

# 50 years after Future Shock- Will the UFO file go public?

It's election year in the USA and one of President Trump's inauguration day promises was to disclose the much-anticipated secret technology better known as the "UFO File".

"We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries and technologies of tomorrow." President Donald Trump's recent creation of the US Space Force (<https://www.military.com/space-force>) on June 18th, 2018 may move exploration to light speed. The UFO file is the highest classified file in the US government and possibly the world. Rated at Magistrate Level 35, it is 18 levels higher than the normal access a US President has and is rumored to have technology beyond our comprehension. Futurist Alvin Toffler penned the runaway best seller "Future Shock" in 1970 which predicted many things that came true. According to a BBC article almost 4 years ago <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-36675260>, space colonization/exploration was one of them. You can catch a short documentary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkUwXenBokU> of the book narrated by Orson Welles and compare notes of what came happened. Toffler passed away in 2016 but his work lives on. 2020 will be light up for many reasons but watch for the long-awaited accelerated development in space exploration and astronomy research.

## **Sky watch for the next month:**

• Crescent Moon & Mars morning- On Monday, Jan. 20 look SE around 5 a.m. as this pair rise into the dawn.



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• Crescent Moon & Jupiter morning- On Wednesday, January 22nd look SE around 7 a.m. as this pair rise into the dawn.

• Crescent Moon & Venus at dusk- On Tuesday, January 28th look SSW around 5 p.m. as this pair set into the night.

• Quadrantid Meteor Shower- Peaks just after New Years on Saturday, Jan. 4th after dusk going on about a week. Best viewing in the Bootes constellation (NEE) and a Moonless night you may catch up to produce some 50-100 meteors

per hour.

## **Public Events for next month:**

Chinese New Year at the Wilson Coulee Observatory near Okotoks- Saturday, January 25th starting at 20:00 come out for our first session of 2020. Dress warmly even when daytime temperatures seem mild; standing at telescopes can get chilly so wear layering of clothes, a warm hat and winter footwear.

Happily, the Sid Lee building is heated. For further information, contact Jack Milliken at [calrascsec@telus.net](mailto:calrascsec@telus.net) and the website is <http://calgary.rasc.ca/RecurringEvents.htm#recOG>.

Happy New Year and the best for 2020 and beyond!

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