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A Ufoologist And His Money Soon Parted



Investigative journalist Jaime Maussan and friend.

In the field of ufology there is a body of non-evidence regarding alien visitors to this world. Actually it's more appropriate to refer to bodies of non-evidence.

Believers in ET visitors are so desperate for proof that they will believe in any alleged alien corpse that seemingly fell out of a flying saucer's garbage chute. And when such proof turns out to be bunk they say that the claim of a hoax is a hoax. (Does that mean that a claim that a hoax is a hoax is itself another hoax?)

The late great editor/writer Jim Moseley, perpetrator of the zine Saucer Smear, referred to the extreme believers as ufoologists.

When researching tales of dead alien bodies the name Jaime Maussan pops up. Maussan is a Mexican investigative journalist who critics say is too obsessed with UFOs and aliens. Others call him a serial fraudster. Along the way he's repeatedly become involved in sensational media hoo-ha over the latest ET smoking gun.

In the spring of 2013 someone came across a strange old Kodachrome slide. He was amazed when the image was projected to see what appeared to be a dead alien inside a glass case. Maybe this was one of the space aliens purportedly seen in the area of Roswell, New Mexico after a saucer purportedly crashed there in 1947.

Kodak experts could find no signs of trickery with the slide. They also said it was produced some time between 1945 and 1950, meaning it could have been used to photograph a Roswell crash corpse.

Enter Jaime Maussan, the P.T. Barnum of ufology. He arranged the Be Witness event held in Mexico City to reveal to the world the Roswell slides. Around 7,000 suckers – oops, I mean attendees – paid up to \$86 a head to be part of the spectacle.

But the placard blew the whole deal.



Attached to the glass case seen in the slide was what appeared to be a sign but the lettering was too indistinct to read. Using digital technology someone was able to decipher the blurry print. The truth was revealed: the placard stated the body was the mummified remains of a two year old boy.

Later the mummy of the Native American boy was traced to a museum in Colorado where the slide was taken.

OK, if you can't trust photos then actual physical evidence should do the trick. That's the approach Jaime Mussen took – repeatedly.

Back in 2013 there was the case of the demon fairy "corpse" linked to a description in Revelations. (It's not the first time that ufoology overlapped the Bible and religion with aliens.) A tiny dark brown body with wings, slender elongated arms and pointy ears was presented to the world.

Two researchers who discovered the body believed fallen angels were related to UFOS and that the demon fairy heralded the End Times. Reportedly Maussan paid \$10,000 to gain possession of the body.

The demon fairy had been stored in liquid. But once it was exposed to the air it fell apart, revealing it was composed of glue, wood and plastic that had been held together by its skin, the work of a taxidermist.

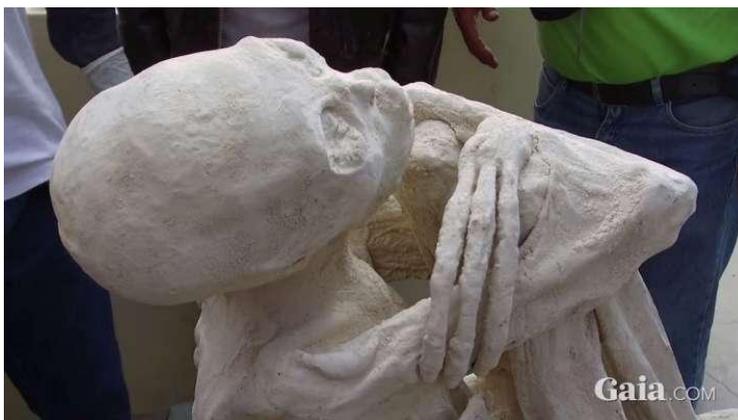
Those taxidermists can be sneaky fellows. Take the tale from 2007 of the Metepec creature, a small strange being found caught in a rat trap that was killed by frightened Mexican farmhands. Maussan forked over \$23,000 for ownership.



The body did indeed look extraterrestrial, suggestive of those gray aliens who wield anal probes. But Maussan kinda overpaid for the body: a taxidermist admitted it was made from a mammalian corpse reported to be either be a squirrel monkey or a Buffy-tufted marmoset. He skinned the animal and removed some musculature to create its eerie appearance. The taxidermist claimed he never promoted the corpse as anything really unusual: Maussan made that assumption.

Maussan hasn't given up, his most recent proof being the pre-Columbian "mummified aliens" from Nazca, Peru that generated a lot of buzz last year. This time he seemed to have a winner. Actual proof.

And also another money-maker. After teasing online viewers with some video of the "alien mummies" the website gaia.com had anyone sucked into the story to see more behind a paywall, a subscription costing about \$10 a month.



After all how can you explain a humanoid body with an elongated skull and only six fingers and toes? To top it all off the fingers and toes are extremely long. Gotta be an alien, right?

Not so fast. The elongated skull could be the result of head binding when the individual was a baby, a practice that has been carried out for centuries among certain civilizations.

But what about those freaky digits, three per limb, much longer than a those of a normal human? One explanation is trickery through mummy mutilation.

