

# Astronomers confirm UFO case information about Jupiter's rings

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In 1998, astronomers from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, announced their belief that the rings of Jupiter were composed of dust particles coming off of the moons of Jupiter as a result of meteorite strikes. The rings themselves were officially discovered in March 1979, during a mission of the Galileo probe. And, while the scientists presented their announcement as new findings, it seems that a one-armed Swiss man may have beaten them by some 20 years.

The man in question, Billy Meier, has claimed to be a contactee of extraterrestrial human beings for the last 61 of his 66 years. Well known in UFO circles, his hundreds of stunningly clear photos of UFOs, as well as films, video, sound recordings and metal alloy samples (all still irreproducible), have put him in the center of a swirling controversy that has resulted in 19 documented assassination attempts on his life in the past 28 years.

While his physical evidence is compelling and unique, it appears that we have found an even higher standard of proof – an abundance of accurate scientific information that Mr. Meier has published up to 25 years before “official” discovery. Mr. Meier claims that most of this information, which includes a very detailed description of Jupiter and its rings, was given to him by the extraterrestrials, who call themselves Plejarans. Published material from Mr. Meier reveals that he learned about the rings several months before the arrival of the American space probe, in October of 1978. But it's the detailed description of how they are formed that precedes, and augments, the Cornell University information by 20 years. And it differs with it in a significant way, one that may finally confirm the authenticity of the case beyond any doubt.

The astronomers determined that the dust particles were the result of explosions on the surface of Jupiter's moons caused by the impact of meteorites. But Mr. Meier's material, which is actually a transcription of a conversation between him and one of the alleged Plejarans, claims that the majority of the material in the rings is from material expelled from the numerous volcanoes on the moon Io. Mr. Meier said, in October 1978, that Io is the most volcanically active body in the solar system.

When the Cornell announcement caught my eye I compared it to Mr. Meier's information from 1978. I then contacted Joseph Veverka, Professor of Astronomy and Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and told him about Mr. Meier's material. Dr. Veverka, along with Cornell astronomer Dr. Joseph Burns, Maureen Ockert-Bell and Dr. Michael Belton of NOAO were the astronomers who reported, in 1998, on the first detailed analysis of a planet's ring system. Dr. Veverka was, uncharacteristically for an academic, quite receptive to looking at Mr. Meier's information, which I forwarded to him. While our conversation is still ongoing, Veverka's comment regarding Mr. Meier's foreknowledge of Io's unique level of volcanic activity was honest and compelling, “If he said that about Io 3-6 months before, then all I can say is that he's right.”

My own layman's reasoning tells me that, while a meteorite may indeed kick up quite a cloud of dust, by virtue of the cloud's shape (and lack of sustained power), only a relatively small portion of dust would find its way high up enough to be taken into the rings. The rest would be dispersed, rather than propelled, and would ultimately settle back down on the surface of the moon. I contend that, even with the most modest

consideration, volcanic expulsion is at least as likely to be a cause, if not the prime cause that Mr. Meier claimed it to be.

With volcanoes, the material being ejected is forcefully expelled through a more circumscribed opening, not unlike a canon (as if we need another analogy to describe volcanoes.) The material thus forcefully ejected (if Meier is correct, at speeds of up to 2,300 kilometers per hour to an altitude of 180 kilometers) is a far more contained, directed and concentrated mass, with more sustained and directed power (and velocity) of longer duration than could be expected of a more amorphously shaped cloud lacking the controlled and sustained *accelerating* force of such volcanic activity.

While both scenarios benefit equally from the lack of atmosphere of the moons, if I understand this correctly, it would seem that such volcanic activity (from the most volcanically active body in the solar system, as you and Meier both agree) would produce a significant contribution to the composition of the rings, at the very least.

While the formation and composition of Jupiter's appears to be the most dramatic aspect, I should also state that the information Mr. Meier also included about the coloration and surface textures of the moons, and other details regarding Jupiter itself, not only are also corroborated by the astronomers, some of it has yet to be discovered by them. Time will tell if he is proven right, again.

Taking into account the enormous body of this and other accurate scientific information in the case, the still irreproducible physical evidence and almost 100 other witnesses, either we must believe that the one-armed Mr. Meier has above-genius level abilities in photography, filmmaking, special effects, sound engineering, metallurgy and scientific precognition, or that the case is real and authentic.

And, while the corroboration of scientific information first published by a simple "farmer" 20 years before major scientists is indeed phenomenal, there is no doubt that (61 years of ongoing) contact between a human and extraterrestrials is the most important event in human history. The real question may be, can we set our egos and sense of self-importance aside for a moment, as Dr. Veverka did, and actually learn something new?

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