

From Adam to Omega: An Anatomy of UFO Phenomena

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Entertaining and well-reasoned, this book will even make skeptics want to believe in UFOs.

From Adam to Omega by A. R. Roberts is a thorough review of documented UFO phenomena and an argument that alien encounters have influenced the development of religion. The book also posits the possibility of a human-alien hybridization program run by extraterrestrials for purposes unknown.

The book is organized in three parts, the first of which reviews the history of documented UFO encounters, and the second and third of which theorize about UFOs and aliens playing major roles in the events of the Bible. Moses's encounters with the Lord, the nature of the serpent in the Garden of Eden, and the famous "wheel within a wheel" scene are all examined in this light. The book also examines the possibility of Revelation being about a space-based threat event, like an asteroid, from which aliens might plan to save the human species.

UFO literature does not have the best reputation for being well thought out. *From Adam to Omega* breaks down this stereotype by relying heavily on logic and analysis of documented encounters. Roberts's tendency to discuss the possible motivations and causes of UFO events will likely spark interest even in skeptical minds.

For the most part, the book is well researched, its sources cited correctly. Its occasional reliance on Wikipedia, however, is a disappointment. While many sources dealing with UFO research and encounters may not be among the most reliable, excising this particular source from *From Adam to Omega* would definitely improve future editions.

Written eloquently and in an easy, engaging style, this book is not difficult to like. In fact, its technical qualities help to make its arguments seem, if not completely watertight, then at least reasonable. The author is not at all combative, and instead repeatedly emphasizes that the ideas he presents are merely his theories. In fact, he regularly reexamines assumptions he and other enthusiasts have held about UFOs, often discarding more outlandish ideas, such as the proposition that UFOs are piloted by demons. This balanced approach makes *From Adam to Omega* infinitely more accessible than most UFO literature.

Despite the weaknesses of some of the sources and the on-the-fringe nature of the subject, *From Adam to Omega* is convincing, well-written, and researched appropriately. Roberts makes several good choices in how he relates personal UFO accounts. In a nonfiction genre that is prone to wild speculation and paranoia, this book is remarkable in that it questions its own assumptions. But above everything else, *From Adam to Omega* is truly entertaining. Even nonbelievers will, at the very least, enjoy the experience.

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