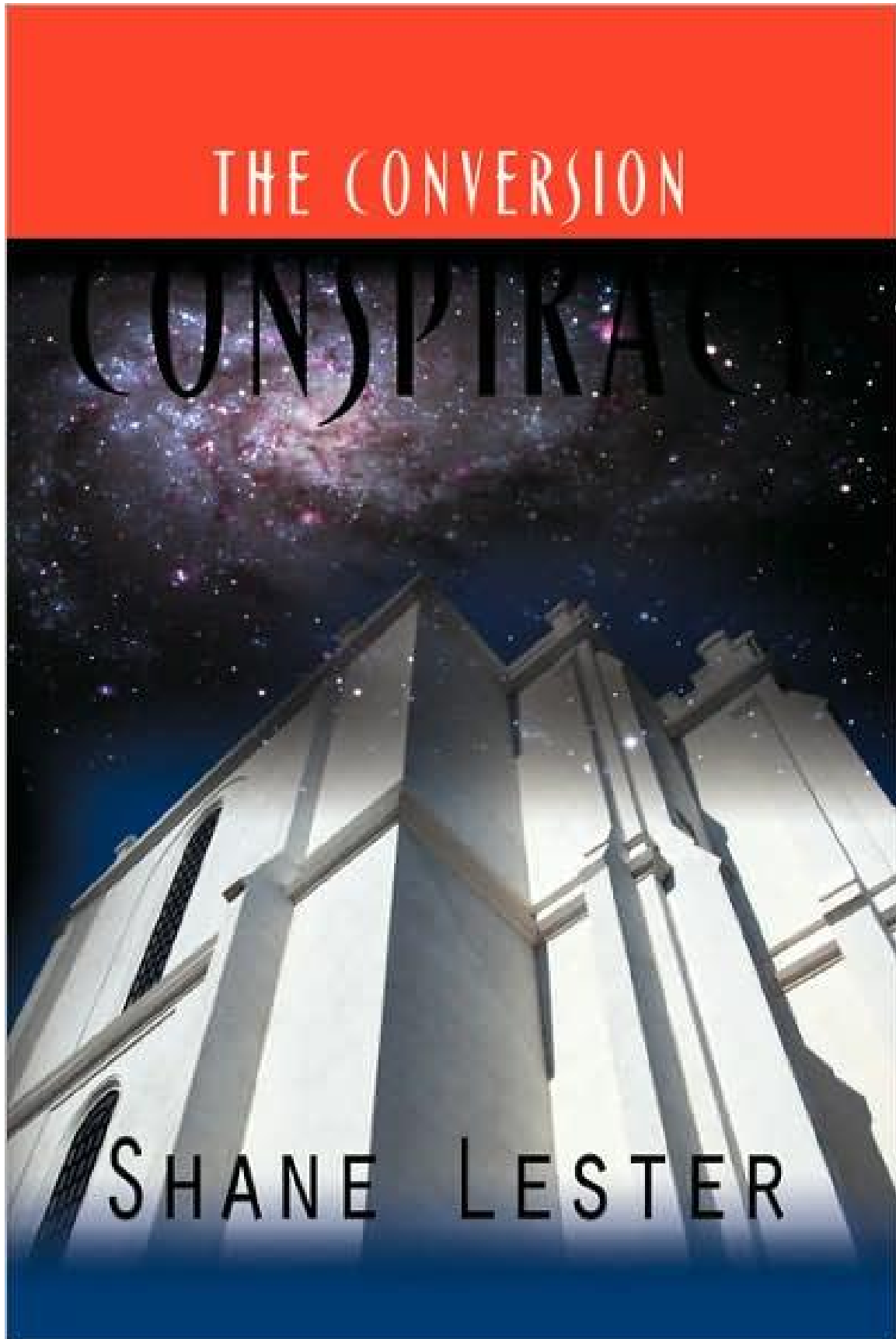


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## Official Press Release

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The Conversion Conspiracy is a thriller about a college student who is pursued by sinister forces after he uncovers a conspiracy to use Mormons in preparing Earth for acceptance of religious extraterrestrials.

What would happen to our economy, our political system and organized religion if extraterrestrial life came to Earth?

If you knew the answers to these questions, and you knew they were coming, what would you do about it?

