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Re: Rebecca Rants

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>piece about trace evidence. So why is anyone surprised when highly
>sensational (and probably questionable) evidence is consumed and
>preferred before serious and not-so-titillating evidence?

> And, if the public is so willing to eat this stuff up, the law of
>supply and demand enters the equation. Essentially, there's more on the
>way.

> I think another key is the inability of the American public to sustain
>an interest in virtually anything for long periods of time. Flashy and
>sensational entertainment is the order of the day.

>focus is going to stay. It's bound to be frustrating for someone doing
>not-so-sensational investigations to see their work taking a back seat
>to someone claiming to have direct contact with the space brothers, for
>instance.

Rebecca

Could it be the American public needs this flashy *out -there* UFO
stuff because then it becomes unreal and can be dismissed.

Unreal is so much easier to deal with than the thought of any of these
sightings and abductions being an actual fact.
When you make a joke or caricature of
a subject that is frightening or incomprehensible
it reduces it to a cartoon
which is acceptable.

When I try and talk to my more religious friends about
these things their reaction
is to either try and change the subject or put
the issue in a religious context. If
I start joking around about it it's ok,
but getting serious is not.....there is no
neat little frame for them to put this information in
and I think that frightens them.

Until we have a something like a respected news paper
with a regular column
devoted to UFO events or some regular media event
that has the guts to treat

this as less than speculative and more of a ho-hum
"they are here lets deal with
it" we are going to get this "space brothers" stuff.

If its any consolation, I guess we are in somewhat the
same position as the bunch who
first claimed the earth revolved around the sun.
Imagine the jokes that were made
about THAT one, and imagine the wing-nuts
attached to the concept.

Susan

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