

## GLOSSARY OF COMMON UFOLOGY TERMS

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ABDUCTION - A term that became common in the 1980s and onwards. It defines the report of a person taken against their will inside a flying saucer, where they undergo clinical examinations and/or experiments. Usually, the witness does not consciously remember the process and the exams, but shows physical signs such as perforations, marks of drawing blood and even supposed implants...

ALLEGEDLY - Supposedly; believed to be so but not yet proved...

ANOMALY - A deviation from what is standard, normal or expected...

AREA 51 - A restricted access area located in the State of Nevada, in the desert region and beside a dry lake, called Groom Lake... (See Bob Lazar)

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BENEVOLENT - An entity that is well meaning or kindly...

BLACK KNIGHT SATELLITE - A mysterious satellite in Earth's orbit claimed by some to be 13,000 years old...

BOB LAZAR - An engineer who claims to have worked on the reverse engineering of extraterrestrial aircraft at the Area 51, a formally secret military base in Nevada...

BUDD HOPKINS - A specialist in cases of alien abduction and author of the book 'Intruders' which stated that this type of contact may already have reached 2% of the world's population...

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CATTLE MUTILATION - (Also known as 'bovine excision' and 'unexplained livestock death', or 'animal mutilation') A term that refers to the killing and mutilation of cattle under unusual, usually bloodless circumstances. This also has been observed among wild animals as well and is often associated with black helicopters and the UFO phenomenon...

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FIRST KIND - When a person sees a UFO within 150 metres...  
(See Hynek Classification)

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FOURTH KIND - Involving the person being taken and experimented on inside the alien craft...

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FIFTH KIND - Involving direct communication between aliens and humans...

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE SECOND KIND - When an encounter with a UFO in the sky or on the ground leaves evidence behind such as scorch marks on the ground or indents, etc... (See Hynek Classification)

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND - When an encounter is with visible occupants inside the UFO... (See Hynek Classification)

CONDON COMMITTEE, THE - Headed by physicist Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado, the Condon Committee was a U.S. government-sponsored panel that investigated UFO sightings from 1966 to 1968. The committee was created by Congress in response to public dissatisfaction with the actions of investigators in the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, who seemed determined to persuade people that UFOs could not possibly be alien spacecraft...

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EBE - Extraterrestrial Biological Entity. The primary classification of all potentially non-terrestrial creatures and directly related to the UFO Phenomenon...

ELUSIVE - Difficult to catch or to hold; hard to explain or understand...

ERICH VON DANIEN - Author and lecturer involved in the Ancient Astronaut hypotheses...

ETI - (Abbreviation for 'Extraterrestrial Intelligence')... (See Extraterrestrial intelligence)

EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE - (Often abbreviated ETI) A term that refers to intelligent extraterrestrial life and the question of whether or not intelligent lifeforms are inhabiting other worlds...

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FLYING SAUCER - (also referred to as 'a flying disc') is a descriptive term for a type of flying craft having a disc or saucer-shaped body, commonly used generically to refer to an anomalous flying object. The term was coined in 1947 but has generally been supplanted since 1952 by the United States Air Force term unidentified flying object... (See UFO)

FLYING TRIANGLES - (also referred to as 'Black Triangles') large, triangular-shaped UFOs that are usually described as being black in color, making a low humming noise, with lights below, and with rounded rather than angled corners... (See UFO)

FOO FIGHTERS - A term used to refer to UFOs that were reported by pilots flying at night as being mysterious moving lights. The first use of the term in this regard occurred during World War II, when fighter pilots, both Allied and German, flying at night over Germany often saw strange lights moving across the sky. Allied pilots, thinking these lights represented a new kind of German high-speed fighter plane, started referring to them as foo fighters...

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GREYS - They often appear as responsible for cases of alleged abduction. They all have similar characteristics: large black eyes, hands with three or four fingers, a large head disproportionate to the body, whose appearance approximates to the skeletal...

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HANGAR 18 - The place where the surviving alien from the Roswell crash was treated and taken located at Wright Field now known as Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. In some variations of the rumours, all the aliens were dead, and it is only the aliens refrigerated corpses that are kept in Hangar 18...