Connelly Anders, a graduate sociology student, discovers classified research documents that predict the collapse of our economy, political system, social order, and organized religion if extraterrestrial contact became public knowledge. Connelly links the research both to a covert operation in Mexico that studies cultural reaction to UFOs and to a curious reference about the resilience of the Mormon religion if alien contact is made. James Jarvis, the embattled director of the secret government project, code named *Rubicon*, tracks Connelly to Mexico and Utah. Jarvis intimidates Connelly by forcing his pregnant wife off the road, threatening his friends, and killing their informant. Bargaining for his life, Connelly tricks Jarvis into incriminating himself and later escapes Jarvis and his agents, leading them on a car chase through downtown DC to the chapel doors of a Mormon church. Jarvis is confronted by a powerful Utah senator who has Connelly's digital recording. He is arrested by the FBI. Connelly, left to weigh the measure of the conspiracy, and has to decide if he will keep the secret.

Though fiction, The Conversion Conspiracy has its roots in Mormon mythology. Like books and movies that exploit the murky history and mysticism of Catholicism, this book reveals obscure folk stories from Mormon culture that become the centerpiece of the plot. A student of Mormon theology for more than fifteen years, I have successfully used Mormon mythology as a plot structure in my first book, *Clan of Cain: The Genesis of Bigfoot*. Because these stories are not well known, the book is fresh and unpredictable.

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## Talking Points

### Political

Is Mitt Romney apart of the Conversion Conspiracy?

Is the reason Mitt Romney is running for President found in The Conversion Conspiracy?

Will Conversion Conspiracy hurt the Romney campaign?

If Romney wins, do the predictions of the Conversion Conspiracy come true?  
Why the Romney Campaign is distancing themselves from the Conversion Conspiracy?

Which Candidates believes in UFO's

### Mormons

Do Mormons believe in UFO's?

Why the LDS Church doesn't what this book to be read?

One more reason to join the Mormon church.

### UFO's

Are Aliens humanoids or Grey?

Why have UFO sighting declined?

Why have UFO sighting increased?

### Religious

Is the message of Jesus Christ a galactic gospel?

Can Extraterrestrials be saved?

Will the rapture occur from Alien abduction?

Do Extraterrestrials believe in God?

Are the Gray aliens children of God?

### The Conspiracy

Are you missing the x-files? The Conversion Conspiracy this homage to the Conspiracy genre.

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Why is Conservative Talk radio so popular

Why is [Glenn Beck](#) so popular?

Why did [Battlestar Galactica](#) come back on the air?

Why was the [Da Vinci Code](#) so popular?

Is the Government in secrete negotiations with Alien races from outer space?

## **Things to think about:**

War of the Worlds was a test case. See what would really happen if Aliens invade.

Will the next struggle for mankind be interplanetary?

The Apocalypse is in our orbit.

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## Synopsis of The Conversion Conspiracy

Connelly Anders, a George Washington University sociology graduate student, discovers classified research documents in his professor's office and is catapulted into a top secret conspiracy.

The research predicts the collapse of our economy, political system, social order, and organized religion if extraterrestrial contact became public knowledge. Connelly links the research to a covert operation in Mexico that studies cultural reaction to UFOs and to a curious reference about the resilience of the Mormon religion if alien contact is made.

James Jarvis, the embattled director of the secret government project, code named *Rubicon*, tracks Connelly to Mexico and Utah. *Rubicon* is designed to align society with the Conae, a race of religious extraterrestrials whose beliefs are similar to Mormon culture and doctrine, before they initiate a hostile invasion. Jarvis confronts Connelly and intimidates him by forcing his pregnant wife off the road, threatening his friends, and killing their informant.

Bargaining for his life, Connelly tricks Jarvis into incriminating himself by revealing his backdoor efforts to protect mankind by influencing society through the surge of conservative media and nominating a Mormon candidate for president. Connelly escapes Jarvis and his agents, leading them on a car chase through downtown DC to the chapel doors of a nearby Mormon church.

With a digital recording supplied by Connelly, Jarvis is confronted by a powerful senator from Utah and arrested by the FBI. Escaping within a congregation of Mormon Missionaries, Connelly is left to weigh the measure of the conspiracy. After confronting the Mormon presidential candidate, he decides to have faith and keep the *Rubicon* project a secret for now.

