BIBLIOGRAPHY OF REFERENCE LITERATURE PROVIDING A RATIONAL EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS PSEUDO-SCIENTIFIC CLAIMS – revised September 2007

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