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### Re: Wormwood?

From: [legion@werple.net.au](mailto:legion@werple.net.au)  
Date: Sat, 21 Dec 1996 11:24:54 +1100 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Dec 1996 05:00:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Wormwood?

Hi Graham..

\* Graham William Birdsall <106151.1150@compuserve.com> writes

> Date: Tue, 17 Dec 1996 13:28:08 -0500  
> From: Graham William Birdsall <106151.1150@compuserve.com>  
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Wormwood?

>>From: legion@werple.net.au  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Wormwood?  
>>To: updates@globalserve.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Dec 1996 12:29:36 +1100 (EST)

> [snip]

>> Sorry, Graham. Andrew's "scoop" was based on a load of old tosh  
>> from the Canadian version of the magazine that gives tabloids a bad  
>> name, the Weekly World News". (Anybody else remember their "Aliens  
>> Ate My Laundry" story?)

> Dear John,

> Many thanks indeed for appraising me on the original source of the  
> so-called "Floating City in Space" story.

> I immediately contacted Andrew Pike about this and he pointed out that  
> his information came not from the Weekly World News, but from  
> discussions he had entered into with fellow astronomers, including two  
> professional astronomers, all of whom appeared to be treating this  
> topic with a surprising degree of seriousness.

> From whence cometh the story that concerned them so?

> A bit of detective work brought the answer: The UK magazine  
> "Amatuer Astronomy & Earth Sciences" quoted a certain Marcia Masson  
> - she of the "Weekly World News" article.

In that case Mr Pike and the astronomers can relax. The 'AA&ES' story was sourced from the same 'Weekly World News' article that I posted and they've acknowledged it was a 'hoax'.

> What prompted "Amatuer Astronomy & Earth Sciences" to cite Marcia  
> Masson's claims is another matter entirely.

I e-mailed the editor of 'AA&ES', one Dave Goode, and he kindly clarified the matter:

>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 16:49:27 -0000  
>From: Dave Goode <AAES@dial.pipex.com>

>Reply-To: Dave Goode <AAES@dial.pipex.com>  
>To: legion@werple.net.au  
>Subject: Re: Info on Article, please

> The issue I'm interested in quoted a certain "Dr Marcia Masson" in  
> regard to some alleged "photographs of Heaven" that were claimed to  
> have been made by the Hubble Space telescope.

> "Dr Masson's" claims are certainly interesting - to say the least! -  
> and I'd welcome the chance to investigate them.

It seems, on further investigation that our young, keen and rather naive  
UFO correspondent didn't do his homework properly and was the victim  
(and not the only one!) of a hoax. Shame, as it would have been  
fantastic had it been true...

> Many thanks for your time.

Again, you're welcome. If you manage to find out more, please let me  
know.

Mail from Dave Goode  
Freelance Journalist  
<http://dSPACE/dial/pipex/com/aaes/dgoode/>

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> It may interest you to know that I have received numerous calls from  
> devout Roman Catholic's (including two clergy members) who speak of  
> references to the arrival of a comet contained in prophecies and the  
> like. Not being a member of the Catholic Church, I was wondering if  
> anyone else has come across this and would like to comment?

No doubt they were referring to Wormwood:

>From the Book of Revelation 8:10-11

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven,  
burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the  
rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star  
is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood;  
and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Over the centuries all manner of celestial phenomena, comets in  
particular, have been interpreted as the harbingers of change, doom, or  
the fulfillment of a particular prophecy. For some folks these phenomena  
encompass a religious or biblical significance, while others see them as  
evidence that fleets of flesh-eating Reptoids are about to invade and  
turn us all into tasty snack-food.

Let's hope the Reptoids hold off their invasion until we've managed  
to consume the last of the Christmas ham, turkey and fruit cake. <g>

Thanks,  
John

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