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Re: Carl Sagan

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>Subject: Sagan & Dr. Boylan

>Regarding Carl Sagan and Dr. Boylan:

>While one should never speak ill of the dead, it would be disingenuous,
>indeed, for us all to start hurling bouquets now instead of brickbats.
>Lest we forget...for all the good Sagan may have done regarding Blue
>Book, he also made a mockery of folks like me; someone who encountered a
>UFO on a dark and lonely road through no fault of my own. And while I
>was struggling mightily to come to terms with the experience, he was
>doing everything in his considerable power to make me look like a fool,
>at best, and a liar, at worst. So forgive me, if, in the midst of all
>these post-mortems, I breathe a weary sigh of relief that the skeptics'
>numbers are dwindling.

>
> Jerry Washington SD
> KENTUCKY/MUFON

Hi Jerry.

I agree with you. While I will not attack "Carl Sagan, The Man," I will gratefully acknowledge my lack of regret that "Carl Sagan, the Astronomer and Debunker" is gone.

Some will reply that you cannot separate the TWO. I argue differently. For his and our sake, as a species, it is hoped that we will survive because, someone was able to separate the "chaff" from the "wheat."

The "chaff" being our outer appearances, i.e., Carl Sagan the Astronomer. The "Wheat" on the other hand being "Carl Sagan" the Man. That part of him grew and advanced as all others, but that was the man behind the mask.

Unfortunately, it is "The Mask" that most of us knew. We judge him by that which is seen and heard.

To the "Mask" I say "good riddance." I'm sorry, but I cannot be a hypocrite about it. I will not show two different faces to my peers. That is the problem today. We want to say what will not offend, even though we know it is not so.

How much "harm and suffering" has this ego called "Sagan the Astronomer" caused among those unfortunate individuals who happen to be, like you, in the wrong place at the right time? He has not helped solve the problem,

but instead, added to it. He cannot now change what has gone before him. His mistakes are recorded for all time in history, and there is no way for him to make amends for them.

I pray that those who have suffered the most from his "attitude" will forgive the most. Ignorance and desire for personal advancement and recognition cause many of us to chose a path which can and often does lead us into the darkness of the abyss, rather than into the light of the COSMOS. In my opinion, this is what happened to Dr. Carl Sagan, "the Astronomer." I can not profess to say what "Carl Sagan, the Man" felt. I am and was not familiar with that aspect of his personality.

Take care Jerry. May the Love of this Season bridge the abyss which separates us from the Sun/Son of Knowledge and Light.

REgards, Mike

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