obvious.

We will lose our fear, our feeling
of separateness and individuality. We will learn
how to flee the limit of our linear thinking about time
and recognize our potential as »one«.

The veils of our minds will finally tear
and we will remember what we really are
and why we are here.

Debbie Jordan, 1994¹

Foreword by Kathleen Marden

Rarely does a UFO book attempt to explain consciousness and paranormal phenomena scientifically. Most mainstream scientists scoff at the notion or relegate it to their »highly improbable« circular file. Yet the fearless scientists at the Dr. Edgar Mitchell Foundation for Research into Extraterrestrial and Extraordinary Encounters (FREE) are exploring this long taboo subject matter. Moreover, Dr. Marcel Polte, a FREE member since 2015, has advanced our understanding of non-human intelligence in his extraordinary book *Non-human Contact*.

FREE's cofounder, the late Dr. Edgar Mitchell, was the sixth person to walk on the moon and founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences. He devoted his life to the scientific investigation of consciousness and paranormal phenomena. It was his personal experience, on his trip back to Earth on the Apollo 14 flight, that fortified his interest in the reality of telepathic communication. He informed the public that extraterrestrial visitation is real, but government agencies, dating back to the 1940s, have orchestrated a massive cover-up involving the E.T. presence.

FREE was the brainstorm of Reinerio Hernandez, JD, MCP. He was suddenly thrust into a reality shattering experience on Sunday, 4 March 2012. A self-professed material rationalist, Rey ridiculed anyone who believed in paranormal phenomena and the study of consciousness, until a miracle occurred at his home. The family's aged Jack Russel Terrier suffered paralysis, possibly caused by a stroke on March 3, and arrangements were made to euthanize her when the veterinarian's office opened on

Monday morning. A devout Catholic, Rey's wife had been praying for divine intervention. She lovingly carried her failing companion down the stairs and into the living room, where in the corner, she observed the apparition of a small, translucent, silver disk hovering four feet above the floor. Believing that her prayers might be answered, she fell to her knees and called for her husband in the upstairs bedroom. When he failed to respond to her pleas, she ascended the stairs and insisted that he follow her to the living room. In the living room, Rey, now highly perplexed, witnessed his wife and dog disappear before his eyes. Momentarily, he observed what he calls »a plasma energy being« that appears to have rendered him unconscious for 45 minutes. When he regained consciousness, his wife was proclaiming that the angels had healed their dog, who was now running agilely around the house. This was the first of several paranormal experiences for Rey and his wife. For additional information see *Beyond UFOs: The Science of Consciousness and Contact with Non-Human Intelligence*.

I met Rey in May 2013, when he and his wife attended a UFO conference where I was a speaker. As Rey recounted his experience to me, his enthusiasm was apparent. The former skeptic was now convinced that their dog's miraculous healing was UFO related because his wife was having follow-up close encounters with UFOs.

He was searching for answers and I informed him of the results of my first small study, with Denise Stoner, on 50 experiencers of ET abduction and 25 participants who had never observed a UFO or had contact. I had read reports pertaining to several academic studies on experiencers that had been undertaken at universities, so I developed my questions accordingly, to test the consistency of their findings with my own. Denise Stoner, my coauthor on *The Alien Abduction Files*, and I had conducted this year-long

study to identify commonalities among experiencers that were not common among the general population. We had discovered 23 commonalities.

Later, Dr. Don C. Donderi, a retired psychology professor and statistician at McGill University, joined our team at the Mutual UFO Network for a two-phase study on 516 experiencers. It expanded our knowledge base on the many characteristics that experiencers share and identified, as a separate group, those with »UFO Abduction Syndrome«. We discovered that abductees have certain common characteristics at a higher rate than the overall survey group. For example, being awake at the time of the abduction and observing non-human entities occurs at a higher rate among the abductee group: 60% vs 36% overall. Close encounters of craft at 500 feet or less and family witnesses to the event occur at an increased rate among abductees. An astounding 45% state that they have been healed by the non-human entities, whereas this is true of only 10% of the survey takers in general. Spirituality, psychic growth, and becoming empathic occurs at an increased rate among abductees. The results of our findings are discussed in my latest book, *Extraterrestrial Contact: What to Do When You've Been Abducted*.

