

## Responding to Claims about Alien UFOs: A Brief List of Resources on the Web

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For decades, the media have given enormous attention to sensational claims that vague lights in the sky are actually extra-terrestrial spacecraft. Recently, there has been a flurry of misleading publicity about UFOs on military photographs. A sober examination of these claims reveals that there is a lot LESS to them than first meets the eye: when there is enough evidence, UFO claims can be explained by terrestrial or celestial phenomena (including lights from human craft and re-entering space junk). Here we limit ourselves here to sources available on the Web.

Colavito, J. "How Washington Got Hooked on Flying Saucers" (good piece in *The New Republic*):

<https://newrepublic.com/article/162457/government-embrace-ufos-bad-science>

Mick West key article: <https://news.yahoo.com/aliens-havent-landed-why-skeptical-090251254.html>

Mick West does excellent videos debunking some of the most famous recent cases:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF3UCTZiVg9wrIEzO7Om6jw> See his CNN interview about current claims: <https://twitter.com/cuomoprime/status/1395924723721285638>

Robert Sheaffer's UFO Skeptic's Page: <http://www.debunker.com/ufo.html> A big collection of investigations and skeptical examinations. Updated at: <https://badufos.blogspot.com/>

McGaha, J. & Nickell, J. "The UFO Identification Process" from *Skeptical Inquirer* 2018:

[https://skepticalinquirer.org/2018/11/ufo\\_identification\\_process/](https://skepticalinquirer.org/2018/11/ufo_identification_process/)

Fraknoi, A. UFO's: A Lot Less than Meets the Eye (short overview):

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258377682\\_UFO's\\_A\\_Lot\\_Less\\_than\\_Meets\\_the\\_Eye](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258377682_UFO's_A_Lot_Less_than_Meets_the_Eye)

Ian Ridpath UFO Skeptic Page: <http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/ufoindex.html> British science writer investigates UFO reports, and discusses astronomical causes of UFO sightings.

James Oberg's Space Age Myths:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210505152047/http://www.jamesoberg.com/ufo.html>

Investigation of cases by a veteran space journalist. See his useful video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdkbJ-4r2ZY>

Amat. Astron. Tim Printy on UFO claims: <http://www.astronomyufo.com/UFO/UFO.htm>

Shostak, S: Aliens There but not Here (a thoughtful 2020 article from *Skeptical Inquirer*):

<https://skepticalinquirer.org/2020/05/aliens-there-but-not-here/>

Alien Autopsy Hoax: <https://skepticalinquirer.org/1995/11/alien-autopsy-hoax/> Debunking the famous video.

Gleick, J. The Doctor's Plot. (A *New York Times* reporter examines critically the work of John Mack on UFO abductions): <https://around.com/abduct.html>

McGaha, J. & Nickell, J. "Alien Lights? At Phoenix, Stephenville & Elsewhere" from *Skeptical Inquirer* 2015 (explains some famous cases):

[https://skepticalinquirer.org/2015/03/alien\\_lights\\_at\\_phoenix\\_stephenville\\_and\\_elsewhere\\_a\\_postmortem/?/si/show/alien\\_lights\\_at\\_phoenix\\_stephenville\\_and\\_elsewhere\\_a\\_postmortem](https://skepticalinquirer.org/2015/03/alien_lights_at_phoenix_stephenville_and_elsewhere_a_postmortem/?/si/show/alien_lights_at_phoenix_stephenville_and_elsewhere_a_postmortem)

Apps to Create Your Own UFO Photos (from *Skeptical Inquirer*):

[https://skepticalinquirer.org/2013/11/ufo\\_hoaxes\\_theres\\_an\\_app\\_for\\_that/?/si/show/ufo\\_hoaxes\\_theres\\_an\\_app\\_for\\_that](https://skepticalinquirer.org/2013/11/ufo_hoaxes_theres_an_app_for_that/?/si/show/ufo_hoaxes_theres_an_app_for_that)