

Cosmic Citizens Committee Report

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UAPs: The Shift Toward Scholarship

Introduction: UAPs Enter the Realm of Serious Study

For decades, unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs) were seen as a fringe topic or dismissed as pseudoscience. But over the last ten years that's been changing. With peer-reviewed studies, university research programs, dedicated think tanks, and a slow drip of government transparency, UAPs have made their way into serious scientific and academic discussions. What was once mocked is now being approached with instruments, data, and serious inquiry.

That transformation is the focus of this report.

The Five Observables: A Framework for the Unknown

Let's start with one of the key tools shaping this phase of UAP investigation: The idea of the "Five Observables". This term was brought into wider use by Lue Elizondo, who previously worked with the Pentagon's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP). These five behaviors, while not definitive, show up consistently in many UAP encounters and help shape what makes these sightings so unusual. They include:

1. Instantaneous acceleration – Sudden, high-speed movements beyond what current technology can do
2. Hypersonic speed without sonic booms – Travel above Mach 5 (3,836 mph) without the normal shockwaves, noise, or environmental indicators.
3. Low observability – Difficult to detect using radar, infrared, or the human eye.
4. Trans-medium travel – Moving through air, water, or space without any change in performance.
5. Positive lift (anti gravity) – Hovering or moving without visible engines or wings, or other means of lift.

These characteristics don't offer clear answers, but they create a framework for identifying and categorizing what sets UAPs apart from known aircraft or natural events.

Academic Engagement: A Growing Infrastructure of Curiosity

One of the clearest signs that the UAP topic is gaining credibility is the growing number of universities and scholars taking it seriously.

- * At the University at Albany, a recent large financial gift will allow physicists like Dr. Kevin Knuth and his team to conduct long-term UAP research. Their work involves sensors, real-time data collection, and statistical modeling to turn personal stories into measurable data.
- * At Durham University in the United Kingdom, Professor Michael Bohlander is leading UAP-related legal and philosophical work through his role in global law and policy.
- * Under the leadership of Dr. Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University near Houston, Texas, has launched the “Archives of the Impossible”, preserving and exploring anomalous materials from a cultural perspective.
- * Harvard’s Galileo Project headed by Dr. Avi Loeb, uses astronomy, engineering, and AI tools to track and analyze UAPs.
- * Dr. Beatriz Villarroel, of the Nordic Institute of Theoretical Physics, has published serious research in reputable journals, helping move the tone of the field toward serious inquiry.
- * Organizations like the SOL Foundation (well known to the CCC) and The Society for UAP Studies (SUAPS) are gathering top thinkers from fields like physics, biology, political science, theology, and philosophy to explore UAPs not just as physical mysteries, but as cultural, spiritual, and existential considerations.

From “Are They Real?” to “What Do They Mean?”

We’re past the point of debating whether UAPs exist. Declassified military videos, public government hearings, and decades of eyewitness testimony from around the world have settled that question for most open-minded observers.

The real question now is: What do they mean?

And that question spans far more than aerospace engineering. It includes:

- * Philosophy – If UAPs reflect non-human intelligence, what does that mean for our understanding of humanity?
- * Sociology – How do people and cultures adapt to huge paradigm shifts (“We’re not alone in the universe!”)?
- * Political Theory – What are the global governmental considerations related to real disclosure?
- * Theology and Metaphysics – How does contact with UAP/or Non-Human Intelligence challenge or affirm concepts about the soul, spirit, and cosmic order?

This is where the conversation is heading, and academic institutions are beginning to lead the way.

Collaboration Is the Next Imperative

What comes next will require more coordination as well as curiosity.

- * Universities and researchers need to collaborate and share information, rather than compete or work in the silos so typical of cutting edge academic work. The impulse to “figure it out first” won’t get us very far in this strange new field of investigation.
- * Citizen scientists and independent researchers need to be brought into the conversation, not excluded or minimized.
- * Governments must shift from secrecy to cooperation, sharing data instead of holding it back. This is perhaps the biggest stumbling block within this conversation.

Conclusion: The Real Work Begins

The shift from “Are they real?” to “What are we dealing with?” marks a new phase of consciousness. Scientists, philosophers, spiritual thinkers, and other academics all have a vital role to play.

The National Geographic video, linked below, offers an excellent overview of many of the key themes covered in this report. We highly encourage the viewing of this, 44 minute video.

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