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## Implications

Political
<p>How will this book affect the Mitt Romney campaign?</p> <p>Dose Romney believe in UFO's?</p> <p>Referring to Cleveland congressman and Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, who recently admitted he once saw a UFO, a reporter asked if Romney believes in extraterrestrials.</p> <p>"I'm afraid I do not believe in extraterrestrials visiting earth," he said.</p> <p><a href="http://blog.cleveland.com/openers/2007/11/romney_lands_in_cleveland.html">-http://blog.cleveland.com/openers/2007/11/romney_lands_in_cleveland.html</a></p>
Religious
<p>What would happen to our economy, our political system our society and organized religion if extraterrestrial life came to Earth? How do main stream religious explain UFO?</p> <p>The Conversion Conspiracy purports that only LDS faithful could accept the confirmation of life on other planets and that in fact the Mormon religious would flourish if first contact was made.</p> <p>In 1994, a <a href="#">study</a> was done where 1,000 priests, ministers and rabbis were questioned about the impact of an ET presence on religion. One question dealt specifically how religion would react if ET were to “proclaim responsibility for producing human life.” 28% of all respondents replied that the believed or believed strongly that it would create a <a href="#">religious crisis</a>. (28% of the American population would be over 82 million people in crisis)</p>
UFO/Conspiracy
<p>There are two stables that unify the community of UFO believers. First and foremost the Government conspires to conceal the truth about extraterrestrial contact and secondly, we the people have the right to know the whole truth about extraterrestrial contact.</p> <p>The Conversion Conspiracy explores, exploits and challenges these two mainstays of UFO dogma. Those who want answers to the extraterrestrial question seem to take little consideration to the potential reasons why there is a Perhaps the truth is more damaging than the lie that conceals the reality of what is beyond the confines of our small planet? The 64 reasons “Why the Government Might Have Chosen not Why to Disclose the ET Reality” crafted by <a href="http://www.presidentialufo.com/ufo_coverup.htm">Grant Cameron</a> (<a href="http://www.presidentialufo.com/ufo_coverup.htm">http://www.presidentialufo.com/ufo_coverup.htm</a>) make a contemplative and compelling case.</p>

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## Fact vs. Fiction

### Mormons at the CIA?

A CIA recruiter told the Salt Lake Tribune that returned missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who served in South America are valued assets in the CIA because of several characteristics: Foreign language skills, abstinence from drugs and alcohol, and their ability to integrate with the local customs and a respect for authority.

The church's private university, Brigham Young University or BYU is also a focal point for recruitment. A professor of Foreign Studies said, "With a degree from BYU, the CIA and FBI hire almost all who apply." The unnamed CIA recruiter said, "The number of Mormons who work for the CIA and FBI is disproportionate compared to other private and government agencies."

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### LDS writers

There more LDS fiction writer than in any other religion?

Orson Scott Card, Award winning Science Fiction writer said, "Mormons are theologically not so far removed from science fiction. We literally believe that God has created sentient beings on other worlds, that there really is faster-than-light travel and that God can go hither and yon. In many cases, we are writing about a universe we have already thought about from childhood on." (Publishers Weekly, *Other Worlds, Suffused With Religion*, 4/16/01)

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### Popular Television

The original television series [\*Battlestar Galactica\*](#), was extrapolated from Mormon doctrine.

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### Popular Books

Why was the Da Vinci Code so popular?

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### Influence and Growth of Mormon Church

"A Yale Professor, Harold Bloom and a reporter for the New Yorker made an astute observation. 'There will come a time with Mormons are so numerous and so wealthy that governing our democracy will become impossible without Mormon cooperation.' Even now this is becoming a reality, with only 1.8 of the US population being Mormon.

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## **Mormons in Government**

There is already a disproportionate amount of Mormons representation in the Government. Five out of the one hundred United States Senators are LDS.”

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## **Mormon Doctrine:**

The reckoning of God's time, angel's time, prophet's time, and man's time, is according to the planet on which they reside. (Doctrine and Covenants, 130:4.)

And were it possible that man could number the partials of the earth, yea, millions of earths like this, it would not be a beginning to the number of thy creations. (Pearl of Great Price: Moses 7:30)

This would seem to suggest that they have fundamental acceptance that other people reside on other planets. More...

There are many worlds that have passed away.... And there are many that now stand ... " (Pearl of Great Price: Moses 1:35)

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To follow on that thought a few words from their leadership.

"We are not the only people that the Lord has created. We have brothers and sisters on other earths. They look like us because they, too, are the children of God and were created in his image." (Doctrines of Salvation: 1:62).

"We do not know how many inhabited worlds there are, or where they are. But certainly we are not alone." (A Wonderful Flood of Light p.25, Neal A. Maxwell.)

## **People of influence:**

[Famous Mormons website](#)

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## The Conversion Conspiracy Excerpts:

### The Prologue

- Are Aliens humanoids or Grey?
- Do Extraterrestrials believe in God?

### Idaho 1921

The shaft of light from the entrance reached far into the straight tunnel of the Monte Cristo Mine. Otto Becker kept his eyes fixed on the light at the entrance of the tunnel to lessen the sting of the bright morning sun once he emerged.

Next to the stream, between the meadow and the mine opening, Otto saw a silver, saucer-shaped craft supported on three legs.

