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### Re: Code of ethics

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> > From: "Clark Hathaway" <earthwrk@cyberport.com>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Code of ethics
> >
> > > We are incorrect if we expect traditional psychologists to
be
> > > the alien abduction private detectives that the
abductionists
> > > pretend to be. That is something they are not trained
for and
> > > something they are generally not going to be good at.
> >
> > Correct. But, due to the tremendous amount of psychic shock
> > attendant to most if not all 'alien' abduction cases, these
are
> > the 'professionals' who are likely to be chosen to deal with
the
> > problem. Privately (now known by any who reads this), I feel
> > that the shock would be better dealt with by one steeped in
> > spirituality than in psychology. I suspect that spirituality
has
> > everything to do with the problem. By 'spirituality' I AM
not
> > necessarily referring to those of a clerical persuasion,
> > although there are certainly those of the ministry that are
of a
> > high degree of spirituality. There are a multitude of facets
to
> > this gem of inquiry my friend. Among these is awareness.
>
> We have self-claimed experiencers from virtually all faiths
and
> religions so I'm think that a spiritual approach might be
pretty
> difficult to come up with. Certainly for some people their
particular
> religious faith is going to be severely challenged by these
experiences.

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Question: How did my statement refer necessarily to any of RELIGIOUS persuasion John?

Question: Why and how does the term SPIRITUAL equate to the condition of RELIGION?

In my view, spirituality and faith have really very little to do with religion and dogma John.

It has been my experience that religion has served to retard spirituality and hinder faith in many rather than to perpetuate it.

> > > Tough question: What's more important - getting the  
> > > self-claimed abductees off the bench and back into the  
game; or,  
> > > finding out what really happened to them?  
> > Both are of equal importance John and both can be  
accomplished  
> > in my view.  
>  
> But if you could only pick one to start with????

Ahhhhh well, responsibly I would work toward getting the player off of the bench.

> > > Take a glance at the Hippocratic Oath and it'll give you a  
> > > clue as to the answer the mental health community selects.  
> > Don't get me started on that one! <grin>  
>  
> Hahahaha!!! The point was that no matter how badly we want to  
know what  
> has happened, and I really want to know what happened, our  
first  
> priority has to be to the health and wellness of the person.

I buy that! :-)

> > > So, if we separate treatment from the detective work I  
think  
> > > we can see that virtually all MHPs are basically qualified  
to  
> > > initiate (or to facilitate) work with a self-claimed  
abductee.  
> > The only facet of the equation that pertains to mental  
health  
> > and this is marginal, is the extreme amount of trauma  
> > emotionally that one receives as a result of this type of  
> > experience. I was very nearly a basket case by the time that  
> > hypno-regression was offered to me by a practicing  
psychologist.  
> > Having had no other offered alternative or not being aware  
of  
> > one, I jumped at the chance.  
>  
> That's the facet I'm talking about, that's the only MHP  
aspect I'm  
> talking about. Just looking after the health/wellness of the  
> experiencer, dealing with the trauma in a traditional  
therapeutic  
> setting. That is something MHPs do all the time and they  
really don't  
> have to have been raped to know how to help rape victims and  
they really  
> don't have to know much if anything about alleged alien  
> abductions/contact to help those people.

Unfortunately, the particular mental health professional in question didn't provide any therapy at all, but rather attempted to convince me that my experience was a beneficial one conducted by benevolent beings. This really only served to compound the problem. When I began to attempt to take a look at my experience from a metaphysical/spiritual viewpoint after some research, I was able after a time to begin to accept what had happened to me. I must however qualify that I only accept that something exceedingly strange happened. I recall the events as having a third dimensional reality, but question a great portion of that as being fact.

> > > Another misconception regarding psychotherapy that  
sometimes  
> > > confuses things is the notion that whatever it is that's

bother  
> > > someone must be either proven right to be dealt with  
successfully or  
> > > must be proven wrong and eliminated from their minds before  
  
> > > therapeutic success can occur. Both are completely wrong  
and neither  
> > > are a part of traditional psychotherapy.  
> > I suppose to some degree I experienced this, but as you must  
> > realize, I AM somewhat an independent thinker and I couldn't  
> > honestly buy the 'party line'. I have always run partially  
on my  
> > intuition and at times it has kept me alive.  
>  
> Standard therapy isn't about whether your experience is real  
or not, its  
> just about the issues related to you and your reactions.

Well, I suppose that this is true. I know that I have come to an  
understanding of my reactions concerning the event.

