

Does the Pentagon's New Preliminary Assessment of UFOs Tell us Anything New?

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Among the many items purchased with our recent tax “donations” was an order for the US military to provide Congress with an unclassified initial report on UAP (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, since UFO now has too many negative connotations) within six months.¹ The report was released July 2, and regardless of the substance, it seems to be the most straightforward acknowledgement ever made by the Pentagon on the topic. Many ufologists were disappointed that there was no direct mention of extraterrestrials, however, I believe this document is a turning point in government/military attitudes and admissions about UFOs.

As expected, the nine-page document *Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena* didn't disclose any secret government liaisons with aliens. It did affirm “two giant leaps for ‘governmentkind’”... 1) The US government (military) admits that there is reason to accept that significant UAP exist, and that 2) openly collecting more data is a good thing.

The PA focused on 144 of the “best” reports involving multiple witnesses, multiple verifications (radar, sighting, physical evidence) reported by military personnel from 2004 to 2021.² It is a short read, but I've attempted summarize the main points even more:

1. The lack of “high-quality reporting” on UAP events prevents any firm conclusions.
2. Most UAP occur near military establishments (but that might be expected given the method of case selection).
3. UAP seem to be physical objects, but also behave in ways far beyond current technology and at times contrary to the laws of physics.
4. There may be different types of UAP, making one-size-fits-all analyses difficult.
5. UAP already pose flight dangers and threats to US security. (Military aircraft have “near misses” and have to change flight patterns.)
6. More effective methods of dealing with UAP data (collecting, reporting, consolidating, analyzing) are needed.

Nothing in the PA provides any new data about UFOs, however, it does reinterpret 70 years of government ignorance (or disinformation?). This general acknowledgement that UAP are “a thing” is monumental. The admission that they pose a security threat will guarantee funding for more research. UFO dialogue will move a step farther into the mainstream, and doubters will doubt a little less.

Many ufologists are cautiously optimistic over the PA and eagerly await more information. But where does this mesh with ETs and UFOs in the biblical worldview? Is this new government/military stance prepping us, little-by-little for the big unveiling? It's one thing if there

¹ Specifically, the Department of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

² Of these 144, only one was solved as a normal object (weather balloon).

really are other creations of God, galactic visitors ready to make first contact. But what if all is not as it seems? Many Christian leaders believe that UFOs and ETs are simply the contemporary, hi-tech manifestations of demons. Are we being prepped for a Grand Deception as some see described in Scripture?³ How well equipped are churches for dealing with ET next door?

³ For more on UFOs and the biblical worldview see *“God and the Paranormal: The Christian’s Guide to Ghosts, UFOs, Sasquatch, Psychics, Miracles, and Other Stranger Things”* and/or *“The Ephesians Hypothesis.”*