Otto observed a man walking from behind the craft, grabbing a hose and placing it into the rushing stream of water.

The sight of the man calmed the verging feeling of shock and fear. Now Otto was more curious about the man than the strange craft. Placing the tool he had retrieved from the chest deliberately on the ground, Otto walked cautiously toward the man. When the man next to the spacecraft noticed Otto, he calmly walked toward him. When they were facing each other, the man offered his hand and they both shared a warm exchange.

“I’m sorry.” The man spoke in a friendly, perfect voice. “We didn’t know you were here. It is our custom to not be seen by others or interrupt them in any way.”

“If you don’t mind me asking,” Otto asked, “how old are you both?”

“I am about six hundred years old, according to your measurement of time,” the younger man said.

“I am about nine hundred years old,” the second man said with kind conviction.

Not fully comprehending the ramifications of this revelation, Otto asked, “Why are you here?”

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“We visit to monitor the progression and the retrogression of your societies. We do this on other worlds also. Sometimes we live among you so that we can observe more closely. We know more than five hundred languages. We are still learning yours.”

“Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you hold the priesthood?”

The younger man smiled. It was a cryptic smile, one that didn't reveal the answer but rather was an acknowledgement that he fully understood the weight of the question.

“We would like to speak of these things, but we are unable. We cannot interfere.” Sensing his reply was honest, there was no need to further press the issue.

“Where did you come from?” Otto asked.

“We live on a distant planet, behind a planet that you can observe, but you don't see our world.” He pointed eastward into the blue sky.

Otto reflected on how warm and comfortable he felt around these strangers.

With emphasis the man explained how they traveled in space.

“We focus on a distinct star and use its energy to draw the ship toward the star through space.”

“How fast do you go?”

“We are only limited by the speed at which we can transfer our energy source. Our ship skips upon the light waves. We can travel at speeds greater than the speed of light.”

The man emphasized that they could go beyond the speed of light. Otto didn't comprehend at the time that this was a significant fact.

Could there be life on other planets? Even though Otto had firsthand experience that there was, he hadn't fully realized the impact of that knowledge. If these men were telling me the truth, then yes, there are many worlds in the night sky and they have people on them. He now had the answer to a marvelous mystery, to the paramount question that has given pause to men over the centuries as they view the night sky. However, these were questions he had never asked or thought about. Otto could now see the irony of the situation. He had a treasure, more valuable than the minerals beneath his feet, but he hadn't sought after it, nor was he prepared to prosper from it. The fact that he refused to go with them sealed his fate. He was not an adventurer or spokesperson. In honest self-deprecation Otto realized that the value of this information was wasted on such a common man.

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## Mormon Connection

- Do Mormons believe in UFO's?
- Is Mitt Romney apart of the Conversion Conspiracy?
- Is the message of Jesus Christ a galactic gospel?

Coming back to the problem, Connelly asked a few rhetorical questions. “So what do Mormon and Mexico have in common? And why would Jarvis want LDS people doing the survey?”

“I’m not much into conspiracies, so let me give you a practical answer. All of these guys went on missions for two years in South America. They were all very fluent in the language. It could be that simple. I don’t want to sound defensive, but I don’t think they could be apart of something devious.”

“These are just ideas, not conclusions. I think Jarvis has many pawns, just like us.”

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### The Doctrine:

Their doctrine is found in two sources: Their scripture and the printed word from their leadership. The LDS have a larger cannon of scriptures than other Christian religions. Their Holy books are: The Holy Bible, The Book of Mormon, The Doctrine and Covenants and The Pearl of Great Price. These scriptures are now online (LDS.org) and easily searched. Here is what I found.

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In the category of people of influence:

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So the question still remains. Why go to the effort of engineering society, even if it is a test case?" He wrote, *Why Mormons?* on the whiteboard with a large question mark. Silence once again filled the room.

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"But why push society to Mormonism. What does Jarvis or the US for that matter gain from doing this? It doesn't make sense," Geoff said.

"We might not know why they are doing this, but we should be able to say whether or not we think it is right," Jose said with conviction. "Connelly and I discovered something in Mexico that I didn't tell you." Connelly looked at Jose with a mild confused expression. "When I looked at the list of survey respondents, I discovered that my uncle had been surveyed three times in the last two years. I called him this morning to ask him about it. The last time he was surveyed, a young American man asked him many questions about his religion. Several days later two Mormon missionaries came to his house and started to teach him their gospel. Right now my uncle is thinking about joining the Mormon Church. Was it fate or fabrication that lead the missionaries to my uncle's house? Even if the message of the Mormons is true and good, should it be supported by devious men, who destroy others to further their agenda?"

