

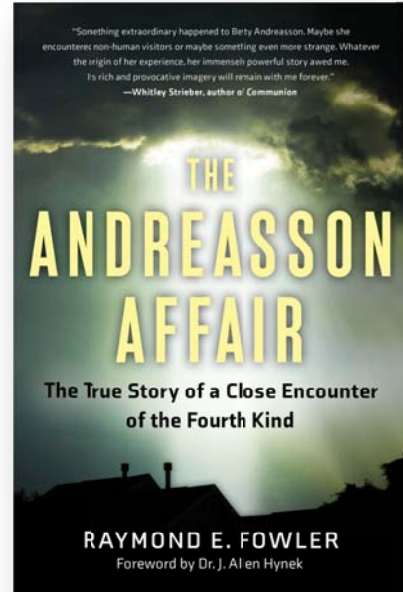
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## The Andreasson Affair

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Raymond Fowler has been involved in serious UFO research and investigation of close encounters with UFOs for a very long time. He had been active with the now long defunct National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, with the Center for UFO studies and with the Mutual UFO Network. MUFON receives more than 700 sighting reports per month. He has written 11 books relating to UFOs. Professionally he worked as an engineer on a wide variety of projects some requiring high level security clearances. He certainly has a better appreciation than most people of the government's ability to keep secrets and also to have sophisticated equipment available for monitoring the skies and withholding that information. He is probably best known for his several books about the abduction of Betty Andreasson and her family as discussed in this volume. In addition after many years of keeping quiet, he has courageously come out with descriptions of his own abductions.



An important aspect of this book is that it covers events occurring over a long period of time and apparently involving several family members and actual trips to “somewhere else”. This is quite different from the situation described, for example, in “Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience” by Kathleen Marden (Betty Hill’s niece) and myself. That abduction event took place within less than a day. We were very fortunate in that the Hills Hypnosis was conducted by a psychiatrist, Dr. Benjamin Simon who, because of World War 2, treated thousands of war veterans who had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Ray’s hypnotist Dr. Edelstein, didn’t have as much opportunity to deal with such mind numbing trauma. That was very different from the Andreasson situation.

It seems clear that if people in general are reluctant to discuss their UFO sightings, how much more reluctant they would be to report an abduction. In many cases the abductees are not even aware of being abducted though they may be aware of a period of missing time and/or having a sighting. When I have asked my lecture audiences, (only after a lecture) how many have had sightings, about 10% raise their hands. When I ask how many reported

what they saw, 90% of the hands go down. I would personally expect that the number of abductions is far greater than is generally thought to be the case. We really don't have a good handle as to why aliens are here, where they are from, how they select abductees in general and how to decide who will be tracked or reexamined. Is it a random sampling process? We have no idea whether many different alien groups are involved and report to a common office at the "Galactic Federation" or if they are all independent. Are they graduate students doing their research on our primitive society? We have no idea if the US government is well aware of the abductions, but has no desire to interfere, or perhaps can't. Is it sometimes just a Catch and Release program, or are most abductees selected for long term monitoring just as we attach devices to many different species of wild life and track them via data provided by tiny transmitters which broadcast to satellites which are monitored. Obviously I wouldn't have made such a suggestion 70 year ago when we didn't have the technology to monitor or satellites to receive and retransmit the data.

I wish I knew what the leaders in Central America thought about all the visitors after Columbus? They spoke different languages, seemed to have different objectives such as conversion of heathens, mining or stealing of gold, learning about new crops, etc. Seemed to come from different places. Judging by all the reports of Unidentified Submerged Objects, maybe the sea floor is really their objective.

It has been suggested that aliens are checking out our DNA or, trying to determine our exposure, to various biological agents. Some are convinced that cattle mutilations are a crude way of evaluating the presence of prions or other strange infectious agents. Ray does talk of the surprise at going through walls; another strange aspect of the UFO phenomenon.

The debunkers can't understand that anybody can believe that such things can happen. As noted in "Science WAS Wrong" A host of new ideas (flight, space travel, invisible bacteria, etc.) were attacked by prominent scientists as being impossible because they didn't know how to do it. Arrogance when ignorant should not be part of the scientific method.

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