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Re: 'Backlash'

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Michael Malone writes:

> it is absolutely unthinkable and a black mark on those scientifically and
> ethically interested in UFOs that there are self-claimed abduction
> researchers (Yes, Greg, I mean that in a negative sense) who are using
> their knowledge of psychology and therapy, either hypno-therapy or
> otherwise, to gain knowledge about an alleged experience, and then will
> report on that alleged experience without attempting to verify the
> experience physically.

> In other fields of psychology, this is resulting in license revocation.
> Most specifically, in cases of child abuse that never occurred, yet the
> therapist assured both the police and the courts that it did. And in at
> least one case, licenses were removed from therapists who misused their
> position in relation to an alien abduction case.

> Today, respected therapists work with other agencies when a psychological
> trauma is discovered. These auxiliary agencies help identify the real
> worlds, physical source of the problem, while the therapist helps with the
> psychological trauma that is the result. Such common sense approaches are
> absent in UFOlogy today.

No problem with your negative sense, Mike.

Who would those auxiliary agencies be, in the case of supposed abductions?

Put yourself in the position of, say, Budd Hopkins, when he first ran across alleged abduction cases. What he did, at the time -- and this was around 20 years ago -- was to enlist the help of psychotherapists he'd known through his work as an artist. They were the ones who initially talked to the abduction experiencers, and carried out any hypnosis.

What else should he have done? What agencies should he have approached? I'm not throwing this in your face as a challenge. I'm genuinely curious.

A related question. Suppose you ran into an abduction experiencer. Suppose you became involved in his or her situation. What agency in your own area would you want to involve?

Greg Sandow

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