Geoff replied quickly, "No, this is absolutely wrong. In effect, they are creating a state sponsored religion. Regardless of the reasons, the freedom of the Mexican people is being taken away. And I fear that the same thing will happen here in the US if we don't do something about it."

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“Furthermore,” Geoff continued, “are we missing something? Does the current presidential race fit into this plan? You are all aware that the leading candidate is a Mormon?”

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“What I’m doing is preparing society for the most shocking, terrible, event to ever occur. And when it does, if we are not prepared, if we haven’t taken measures to survive, everything will be threatened, our way of life, the economy, and the government all could destabilized if we don’t take action now.” Jarvis said.

“Jose and Geoff think that we should let the people decide what they want to do.”

“What would you do if you could save millions of people? What would you be willing to do for your country? If we don’t prepare people for the unthinkable, then anarchy will reign. That means people will die. Panic will lead to madness and madness to violence. You know this to be true. And Jose and Geoff know it too. In this very building you can find the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of right and the Constitution. These are the emblems and symbols of our freedom. And what will happen to freedoms in the day of the final encounter. You think we have had a constitutional crisis in the past?”

Do aliens have rights?

Do non-human sentient beings have inalienable rights?

This is just one crisis that will occur. What if you could solve the problem before it becomes a problem and thus save lives.

So what should we do? Go out and tell the public that life on other planets exists--and by the way, they are coming to take ownership of the world and enslave you. Wouldn’t that be coercion, wouldn’t that cause panic and chaos?”

“Is the alliance solid? Is war inevitable?” Connelly asked with real trepidation in his voice.

“The Conae are still thinking about our proposal. They believe that the Clast will attack the Earth at some point. We have placed a great deal of trust in the Conae. Our best guess is that the Event Horizon will occur in less than a decade. But no one really knows.”

The plan was working. Connelly had become a reluctant ally. Jarvis had divulged something that they didn’t know. Connelly continued to pursue the line of dialogue.

“In ten years, how can you push society in the right direction?”

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“We’re lucky that the Conae were not similar to some obscure religion in Africa or the Caribbean. Our work would have been monumental. Their society seems to be where we would have ended up, just much later. Now it’s all about compressing the time frame.”

“How can you build consensus among so many belief systems?”

“Have you thought out the impact upon traditional religion when human life on other planets is confirmed? Islam will be lost without any guidance to interpret these events, while Christianity will debate endlessly about how this news affects the origin of life, the nature of the Godhead and the need for the atonement. When they arrived and the truth will no longer be denied, the only stable institution in our society will be the LDS Church. They will move swiftly to embrace the Conae. It’s a simple equation: The more important the LDS, the more stable our society will be. This is fate, not fabrication. We are just accelerating the inevitable.”

“What do you mean the inevitable?”

“A Yale Professor, Harold Bloom and a reporter for the New Yorker made an astute observation. ‘There will come a time with Mormons are so numerous and so wealthy that governing our democracy will become impossible without Mormon cooperation.’ Even now this is becoming a reality, with only 1.8% of the US population being Mormon, there is already a disproportionate amount of Mormons representation in the Government. Five out of the one hundred United States Senators are LDS. The presidential election will help this trend along. The Mormons are doing a good job. But I don’t have time for people to come to their senses. I have ten years, maybe more, to prepare the US and save lives.”

“How do you aid in spreading a particular theology?”

“We have a saying. If you can keep Larry King married to a Mormon you can do anything.” Jarvis waited for a response from Connelly but recognition of humor was now gone. “We don’t direct the church in a particular way. After all, they have sixty thousand missionaries around the world in almost every country spreading the gospel. Their numbers grow exponentially without our help. They do the hard work with sincere conviction. Our influence is, well, influence.”

“So Project Montezuma is operating in the US?”

“Yes. Mexico is our laboratory to refine our techniques.”

From memory Connelly recalled the objectives of Project Montezuma. “So how did you infuse Mormon values into the culture and into the entertainment industry?”

“You have to start out small- we are not infusing Mormon values into anything. Instead we are creating an atmosphere for conservative values to become prominent. How else can you explain the rise of Newt Gingrich, the dominance of the Republican Party and

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the success of Rush Limbaugh, Michael Medved, Dr. Laura, and Glenn Beck? We promote an agenda that will help LDS values grow and thrive. When Utah wanted the Winter Olympics, we thought it would be a good venue to showcase the church, so we helped out. We are there to make sure that Mormons in sports and entertainment get noticed. Did you know that there more LDS fiction writer than in any other religion? This is not an accident. We have also made it possible for Mormon filmmakers to introduce their films and message into the mainstream. One of our watershed achievements was promoting the *Da Vinci Code*, which erodes belief in Catholicism, while aligning people's belief systems to embrace the Mormon doctrine on the nature of the Godhead. We also had *Battlestar Galactica*, on television in nineteen seventy-eight and back on in 2005. That program was extrapolated from Mormon doctrine. We do many things like this. Also, when possible we sponsor movies that portray aliens in a good light."

