

UFO: The Others Hypotheses (by J. A. Hynek)

In the Cincinnati Horizons Magazine of October 1975 Hynek said: (If we were to be space visitors) "We might condition them slowly, make appearances, and do strange things...But we surely wouldn't travel the great distance involved to do prankish things like stopping cars and frightening animals. It would make no sense."

The October 4, 1975 issue of Nature contained an interview by Ian Ridpath, quoting Hynek: "...not support the idea that UFOs are nuts-and-bolts spacecraft from other worlds....It seems ridiculous that any intelligence would come from such great distortions to do reportedly stupid things like stopping cars and frightening people. And there are too many reports."

Hynek was quoted in the June 26, 1976 Daily News of Chicago: "(Are UFOs interplanetary?....) Not likely. It's just too far a distance to travel....We couldn't possibly do it with our technology. Of course, there might be a more technologically advanced civilization out there. Maybe they could travel here, but it probably wouldn't be in anything like a flying saucer....We just don't have enough information to answer that. Whether they are from outer space, or something even more bizarre than that, like visitors from a parallel reality...."

A June, 1976 published interview in FATE Magazine No. 315, Hynek had a lot to say: "...(Life in the universe) it does not follow that this explains UFOS in the sense of nuts-and-bolts hardware which is as far as most scientists are willing to go....(why) done entirely on the physical plane?....communication and exploration....not in the ordinary sense....There are other planes of existence ___ the astral plane, the etheric plane and so forth....that space and time are essentially interchangeable. Suppose it was possible to travel in time rather than in space...The new puzzle pieces are being given to us by the whole parapsychological scene ___ ESP, telepathy, the Uri Geiler phenomena, psychic healing and particularly psychic surgery....They clearly are parts of another jigsaw puzzle...there's going to have to be an interface between these two pictures and this is part of that psychic revolution....This relates to the whole UFO picture; I have come to believe UFOs are part of the larger paranormal picture which has two aspects...physical effects occur apparently without physical causes....'psychic construct' is a loaded term....modern UFO investigators tend to slough it off....doesn't belong in our UFO wave. But it does...related to other paranormal phenomena and possibly is part of a slow conditioning process....this psychic construct has the ability to imitate, camouflage or mimic...if you once talk about consciousness and intelligence existing apart from protoplasm....it has paranormal aspects but certainly but certainly it has very real physical aspects...We haven't come up with an answer. People always seem to want answers and I keep telling them, look, it's a research problem. In research you don't know the answers."

Furthermore, an interview with Hynek published in the April, 1977 OUI Magazine (Jerome Clark, Carl Macki), Hynek made his theories much clearer: "One might even begin to speculate that the UFO itself, even though it manifests physical effects, may not be completely physical. We don't know. We don't really know, when a UFO is 'seen,' if there is an actual image on the retina....a relationship might be discovered eventually, but in the poltergeist phenomenon we have something that has physical effects without being physical itself....the subject is much more complex than any of us imagined when we first got started in it. It's naïve to expect a simple solution....something that is far more complex than mere hallucinations or apparitions. UFOs, although they may have no physical reality, can and do affect matter....the universe is not all that simple. Mystics, for example, have always talked about how matter vibrates at different rates of speed, but the scientist doesn't know what the mystic is talking about....there is a lot that the spaceship concept doesn't explain about UFO phenomena. You have to disallow or neglect and overlook all sorts of things if you accept the idea that nuts-and-bolts craft are coming here from outer space....the so-called extraterrestrial hypothesis....We're going to have to broaden our scope and admit other things into our playing field of science....But it would be wrong if we pursued that path to the exclusion of everything else. If the evidence suggests that there is a paranormal dimension to the phenomenon, we're going to have to pursue that."

At a 1977 International UFO Congress in Chicago, Hynek said: "I hold it entirely possible that a technology exists which encompasses both the physical and the psychic, the material and the mental....there may a civilization that is millions of years more advanced than man....million-year-old civilization may know something that we don't....I hypothesize an 'm and m' technology encompassing the mental and material realms. The psychic realms, so mysterious to us today, may be an ordinary part of an advanced technology."