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Feel alienated? You're not alone

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Do you have a missing hour or two you can't explain? Do you have trouble sleeping? Do you have strange marks on your body? Have you been having strange dreams?

These may not be signs that you're stressed out or in love, but that you've been abducted by aliens, say officials at the UFO Contact Center International, which is sponsoring a UFO conference Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

The contact center and the conference offer abductees needed support, said Francesco Pagliro, conference emcee.

"There was a need for an organization to bring people together so they're not so spaced out," Pagliro said. "It helps them deal with the situation. It's an educational thing for people to share similar situations."

The conference will feature speakers with a broad range of experience with UFOs. UFOCCI Director Aileen Edwards is a regressive hypnotherapist who unlocks the memories of people who have been abducted by aliens.

"We offer regressive hypnosis so they can integrate the experience into their conscious," Edwards said. "Most (experiences) are very traumatic. These people are not crazy."

People who have been abducted or had contact with aliens have the highest incidence of post-trauma distress disorder, more than even Vietnam veterans, said Phyllis Duran, an abductee.

The aliens' concern with Earth is related to a "ripple effect" in the solar system, Duran said. What affects our planet will affect others, so aliens have a stake in our treatment of the planet, she said.

"The possibility of blowing ourselves to kingdom come would affect who knows, galaxies maybe," Duran said. "We do have free will to destroy ourselves, except by taking the planet with us."

Edwards said she believes the aliens want to advance the "evolution of mankind to a higher state of existence." Examples of the alien's influence

include the country's recent interest in saving the environment, she said.

Abductions occur more frequently than most people are willing to think about, Edwards said. UFO abductions have been reported throughout the world, including Poland, Russia and Denmark, she added.

The government has been covering up their knowledge of alien life forms to prevent a panic, Pagliro said.

"The government wants to always look strong, which is good. But when they downplay these people, that's wrong," he said. "A lot of abductees won't come out because people will say 'they're off the wall.'"

"The government will play it down. They know more than they'll ever say. A ship has crashed and the government took live aliens and have them in captivity."

Clay Kruger, who helps publish "The Missing Link" newsletter put out by the center, at first thought his encounter with aliens was a dream.

"I was awoken in the middle of the night," Kruger said. "I saw a UFO in my backyard. It went to my back window, so I went that way. The next thing I remember I was on the craft."

"I felt it was a dream but when I woke up the next morning, the light was on and my pants were on and that's not something I do — go to sleep with my pants on. I was very disturbed about that."

After abducting humans, the aliens attempt to block the experience of the abduction out of the human's consciousness; however, slowly the repressed experience comes out, Pagliro said.

Conference organizers promise new insights into extraterrestrial activities, with slide presentations and case histories of abductions. Speakers will include: Edwards; Duran; Kruger; Mike Robins, a Boeing worker who specializes in computer programming; and James Van Avery, author of Future Memory. A \$10 donation is requested.

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