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Criticism of David Adair's propulsion claims

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Note from Moderator: David Adair, who has been on Art Bell and the UFO lecture circuit in the Southwest, claims to be a former government scientist who worked at Area 51 as a child prodigy. See our page on him at <http://www.ufomind.com/people/a/adair/>

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David Adair is a huxster and a fake, in my opinion. He knows virtually nothing about rocket propulsion and is as far from being a "rocket scientist" as anyone I know. He uses buzz words from propulsion technology, but employs them incorrectly -- such as the mistake of quoting a propellant combination that uses no oxidizer! He has no sense of what it takes to develop a rocket, as all his purported inventions work as soon as the last bolt is screwed in place with no testing. This is incomprehensible in propulsion technology.

Fusion systems (excepting microsecond durations in huge multi-ton machines) are not usable for propulsion; opening the containment for exhausting will collapse the containment. No fusion rockets are possible, I am afraid to say. The shuttle engine does not burn from the front to the back during its burn duration, it burns exclusively radially. This is something that David probably misinterpreted after watching "Extreme Machines" or discovery's Rocket series. In fact, he incorporates two mistakes made on those series in his Dreamland appearance.

He spouts an occasional fact and gets it right, but he is so incredibly wrong when wrong; it is extremely obvious to technically inclined persons that he is poorly steeped in rocket lore, that it would be an incredible embarrassment, in my opinion, to be a sponsor supporting his presentations.

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