

Overview

I purchased GPT advanced and gave it a research task.

My premise was this:

“It is my premise that ONLY so-called ‘high-strangeness cases are genuine events of something compellingly ‘more than human’, while cases without high-strangeness were nearly universally ‘nothing of importance’ and likely simple misidentification or other errors.”

I asked AI to find 12 cases to contrast/compare and to give me its analysis of my premise.

Here’s what it did, and it took almost 24 hours to do this simple research for me:

High Strangeness Cases (12 entries):

1. The Ariel School Encounter (1994): Ruwa, Zimbabwe. 62 schoolchildren witnessed a UFO landing and encountered strange beings. High Strangeness Markers: Entity encounter, telepathic communication, UFO landing, consistent witness testimony from multiple children. Status: Largely unexplained.
2. The Varginha Incident (1996): Varginha, Brazil. Multiple witnesses reported seeing strange creatures described as "alien-like" with large heads and red eyes. High Strangeness Markers: Entity encounter, unusual creature descriptions, alleged government cover-up. Status: Unsolved.
3. The Lonnie Zamora Incident (1964): Socorro, New Mexico. A police officer witnessed a landed egg-shaped object with two humanoid figures nearby. High Strangeness Markers: UFO landing, entity encounter, physical traces at the landing site. Status: Unexplained.
4. The Travis Walton Abduction (1975): Snowflake, Arizona. A logger claimed to have been abducted by a UFO and returned five days later with vivid memories of the experience. High Strangeness Markers: Abduction experience, missing time, entity encounter, medical anomalies. Status: Controversial.
5. The Cash-Landrum Incident (1980): Dayton, Texas. Three people reported encountering a large, diamond-shaped UFO emitting intense heat and causing them radiation sickness. High Strangeness Markers: Close encounter with UFO, physical effects (radiation sickness), medical documentation. Status: Unsolved.
6. The Westall Encounter (1966): Melbourne, Australia. Over 200 students and teachers witnessed a UFO landing in a field and then taking off at high speed. High Strangeness Markers: UFO landing, multiple witnesses, physical traces at the landing site. Status: Unexplained.
7. The Rendlesham Forest Incident (1980): Suffolk, England. US Air Force personnel witnessed strange lights and a landed object in the forest, with some reporting close encounters with

the object. High Strangeness Markers: UFO landing, close encounter, electromagnetic effects, unusual lights. Status: Unsolved.

8. The Coyne Helicopter Incident (1973): Mansfield, Ohio. A helicopter crew encountered a large, disc-shaped object that caused their instruments to malfunction and their helicopter to shake violently. High Strangeness Markers: Close encounter with UFO, electromagnetic effects, physical effects on the helicopter. Status: Unexplained.
9. The Falcon Lake Incident (1967): Manitoba, Canada. A prospector claimed to have been burned by a landed UFO and experienced subsequent health problems. High Strangeness Markers: Close encounter with UFO, physical effects (burns), medical documentation. Status: Unsolved.
10. The Kelly-Hopkinsville Encounter (1955): Kelly, Kentucky. A family reported being terrorized by strange creatures with large heads and glowing eyes. High Strangeness Markers: Entity encounter, unusual creature descriptions, prolonged encounter. Status: Controversial.
11. The Shag Harbour Incident (1967): Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia. Multiple witnesses observed a large object crash into the water and sink. High Strangeness Markers: UFO crash, multiple witnesses, official investigation. Status: Unsolved.
12. The Hopkinsville Goblin Case (1955): Kelly, Kentucky. A family reported being terrorized by strange creatures with large heads, glowing eyes, and pointed ears, who exhibited unusual abilities. High Strangeness Markers: Entity encounter, unusual creature descriptions, prolonged encounter, apparent invulnerability to bullets. Status: Largely unexplained.

Non-High Strangeness Cases (12 entries):

1. The Kenneth Arnold Sighting (1947): Mount Rainier, Washington. A pilot reported seeing nine crescent-shaped objects flying at high speed. High Strangeness Markers: Unusual object shape. Status: Often attributed to misidentification.
2. The Lubbock Lights (1951): Lubbock, Texas. A group of college professors observed a formation of lights flying silently across the sky. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Likely misidentification.
3. The McMinnville UFO Photographs (1950): McMinnville, Oregon. A couple captured two photographs of a disc-shaped object flying over their farm. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Debunked by some, considered authentic by others.
4. The Gorman Dogfight (1948): Fargo, North Dakota. A pilot reported a close encounter with a small, white light that maneuvered erratically. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Likely misidentification.
5. The Washington, D.C. UFO Sightings (1952): Washington, D.C. Multiple radar operators and pilots reported seeing unidentified objects flying over the city. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Explained by some as temperature inversions.