In 2014, Rey made the decision to undertake an ambitious multi-national study of more than 4000 experiencers and invited me to join FREE's Board of Directors and to work as a research consultant to FREE's Experiencer Questionnaire. I accepted his invitation and worked on the development of the study with FREE founder Mary Rodwell, Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Barbara Lamb, et al. Dr. Rudy Schild, took the helm as FREE's Executive Director, enabling Rey to more efficiently handle the day to day operations at FREE. Dr. Schild is an Emeritus Research Astronomer from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for

Astrophysics and a scientist who is not afraid to voice his opinion. In 2018, I contributed a chapter to FREE's 785 page book *Beyond UFOs: The Science of Consciousness and Contact with Non-Human Intelligence*.

These were exciting times, indeed, to be involved in UFO contact research. Later, many additional academic scientists joined FREE as a result to the tireless efforts of Rey Hernandez.

Marcel Polte, a lawyer from Germany with a penchant for astrophysics and an alternative practitioner for psychotherapy and hypnotherapy, joined FREE in 2015. He began to correspond with me in 2016, to compare my research findings, on experiencers and the paranormal, with his own research. Scientifically oriented researchers, we independently advanced a common objective: to move beyond material science for the acquisition of data and knowledge as it pertains to contact phenomena.

An article on the front page of the *New York Times*, on 16 December 2017, took me by surprise. Titled »Glowing Auras and ›Black Money‹: The Pentagon's Mysterious UFO Program«, respected journalists Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal and Leslie Kean wrote of a secret program, at the Pentagon, funded through the Defense Intelligence Agency, to study the US Navy's radar footage of mysterious aerial objects that moved at high velocities, with no visible signs of propulsion, and hovered with no evident means of lift. We learned, later, that the craft, referred to as Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, made nearly impossible turns, ascended and descended vertically, in an instant, hovered silently in place for hours, traveled in squadrons, and flew into and out of the ocean. Scientists cautioned that we should not assume that the phenomena are of extraterrestrial origin. They must be studied carefully.

Having researched the US government's archival records, it became apparent to me that we were back to square one. In the mid to late 1940s and early 1950s, the US government had undertaken several studies of flying disks. By 1952, the ATIC had documented 4400 flying disk reports and had investigated 1593, assigning them to various categories: Balloons, Aircraft, Astronomical Bodies, Other, Hoaxes, Insufficient Data, and Unknown. At the end of the study, 26.94% were categorized as Unknown meaning that they did not conform to the characteristics of identified phenomena and were not known to originate on Earth.

Project Blue Book Special Report #14 was the largest scientific study of Unidentified Aerial Objects (UAOs) ever undertaken by the US Air Force. The Battelle Memorial Institute's work began in March 1952, and the report was completed in May 1955. They examined 3201 UFO cases and provided more than 200 charts, graphs, tables and maps. All reports were categorized as Aircraft, Balloon, Astronomical, Psychological Aberration, Insufficient Information, or Unknown. No sighting could be listed as Unknown unless all four scientific analysts agreed that it was a true Unknown. At the end of the scientific study, 21.5% of the 3201 cases were deemed Unknowns. The probability that the Unknowns were just missed Knowns was less than 1%. A Chi Square analysis indicated that 35.1% of the aerial object observations in the Excellent Quality Group (close encounters, trained observers, greater length of observation, etc.), were deemed true Unknowns, whereas only 18.3% of the Poor Quality Group were categorized as Unknowns.

