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John Velez

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John said some extraordinarily generous things about me in a post over a week ago.

They were so generous, in fact, that I can't bring myself to quote them now. And, to tell the truth, I didn't know how to acknowledge him, or respond.

I guess the truth is out (such a horrible truth): John and I are friends. Most people on this list, of course, won't have had the chance to meet him in person. I can only say that he's exactly as he appears to be here: Passionate, honest, smart, focused, and caring, intensely human, and, damn it, modest! He's one of the few people I've ever met who never seems to get carried away with his opinion of himself.

As an abduction experiencer, he's a model of sanity. He knows, to the umpteenth decimal point, the difference between his personal belief that his experiences are real, and the lack of any scientific proof that this is so. If any of us could be half that objective on anything even a quarter so important, we'd be lucky.

I say all this even though he's deserted me in the camp of long-haired men -- he cut his short not so long ago, rendering me speechless. He's also guilty of at least one act of credulity. Or was it? Once we had pizza near his house in Queens, New York, and he pointed out a storefront across the street. "That's John Gotti's social club!" he told me.

I stared. Who could blame me? "DON'T LOOK AT IT!" he warned. Now, really, John...was I gonna get whacked just because I looked?

But then, with John, you always have to ask: Does he know something that I don't know?

Greg Sandow

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