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So many people today—and even professional scientists—seem to me like somebody who has seen thousands of trees but has never seen a forest. A knowledge of the historic and philosophical background gives that kind of independence from prejudices of his generation from which most scientists are suffering. This independence created by philosophical insight is—in my opinion—the mark of distinction between a mere artisan or specialist and a real seeker after truth.

– Albert Einstein

Chapter 1

The Extratempestrial Model

UFO reports are not necessarily caused by visits from space travelers.... If time and space are not as simple in structure as physicists have assumed until now, then the question 'where do they come from?' may be meaningless: they could come from a place in time.¹

– Jacques Fabrice Vallée

My fascination with the UFO enigma began when I was eight years old, after learning that my father once saw a strange light in the night sky while working in a rural area of northeast Ohio. Seeking answers to this odd occurrence, he, like most sensible people of the mid-1980s, bought Whitley Strieber's book, *Communion: A True Story*.² My curiosity was catapulted forward one afternoon when I happened to glance up at the living room shelf and noticed the eerie image of an archetypal "grey alien" looking back at me from the front cover of Strieber's book.

Upon seeing this obscure alien figure, with its broad forehead, small face, narrow chin, and large haunting black eyes, I remember being moved by an ephemeral image that entered my mind. It encompassed three humanoid creatures visualized together. On the left side was something like a chimpanzee, or an early hominin form, in the middle was a nondescript modern human, and on the right was that odd, yet entirely familiar alien creature from the book's cover. Even at a young age, and knowing nothing of phylogenetic relationships, it was evident that the human in the center of this mental image resembled both the "chimpanzee" to the left, and the "alien" to the right, which led me to wonder if they could somehow be related. This experience, along with the fact that I've always been easily bored by the banality of reality, was the impetus for my deep dive into the UFO phenomenon. The striking similarity between this "alien" and ourselves caused me to question whether our distant descendants could be using backward time-travel technology to visit and study their past. With further research into human biocultural evolution, procured while pursuing a PhD and subsequent career in biological anthropology, the scope of this potential paradigm expanded.

An important component of this concept centered on how longterm biological and cultural trends in human evolution, if they persist into the future, may ultimately result in us becoming them. This is noteworthy considering how often these beings are described as human, or with unique derived traits characteristic of the hominin lineage. It is also improbable that extraterrestrial aliens elsewhere in the universe would evolve to be bipedal, and generally look and act so much like us. Furthermore, most UFOs seen in association with these beings have a form consistent with what we would expect to see in a craft capable of manipulating spacetime, which suggests these are the very devices that allow our future progeny to venture backward across the landscape of time.

Seeking a locution to encompass this time-travel approach, I eventually coined the term extra*temp*estrial. By replacing the Latin root *terr*, meaning *Earth*, with the Latin root *temp*, meaning *time*, we retain a semantic similarity to the more conventional extra*terrestrial* lexis, while alluding to their future human origins. Furthermore, if these visitors are our descendants, they may also live here on Earth, just in a time or times that lie to the future of our current present. In essence, the term is meant to convey that they are us, following many millennia of continued evolutionary change in our culture and biology.

It is fun to speculate about what might happen between now and the disparate points in our future from which they come. However, there is currently no way for us to know what social, political, economic, atmospheric, nuclear, planetary, celestial, or subterranean forces may contribute to the expression of any future human characteristics.

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We can only surmise how different environments on Earth, in space, or elsewhere might shape our impending appearance, though without the aid of hindsight, such conjecture is unjustified.

Although we can't know how ensuing forces will impact our physiology and culture, examining dominant trends throughout the hominin past may provide some insight into our future form. For instance, among the most overt and enduring changes were an increase in size and roundness of our upper skull, and a concomitant reduction and retraction of our mid and lower facial anatomy. These craniofacial changes arose in association with our ancestors becoming habitually bipedal, which initially occurred 6–8 million years ago.

These most marked changes to our craniofacial architecture persisted, and accelerated, throughout the entirety of hominin evolution, regardless of where we lived on this planet, or what our environmental conditions were like at any given time. Considering the enduring nature of these and other past trends, what is observed in the appearance and behavior of the visitors, while alien to what we are now, is entirely consistent with what has occurred throughout the human past, and what may be the human future.

Moreover, the majority are described as symmetrical, four-limbed, pentadactyl, bipedal, large-brained, humanlike, or entirely human beings, with large round heads, enlarged eyes, small faces, and relative hairlessness who are capable of communicating in our languages, breathing our air, and who possess technology advanced beyond, but seemingly built upon, our own. These accounts, coupled with a thorough understanding of the past and modern human condition, point to the continuation of established biological and cultural trends here on Earth, long into the distant human future.

