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## UND professor abducted by aliens

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Shortly after sunset on the night of March 20, 1988, Professor John Salter, Jr. of the University of North Dakota and his son John III were intercepted by aliens as they drove through Wisconsin in a 1987 Ford pickup, according to the professor.

The time between 6:25 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. was completely lost to the professor and his son. This is the time period when Salter, who is Chairman of Indian Studies at UND, believes he and his son had a close

encounter with humanoids from the Zeta Reticuli System.

Salter started reconstructing the encounter in late June, 1988, through "recall vignettes—images and sequences—which have come first as vivid dreams in the early morning hours, then recede back temporarily into unconsciousness before emerging the following late morning or afternoon as clear flashbacks...."

The following is what Salter believes happened on the night of March 20, 1988, between 6:25 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

The professor and his son were on

a four-lane when they were enveloped by total amnesia. They were forced off the highway onto the Pier Spring Road, where they parked the pickup under some trees. It was almost dark.

The next thing Salter remembers is standing next to the pickup and watching "...two or three small humanoid figures climbing up on the back bumper, looking at our gear in the back of the truck."

Salter describes the humanoids as about four and one-half feet tall, thin bodies with thin limbs, large heads and large slanted eyes.

There were six or seven of the small humanoids and a figure almost six feet tall who was not as proportionately thin as the others and who Salter believes to be of mixed blood, or half human, half humanoid.

Salter said he was led to believe the taller figure was of mixed blood because it was larger, taller, had a head that was less-proportionately large, had more of a nose, had eyes which were not quite so conspicuous and some hair or its head which was absent on the others.

"We are convinced that that is something he told us," Salter also

said. The humanoids were wearing tightly-fitting clothing, he said.

The communication between the humanoids and Salter and his son was "...more than thought-impressionistic; it's telepathically specific."

Salter and his son were led from the pickup up a ravine and over a small ridge to a UFO which was in a rather secluded clearing, according to the professor.

At the UFO, an implant was plac-

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ed in the professor's right nostril, an injection was given to him on the right side of his neck at the thyroid area and another injection was put into his chest where the thymus gland is located.

Meanwhile, John III was being examined with a flashlight-type instrument with such a soft head that it melded into the contours of his face; special attention was given to his chin and jaw area, according to Salter.

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The next thing Salter remembers is being out in the open again and being led back to the pickup by several small humanoids and the larger one "...who is attached to us in a very special fashion and is obviously our key liaison."

Of the larger humanoid, Salter said, "It isn't unusual, when races and cultures come together for so termed 'half-breeds' to play important intermediary roles."

The two men came out of the total amnesia state while driving on Highway 14 on the way to Richland Center.

The professor stressed the friendly nature of the relations between himself, his son and the aliens.

The next day, as Salter and his son resumed a southward trek towards New Orleans, where the professor was scheduled to give a paper at the annual Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association

gathering, they were bid farewell by the aliens.

The UFO of the previous night flew directly towards the truck and "...swerved slightly and rose over the pickup at an angle," the professor said.

John III, who is Director of the Round House Council, a center for Indian education in Greenville, Calif., said, "I do not have enough recall to verify what he (Salter) said happened in that time. However, I can say that I definitely saw a UFO fly over the truck the following day."

Salter has experienced well over a dozen physical changes since the incident in 1988.

The professor claims his immunity system is heightened. Hair on his face and the rest of his body has gotten thicker and grows more rapidly, he said.

His fingernails and toenails are growing two to three times the normal rate, he said, and the wrinkles in his face have faded.

Salter also said cuts and scratches now clot immediately and heal rapidly. Recently he gouged himself with a chisel. The wound clotted immediately, no blood flowed, and it was healed well enough an hour later for him to use his typewriter.

"After thirty-five years of smoking three to four packs of filterless Pall Malls a day, and after that around a pound of pipe tobacco per week, I was able to quit without noticing," he said. "There were no physical or physiological strains as a result of quitting smoking."

Salter said the implant in his right nostril to the base of the brain, the injection into the thyroid gland at the

base of the neck and the injection into the thymus gland in the chest could all affect the pituitary gland, and would explain the rapid hair and fingernail growth as well as the heightened immunity system.

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A medical consultant from a local hospital, who commented asked to remain anonymous, said the thymus gland does have an impact on the immunity system early in life, but by the time a person is an adult the thymus is only a remnant and has no function.

The professor has not been to a physician for an examination since the 1988 incident.

Salter said he has stayed away from "conventional doctors" for several reasons.

First, the professor has experienced no health problems since the 1988 encounter. In fact, according to Salter, he has been in excellent health, even through the winter months when members of his own family were all ill.

Secondly, the professor said the humanoids who handled the medical procedures in Wisconsin told him not to see any doctors.

Finally, Salter said, "Earthly physicians, when they can't find out why these things have happened, will go on and on and on."

Salter said he also has been experiencing a heightened sensitivity to light. "I wear sunglasses from dawn to dusk," he said, "but on the other

hand my vision at night has increased tremendously."

The professor said a possible explanation for his new sensitivity to light may be the origin of the humanoids who performed the medical procedures.

He has reason to believe the humanoids come from the Zeta Reticuli System, a double-star system 37 light years from earth.

According to Salter, the Zeta Reticuli System is a billion years older than our sun, but chemically the two systems are identical. "It is broadly felt," he said, "that the light on their planetary system would be dimmer, which would explain the conspicuous nature of their eyes and their whitish-gray skin."

This would also explain Salter's sensitivity to light, because according to him, a three-way DNA switch between the tall humanoid, John III and the professor may have occurred.

Dr. Walter Worman, professor of physics and astronomy at Moorhead State University, said there is a constellation named Reticulum, and the existence of such a double-star system at that distance from earth is possible.

Since the 1988 encounter, Salter has been recalling particulars from earlier incidents in his life. He is convinced there have been four encounters in all. Besides the abduction in 1988, Salter says he has had contact with aliens in 1957, 1952 and 1941.

The professor said there is a lot of evidence the same people with open minds are contacted over and over again to play the role of intermediaries.

"This is a long-term, sensitizing endeavor which is designed to, step-by-step, help our humanity become aware of the fact that there are other

intelligent forms of life not far from us," Salter said.

Salter said although he believes the earlier encounters were very real, recall of them continues to be somewhat clouded.

Since the 1988 encounter Salter has experienced several telekinetic episodes.

For example, he said, he and two others gave speeches recorded by the same person with the same equipment. While the other speeches were recorded with no difficulty, Salter's speech was static "from one end to the other" when it was played back.

He also said he has heightened psychic ability. "My son...invariably knows when deer are getting ready to cross the road," he said.

Salter said he and his son were left with the strong feeling they would be seeing these humanoids again, and he looks forward to the experience.

Salter has a master's degree in sociology from Arizona State University and has done a year of specialized work at the University of Washington. He also served as a special advisor to the Youth Council of the NAACP during the 1960's civil rights movement.

Shortly after the 1988 encounter, Salter was named North Dakota State Director of the Mutual UFO Network, which checks into UFO sightings, among other things.

Salter is also teaching Honors 299 (UFOs, ETs, and Close Encounters) at UND. The class currently has 151 students and ten spaces for observers, he said.

High enrollment in the course has been connected to the recent appearance of mysterious circles in Allen and Sharon Wagner's hay field near Turtle Lake, N.D., which Salter believes to be evidence of a UFO landing site.