Despite the scientific value of this remarkable study, U.S.A.F. Secretary Donald Quarles released the following statement: »On the basis of this study, we believe that no

objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have overflowed the United States. I feel certain that even the Unknown 3% could have been explained as conventional phenomena or illusions if more complete observational data had been obtained.« His statement was a blatant deception and a shining example of the cover-up, perpetrated by the US government for the past 70+ years. Today, we must ask, »Will the truth be told this time? Or will another attempt be made to obfuscate the evidence and mislead the people of the world?« (See *Fact, Fiction, and Flying Saucers* by Stanton T. Friedman and Kathleen Marden)

My years of study and investigation have solidified the following hypothesis: UAOs, UAPs, paranormal phenomena, contact and consciousness are all part of the same phenomena.

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Foreword by Robert Fleischer

The phenomenon of so-called »abductions by extraterrestrials« is truly not an easy one. Most scientists would not touch that subject. Neither can it be reliably reproduced in the laboratory, nor are there any measuring methods that would provide unambiguous information about the content of truth in statements made by those allegedly affected. As a result, there are relatively few publications with a scientific claim to the abduction phenomenon.

As a journalist who works for a large media company, you usually do not come into contact with the topic, since it plays virtually no role in reporting, in the world of politics and science. If a report on this should find its way onto the news ticker, it is all too easy to dismiss it as an isolated case, a tragic example of how delusions can bring a person to the edge of existence. I, too, had heard very little about abductions when in June 2007 I founded the citizens' initiative Exopolitik Deutschland (Exopolitics Germany), which, among other things, promotes the dissemination of reliable information about the UFO phenomenon and the associated aspects. But that was about to change. In April 2009, I attended the *X-Conference*, a UFO conference in Washington D.C., together with my Danish exopolitics colleague Frederik Uldall. At the final press conference in the venerable National Press Club, a surgeon named Roger Leir appeared alongside Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell and Milton Torres, a former air force pilot with UFO experience. He reported that he had located foreign objects in the bodies of several suspected abductees.

The man on the CNN camera to my right and I looked at each other in amazement when Dr. Leir began to present photos. They showed strange objects, only a few millimeters to one centimeter in size, which Dr. Leir had operated out of the bodies of those affected. He had already surgically removed a total of seven such objects, he explained. They were all surrounded by an indeterminable biological substance - difficult to cut with a scalpel.

Then a scientist named Dr. Alex Moser stepped up to the microphone. The expert for material analysis had carried out various measurements on one of the objects. When Dr. Moser gave a detailed account of his findings, the CNN reporter, who had appeared astonishingly calm up to then, also dropped his jaw: The object had obviously emitted radio signals as long as it was in the body, namely on the frequencies 14.749650 Megahertz and 17.68658 Gigahertz. Subsequently, Dr. Moser showed results of an energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy.

The images revealed strange crystalline structures and nanotube-like carbon filaments that do not occur in nature. According to Dr. Moser, such structures must have been artificially produced with considerable effort. »So we assume that we are dealing with something technical with this object«, was the cautious conclusion of the materials analysis expert. Further investigations are undoubtedly necessary to find out more.

When Dr. Moser finally stepped down from the lectern, he left all the journalists gathered in the room, including myself, speechless.

By chance, a few hours after the end of the press conference, I suddenly found myself in front of the ZDF (German public television) foreign studio in Washington. »Shouldn't the German public be informed that such research results are being discussed in America«, I asked

myself. Of course, it was clear to me that the chance to sell my film material about »alien implants« here was virtually zero. Nevertheless, I spontaneously decided to try and rang the doorbell. I was politely welcomed.

But I did not even get to put in my tape. Because when I explained what it was about, I was just as politely complimented out again with the sentence »We'll pass it on to Mainz [location of the ZDF studio].« The research results of Doctors Leir and Moser were probably not even revealed to the Mainz men [cartoon characters created by the ZDF].