Temporal Convergence

The notion that UFOs and aliens may be our distant human descendants has been around for some time. After publishing *Identified Flying Objects* in 2019, I had the honor of meeting numerous authors, screenwriters, producers, and fellow scientists who also espouse this time-traveling humans idea as an explanation for at least part of the UFO phenomenon. It was fascinating to see that so many other people, with such a diverse set of skills and experiences, had reached the same conclusion, and that many were also working to get this idea out there in some capacity.

While there are bound to be others I have missed, some notable individuals I've met, collaborated with, or simply heard of who are also striving to make this a more conventionally understood concept include Diane Tessman, who published *Future Humans and the UFOs*;³ an author writing under the pen name Chris J. Simpson, who in 2014 published a science fiction book called *The Chrononaut*;⁴ and Leon Kirkbeck, cofounder of the Augusto Group production company and co-host of the *Cryptid Factor* podcast,⁵ produced in association with comedians and actors Rhys Darby, David Farrier, and Dan Schreiber.

Dr. Jack Sarfatti, an American theoretical physicist who studied at the Cornell Space Science Center and Max Planck Institute for Physics, among other notable institutions, also advocates for this time-travel model. Additionally, Sarfatti has put forth a theory about how our descendants may achieve backward time travel in the physical sense, which will be discussed later in this text. John Ventre, former state director for the Pennsylvania Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) also posited that unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs/UFOs) are future human military aircraft. In a live interview with KDKA Radio out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ventre states, "I think what we're dealing with is maybe interdimensional. It could be us from the future, it could be something coming through a dimension. What we're seeing here is most likely just military advanced crafts."⁶

Notable military personnel have also suggested that time travel may explain the origin of UFOs, including Sergeant Jim Penniston, USAF, Ret., whose encounter will be detailed later in this text.⁷ Distinguished US Navy Commander George W. Hoover, toward the end of his life, and after holding top-secret clearance throughout much of it, revealed that the 1947 crash in Roswell, New Mexico, involved time traveling

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humans.⁸ Additionally, Philip J. Corso and William J. Birnes's 1998 book *The Day after Roswell,* explains how Dr. Hermann Oberth, a German physicist and engineer who is considered a founding father of rocketry and astronautics, suggested that the craft recovered from Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 was "not a spacecraft but a time machine."

The other explanation Dr. Hermann Oberth came up with was that this was a time/dimensional travel ship that didn't traverse large distances in space. Rather, it 'jumped' from one time/space to another or from one dimension to another and instantly returned to its point of origin.⁹

Renowned computer scientist, astronomer, author, and Ufologist, Jacques Vallée, whose quote began this chapter, has long advocated in many of his writings and interviews that UFOs could be the result of intertemporal/interdimensional beings. Richard Hoffman, former defense contractor, MUFON state director, and current executive board member of the Scientific Coalition for UAP studies in Huntsville, Alabama, also considers time travel a strong candidate to explain much of the UFO phenomenon. In fact, Rich Hoffman, Jack Sarfatti, and myself were all guests on an episode of *Coast to Coast AM* titled, "UFOs: Theories & Technology," which aired on June 23, 2019, with renowned journalist George Knapp, where we each offered different but complementary views on this time-travel model.¹⁰

I recently came across a well-written 1992 book by Marc Davenport titled, *Visitors from Time: The Secret of the UFOs.*¹¹ Similar to this section of the book, Davenport also lists works written by those who had independently arrived at this same time-travel conclusion. While too numerous to catalog here, a comprehensive summary of these authors and their contributions can be seen beginning with page 218 of Davenport's book. Other published works on the subject include a 2001 book by Jenny Randles called *Time Storms: Amazing Evidence for Time Warps, Space Rifts and Time Travel*, which examines "whether UFO's may in fact be time travelers from our own future";¹² a 2010 book by David Fair

called UFO: Uninvited Future Observers;¹³ a 2012 book by Alan Butler called Intervention;¹⁴ and a 2018 book by Nathan Bollio titled Aliens Are Humans from the Future, UFO is a Time Machine.¹⁵

Other written works include a series of short articles by Jeff Barris (*Chrononauts – An Evolutionary Angle*); Clayton Rumley (*Humans... Among Us*!); and David Anderson, PhD (*Time Travelers from the Future*).¹⁶ Whitley Strieber also briefly acknowledged time travel as a possible explanation for UFOs in his 1987 book *Communion*, and though it was a somewhat censorious analysis, the Extratempestrial Model was thoroughly scrutinized in two different papers by Dr. Michael D. Swords, whose thoughtful critiques are considered throughout this tome.

