



Extraterrestrial Beings

Starting in the 2010s, a series of events related to Unidentified Flying Objects (historically called UFOs), were reported in the "mainstream media". An article in the *New York Times* reported on a secret program of the United States Department of Defense, aimed at investigating aerospace phenomena. Later, the Pentagon declassified a series of videos taken by pilots, acknowledged that the images were not tricked, and stated that they could not specify what type of craft were those that had been recorded. There were also a series of sightings that were denounced as "distractions" from more serious matters, such as the derailment of a train carrying toxic substances that would have generated a Chernobyl-like environmental catastrophe.

Something was changing... The so-called "ufologists" thought they had their moment of revenge. Previously they only received sarcasm and social scorn, now the subject was beginning to change its status: cautiously, it is true, but with no room for mockery. For decades, UFO specialists and anyone who claimed to have had a UFO contact was laughed at, and any information on the subject was dismissed as absurd and unprovable.

In the United States, the UFO phenomenon has been studied at least since 1947, the year in which hundreds of sightings occurred. Some specialists later attributed this to the interest that the detonation of the atomic bombs would have generated in the beings from other planets.

At that time, the Air Force investigated some 12,000 sightings in what was called Project Blue, which was officially closed