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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: 'Backlash'

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Subject: Re: 'Backlash'

> From: rfsignal@sprynet.com <Cathy Johnson>
> Subject: Backlash

> >Unfortunately, no one has come forward with any semblance
> >of equipment in order to monitor the folks who have the
> >dubious distinction of experiencing these phenomena on a
> >somewhat regular basis. It seems that those who would
> >otherwise be capable of amassing the where with all in
> >order to begin some honest research in regards to these
> >phenomena, would much rather make pompous statements as to
> >what does and what does not constitute reality and then
> >stick their collective heads in the sand hoping that it
> >will all go away.

The equipment to do this is not expensive. CUFOS, MUFON and FUFOR each, from time to time, have benefactors who could easily donate a few thousand dollars for the equipment. For a time FUFOR had a significant benefactor (Robert Bigelow) and I wonder if anybody made a presentation for him/them to fund electronic monitoring. Additionally, a number of larger metropolitan areas are already using electronic monitoring for pre-release convicts. (That means the equipment and procedures already exist and all one has to do is get 'into the system' to take advantage of it.)

> *Everyone is screaming for electronic monitoring and
> vid-cams. Is this a joke? That won't yield any information
> that cannot nor has not already been disproved. Anything
> that has electronics, electromagnetic components, electrical
> systems, including batteries, are only a few of the things
> known to be affected directly by the proximity of a craft.
> Those toys just won't work at all.*

That's simply wrong. Standard equipment operating in a standard environment is and can be expected to consistently operate in a standard manner. If it doesn't, and if it consistently doesn't, then we've (minimally) shown that something objectively physical has (repeatedly) occurred.

This is an example of lack of evidence being evidence. We know how light is supposed to behave in a near vacuum (like space) and we knew it would always behave that way. When it was found to behave differently that eventually led to one of the proofs for the existence of black holes. Even today we have no yet found a black hole (because you can't yet actually find them.) But we've found discreet areas in space where we know something is because everything consistently behaves differently there. This type of evidence is still evidence.

Right now we have no evidence that anything is happening and its a huge leap to expect that a single simple series of experiments will take us

from nothing at all to something extremely specific. If all we got from a series of simple experiments was the small step from nothing to something that would still be the biggest step achieved to date in abduction research.

In other words, if we can place some electronic equipment, that we've previously bench tested and found to consistently work correctly and previously field tested and found to consistently work correctly, in an abductee's home and that same equipment then consistently (at regular intervals, etc.) fails to work correctly we KNOW something is going on. (We also would know where, when and for how long. Depending on the type of equipment we might even get a clue as to how it stopped working correctly.)

> *And as for pictures,*
> *well, we can make pictures say and do anything we please, so*
> *that isn't any kind of proof either.*

The best we could expect from photographic evidence is to have it survive multiple independent analyses and fail to be found hoaxed which is not scientifically the same as being found to be real. Unfortunately, the photograph (or the negative) is only physical evidence of itself and not of that which it represents.

> *We don't have the*
> *technology available to provide an effective alternative*
> *means of gathering irrefutable proof.*

We don't know that to be true. We haven't even tried yet so why would we assume it was true??? As I've mentioned above a negative result achieved through strict controls and procedure would in fact be a positive result.

> *Then what? Once we have the golden evidence, what*
> *do we do then? Are we supposed to rewrite all of the*
> *religions of the world?*

Why bother? There has already been some work done in that area, interviewing and polling religious leaders of various denominations, and they uniformly say that they feel they could control their flocks and that their dogma can accommodate all God's creature regardless of their planet of origin.

> *Are supposed to make new laws to*
> *include aliens as equal citizens etc?*

Equal citizens!? Sure, and while we're at it we may have to write some laws so that we can jail them as they await trial for the crimes they have committed. (It doesn't seem reasonable to me that we could release them on their own recognizance).

> *What about all of the*
> *other stuff about our precious world that would change as a*
> *direct result of that proof?*

Actually, very little would change in the short or even long term. Many things, most things, would go on about as they do now. Certainly most of us would still have to get up the next day and go to work. Goods and services would still have to be designed, manufactured, delivered, billed and paid for. The grass won't magically stop growing and the snow won't magically shovel itself...<grin>

Two things would change. In the short term the world between our ears would change significantly. In the very long term our societies would change and as a result our politics and economics would change because we would have to project ourselves into space and that is a big and expensive project.

> *I am certain no aliens would allow humans to*
> *condescendly accept them as equal in anything.*

We have humans who think the same and we still get by fine.

> *They still*
> *are debating whether humanity as a species is even worth*
> *considering as a sentient lifeform.*

They can debate all they want. If they weren't such wusses they'd show themselves and let us get our two cents into the debate <grin>.

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