I had expected that reaction of my ZDF colleagues. Nevertheless, this incident revealed to me the difficult situation that abduction research is in: there is virtually no media coverage of it, because there are too few tangible facts to be found on the radar of a mainstream colleague. And once they do show up, it's better to ignore them. Because they do not fit into the prevailing social consensus in Germany that there are *no* UFOs, *no* aliens and therefore of course *no* kidnappings by the latter. And if someone should seriously claim to have been abducted, then he or she must certainly have lost his marbles.

Pensively, I returned to Germany. How would it be possible to take away people's fear of the »maximum strangeness« and prepare them for the possibility of making contact with extraterrestrials while at the same time, quite a number of affected people report disturbing, traumatizing, sometimes extremely painful experiences? From now on I followed the developments in the field of abductions with greater attention and increasingly worked on them. But at first I had a hard time with a publication. Only after the death of Dr. Roger Leir in 2014 did I decide to publish his presentation from the National Press Club in German. The entire video, which lasts about half an hour

and contains the research results mentioned above, is now viewed almost 280,000 times on YouTube.*

From then on, letters from those allegedly affected began to accumulate. I receive e-mails almost every month from people who claim to have had such experiences. They are people of different origins, religions and ages, people with all possible levels of education and from all possible social classes. The only thing these people have in common is their conspicuous reticence about what they have experienced. Most of the time, they do not want their experiences to go public.

This circumstance alone should alert sceptics, who often accuse alleged abductees of merely trying to attract attention with their strange stories. Almost always, the people who write to me merely indicate what happened to them without going into detail, and ask me if I can't find someone who knows something like that.

For years, I didn't really know how to deal with such requests. Although the UFO research organization MUFON-CES had a psychologist on its team for a while who dealt with patients, they had to fill out a long questionnaire beforehand - a hurdle that only a few patients were willing to take, since they were not interested in becoming a study object, but simply wanted to process their experiences. I was accordingly happy when one day the hypnotherapist Dr. Marcel Polte contacted me.

Since then, I have a permanent contact person for inquiries from possible abductees and have been able to forward several cases to him. Dr. Polte is more familiar with the international state of affairs in Germany than almost anyone else and has excellent connections with research organizations in Germany and abroad. With this book he makes an important contribution to the scientific debate in this field. Not only does he summarize the key findings

from the specialist literature, he also supplements them with current case studies from his own practice and gives consideration, for example, to the possible motives of the strangers or the paranormal aspects associated with them, without being dogmatic.

You don't necessarily have to agree with every thought one hundred percent to find his book interesting. As the author convincingly presents, weighty reasons speak for the reality of the abduction phenomenon, and it is time to acknowledge and explore this.

Like hardly any other phenomenon, abduction experiences also point to a larger, unknown reality that we are just beginning to understand. May this book help us to be more open to the mysteries of the universe, to transform our primal fear of the foreign into curiosity, and to prepare ourselves for the moment when we all realize that we are not alone in the universe.

Leipzig, February 2018

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* You can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Se5DkifWMDE>.

Introduction

Dear reader,

Maybe you read already in December 2017 in the *New York Times* or *Washington Post* about the Pentagon's secret UFO program AATIP. Or, later on, you have seen on CNN or Fox News the UFO videos filmed by U.S. Navy fighter jets. You may have also heard in June 2019 about the classified briefings of former President Trump and several U.S. senators on the subject. At least, you will be aware of the extensive media coverage of the 2021 Pentagon report on UAPs (unidentified aerial phenomena).

Either way, you might now want to know what this is all about. What is behind the so-called UFO-phenomenon? One thing is clear after all these astonishing developments. The phenomenon cannot be ignored any longer. Against this background, this book is trying to provide you with some legitimate answers. You will learn about facts that you would never have expected to be real, even in your wildest dreams.

Now, take your time to absorb and process the information that I present in the following. I have tried to structure these unusual facts in a logically comprehensible order. Previous knowledge is not required.

