Halperin stresses that he sees the UFOs as visitors from inner—not outer—space. “UFOs have nothing to do with space travel or life on other planets,” he says. “They’re all about us, our longings and our terrors, particularly our confrontation with the end of our existence.”

He acknowledges he’s been influenced in his approach by the writings of Swiss psychologist C. G. Jung, particularly as expressed in one of the last books Jung published before his death, *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies*. “For Jung,” Halperin explains, “calling UFOs a myth wasn’t a way of disparaging them. On the contrary, it was a way of emphasizing how important they are. For him, myth was a royal road into the depths of the human soul.”

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