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Ed wrote;

>Science relays on the repeatable and controlled experimental process. This
>works fine in the lab and with things that are of lesser intelligence than
>the experimenter. I submit that science fails when it is applied to equal or
>higher intelligence.

No, it just raises more variables to take into account, for example;

>After three days of frustration the
>researcher came to a profound conclusion. The octopus was intelligent and
>was experimenting on him also.

That would automatically invalidate the experiment as designed, but not the
idea of the experimentation altogether. Also the intelligence of the cephalopods
is well known within Marine biology, but it has never stopped experimentation or
observation of behaviour.

Do we stop describing medicine as a science?

>Not only do we have
>intelligent human operatives moving the so called stakes around to confuse
>the civilian investigator, you have the UFO phenomena doing this also to both
>the civilians and the better informed intelligence operatives.

The experiment merely needs redesigning to take these factors into account, but
the first things you have to do are find the parameters. Difficult, but not
impossible.

James A Diss

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