One should actually think that, under these premises, every reader should reach the same conclusions - which would be:

1. UFOs are a real phenomenon.
2. There are thousands of contacts with non-human intelligent beings.

Unfortunately, things are not that simple. Understanding these events is not a question of intelligence. The problem is not on a cognitive or mental level. The reasons why some will find it difficult to acknowledge certain facts and their consequences are much deeper. They are based on dogmas embedded in our subconscious that we have been taught since our earliest childhood. The enormous task of each individual is thus to overcome these traditional, loved but false beliefs. One of these dogmas could be: *There is no such nonsense as UFOs.* Another could look like this: *Aliens don't exist. And if they do, they're far away.* These dogmas are not based on facts but have been communicated to us by our environment - by parents, teachers, the media, science and all the external influences that make us who we are.

The problem we are facing is therefore comparable with the concern of Albert Einstein in 1905, when he published his Special Theory of Relativity. Not only the general public, but also the scientists at that time were of the firm conviction that time would pass equally fast in every place and for every living being in the universe. There had to be some kind of universal clock. People age at the same rate and at which place and under which conditions I read my watch does not matter either.

Ultimately, however, these everyday experiences deceive us, and the underlying dogmas or - as Einstein calls them - »thinking habits« are wrong. Time is NOT absolute. A clock on the viewing platform of the Empire State Building does not run as fast as an identical clock on the ground floor of the building. This minimal difference in time flow cannot be measured with conventional clocks. However, successful experiments were carried out with atomic clocks, which were carried in passenger planes and resulted in a corresponding difference in the time flow of the clocks.

What is important is only the basic finding that results from certain experiments and the physical formulas: Time is RELATIVE. It depends on the location where the measurement is done (more precisely: on the strength of the gravitational field at this place) and the state of motion of the observer who measures time. Acknowledging that two twins may actually age at different rates under certain circumstances (which are difficult to implement in practice), because time passes at different rates for them (if, e.g., one of them takes a fast trip around our solar system), was an enormous challenge. It took many years until not only laymen but also physicists could give up their entrenched thinking habits and integrate the relativity of time (and space) into their new world view. Nowadays, Einstein's groundbreaking findings are well documented. Take GPS navigation as an example: It would be useless without taking the relativity of time into account.

So why am I writing this book right now on such fantastic sounding topics as UFOs and contacts with non-human beings? Because I am optimistic about the chances that together we will succeed in leaving such outdated dogmas behind us. What justifies this assessment is the solid factual basis on which the two conclusions mentioned above are based. Discussing the existence of UFOs? Time's up for this. There is no room for interpretation when thousands of witnesses, radar records, official documents and various physical traces unequivocally document certain events. That is why I am not trying to convince you or even want you to believe me. As my friend and colleague, the journalist Robert Fleischer (www.exopolitik.org), aptly remarked in an interview: *UFOs are not a matter of faith!* This must all the more apply since 16 December 2017. This date marks a paradigm shift. On this day the *New York Times* reported for the first time on a secret UFO

investigation conducted by the Pentagon («*Glowing Auras and ›Black Money‹: The Pentagon's Mysterious U.F.O. Program*»). What followed is a UFO disclosure campaign which is unique in our history. I will outline the most important aspects of this astonishing process later on.

As you will see, it is not necessary to be a »believer«. It's all about understanding the subject. And this is not only true for the well documented UFO phenomenon but also for the crews of the unidentified flying objects. Now, the time has come for the public to find out: Thousands of contact experiences with these beings have already been examined and a clear picture emerges from this.

Why is this so important now? The question is quickly answered. On one hand, after even mainstream media has accepted the reality of UFOs, the crucial follow-up question asks for an explanation of the UFO-phenomenon. On the other hand, you just have to look around: Wars, nuclear threats, unprecedented religious conflicts and terrorism, possible climate change, unequal distribution of wealth, streams of refugees and, last but not least, a continuing and irrevocable destruction of our environment. It is undoubtedly clear to all of us that something must change dramatically if we intend to survive as a species on this planet Earth. No president and no religious leader will be able to persuade the whole of humanity to change their minds. The necessary change can only happen from within ourselves.