> > Don't ask me to elaborate because I won't.  
>  
> Ok, I won't <grin>.  
>  
> > > Well, I suspect the debate on hypnotic regression isn't  
going to go  
> > > away anytime soon so you and can just respectfully  
disagree for now  
> > > <grin>.  
> > It takes an intelligent, honest and unbiased practitioner.  
> > However, it is O.K. that we have different opinions, I still  
> > like yuh. <grin>  
>  
> Its not the type of thing that either of us need to be right  
or wrong  
> on, and eventually it'll get sorted out <grin>.

Given my concerns John, I sincerely hope so. :-)

> > > I have several papers on my BBS dealing with eyewitness  
observation  
> > > studies. Children are more easily fooled, and more easily  
> > > fool themselves but the problem doesn't go away with age.  
Adult  
> > > observational accuracy is only about 50%.  
> > Julie states that she is familiar with what you are stating  
and  
> > that you are correct.  
> > But she adds, that has nothing to do with hypnosis and  
> > everything to do with eyewitness observation. Eyewitness  
> > accounts contain the most fault of all as they are nearly in  
> > every case different from one another.  
>  
> Yep, those studies and the ones I'm familiar are not in any  
way  
> \_directly\_ related to hypnosis.  
>  
> > > I can only, just barely, in the most modest way,  
appreciate  
> > > what you experienced. But remove yourself from the  
equation for a  
> > > moment. You had extraordinary experiences, some of which  
may have  
> > > been witnessed (or maybe they were shared). But aside  
from the  
> > > testimonial power of taking your word for it how do we  
objectify the  
> > > experiences and convince anyone else that they occurred?  
> > I don't know other than to undertake what you have  
suggested,  
> > that is to be constantly monitored.  
>  
> Some experiencers go through a period when its extremely  
important for  
> them to tell others about what happened to them for the  
purpose of  
> self-testing their own telling of the experiences and for the  
purpose of  
> self-testing their belief by attempting to transfer some  
amount of that

> belief to the listener.

Sure. I found myself in the position of seriously questioning my own sanity. Equally important from my standpoint, was that I was thrown into absolute confusion and resulting fear as well as shock over the fact that some very elite training that I had undergone years ago and which some attributes of this I had practiced for the better part of my life had availed me nothing.

> As an example only, I'm sure most of us have at one time or another met  
> a recently converted born-again type person who was totally intent on  
> converting us at that very moment. Part of what's happening in that  
> event is that the person is getting something positive simply from the  
> telling/re-telling of their story. They believe in their experience is  
> invigorated by the re-telling of it. Another part of what's happening  
> is that the person is hoping to get a form of validation by causing the  
> other person to accept their story. After all, if you can convince  
> someone else that what you're saying is true then, in an odd sort of  
> referential way, it must be true - if it can be believed by someone else  
> then it must be believable.

I don't know John. You need to appreciate that I was questioning my sanity. I feel that this has been the case of many others as well. It is a difficult thing to accept that others may think that you are not playing with a full deck. I had to come to a place where I had accepted what had happened to and to accept that unless also experienced by another, there was simply no way they could understand where I was coming from and to be O.K. with that. I don't really think that other experiencers are too different from me except that some of them haven't been as successful at integrating the experience as I have. I AM not so sure that my statement is fair moreover due to the fact that for some of them the experiences have continued.

> > However, I want to present another can of worms.  
> > This may in reality be a REAL catch 22, John.  
> > The indicator of this is the seeming fact that the phenomena  
> > itself controls it's own flow of information concerning itself.  
> > Vallee has done a lot of discussion on this aspect if I  
> > understand it correctly. I suspect that in many if not all of  
> > the cases, if a person is being monitored, the events will cease  
> > or failing that the monitoring equipment will be rendered  
> > useless for a period of time corresponding to yet another  
> > reported abduction. What does one do in such a situation? It is  
> > obvious that something is occurring, but what?  
>  
> Of the two options I'd prefer to have the events cease and I'm sure the  
> 'subject' would too!

To be sure! :-)

> There is a catch-22 here. If we establish elaborate electronic  
> monitoring and that equipment shows NO physical activity and  
> NO  
> signs of tampering with the gear, yet the abductee reports that they  
> were in fact abducted, we would have no choice except to assume that  
> whatever happened was non-physical.

That does not make the events any less real nor dangerous. Man is after all, a multi-dimensional creature. The vast majority of us have barely scratched the surface of our realization of this. We have much to learn.

