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SPACE ALIENS AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM-- ACCORDING TO DERSHOWITZ OF HARVARD LAW

Not since Harvard University's exciting times with its ill-famed Dope Doctor Timothy ("Better-Living-With-Chemistry") Leary, has there been much more of an embarrassment to this Oxford of America than psychiatrist John Mack of the Harvard Medical School.

For Dr. Mack is the author of a best-selling book entitled *Abductions: Human Encounters With Aliens*.

Not "Patient's Reports of Human Encounters"--but a title that has for years been announced in similar headlines, on the front pages of such notable journals as *The National Enquirer* and other widely circulated supermarket tabloids.

Possibly the only thing as exciting between Leary and Mack was Law School Professor Ginsberg's nomination to the United States Supreme Court--which was dropped like a hot brick when it was discovered that Prof Ginsberg had distributed pot to the students.

Now, another renowned (yet not ill-famed) Harvard Law School professor, Alan Dershowitz, has joined the ranks of The Crimson Odd.

He has written a spirited defense (*dare we say a trial balloon brief?*) of Dr. Mack, in which he condemns the Harvard Medical School for appointing a committee of prestigious physicians to investigate (*dare we say DIAGNOSE?*) Dr. Mack.

The aliens, of which Dr. Mack writes, are not people from overseas on this earth.

Oh no!

Mack's aliens are simply *out of this world*--creatures from outer space, or from a different dimension, or whatever. They ride in on Unidentified Flying Objects. And according to Mack's patients (and the supermarket tabloids), they seduce human women--and they masturbate human men in order to obtain earthly semen.

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When Dr. Mack of Harvard began pitching this stuff on *Oprah* and *Larry King Live*, the Harvard Medical School's dean was, not unreasonably, aggrieved. For he saw the nation's most venerable and prestigious university lowered to the level of Oprah's Freak Show, and the frenzied fantasyland of checkstand literature.

So, he appointed a committee of the medical school's most renowned physicians to investigate.

This was a terrible thing to do, claims Professor (and practicing attorney) Dershowitz. And he went on to commend the City University of New York for having "never formally investigated the 'research' and claims of Professor Leonard Jeffries: that melanin has an influence on racial characteristics and makes blacks better than whites."

Is the failure of CUNY to fire this disgusting and militantly ignorant bigot really to be commended? Dershowitz thinks so, in a wholesale confusion of liberty and license; a criterion that would require universities to retain on their faculty payrolls Holocaust revisionists, active Klanners, and those who belong to and teach the principle conviction of The Flat Earth Society.

He writes: "Any formal investigation of a professor's ideas raises serious concerns about the chilling of academic freedom."

Has Professor Dershowitz forgotten that historic bonfire one spring evening in 1933 on Berlin's Unter den Linden--a student academic festival of books (burned) whose overture was the inspiring address of Herr Doktor Josef Goebbels, a product of four German universities? Who can deny that that was academic freedom? But was it responsible, and a dedication to truth?

Professor Dershowitz also writes: "It is at least as likely that space aliens exist as it is that God exists."

That is, quite possibly, the most egregiously assinine statement in the long (and sometimes ludicrous) history of both Harvard and the American Bar.

The idea that creation of the universe came about by chance (which means because of nothing) is the Theory of Dynamic Dust, of creation sans creator, or effect without cause. This would seem to have all of the logical probability of an explosion in a computer printing out *Webster's Unabridged*.

For a grown man of sound mind and legal training to equate in probability the existence of God and the existence of UFO Alien Abductors, is the frippery of a nimble mind in disarray--due, it may be suspected, to his theological innocence.

I am well aware of a number of very strange practices which are tolerated at both the Harvard Divinity School and the Episcopal Divinity School there in Cambridge. But Professor Dershowitz really ought not to consider these places as representative of religious America. And even in these two (often bizarre) seminaries, I would like to suppose that if a professor began conducting regular and serious worship services to the Caananite god Moloch; or if he or she insisted in giving equal time in a theology course to the militant athiesm of Madalyn Murray O'Hare, they would be canned--and for good cause.

I hope the same thing would happen to any history professor at Harvard who

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announced to his class that he is the reincarnation of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Law Professor Dershowitz is apparently unaware that for centuries theology was known as Queen of The Sciences. Perhaps he is also unaware how long it took for psychology to be afforded academic recognition as a science. Because theology also focuses primarily upon the immaterial does not mean that it is unscientific--except when some of its adherents (like shyster lawyers or dishonest professors) have forgotten or defied the Judeo-Christian imperative: *Seek the truth: come whence it may; cost what it will.*

For what is science other than faith under the etymological disguise of hypothesis? And shall we recall that alleged scientific "fact" called Piltdown Man?

Professor Dershowitz also suggests that Dr. Mack's writings about Alien Abductors are comparable to the works of Freud, Marx and Buber! This utterly astounding comparison inevitably suggests that the front pages of *The National Enquirer* are equivalent in value to the writings of Copernicus and Galileo.

According to Dershowitz, the existence of God (believed in by billions, including many scientists) is no more probable than the existence of UFOs and their seductive alien passengers (believed in by a comparatively small army of eccentrics).

It could be wondered if Dershowitz would equate the probability of the existence of God with that of the frequency of Elvis-sightings; as well as the centuries of fervent attestations to the existence of ghosts, goblins, gnomes, trolls and elves.

Should Harvard retain a professor of history who insists upon teaching the continuing existence of--and the vital difference between--goblins and hobgoblins?

I hesitate to ask, in view of Professor Dershowitz' crowning contention:

"No great university should be in the business of investigating the ideas of its faculty."

Right. And if the Dean of Harvard Law School becomes the equivalent of *The Madness of King George III* and begins enlivening his classes and faculty meetings with his eye-witness accounts of UFO landings--right here in Cambridge!-- and the unloading of an army of seductive aliens ("*Little Green Men with beards!*")--this must be ACCEPTED--NOT INVESTIGATED!

For there is no scientific certainty that The Mad Dean of Harvard Law might not really be Blackstone Reincarnate--on Extraterrestrial Commission to function as a sort of John The Baptist for the Advent of The Aliens at Fair Harvard.

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