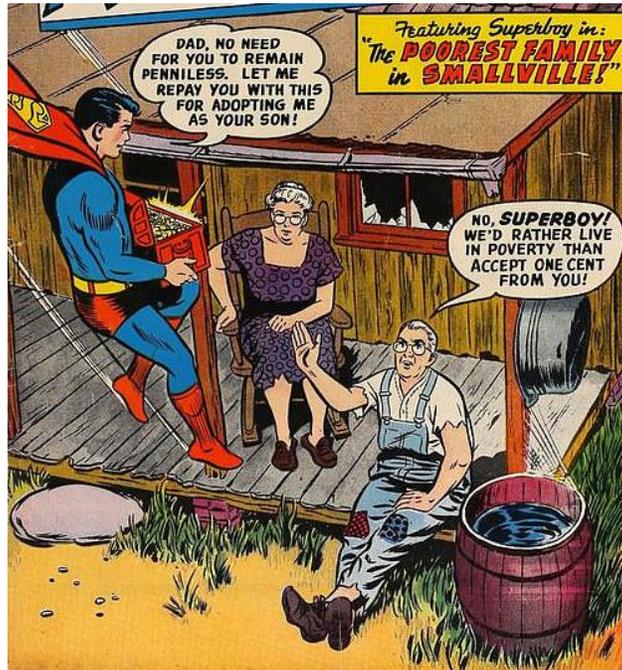
With each hand cut off the thumb and little finger. With the feet cut off the big and little toes. Now you cut between the remaining fingers all the way to the wrist. You could even add extra finger bones for more length. Presto change-o!. Freaky digits. Perform a similar procedure with the remaining toes.

Last year the "alien mummies" were examined, DNA testing proving they were the bodies of earthlings, not aliens. Mummification experts issued an angry report, "The Fraud of Extraterrestrial Mummies," that stated it was all a hoax involving the remains being altered to create alien features.

So there's money to be made – and lost – in claims of ET corpses. It's all a matter of trust.

I tell people don't go to someone else who will scam you. Come to me.

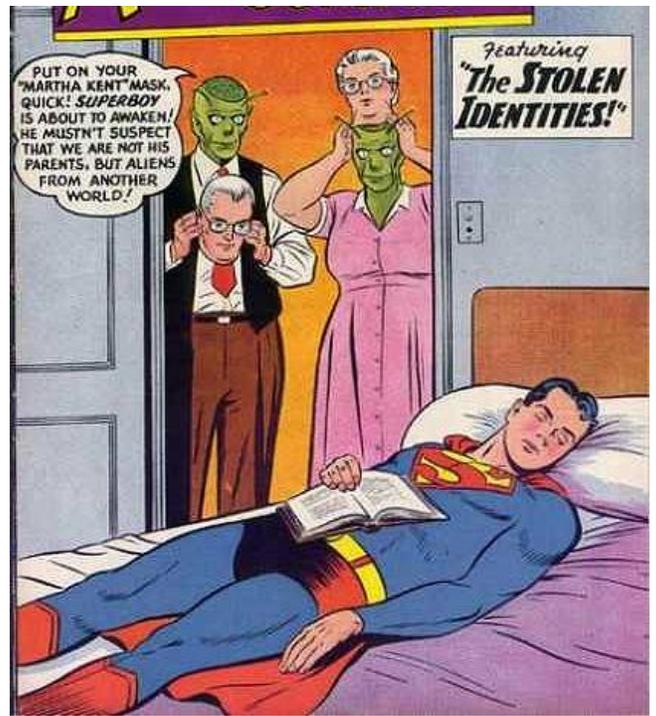
Social Commentary With Ma & Pa Kent



Ma and Pa Kent now rue the day they voted for Donald Trump.



See what happens when those damn technocrats take over?



The illegal alien situation is getting way out of hand.

MailBoX

11/26/17 John Thiel - LOC re XR#138

Ray:

Regarding the image submitted by Dave, it's been my consideration of costumery in the streets to regard people thus attired as Magog. Not that I don't like the variety of seeing an individual attired in a costume. This man might encounter street laws after taking off on his cycle.

I was pleased to see that particular issue of Superman; it may be I have seen that very issue, because I remember reading the full story of Superman's father somewhere, one of several recollections of the activity on Krypton. Those earlier editions of the comic make Superman look more human than the later editions; it was always nice to see how he related to people in less troubled circumstances.

Robin Bright seems to be becoming the newest sensation. I've had several pieces by him in my own fanzine, and have been wondering how he would make out with his views as he progressed through other areas of fandom.

RX: I won't read a Robin Bright essay unless it's been translated into plain English. Compare Bright's dense obfuscations to the following LOC by Dave Haren/Lilian Haren/whoever. It rambles but I can still follow the points.

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Hi Ray,

I take it from the description that the secret Irish space program was detected. Trying to explain why an alien sod thought he needed to wear a tie is mind boggling. Now a leprechaun with a flying saucer working for the IRA makes a lot more sense.