> > You got me, buddy. Still, you have to admit that based upon the numbers alone, there is something decidedly strange going on.  
>  
> I've been convinced that something was going on for decades...

As have I. Furthermore, I have come to suspect that persisting in attempting to gain any understanding utilizing a traditional approach is/will be futile.

> > I feel it is ominous. It serves to unsettle me to a degree.  
> > I don't feel good about it when I think of it. Furthermore on  
> > another note, it is most unsettling to note that on the New Age/UFO/E.T. conference circuit, we witness proclaimed experts  
> > declaring that the Alien Space Brothers are on their way here  
> > with eminent arrival to completely restructure our systems of religion and to replace the ten commandments.  
>  
> Who asked 'em? I'm not a member of any system of religion so I guess I  
> get the short end of the stick? I'd be better served if the aliens  
> replaced my cable TV company...

I feel that systems of religion have little to nothing whatsoever to do with this equation John.

> > What does that tell you about the experts that promote this type of material?  
> > I suggest that these folks are looking for a messiah that is, someone to relieve them of the responsibilities for their own actions. This was the case of the Jews when Jesus came onto the scene. They were looking for the messiah to take them out of hard times to sever the Roman yoke.  
>  
> I think most people go through periods when they question what they believe and period when they want a set of beliefs that actually work for them. I don't think that now is fundamentally different from any other period of time except that things happen much faster in this time period.

We are discussing something that greatly has to do with spirituality or the lack thereof John, that is responsibility. As far as the speed with which as well as the frequency of things happening, well that is indirectly related to spirituality as well. Today people are constantly complaining that things (events, problems to solve, LIFE) are being thrown at them with never before experienced frequency, speed and intensity. When asked why, I attempt to explain it, but the person usually expresses denial. <chuckle> They then go their way doing the same things over and over expecting different results, but receiving the same ... still searching for the causation.

> > > No argument there. But imagine this: Imagine the leaders of the AMA, the APA and a dozen other prestigious medical groups held a news conference and announced that, Yes, aliens are here abducting people.  
> > > You gonna have some panic'd people.  
>  
> Some.

A bunch I'd wager. And I needn't remind you John, Fear usually

breeds violence.

> > > That constitutes recognition of the (alleged) problem but what  
> > > good would it do, what would happen next?  
> > After the excitement wore down, it might get some real and  
> > useful research in progress.  
> > I AM compelled to add however, that this research does not  
> > necessarily call for an abundance of mental health  
> > professionals. I don't feel professional status or  
occupation in  
> > these regards are as important as ethical principles.  
>  
> It actually doesn't call for an abundance of anything except  
funding.

If it involved electronic monitoring I agree with you.

> > I understand that. I have even met a couple who privately  
shared  
> > with me the strange events that they had experienced not too  
> > dissimilar to my own. Perhaps what is needed is a revolution  
of  
> > sorts that will remove the minority from visibility and  
place  
> > those of true ethics in the spotlight.  
> > However, how this could be accomplished I have no idea.  
Somehow  
> > these in the minority should be shown for the scam artists  
that  
> > they are.  
>  
> Those changes happen across generations. As one generation  
moves out or  
> prominence another one moves in. It takes time.

What if time is not a commodity that we can any longer enjoy in  
these regards?

> > > But I don't think this is about scientists having an open  
> > > mind. I'll go out on a limb and suggest that this is  
really about  
> > > experienter's wanting much greater acceptance than they  
currently  
> > > have...  
> > I don't know. I have somewhat disassociated myself from the  
> > emotional turmoil that was a result of my experience(s). It  
> > doesn't bother me overmuch that you can't accept outright  
what I  
> > recall happened to me. To you it is only information subject  
to  
> > question. It is not a part of your subjective experience  
..I.E:  
> > Knowledge. To me however, a good deal of it is knowledge.  
>  
> You've passed through that period when you needed people to  
believe  
> you (because it helped you to believe you). It shouldn't  
matter to  
> you that others don't or can't believe you, and you realize  
that.  
> That's about as rock-bottom normal as you can get <grin>.

John, there is a great deal concerning my recalled (vividly  
real) experience that I DO NOT for a second believe. The second  
part of your statement is true though.