"But most movies show Aliens as little gray men. The Clast are not human, are they?"

"No, they are what you call the Grays. But the goal of these films is to solidify the idea that life on other planets is plausible. Take any survey you want, the project has created a social consensus that UFOs are real. And our role in the plan is carefully crafted. The more the government denies UFOs and aliens, the more people believe it to be true. That is the first step: acceptance of alien life in the universe and the second step is guidance during conflict and crisis. When the Clast invade, it will be a matter of trusting the Government to tell the people who the enemy is."

"This is absolutely incredible." And it was- Connelly was genuinely impressed and shocked. "The very government they know to have lied to them will be the primary source of truth. Instead of weakening government during the Event Horizon, you have strengthened it. That's Nobel Prize worthy, truly amazing. What other things have you done?"

"As you know, Mormons don't use tobacco." Jarvis let himself enjoy this mentor role. "Along with a good health craze that we started, we worked for many years to expose the tobacco industry. Since the moral breakdown in the nineteen sixties, we have been slowly building a more conservative society. People now want to live better and they see the rational evidence of having a moral life. Aids and abstinence have given people pause and made them evaluate their lives. Wars and rumors of war cause people to seek out God. All of these factors are designed to push people to their knees and find God."

"So the LDS church is not participating in this plan?" Connelly asked innocently.

"No. They would never agree to it. But out of necessity, it must be done. If our freedom is to be preserved then we must shape our society to survive the impending conflict. The project must continue. It's bigger than you and even bigger than me. The Event Horizon will occur. The question is: will we be prepared?"



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## UFO Conspiracy

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John looked around, removed the jacket from the seat and motioned Connelly to sit down. “Were you followed?” he asked in a quiet tone.

“No. I changed trains several times. I was careful.”

John looked if he wanted to interrogate Connelly further, but he let it go and trusted that they were not being watched. “This is how it works. You have thirty minutes to read the report.” Connelly nodded. The man, John, handed him a folded newspaper. Connelly could feel that a bulky mass of paper within the newspaper. He unfolded the paper and saw the white coversheet of a report. With the report concealed by the newspaper he cautiously turned the blank cover page and saw the real cover page. It was the same coversheet he saw in Wolcott office, except the unrevealed title was now visible.

The Brookings Institute:  
Proposed Studies  
On  
Implications of Space Activities and Alien Encounters

Report Prepared for the  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Washington D.C.  
December 1960

The next page was a table of contents. It was similar in many respects to the new table of contents for the study he was working on. However, his eyes were riveted to a few titles in the table of contents that were marked out with thick black ink, making the lines

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impossible to read. He looked toward John as if to ask him why, but John was busy eating lunch and looking at beautiful young women in short dresses walking around the conservatory. John was playing the part perfectly. His proximity and body language made it appear that he and Connelly were complete strangers, which they were, but in this instance he looked entirely removed from the situation. Connelly decided to not ask questions, but quickly looked at the report.

The report was well over two hundred pages, not including the appendixes, which were not included. Past the table of contents was a letter much like Wolcott's letter, a self-congratulatory letter explicating the great benefits of the study. Under the goals and methods sections of the Summary were outlined general goals for the research. Connelly reminded himself that this report was completed in 1960 and perhaps the research started in 1958. The bulk of the report was weighted toward the implications, recommendations, speculations of living in space and exploiting the Moon and other extraterrestrial bodies.

The vision was ostentatious, as one might expect. It would have been fun to just read the predictions and see which ones came true. However, he didn't have time. As Connelly skimmed each page, he would hesitate, intrigued by the thick black lines the concealed words and sentences from the report. From the context of the surrounding sentences the marked out words and sentences were names of projects, people and places that were relevant to some argument or assertion. It was becoming clear that the audience for this report had to be deeply familiar with an array of other projects and events. This means that the audience had to be rather small.

The most interesting sections were the smallest and the most heavily edited. These were the sections that Wolcott said the new study would expand and clarify, sections eight and nine: Implications for internal Affairs and National Policy and Implications to Society's Attitudes and Values. Although the titles seemed monotonous the content was fascinating. The flow was broken by the black marker, but the gist of the sections was narrative speculations upon national and foreign policy in the event of alien contact.