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6. The Belgian UFO Wave (1989-1990): Belgium. Thousands of people reported seeing large, triangular-shaped objects flying silently across the sky. High Strangeness Markers: Unusual object shape. Status: Largely attributed to misidentification.
7. The Phoenix Lights (1997): Phoenix, Arizona. Thousands of people witnessed a V-shaped formation of lights hovering over the city. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Officially explained as flares.
8. The Stephenville Sightings (2008): Stephenville, Texas. Numerous witnesses reported seeing large, silent objects flying at low altitudes. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Likely misidentification and natural phenomena.
9. The Chicago O'Hare Airport Sighting (2006): Chicago, Illinois. Several airport employees witnessed a disc-shaped object hovering over the airport before shooting up into the sky. High Strangeness Markers: None. Status: Officially unexplained, but likely misidentification.
10. The Nimitz Encounter (2004): Off the coast of San Diego, California. US Navy pilots encountered a "Tic Tac" shaped object that exhibited extraordinary flight capabilities. High Strangeness Markers: Unusual object shape, advanced maneuverability. Status: Officially unexplained.
11. The Tehran UFO Incident (1976): Tehran, Iran. Two F-4 Phantom jets experienced equipment malfunctions and communication interference while pursuing a bright object. High Strangeness Markers: Electromagnetic interference. Status: Officially unexplained.
12. The Roswell Incident (1947): Roswell, New Mexico. Rancher W.W. Brazel discovered scattered debris on his property, described as lightweight, metallic materials with unusual symbols. The military initially reported recovering a "flying disc," but later retracted this statement and claimed it was a weather balloon. The incident sparked controversy and fueled speculation about a government cover-up of a crashed alien spacecraft. Decades later, accounts of recovered alien bodies emerged, further adding to the mystery. High Strangeness Markers: None.

ChatGPT Final Analysis

High Strangeness Cases:

- **Preponderance of Entity Encounters:** A significant majority of the cases involve encounters with strange beings or creatures, suggesting a possible interaction with non-human intelligence.
- **Unexplained Phenomena:** Most cases remain largely unexplained, even after investigation. This supports the idea that high strangeness cases often involve phenomena that defy conventional explanations.
- **Variety of Markers:** The cases exhibit a range of high strangeness markers, including UFO landings, close encounters, physical effects, and even telepathic communication. This highlights the diverse nature of high strangeness experiences.

Non-High Strangeness Cases:

- **Potential for Misidentification:** Many cases are attributed to misidentification of known objects or phenomena, highlighting the importance of careful analysis and critical thinking in UFO investigations.
- **Limited High Strangeness Markers:** Most cases have few, if any, high strangeness markers, reinforcing the distinction between these and the more inexplicable high strangeness encounters.
- **Some Unexplained Cases:** Even in this category, some cases remain officially unexplained, suggesting that not all UFO sightings can be easily dismissed.

Overall Insights:

- **Support for the Premise:** The list seems to support your initial premise that high strangeness cases are more likely to represent genuinely anomalous phenomena.
- **Need for Further Investigation:** The unexplained nature of many high-strangeness cases highlights the need for continued research and open-mindedness in the study of UFOs.
- **Importance of Critical Analysis:** The potential for misidentification in non-high strangeness cases underscores the importance of rigorous investigation and skepticism in evaluating UFO reports.

Author’s Insights

I’m not terribly impressed with the 24-hour turnaround to get this, and frankly, AI made many silly mistakes that I had to point out; no less than 20 times.

But I do find the information retrieval and rough categorization valuable.

I do concur with many of its conclusions, but certainly not all of them.

For example, Kenneth Arnold later said the ‘craft’ were really living beings, thus making it high strangeness, perhaps. I classify it as high-strangeness, AI did not.

VERY honestly AI thought Roswell was high strangeness at first’ due to the huge coverup and controversy, but I alerted it to the fact that there are few if any high-strangeness markers for Roswell. (Possible little bodies with zero corroboration and ‘memory metal’ which did exist as Earth technology at the time is just not very strange. No breaking of the laws of physics, no telepathy, no missing time or electromagnetic effects. Roswell is a DUDD in terms of the high-strangeness markers. Now, could it have possibly once in the history of the Universe been the ONE AND ONLY actual ‘alien nuts and bolts craft’? I can’t say it’s impossible, but it goes against ALL the markers by which one could conclude that.

All in all, I think that asking AI to make conclusions is a fool’s errand.

It does a decent job of grabbing information and roughly formatting it.

It has trouble even counting sometimes.

I think the world is safe from AI for now.

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