And in my opinion this can only be achieved by one thing: *Understanding*. The recognition of where we come from, where we go to and how precious and unique our human existence is. We can only reach such a realization if we give up our arrogant overestimation of ourselves. We must realize that we are *not* the rulers of other people, of animals and of the planet Earth, which is our fragile

habitat. What could be better suited to bring us closer to this urgently needed humility than understanding that we are not alone in this universe but share it with other life-forms - including beings who are technically and intellectually far superior to us.

Anyone who has not dealt with these topics before will be surprised that alien intelligent life does not only exist hypothetically somewhere in the infinite vastness of space. Non-human beings are in constant contact with us, and this has possibly been the case since the beginning of mankind. That this is no science fiction is now beyond doubt, but only a few people are aware of it. In the following, I will therefore present, in a first step, an evaluation of the facts that have been collected in around forty years of research in the field of contacts with non-human intelligence. After this, I will present the results of my own investigations in a comparative examination. The protagonists of this unusual and bizarre story are a strange species which researchers named the »Greys«. There's a good reason for this choice (although other beings have been reported as well). It is precisely these little grey figures with their huge heads and big black slanting eyes who appear again and again in the thousands of abduction reports by those affected. My own research has confirmed their frequent appearance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the persons who have contacted me in recent years to tell me about their unusual experiences and, with my support as a researcher and hypnotherapist, to find out more about it. I have always regarded this as a cooperation based on mutual trust and I am very grateful for the many valuable findings. These have repeatedly confirmed my path and made me move forward. Therefore, I hope that the information gathered in this book will finally give those

affected the understanding and appreciation that they have always been denied due to prejudice and ignorance.

Although this book focuses on contact experiences with Greys, I would like to emphasize that Greys are not the only non-human strangers that have been reported. A number of different entities seem to exist. In my own cases, for example, there has been an extraordinary accumulation of reports concerning certain reptilian beings. The whole thing went so far that several times a direct communication with these beings took place in my sessions. Another example are the »blue men« which Dr. Ardy Sixkiller Clarke describes in her latest book (*Space Age Indians*), which contains more than a dozen accounts of people that encountered this species. For the sake of clarity, however, I have decided to leave out these data. The subject of UFOs and alien contacts is quite complex. As most of the data collected during the last 40 years refer to the Greys it is challenging enough to give a consistent picture of this species.

Besides, there are other phenomena in the context of UFOs that are way easier to get a grip on. These are paranormal phenomena and capabilities that cannot be explained with our current knowledge of physics and biology. In addition to telepathy and telekinesis, this applies above all to the human ability to obtain information about distant places, people or events by psychic means (remote viewing). The existence of this phenomenon shakes our scientific understanding today in a similar way as Einstein's insight into the relativity of space and time did more than a hundred years ago. One should be aware that even after all this time we still do not know what time actually is. Neither do we know the underlying mechanism of remote viewing. But there's another parallel between these two that should surprise most readers: The existence of remote viewing has

now been confirmed just as reliably as Einstein's theory of relativity. This is due to the fact that this psychic ability has been researched and applied by U.S. intelligence services for decades.

Actually, it had been the scientists working for the U.S. military and the CIA/DIA that coined the term »remote viewing« and developed a method to train and apply this psychic ability. All this - unlike the UFO case - is quite easy to prove. We do not only have the statements of the former military remote viewers and the scientists involved, thousands of previously classified documents on the remote viewing project have also been released and are now freely accessible. Therefore, I dedicate one chapter to these important insights which show us crystal-clearly that our traditional world view contains enormous gaps. I hope that by reading this book, doing your own research, and many hours of contemplation, you will succeed in filling in at least some of these gaps.

A special thank you goes to my old friend Arnold Banerjee, who reviewed the English version of this book. Your support is well-appreciated!

