

## Our Interplanetary Future: A UFO Primer for Skeptics

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Yesterday's science fiction and fantasy is rapidly becoming the science fact of today. Astonishing developments in the field of astronomy, including the possible detection of water on our moon and Mars and the discovery of Super Earths and Mini-Earths suggests the existence of life on other planets. Milton E. Brener agrees with astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who said, "Our destiny, in my opinion...is to become part of the planetary community...we should be ready to reach out beyond our planet and beyond our solar system to find out what is really going on out there."

Brener is the author of eight other books, including *Richard Wagner and the Jews* and *Evolution and Empathy: The Genetic Factor in the Rise of Humanism*. In *Our Interplanetary Future*, he attempts to deflate the myth that the UFO phenomenon is a twentieth- and twenty-first-century folk tale. He offers documented cases from all over the world, including prehistoric cave paintings that appear to illustrate man's early encounters with aliens that may have been worshiped as gods. Relating another example of possible UFO sightings in history, Brener writes, "in the year 329 B.C. Alexander the Great was leading his army into Asia across a river...two great silver shields in the sky, spitting fire around the rims dove repeatedly at his army. The action panicked the men, their elephants and horses to the extent that they had to abandon the river crossing until the following day."

A former skeptic, Brener also includes more recent reports of UFO sightings in the United States. For example, on March 10, 2009, a driver on US 64 in North Carolina reported seeing a UFO. On March 30 there two sightings, one in San Francisco and another in Oregon.

The author explains that even with all the reported sightings and encounters by people ranging from farmers and airline pilots to policemen and a Nobel Prize-winning former president, it has been the official policy of world governments to deny the existence of UFOs or any knowledge of life on other worlds. It is believed that their denial is designed to protect the citizenship from a type of massive panic like Orson Welles inspired with his infamous *The War of the Worlds* broadcast.

The book is scrupulously researched with splendid illustrations, photographs, and a vast bibliography of cited resources. Skeptics will find a kindred spirit in Brener, who simply presents recorded sightings and supports his ideas with hard science and logic. *Our Interplanetary Future* is not for zealots or Captain Kirk enthusiasts. Instead, it is a book that resonates with the possible future of the Human Race.

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