Time was slipping away from him so he read fast and tried to not analyze the content until he was finished. This agnostic approach was difficult but he tried. The researchers on the original report postulated on the reaction of individuals in the event that contact with Aliens was established. First, they speculated that first contact would occur via radio. In 1960 this was highly unlikely, but now with S.E.T.I. scanning the skies for contact it seemed probable. They further said that reaction to any contact would depend on the cultural, social and religious background of the individuals. How government officials responded to the news would also be a factor. Governments response would be depend on their perceived role in the contact efforts. Threats to the Governments role of power could sour the milk of the experience.

Secondly, if the contacts were face to face, then a new set of variables would affect the response. If the aliens looked human, they supposed the trauma would be lessened. The last paragraph of section nine stopped Connelly and he read it several times.

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We recommend that further studies be conducted to measure the emotional, social and religious impact of such encounters. This research could be amended to current projects such as ...[marked out in black]. These studies should also determine the risk factors of such a discovery. Ramifications of such a discovery should be assessed on a by-county basis. Historical and empirical studies of human behaviors when confronted with unfamiliar events and dramatic social pressures could serve as a baseline for such a study. As learned from the ...[marked out in black] ... attitudes about space activities and extraterrestrial life vary widely within religious institutions. After this data is collected we recommend a follow up study to determine actions and activities that could shape policy in preparation of ...[marked out in black]...

"Time is up," John said.

Still stunned and in deep thought, Connelly folded the newspaper and handed back the report. He wanted to read more to assiduously absorb the report- his craving for more information was ravenous now.

"Why are certain sections marked out?" Connelly asked.

"My office doesn't have clearance to those parts of the study."

"There are several reports that are referenced to this report. Do you have access to them?"

"Yes, some."

"Can I see them?"

"No, I've read them- they're a waste of time. If your research is a follow-up to this study, then artifacts of old project are not important. Those all lead to closed doors. You've seen a piece of a large puzzle."

"This confirms many things." Connelly matched the reverent tone of John. "I know what the original study is about and I also know what the current study is about. I still don't know why. Why now? The new research is more slanted toward religious opinion. Why the emphasis?"

John spoke with authority. "The way to solve this conundrum to see the big picture.

Mexico is the key to all of this."

"So, what do you know about Mexico?"

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“You’re asking the wrong question. You can’t find information by going at it head-on. You have to be indirect. Think about it, if an operation is being conducted in Mexico what would they need to have to carry it out?”

Connelly answered confidently. “People and resources.”

“I have access to the recruiting database for certain agencies. The only thing I can confirm is that we have an operation in Mexico. The government has recruited a large number of people to conduct operations down there in the last decade.”

“What is the current operation?”

“Again, you have to be indirect. I can’t access operation information but I can correlate the characteristics of the people being recruited. I found a few common factors in background of each asset.” John stopped and looked at the thinning crowd.

“What’s the connection?”

“I have to go.” With this John stood up from the bench walked into the crowd and then disappeared.

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“So let’s take the events that have occurred in Mexico and try to dissect it, knowing what we know and come up with an alternative causality.”

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Connelly nodded again, but took exception. Connelly wasn't sure of anything, this was all speculation and he took the mental leap forward and realized that in the end of this conversation this would only equate to speculation unless they had real proof.

"I found many accounts of UFO sightings in Mexico."

"I did some research on this too," Connelly said. "There seemed to be high amount of activity in the nineties." Troy was pleased by this extra credit work. However, Troy knew his story would be new to Connelly. "Exactly, but I found one account that was distinctly different. On October 27, 1995, in the state of Veracruz near the cities Jalapa, Las Margaritas, and Santa Rosa, witnesses reported seeing two UFOs have a mid-air collision. The newspapers seemed to do a good job in interviewing witnesses who verified that same event. While the crash was never discovered, they claimed that there were fires in fields and radiation from the crash. The newspapers also suggested that the military came in and took the objects. There were also follow-up stories of other UFOs in the skies over the next week."

"But here is the twist," Geoff continued. "A respected ufologist went to the location to investigate a few weeks latter. He could only confirm one fact. People had seen lights in the sky and an explosion. Some said it was an aircraft. Others said that there were no military personal at the crash site just fireman and police. All of the reported facts were becoming unraveled. Many of witness either retracted their story or said the newspaper was lying or they claimed they hadn't even been interviewed. So, Connelly, based on these facts, what do you think happened?"

"There are many possibilities I guess. There is now way to prove that it was a UFO."

"Exactly. Many possibilities. I submit that their goal was to diffuse the truth by introducing many variables and possibilities."

"So what happened?"