This idea has also made its way into popular culture in various forms, which includes a 2012 song titled "Aliens (Are Only Us from the Future)" by Squackett, which featured Chris Squire (from Yes) and Steve Hackett (from Genesis) on the only studio album they ever produced titled, *A Life Within A Day*;¹⁷ a 1993 science fiction film called *Official Denial*, which depicts a person inside a "rubbery alien suit" who came from the future;¹⁸ and almost immediately after publishing my first book in 2019, several people began telling me about a scene from an even earlier film from 1984 called *Repo Man*, where Miller, played by actor Tracey Walter, tells Otto, played by Emilio Estevez,

Miller: There ain't no difference between a flying saucer and a time machine... Where'd all these people come from? I'll tell you where, the future. Where'd all these people disappear to?Otto: The past?Miller: That's right! And how'd they get there? Flying saucers. Which

are really? Yea, you got it, time machines!¹⁹

I have also been contacted by countless people over the last few years who have expressed to me that at some point in their lives, they too had postulated that UFOs and aliens may simply be us from the future. Among my favorites was a comment written in response to an

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article about my book, which was posted on the website Above Top Secret, in which one sagacious reader, who goes by the alias *burntdogg*, commented,

I used to postulate this back in my late teen yrs while partaking of the sacred herb down at the local creek. Part of my argument was that the human body would evolve around our dependence on technology and less on manual labor: we would lose muscle mass, fingers become elongated to perform button pushing (or maybe jazz guitar), our eyes widen due to working in darkened rooms, staring at computer screens (or trying to focus on the content of our smart phones), etc.

Then a friend would argue 'so, with all this grand technology, we come back from the future to mutilate cows?'

And I reply'yes, the future is udderly ridiculous [sic]'20

Collective Consciousness

Numerous instances exist throughout the human past where little bursts of innovation or insight independently creep into our collective consciousness, then spread more widely through two other cultural processes: migration, and diffusion. This appears to have been the case with the origin of agriculture during the Neolithic revolution. Beginning around 12,000 years ago, plant and animal domestication arose independently, and at nearly the same time, in six major geographic regions. It then spread rapidly from these original agricultural centers and has since become the primary subsistent strategy for nearly every society throughout the world.

Another notable instance of independent invention occurred when both Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace came to the same groundbreaking conclusion that nature selects for certain traits over others, thus directing the process of biological evolution. This novel notion arose independently for both naturalists around the same time. While conducting research across different continents, each scholar became keenly aware that natural selection causes organisms to become better adapted to their environment. Furthermore, it was clear to them that differences among closely related species are the result of evolution occurring over many generations, and when viewed in reverse, these variants can all be traced back to an earlier common ancestor.

Since Wallace and Darwin published their pioneering works in evolutionary biology nearly 170 years ago, the speed with which technology and knowledge evolves has accelerated immensely, to the extent that new ways of making, doing, or thinking now arise in tandem in a much narrower timeframe. It is possible that chrono-consistency concerning the Extratempestrial Model (chrononauts, temponauts, or whatever we decide to call these time traveling humans), is nothing more than coincidence. However, as more people postulate about this increasingly prevalent paradigm, one can't help but wonder if a shift in our collective consciousness is occurring.

There are many reasons why serious consideration should be given to this time-travel model. Not least among them are the advanced capabilities of UFOs and the nearly ubiquitous description of human and humanlike individuals associated with them, although far more information is required before any concrete claims can be made. It was not the intent of my last book, nor is it the intent of this one, to proclaim any insight beyond what can currently be known through scientific study and how it may be applied to understanding the more tenuous topic of UFOs. However, examining what we know of our pasts, what we see happening today, and what we will seemingly someday be capable of may bring us closer to a comprehensive comprehension of this concept and an eventual ability to measure its merits once granted the vantage of hindsight.

The aim of the current study is to offer a critical analysis of conventional contactee case studies as they relate to the Extratempestrial Model, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, and other interpretations of UFO encounters. Assessing the similarities and differences among these reports could be crucial to our understanding of the phenomenon and potentially reveal much about what is happening now, as well as across countless cases in the human past. In this context, the distinction

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between the terms *abductee* and *contactee* should also be noted. In a published book chapter titled "Alien Attraction: The Subculture of UFO Contactees and Abductees," Christopher D. Bader, professor and chair of the Sociology Department at Chapman University, clarifies the distinction:

The contactee/abductee distinction is key withing the UFO subculture. Someone who calls himself or herself a 'contactee' is signaling an entirely different type of experience, and perspective on that experience, than someone who calls himself or herself an 'abductee.' Contactees enjoy their experiences and look forward to the next adventure. They feel privileged to have been selected for contact by the aliens.... Although their stories continue to develop, abductees generally fear their experiences. They are not contacted, but *captured*.²¹

By examining consistent patterns across reliable reports provided by those who have interacted with unusual entities as abductees, contactees, and as part of other contact modalities, we may begin to understand the nature of these experiences, as well as the potential origin of the visitors involved. When the same things happen to a diverse group of people throughout the world and through time, we are obliged to pay attention. There is much we can learn from these encounters, and it is high time we vanquish the synthetic stigma that surrounds this subject and foster a future where open minds prevail, with the hopes of someday obtaining an unfettered understanding of the UFO phenomenon.

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