> > > > Electronic monitoring. I suppose it is possible John,  
but at  
> > > > what cost?  
> > > A few thousand dollars, at most. Possibly even for free  
IF  
> > > abductees were to start filing police reports.  
> > I would be willing to do that as I AM sure others would, if  
> > assured that there would be NO ridicule from those within  
this  
> > profession. I feel however, that this is extremely unlikely.  
>  
> It occurred to me when I was writing that that in those areas  
where we  
> are already using electronic monitoring of pre-release

convicts the  
> costs would be essentially zero. The equipment is already in  
place as  
> are the people to do the monitoring.

Then it should be utilized.

> > > You lost me on that one. Please try again.  
> > Some will see paranormal occurrences while some won't.  
> > There is much more to 'sight' than the physical eyes.  
> > Something does NOT have to be a part of everyone's  
subjective  
> > experience in order to be real.  
>  
> I get it, yes.

<grin>

> > > I think you've lost me again. Reality is. That is a  
> > > fundamental concept that would require an enormous amount  
of  
> > > scientific evidence to shake. One very basic assumption  
is that  
> > > there is a thing called 'reality' that we can, with much  
work,  
> > > observe and figure out.  
> > Reality IS, yes, but it is composed of layers or levels.  
> > Energy IS and All is composed of energy. Matter and energy  
after  
> > all is transmutable.  
> > Energy can be described as vibrating at different frequency,  
> > that is the different components that comprise it vibrate at  
> > different rates. What I AM suggesting here is that as this  
> > planet's rate of vibrational frequency is on the rise, so it  
is  
> > that everything of a non-sentient nature is rising with it.  
> > Occupants of this planet that bear sentience must let go of  
> > certain qualities that serve as restriction in order to rise  
> > along with everything else. This higher frequency is  
disrupting  
> > the natural electrochemical action within the brains of many  
of  
> > those who are most resistant to this vibratory rise. These  
may  
> > all be metaphysical tenets to be sure, but I believe that I  
read  
> > a respectable scientific report somewhere that indicated  
that  
> > the vibratory rate of this planet was indeed on the upswing.  
> > Although not constituting absolute proof of the above, the  
> > indications are there.  
>  
> How do we objectively prove that things are vibrating at a  
higher  
> frequency, how do we prove that this affects human thinking?

That is two questions. As to the first, I suspect that our  
physical instrumentation may be at or near their limitations of  
possibility. However, we can catalog the effects upon measurable  
phenomena of forces of higher frequency. Kirlian photography and  
newer, related technologies are an example of this. Of course,  
there have been other suggested explanations tendered for the  
phenomena observed in Kirlian photography, but no conclusive  
proof that I know of.

Secondly, it affects awareness more than the thinking process.  
It serves to distort.

> > > On the flip side, we do assume that while 'reality'  
changes  
> > > a tiny bit over time, and while we change a tiny bit over  
time, that  
> > > the combined change is not sufficient to invalidate  
'reality' or our  
> > > observations of it. The dangerous assumption inherent in  
the basic  
> > > assumption is that we don't think our 'mind' (our  
consciousness) is  
> > > changing much. Since we do all of our observing and  
understanding  
> > > with our mind it would be a big problem if that was the

element  
> > > *that was evolving...<grin>*  
> > *All is in a flux of evolvment and change in my view, John.*  
>  
> *You and I have a very different vocabulary but we may be talking about pretty much the same thing.*

I wouldn't be surprised. ;-) <wide grin>

In any event, the concepts I AM attempting to convey are difficult to find useful words for.

> > > *The human mind uses all sorts of checks and balances during normal conscious worktime to 'determine' the veracity of incoming data (memory). Most if not all of those checks and balances are suspended or drastically reduced during hypnotic regression. An item comes into a person's memory stream without passing through those checks and balances and once it is there it is recorded as if it did pass through those checks and balances. In other words, the person 'acquires' these 'memories' and has no real reason to disbelieve them and every reason to accept them. They are stored in the person's mind as if they were real and once stored that way they cannot be changed (without active, aggressive and intrusive "brainwashing"). I must constitute an anomaly, John. I remember things and for me they are extremely real, but certain of these I strongly question. Even though I disagree with nearly everything that the practitioner who regressed me espouses, he did not create any confabulation in my mind by suggestion as to where my experience was leading. I would like to lay that on his doorstep along with other things, but I honestly can't.*  
>  
> *But the point is that you wouldn't be able to detect the confabulation generally. (Specifically, if confabulation happened to be counter to something you already knew you might get a hint of it.)*

Well, what I AM trying to imply is that I do recall his questions, there weren't many. Of these, none were as obviously leading as those of another researcher who I will not name who has demonstrated his technique on at least one television documentary. I believe that it was on the Discovery Channel. At any rate I AM not stating that there was NO confabulation. I AM stating that there was no confabulation by the human practitioner in my case. However, yes I do suspect that there was a bit of confabulation in my case, but that this constitutes a phenomena for study in itself.