HOPKINS, BUDD - A specialist in cases of alien abduction and author of the book 'Intruders' which stated that this type of contact may already have reached 2% of the world's population...

HYNEK CLASSIFICATION - Developed by Dr J. Allen Hynek as a widely accepted system to classify the types of UFO encounters. For example 'Close Encounter of the Third Kind'...

HYPOTHESIZE - To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds...

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IMPLANT - (also referred to as 'Alien Implant') When the first cases of abductions started to appear, the contactees reported a procedure common to almost all the contacts: the introduction, by the kidnapers, of a tiny object in some part of the body of those contacted. Surgically, through the nostril; or subcutaneously, in the

nape or abdomen region...

INDISPUTABLE - Incontestable, impossible to doubt or dispute...

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KEYHOE, DONALD E. - During the 1950s journalist Donald E. Keyhoe became one of the leading proponents of the theory that UFOs were extraterrestrial spacecraft. Keyhoe often suggested that the U.S. government was concealing evidence that aliens from another planet had been visiting Earth. Keyhoe also served as a director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. His writings on UFOs include 'The Flying Saucers Are Real (1950)', 'The Flying Saucer Conspiracy (1955)', 'Flying Saucers: Top Secret (1960)', and 'Aliens from Space (1973)'...

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LAZAR, BOB - An engineer who claims to have worked on the reverse engineering of extraterrestrial aircraft at the Area 51, a formally secret military base in Nevada...

LENTICULAR CLOUD - A cloud that forms under certain weather conditions and that, due to its lenticular (or discoidal) shape, is often confused with a UFO...

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MALEVOLENT - An entity having or showing a wish to do evil to others...

MIBs - (also referred to as 'Men in Black') Figures that date back to the beginnings of Ufology. Initially, they were related to the actions of US intelligence agencies. Reports say the men in black visited UFO witnesses and threatened them not to tell their stories. A variant of this interpretation says that the MIBs themselves are extraterrestrials...

MISSING-TIME EPISODE - The perception on the part of a person that he or she cannot account for a span of time that might be as brief as a few minutes or as long as a day or more. Frequently, those who experience such episodes conclude that they have either seen a UFO, or that they have been the victim of alien abduction...

MOTHER SHIP - A large UFO that would serve as a starting point for smaller ships...

MUFON (or 'The Mutual UFO Network') - A scientific organization dedicated to the study of UFO's...

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NASA - (An acronym for National Aeronautics and Space Administration) A government agency that is responsible for science and technology related to air and space. Opening for business on Oct. 1, 1958 this agency was created to oversee space exploration and aeronautics research inside the United States...

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PHENOMENON - An unusual occurrence...

PLAUSIBLE - Apparently reasonable and valid, within the realm of credibility...

PROJECT BLUE BOOK - The code name for the systematic study of unidentified flying objects by the United States Air Force from March 1952 to its termination on December 17, 1969... (See UFO)

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RETRIEVED - To get and bring back, recovered...

ROBERTSON PANEL - Headed by physicist H.P. Robertson, who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (or CIA) and the Defense Department, the Robertson Panel consisted of scientists and military personnel who were called together in 1953 by the U.S. government, supposedly to determine the true nature of unidentified flying objects (or UFOs). However, the panel was actually created in order to end what the government perceived as mass hysteria over the idea that extraterrestrials might be visiting Earth...

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SETI - (An abbreviation of 'The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence') A designation of a series of projects which started in 1959 based mainly on attempts to detect artificial radio transmissions from outer space. A term referring to the scientific searches for intelligent extraterrestrial life by attempting to detect

signals from nearby stars and planets...

SKEPTICAL - Marked by or given to doubt...

SPECIMEN - An example regarded as typical of its class, sample...

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UAP - An abbreviation of 'unidentified aerial phenomenon' (or phenomena), a term that refers to things observed in the sky that cannot be identified as aircraft or other known phenomena. UAP is often used in the same way as the more popular term UFO... (See UFO)

UFO - A mysterious object seen in the sky for which, it is claimed, no orthodox scientific explanation can be found... (See UAP)

UFOLOGY - The study of UFO's and related phenomenon...

UNTENABLE - Incapable of being defended or justified...

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