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### Re: Of Martian Cats, etc.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Of Martian Cats, etc.

John,

I'm not sure why you referenced my message in yours, but I do not and have never thought that you or other abductees are hallucinating. I don't think you suffer from mental disorders either. I think all of you are being subjected to real events, but I am skeptical of many of the interpretations of these events.

The closest thing I have had to an argument with Budd Hopkins was when I was trying to convince him to look at the historical evidence and realize that the abduction phenomenon is NOT a new thing, and may not involve aliens. He, like many other abduction researchers, just does not want to hear this.

But, for those willing to go to the effort, I think reading the transcripts of the Salem witch trials, and other witch trials and the records of the inquisition can be very informative (if frightening, disgusting and depressing). These poor people were often describing events which today would be called abductions, and showed the "devils marks" which today we call "scoop marks". Finding these marks during the physical exam was a sure sign that the person was a witch.

Those who choose to wear blinders and only see this a a modern phenomenon, as a benign or friendly phenomenon, and as definitely involving "aliens", "space brothers", and such are hindering any real progress in investigating these events.

I applaud you for your open minded attitude. I just wish all abuctees and abduction researchers would open their minds to the other possibilities in trying to explain these strange phenomena.

Bob

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