> > *There have been encounters of sorts and attempts, but they have been nipped in the bud.*  
> > *I can tell you that these were of a purely paranormal nature.*  
> > *Most of them involved Julie as well.*  
>  
> *I don't know why most abductionists ignore the paranormal aspects of the event. Until recently the paranormal aspects were actively censored out of abduction accounts, even by MUFON.*

I will state that I feel with every fibre of my being that this is the aspect that is the key.

That this aspect of nearly every case is all but ignored by nearly every researcher that I know of, is doing themselves and more importantly the rest of us, a great disservice. If it is there, then it is of significance.

I think that many have already made up their mind that this phenomena comes to us from across the galaxy, John. I think that they fear that if the incidence of paranormal phenomena is recognized, then abduction incidents in general will be declared non-physical. Frankly even if they were, I fail to understand the significance of that. The phenomena is still occurring and leaving circumstantial physical evidence. Put another way, the phenomena is occurring and may be partially of a non-physical nature or para-physical nature leaving physical effects in some cases. In any case, something is happening and it may well be very dangerous.

> > > *One of the basic elements of the alien abduction event scenario is*  
> > > *that abductions routinely occur to abductees and are*  
> > > *cross-generational. That should make it easy to find*  
> > > *suitable*  
> > > *candidates for electronic monitoring.*  
> > *Yes, I understand this to be true. I do not know if this*  
> > *applies*  
> > *in my case and if it did, I feel sure that it would be*  
> > *strongly*  
> > *denied.*  
>  
> *I don't know if that's actually true but its what the*  
> *abductionists*  
> *are saying.*

In many cases yes. There also seems to be some suspicion that it happens to a greater percentage of military people and/or their dependents.

> > > *NO argument about the trauma. I (personal opinion)*  
> > > *suspect*  
> > > *that they are not physical events at all. Electronic*  
> > > *monitoring*  
> > > *would likely prove that. That doesn't mean it isn't real*  
> > > *but it*  
> > > *would change the direction of abduction research.*  
> > *I could recite a few of the more recent episodes that would*  
> > *underline what you suggest above.*  
> > *Julie awoke in the middle of the night during one of these*  
> > *to*  
> > *see a gray coming out of the ceiling above pulling me up*  
> > *toward*  
> > *it out of my body. The more physical portion of my body*  
> > *still*  
> > *reposed flat on it's back. She made a loud noise and I*  
> > *vividly*  
> > *recall her stating that if I lay back they couldn't take me.*  
> > *Needless to say, I did. Now this isn't something that any*  
> > *instruments can capture other than the physical secondary*  
> > *sounds*  
> > *which aren't necessarily present in each occurrence or all*  
> > *occurrences.*  
> > *The above is the tail end of one of these episodes. What*  
> > *started*  
> > *the episode was Julie being awakened by a droning noise that*  
> > *increased in volume. She opened her eyes and began to notice*  
> > *that the room we were in was becoming lighter and lighter.*  
> > *She*  
> > *could 'feel' who ever was causing this become cognizant of*  
> > *the*  
> > *fact that she (Julie) was aware of what was going on. At*  
> > *that*  
> > *point, the room began to grow dimmer. Julie would close her*  
> > *eyes*  
> > *to experience the same thing a little later on. She stated*  
> > *to me*  
> > *the next day that she found the event to be extremely*  
> > *interesting.*  
> > *Finally she went totally back to sleep only to be awakened*  
> > *with*  
> > *the view of me being pulled upward.*  
> > *No such activity has occurred since we have been here in the*  
> > *four corners area.*

>  
> I guess the move was a benefit in more ways than one!

We've had certain phenomena 'bug' us here, but I AM not prepared to relate it to what occurred in Sacramento. The 'flavor' of these episodes have been different. I'd like to point out that a former colleague in Sacramento moved to Utah for a few months. When he did, his attitude seemed to change much to the good. Upon moving back to Sacramento however, his attitude reverted to even worse than it was when we left. this only served to deepen my suspicion that this individual is under some sort of powerful negative influence in the Sacramento area.

> Your description suggests that it was much more a 'paranormal' event  
> than a physical event.

Yes. Much more readily discernible as such than my experience in 1990.