Kal El needs to study more human culture. The art of flexible description can make anything seem palatable internally. In Nawlens during Katrina white folks were 'gathering supplies' but black folks doing the same thing were 'lootin'. Trying to survive under unusual conditions covered both but the morality expressed by the description was much different.

Like RAW (Robert Anton Wilson) said, I don't know what anything "is", I only know how it appears to me at this moment in time.

The mad scheme to defeat external storage is all part of the ongoing war on general purpose computing. The overview is that since it is all on the Net you won't ever need a copy of your own. By stripping away the concept of ownership we get trapped into the worst of all possibilities. The Net is robust in some ways, it was designed to be functional after a massive nuclear weapon exchange, but one solar flare pointed this way will take it out with ease. Our corporate overlords may like the idea of all of the eggs in one basket but a view of history will show that this is a really dumb idea.



What did you think of that alien probe flyby? The pictures of it turn out to be an artists impression. I'd like to see a version done by an SF artsy with

some imagination since it was described as red and probably would look better with fins.

Android looked like the phone version of choice to avoid the surveillance until last week when it was revealed Google had cooked up a way to track and ID them all that couldn't be reached by the owner. In addition to the tinfoil hats the paranoid are going to have to re-invent two tin cans and a string tech to avoid the maniacal corpseboys.

I'm still burning through my re-read of SF and found another hole. This time it was The Anthony Villiers books by Alexei Panshin. The missing one has Pantograph in the title so I know I never discarded a lot of memories as excess baggage.

We now have another member of the nuts with nukes club who can deliver. It used to be a great debate over whether humans were smart enough to avoid using them on each other. Right now odds don't look so good. I was happy to see the USSR fold since that took away the incentives for merkin nuts to blast away over ideology.

The spooks should be thrilled since they now have lots of enemies to point at with alarum guaranteeing the budget for a few more years. They panicked when the ussr went down fearing that they might have to get a real job. The real danger is that of ignorance doing a misinterpretation of North Koreas plans and getting us into a second endless conflict on the asian landmass.

I'm working my way through Michael Pollans book Omnivores Dilemma in which he tracks food from farm to dinner table highly interesting unless you have bought into the advertising hype that is a necessary part of the modern foodery system.

Warm Regards

Dave

RX: I'm happy that passing asteroid didn't turn out to be an alien space vessel after seeing the movie Skyline (2010.)

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Dear Ray:

As you said in your past e-mail, work is keeping me busy. At least it should. Monday was the only day of work I had this week, and as a result, I am looking for a new job with more reliable hours. So, I am writing!, and getting lots of stuff done at home. I have here issues 137 and 138 of the X-Rayer, so here goes with some commentary. (I see I have already commented on 137...well, I will try it again, and see if I come up with anything new.)

137... Cyborgs are an old trope, but they sure look badly designed here. They've got it bad, so no wonder they might go bad, too. We go back to the old theme of slavery, and put an SF spin on it. It still works. With this monster installed in Washington, you need protest songs, protest comics, protest demonstrations, and so much more.

The Galactic Guard...someone to look after us, and make sure we don't destroy ourselves. Reminiscent of The Day the Earth Stood Still. Sometimes, I think a battalion of Klaatus won't be enough to stop us. I am also reminded that someone who is willing to sacrifice themselves, much the cyborgs mentioned here, are currently being sought after by NASA for a one-way mission to Mars.

Sometimes, even in a city like Toronto, there isn't much to do, only if you have a very particular interest. But, there is plenty to do, see, and take part in. I think you've got to move away, take a chance and see what there is out there in another city.

My loc...with some work on the go, I at least have some money in the bank. I see a fair number of jobs I believe I can do, or would like the opportunity to try to do. I apply, but I hear nothing. The books are weeded, the office is mostly de-papered, and we are slowly but surely cleaning out this apartment. We plan to return to that Michigan convention, but it has been moved to the Detroit suburb of Novi.

138...I have a Samsung tablet, a Galaxy Tab E. It is an old model, but it is exactly what I need. I took it to England in 2016. I scan my e-mail and Facebook while I sit on the couch, and I try my best to keep up with things. I suspect I will wait until it utterly fails, and then go and get another one.

The local...it took Ronald Reagan to tear down a horrible wall, but Dolt 45 to threaten to put up a new one. John Purcell can print out all the fanzines he likes...I do save all the e-zines that I get, and put them in one big file on the desktop. I already have about 25 boxes of fanzines in my collection; printing all the e-zines I get would probably take that to 40, and I'd have no space for any of it.

With work going at an extremely part-time basis, we are planning to return to England, but next year. We should be able to gather the \$\$ together, but who knows what might happen? Yvonne is now officially retired, and is still bringing in more cash than I am. I shall end up by saying thanks for two issues of X-Rayer, and please do keep them coming.

Yours, Lloyd Penney

RX: ThanX for the feedback. I've been producing this zine since February 1994 and comments from readers like you keep me going. Good luck with your travel plans.

As for Dolt 45 I think people are missing a key point about his proposed border wall. He's mainly interested in creating another monument to himself like his Trump Towers. But unlike his other real estate ventures he can't get someone else to put up the money (Mexico) and so the American taxpayer is gonna get screwed.

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