Bad Homburg, June 2021
Marcel Polte

1 THE UFO PHENOMENON

»It is an intelligence that provides enough evidence that something profoundly important is at work, but it does not offer the kinds of proof that would satisfy an exclusively empirical, rationalistic way of knowing. It is for us to embrace the reality of the phenomenon and to take a step toward appreciating that we live in a universe different from the one in which we have been taught to believe.«²

Prof. John E. Mack, 1994

UFOS IN THE MEDIA

Once upon a time there was a UFO. Nobody liked it, nobody wanted it ... one mocked it, one chased it away, one even denied its existence. But it kept coming back. People became curious and some of them began to ask questions. The kings didn't like that at all and forbid them to talk about the mysterious UFO. With all sorts of tricks they tried to distract their subjects from it. They invented new, even more fantastic stories and threw the worst UFO rebels into a dark dungeon, because something had to be prevented at all costs. This one thing that frightened them more than enemy armies and violent storms that devastated the land: It must never happen that the people questioned their royal power ... because there was possibly something out there that even the kings could not explain and was superior to them.

In this or a similar way, childlike language could be used to describe how governments and the media have dealt with the UFO phenomenon over the last seventy years ... until December 2017. When UFOs were mentioned in the media before that date, it was usually not a serious coverage. The reports often resembled a satirical pamphlet. The structure of those reports often followed a typical pattern. To create a certain entertainment value, a mysterious UFO sighting was first described. With narcissistic satisfaction, a (correct or false) scientific explanation was then presented, ranging from illuminated drones, comets, flares, satellites, LED balloons to the planets Jupiter and Venus. And if there was no conventional explanation available, the end of the story could still be kept open with a mocking undertone («maybe it was the famous little green men ...»). In any case, there was no doubt for the reader or viewer that any thought of an

extraterrestrial background of such sightings is absolutely ridiculous and unacceptable. UFOs don't exist. That's it. And there can't be any UFOs because media has (almost) never reported a »real« UFO sighting. So why should this change all of a sudden ...

It is indeed true that most sightings of mysterious lights in the sky can be easily explained. After all, human perception and the human mind can very easily be deceived. Thus, the flickering light of the planet Jupiter behind a moving cloud cover at night is quickly perceived as an object that seems to be moving in the sky while radiating strongly. Such dubious »sightings« are not worth reporting at all. The fact that this happened nevertheless reinforced the view among the population that »real« UFOs do not exist. If we assume, as will be shown below, that not only UFOs but non-human intelligent beings indeed exist, this makes such reporting - to put it mildly - extremely questionable. Finally, according to its mandate, the press should be interested in providing the public with *facts*. This is all the more true when the facts are as exceptional as they are significant for mankind.

EVIDENCE

It really does not take any investigative journalistic talent or even scientific training to realize that the evidence for unusual flying objects in our skies is simply overwhelming (even before the campaign started in December 2017). This book is not aiming at proving the reality of the UFO phenomenon.

Since the U.S. mainstream media, in the meanwhile, have accepted the existence of UFOs there is no need for that. Furthermore, anyone can convince themselves of this fact by means of freely accessible, serious sources. The reader can find a conscientious compilation of important UFO cases on the internet at www.das-ufo-phaenomen.de (German internet page but mostly English documents and documentaries); further evidence is available at <https://siriusdisclosure.com/evidence/> for example.

For his or her own research I would like to give the reader a little help in the form of the following facts. They are all worth a closer look and should have been part of our common knowledge for a long time – just like other important political or historical events. But even most journalists who write about the topic are not familiar with these things. One must therefore ask oneself how serious reporting on the UFO topic is (was) possible on such a deficient information basis. Why don't you test yourself to see if you're aware of some of the most important facts about the UFO phenomenon?

1. *Are you aware* that many countries (including France, the United Kingdom and the United States) maintain or (officially) maintained UFO investigation authorities?

2. *Are you aware* that since about the middle of the last century there have been dozens of well-documented UFO