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Re: 'The Most Authentic Alien Image Ever'

From: "Steven J. Powell" <sjpowell@access.digex.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 1996 14:35:27 -0500
Subject: Re: 'The Most Authentic Alien Image Ever'

> From: jvif@spacelab.net (John Velez)
> Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: 'The Most Authentic Alien Image Ever'

> John Powell writes,

> >You being a human being isn't a problem <grin>.
> Generous of you.

I'm a very generous kind of guy.

> >simply by the force of your emotional presentation.
> I guess you read into it what you wish.

Perhaps, or what the writer wished. I don't care for the convenient approach that absolves the writer of all burden.

> >long before EBK and this List and you ever happened - I collected
> >that kind of evidence quite a long time ago.
> I'm on my knees in an Islamic bow John.

It really isn't necessary John, but I do appreciate it very much.

Yet, you still missed the point. The point is that I convinced myself that things are going on that I want to know more about a long time ago. I'm not interested in convincing myself further, I've done that already. I also know that many other people have taken a very similar path and some have convinced themselves and some haven't. The problem is that some haven't.

Why? Because the data is mostly self-referencing. Its relatively easy to convince oneself, its impossible to objectively convince another. I'm interested in objective data. That was the point that you (again) missed.

> >Are you so important and central to the abduction phenomenon that you
> >have to be a personal part of the research and evidence?
> Duh, I would think that "abductees" [are] central to "abduction"
> research. Again, you choose to bait and insult rather than discuss. I
> could just as easily ask (you) the same question!

I have no personal stories to tell so, no, I'm not a part of the evidence at all. Don't you find it curious or possibly suggestive that you keep turning things back on me (or Dennis or whomever), as if you think things are being directed at you personally, when in fact my point is to try to turn things away from specific involvement with any specific people?

My point was to attempt to separate the data (the story, etc.) from the person - to find/create objective evidence.

Duh, John, you are not central to abduction research. No, that's not baiting nor is it insulting. You may very well be a victim of this phenomenon, you may even be a victim of abduction research to date; but, no, you are not central to the research. Objective research that is.

Which is more important to unbiased objective research - the person or the data they provide? If the person and the data they provide cannot be separated then they do not provide objective data - that data is subjective, not objective.. If they can be separated then it becomes the objective data that is relevant.

Objective data is data that stands all by itself. (Like the example of the box of data in a parking lot that you didn't get.) Objective data is data that is not connected to or related to anybody.

That's why you, the human being, are not central to abduction research. The data you (may or may not) provide is central to abduction research only if it can be fully and permanently separated from you.

Do you really not understand this?

> >You don't know, you have a set of personal experiences that
> >are completely real to you.
> Yes! (?)

Why the question mark <grin>. I'm not trying to question the validity of your alleged personal experiences, there would be no point to doing that because I have no objective way to do that. I also have no reason to think they aren't completely real (to you).

However, getting back to objective (impersnal, unprejudiced, unbiased) research you also have the same problemm as I - no way to objectively know if the experiences are real.

> >You seem preoccupied with a quest to cause people to consider it
> >possible that you were abducted by aliens.
> Misinterpretation. Or maybe just the only interpretation that you
> are capable of where (I'm) concerned.

Perhaps I misinterpreted, then what is your preoccupation with so-called abduction research, the objective kind that is?

My interpretation is that you mostly don't know how to do objective research. We had numerous private discussions regarding possibly doing some verification of alleged abductee physical markings and throughout those discussins it was clear to me that you didn't understand how to do objective research, didn't want to take the steps necessary, didn't want to take the time necessary.

Now, not knowing how to do objective research isn't exactly a big problem because ordinary folks don't just wake up one morning automatically knowing how to do that. You obviously seem capable of learning how to do objective research, so I ask myself, "Self, John seems to not know how to do objective research yet he's perfectly capable of learning how. So, why isn't he learning how and why isn't he doing it?"

And I answer myself, "Self, objective research takes too long, its too hard, and people who are emotionally and personally involved in the work want answers immediately, they want answers for themselves, not objective answers that stand apart from themselves."

That's my interpretation. And you are by far not the first such person, not even the first thousandth such person, to be in similar conflict because of a personal and emotional involvement with the work that you'd like to do. If you didn't have that conflict you'd in fact be quite rare.

> >No, I don't call it support and I hope you're not here seeking or
> >hoping for any theraputic assistance as this is the wrong group of
> >people and the wrong venue for such.
> I'm not,... and says you.

Are you sticking your tongue out at me!? Errol! He's sticking his tongue out at me!

> > Perhaps you aren't capable of being impartial or impersonal or
> > objective
> R U ?

Yep.

> >I know its difficult to be impartial, impersonal and objective but
> >you could at least try to fake it for the benefit of others here.
> >Maybe you could just pretend you understand.
> Pure arrogance and condescension.

Maybe you misinterpreted?

Maybe you could try to be objective, and after a while, with some effort and practice, it might come naturally to you.

> >Instead, we have (yet again) your assumption-based out-of-control
> >emotional tantrums that only serve to embarass you.
> I like the "we" touch. It's cute. And safe!
> What's the use in talking John? It'd be a [complete] waste of time.
> Trying to talk to you is like throwing crap into a fan. It just ALWAYS
> seems to get messy. Good luck in your efforts.

I don't expect to have good luck in my efforts, but thanks for the sentiment.

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Thanks, take care.
John.

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