The British Ministry of Defence has announced they are planning to release 160 <u>UFO files</u> over the next three years, following an increase in public interest in the phenomenon. Nick Pope, who ran the UFO investigation programme at the MoD from 1991 to 1994, says his staff spent much of their time just releasing documents for Freedom of Information requests, rather than investigating new sightings. The publishing of the British UFO files will begin in the Spring, and it is hoped that this will free up time for staff to concentrate on other work. It follows a similar decision by the French government earlier in the year. Around 10,000 sightings have been reported to the MoD over the last fifty years, and around 5% of these still remain unexplained. Nick Pope says he was initially skeptical about the existence of UFOs, but later changed his mind after reading reports of several credible sightings, mainly from police and military personnel.

Quote: "One such sighting was of a "vast, triangular-shaped craft" firing a narrow beam of light onto the ground and emitting a low-frequency humming sound that was spotted flying over RAF Cosford in the West Midlands and RAF Shawbury in Shropshire in 1993. In another incident, at the Twin Bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk in December 1980, RAF staff were sent to investigate a suspected plane crash after bright lights were reported emanating from nearby woods. They found a kind of lunar landing module standing on three legs, decorated with strange hieroglyphic-type markings, which then flew off.

As the article states, the Ministry of Defence has investigated the UFO phenomena for over sixty years, yet they still haven't come to a conclusion. If these beings were from another planet, it would be unthinkable that after sixty years we would still know nothing about who they are or where they are coming from. Leading ufologists no longer believe that these craft are from outer space. The distances they would have to travel are too large for manned flight. Then you have the problem of micrometeorites, which would theoretically destroy any spaceship travelling at high speeds. And the energy required for a ship to travel to the nearest star system is much greater than anything we can reproduce on earth. Many now believe that these beings are from earth's locality, but come from <u>another dimension</u>. This may explain why UFOs are able to appear and disappear at will, and why the MoD still has no idea what they are dealing with.

Quote: "Dr J. Allen Hynek who until his death, was the world's leading authority on UFOs eventually abandoned the idea that these craft were of a tangible quality as we would understand it, calling it "the nuts and bolts theory". In 1976 he said: "There are just too many things going against this theory. To me, it seems ridiculous that super intelligence would travel great distances to do relatively stupid things like stop cars, collect soil samples,

and frighten people." (Jacques Vallee, Revelations, p. 290). After 30 years of serious UFO research, Hynek finally adopted the theory that UFOs are from another dimension, or a parallel reality (Bob Larson, UFOs and the Alien Agenda, p. 93).

I was reading up on a New Age website not so long ago. I don't like to dwell on these things for too long, as it affects me spiritually. But I wanted to try and understand what New Agers believe about this phenomena. According to their website, these beings claim that they are of a higher spiritual plain than we are, and are composed of a finer density of matter which cannot be seen by the human eye. They claim to inhabit all the planets in our solar system. I don't know how much truth is in that statement, but the Bible does state that there is a spiritual dimension to this world, and that the heavens are primarily where these spiritual beings reside (Ephesians 2:2). The Bible says that God "maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire" , Psalm 104:4. Although many of them may follow the evil one, praise God that there are many more of them who are "

sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation

", Hebrew 1:14. Mankind was made a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5), but praise God that mankind has been offered the opportunity to be redeemed, through Christ's sacrifice on the cross nearly 2000 years ago. That opportunity has not been afforded to angelic spirits. As the song goes:-

Angels never knew the joy that is mine, For the blood has never washed their sins away; Though they sing in Heaven there will come a time When silently they listen to me sing "Amazing Grace".

Have you experienced the joy of sins forgiven? The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6). Trust in Him for salvation today.

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