

# The Pursuit of Knowledge: Mysticism

Sci-fi often draws on real bullshit for its material.

## Aliens Here and Now



**alien abduction**  
A way to represent a wave-like function as a combination of simple sine waves, named in honor of Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier.



**alien experiment**



**alien impregnation**



**alien secretly living among us**



**aliens talking to us in our dreams**



**flying saucers**

## Aliens in History



**Jack the Ripper was really an alien**



**the ghost was really an alien**



**the devil was really an alien**



**the Greek/Mayan gods were really aliens**

## Aliens in Pre-history



**alien origin of humanoid life**



**Chariots of the Gods**

## Miscellaneous Crackpot Theories



**Atlantis**



**Bermuda Triangle**



**conspiracy theory**



**immortal secretly living among us**

## Superstition



**Modern Day Quackery**

faith healing ..... tng3x25  
miracle working..... tng3x25  
seance ..... tos2x07  
snake oil ..... tos1x03 tas1x10



**Ancient Superstitions**

dream quest..... tng7x20  
shamanism ..... tos3x03  
sympathetic magic..... tos2x01  
witch doctoring..... tos2x16  
witchcraft ..... tos2x16 tos3x24



**The Power of Mind**

the power of belief ..... tos3x01 tas1x08  
the power of intuition ..... tng3x06 tng3x15 tng4x10 tng5x14  
the power of thought..... tos3x15 tng1x06 tng4x05 tng7x20  
the power of willpower ..... tos1x04 tos1x10 tos1x25  
tos3x01 tng6x12  
the power of Kirk's willpower ..... tos1x04 tos1x10 tos1x25



**Supernatural Beings and Monsters**

disembodied souls..... tos3x18  
ghosts ..... tos3x05 tng3x05 tng5x24 tng7x14  
monsters in distant lands..... tng7x16  
the devil ..... tas1x08 tng4x13

## Organized Religion



**Judeo-Christian**

a god and his people ..... tos3x05  
center of the universe ideology..... tos3x05  
Catholicism ..... tos3x05  
Christian apologetics ..... tos3x05  
Christianity ..... tos3x05  
faith vs. reason ..... tos3x05  
holy prophet..... tos3x05  
the afterlife ..... tos3x05  
the end of the world ..... tos3x05  
the fulfillment of prophecy..... tos3x05  
the laws of God and men..... tos3x05  
the promised land ..... tos3x05  
the soul ..... tos3x05  
virgin birth ..... tos3x05



**Pagan**

destiny ..... tos1x07 tng4x04 tng4x09 tng5x13  
divine balance..... tng7x07  
omens ..... tng7x13  
polytheism ..... tos3x05  
the Greek gods ..... tos3x05  
the Mayan gods ..... tos3x05  
the Roman gods ..... tos3x05  
sun worship ..... tng7x13