

# UFO Information: Where Does It Come From?

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# Where Are We Going?

- What is information?
- Why does it matter what we believe?
- Who generates UFO information?
- Marjorie Fish Star Map: Detailed example of important UFO information and how it gets distorted in UFO culture.
- What should we believe?

# What is Information? Does It Matter? I

- *Information*: (1) the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence; (2) facts, data.
- *Communication*: a process by which information is exchanged between individuals.
- *Knowledge*: the sum of what is known; the body of truth, information, and principles acquired by humankind.
- *Fact*: (1) a piece of information presented as having objective reality; (2) something that has actual *existence*.
- *Belief*: conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality of some being or phenomenon especially when based on examination of evidence.

# What is Information? Does It Matter? 2

- Information involves people, facts, reality, truth, principles, behavior, communication, belief.
- It's complicated!
- But!! Communication, truth, knowledge, facts, etc., matter because people base actions on beliefs.
- Example: Suppose a lion's nose and eyes consistently led the lion to misjudge where that gazelle was. How long would the lion live? Not long.
- People are more complicated. Like animals, we must live in the world using our muscles, eyes, mouths, etc., but most of the time we live in our cultural worlds—worlds all humans have created for themselves. If we can't negotiate these worlds, we don't thrive and may die. Acting on true information is how we successfully thrive!!

# What About UFO Information?

- We won't die if we don't consume true UFO information, but we may not thrive. Think of the alien abductee who doesn't know what's happening to him/herself.
- Also, think about the public at large who treat believers in UFOs as kooks. Think about how knowledge of the reality of UFOs might change governmental public policy. True information always matters regardless!!
- UFO books have now been written imagining how societal knowledge of UFOs and/or ETs might affect our physical world and cultural worlds. (Dolan, many "new age" UFO books, some Christian UFO books, 1960 Brookings Institution report, CSETI, etc.)

# Where Does UFO Information Come From?

- UFO witnesses and experiencers.
- UFO investigators and researchers.
- Mainstream news media.
- Entertainment media.
- UFO contactees and channelers.
- UFO enthusiasts.
- UFO disinformation professionals.
- UFO debunkers.
- UFO hoaxers.
- UFO cultists.
- Mainstream academia.
- Military/government.

# Who Has the Most Truth Content?

- UFO investigators and researchers. (1)
- UFO witnesses and experiencers. (2)
- Mainstream news media. (3)
- Entertainment media. (4)
- UFO enthusiasts. (5)
- UFO contactees and channelers. (6)
- Military/government. (7)
- Mainstream academia. (8)
- UFO cultists. (9)
- UFO disinformation professionals. (-)
- UFO debunkers. (-)
- UFO hoaxers. (-)

# Sources of Reliable Information

- UFO research groups: MUFON, CUFOS, FUFOR, NUFORC, NARCAP, FREE, BUFORA, CNES (UFOs section), COMETA, Project 1947, NICAP, APRO, etc.
- Some UFO movies: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Taken* TV miniseries, *Communion*, first part of *Fire in the Sky*, *Roswell* (1994).
- Books recommended on [oregonmufon.com](http://oregonmufon.com) - books.
- FOIA released government UFO documents.
- Top UFO researchers: Budd Hopkins, John Mack, David Jacobs, Peter Sturrock, Jerome Clark, Richard Hall, Barry Greenwood, Jacques Vallée, J. Allen Hynek, Richard Dolan, Richard Haines, Timothy Good, Stanton Friedman, Michael Swords, et al.

# Reliable Research: Marjorie Fish Star Map

- Betty and Barney Hill hypnosis revealed a possible origin of ETs via a drawn map of what the “commander” told Betty about the ETs’ travels.
- Science school teacher Marjorie Fish used astronomy star atlases to model a possible “match” with Betty’s star map.
- It turns out to be Zeta I and II in the constellation Reticulum (The Net) viewable only in the southern hemisphere on Earth.
- Channelers later “connect” with the “Zeta Reticulans.”
- Why did 19th and first half of 20th century channelers never “connect” with UFO ETs?

# What Should We Believe?

- Learn what you can about what scientists, scholars, and investigative journalists do.
- Become a MUFON UFO investigator to learn about serious UFO investigation of real cases.
- Seek out knowledgeable people you can trust to help you sort fact from fiction in the perilous UFO field.
- Understand that some people are just having fun (enthusiasts), some want to confuse you (government disinformers), some “know” they are right (debunkers), some are ignorant (mainstream academia).
- There is no royal road to perfectly reliable UFO information today. Do your best. It’s important.