"That is the wrong question. They want us to spend our time endless debating what happened and not ask the real question. We shouldn't ask what happened. We should be asking who made it happen."

"I'm not sure I follow," Connelly protested with a furrowed brow.

"They want us to accept their cause for the event. The obvious conclusion is that the whole explanation is a lie. A crackpot story, so that the whole thing gets discredited."

"Who influenced whom?"

"It's about control and influence. The newspapers in Mexico can be easily influenced. So, after the event they pushed some gray propaganda to the papers."

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“But didn’t the UFOlogist expose the truth?”

“No, and that’s the part that nobody understands. They knew that a real investigator would expose the lies and then report how they foiled the hyperbole of the newspapers. This only serves their purposes. So regular people see the story, one that is hard to believe in the first place, but they want to believe it. Then they see the story from the UFOlogist and find out that it is a hoax. They then go back to viewing all of these reports with great skepticism. And so society believes in life on other planets, but they don’t think they are in our backyard.”

“Okay, then what really happened? Did two aliens spaceships crash?”

“The truth is what was not reported and what was not denied. Let me ask you this: How could an advanced society, which traveled millions light years to reach Earth, using advanced technology, have a mid-air collision?”

“It doesn’t make sense.”

“Unless the pilots were human!” Troy looked deeply at Connelly face to see if he made the connection.

“I’m not sure I get it yet.” He was almost there- he could nearly see Troy’s twisted perspective.

“The truth is not denied because it was never revealed. Let’s go back to your research and make some assumptions. You said your research measures results of events and how those events shape culture and belief.”

“Yes, that was what my survey basically did.”

“So, what events?” Troy asked, knowing the answer.

“It wasn’t specific to a certain event.”

“But what if it were? What if the other questions, the ones you didn’t write, are being used to measurement a specific event or events?”

“Yes, that is possible.”

“Then let’s suppose,” Troy rallied his voice and tone to sound professor-like, “that the government wanted to measure the effect of UFOs on society. They want a control group. They introduce events into the society and then measure the results by sampling the population after the event. Does this make sense?”

Connelly’s mind was electrified with this new revelation. “So what you’re proposing is that the Government is flying UFOs over Mexico, making it really obvious and then

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seeing what effect that has on society. So the mid-air collision happened, but it was human pilots, not aliens. That is the secret! And if that secret was exposed, then the experiment would be nullified.”

Proud of his student, Troy relaxed and sat back in his chair and smiled. “Yes, my boy, I think you’ve got it.”

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Though fiction, **The Conversion Conspiracy** has its roots in Mormon mythology. Like books and movies that exploit the murky history and mysticism of Catholicism, this book reveals obscure folk stories from Mormon culture that become the centerpiece of the plot. A student of Mormon theology for more than twenty years, Shane Lester has successfully used Mormon mythology as a plot structure in his first book, *Clan of Cain: The Genesis of Bigfoot*.

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## FAQ

1. Are you a Mormon?

Yes, I am a member of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#). The term [Mormon](#) is a nickname as is the term LDS, which are both okay to use when referring to my religion.

2. Is this site connected with the Mormon Church?

No, absolutely not! This is my site, based upon my research and writing. I'm not promoting or distracting from the Mormon Church.

3. Do all Mormons (LDS) believe this theory?

This is really a non-issue. As a Mormon I can honestly say that theory behind this book is made up and there is no grand conspiracy.

4. Do you believe in UFO's?

Yes, I believe that there is life on other planets. However, I have many reservations about alien abductions and the majority of UFO sightings.

5. Do Mormons believe in UFO's?

There are several [references](#) within the book and I think plainly state that God made many worlds and those worlds have people on them. Now, are the lights in the sky, the abductions and other UFO artifacts and testimonies real? I doubt my church has an [official](#) stance on this.

6. How did you come up with the idea for this book?

Two events gave me the fertile ground to write this story. First I read the account of Udo Wartena in James L. Thompson's book [Alien Encounters](#). This is the basis for my [prologue](#). Then I happened upon a television program on the Discovery channel about UFO. They had a segment that talked about the implications of Alien first contact. They interviewed a local Bishop of a church and he made the comment that the LDS, who believe on life on other planets, would not have a problem with aliens from another world. Those two events, isolated as they were, gave me the idea for the book.

7. If Romney wins, do the [predictions](#) of the Conversion Conspiracy come true?

Win or lose, the book is still a good read.

8. Why are you doing this?

From my youth I have been interested in mysteries (UFO's and Bigfoot). I, miss the X-files. I've spent a considerable amount of time researching Bigfoot and UFO's in reading what others have to say. I want to offer up my contribution through fictional supposition.