> > I follow you. However, this training that I alluded to isn't  
> > necessarily mental, but spiritual.

>  
> Well, to be acceptable it'll have to 'packaged' in such a way as to be  
> non-spiritual <grin>.

It is packaged as a heightening of awareness.  
I understand that most people take the term 'spiritual' with a religious connotation.  
That is unfortunate, but incorrect nonetheless.

> > > Suppose this was done by real mainstream scientists and  
> > > MHPs. Even then do you think the taxpayers of this country would  
> > > stand still for nationwide taxpayer-funded abductee version of a  
> > > flu-shot???

> > Again, I follow you. However, not many medical people in my  
> > experience would be qualified to provide this training much less  
> > suggest where to obtain it. I also wish to point out that those  
> > who are qualified to provide this training would accept very  
> > little recompense for it. It would also be extremely difficult  
> > if not impossible to provide this type of training in a  
> > classroom type setting.  
> > But then again, I might be serving to limit things. :-)

>  
> If average people can be trained then so can medical people, if  
> medical people can be trained then they should be able to train  
> others... Just may take a little more work.

Any could be trained with suspension of Ego.  
Ego serves to hamper understanding.

> > > You and I won't live long enough to see that. We know that  
> > > dowsing is a real, objective and physical phenomenon but we really  
> > > don't have a good model for how it works. We know that magnetic  
> > > fields are somehow involved in functional dowsing but we don't really  
> > > know how. We also know that magnetic fields are involved in a number  
> > > of mind-reality phenomena, some of which are observational. That's  
> > > (so far as I know) about the sum total of what we can safely say we  
> > > know to date. (Except that magnetic fields, like gravitational  
> > > fields, don't exist on their own but are the result of something  
> > > else.)  
> > O.K. I'll tell you that I strongly feel that the majority of  
> > mankind had better see it John.

> > This phenomena is occurring to more and more people all of the  
> > time.  
> > We are entering a new paradigm and I feel that mankind's well  
> > being as a whole may depend upon this. There are those of  
> > mankind however that will feel no impact of these occurrences.  
>  
> I just don't think it'll happen that quick. It might, but I just don't  
> see any indication that it will.

My only honest response is that I suppose that time will tell.  
<grin>

> In fact, the best indicators right now suggest to me that the entire  
> area of so-called alien abductions is ging to winding down over the next  
> roughly 10 or less years. If there's nothing new to report then you  
> have to re-report the past and you can only re-report the past a few  
> times before it becomes boring...

I have a hunch that something will happen long before then to get everyone's attention.

> > I do not feel that these phenomena fall into an MHP realm John.  
> > It is NOT a mental phenomena. Some of the cases may occur at  
> > least partially on a physical (third dimensional) level, but  
> > other aspects of each case seem to occur on a higher level of  
> > reality.  
> > Our explanation of the etheric seemed to make some sense to you.  
> > If this is in fact a level of reality in support of the physical  
> > as I have tried to indicate, and most of the occurrences do take  
> > place upon this and/or the astral or auric, then perhaps you  
> > can extrapolate the possible ramifications upon the physical.  
>  
> Our vocabulary differences and the terminology could get thick  
> here...<grin>

<chuckle>

> When I say 'mental' I'm not suggesting 'non-real,' I'm only making the  
> distinction between physical and non-physical. What you call the  
> 'etheric,' because it is non-physical, doesn't necessarily mean non-real  
> and I think is an aspect of the 'real,' non-physical, mental realm.

Paranormal to many (including me) is exceedingly real. If it has any carryover effect into the physical, then even though it constitutes a great mystery, the indications of it's reality is there.

Again, I must state that man is a multi-dimensional creature. That which is termed the paranormal is but another aspect of that condition.

> The idea that because something is 'mental' and/or non-physical that is  
> is therefore non-real is wrong (my opinion).

I AM in complete agreement with you here.

> The MHP aspect of this is strictly related to the therapy associated  
> with the trauma of the experiences.

Okay.

> > I AM suggesting that perhaps mankind is being undermined here.  
>  
> Could be. I don't know enough to know if its a negative or positive  
> thing. I don't even know enough to know if concepts like 'negative' or  
> 'positive' are even applicable.

I don't have anything concrete to substantiate one way or another.  
All I can state is that my deepest inside 'feelings' are profoundly unsettled when it comes to this subject. I just don't feel good about it and I long ago learned I need to pay attention to these types of 'feelings'.

Kindest Regards,

Clarke

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