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Re: Philosophy of Science and UFOs

From: "Jerry Cohen" <rjcohen@li.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Jan 1997 22:52:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jan 1997 10:02:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Philosophy of Science and UFOs

>Date: Sat, 18 Jan 1997 12:49:45 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Steven J. Powell" <sjpowell@access.digex.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Philosophy of Science and UFOs

>>Date: Mon, 13 Jan 1997 22:31:49 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: "Jerry Cohen" <rjcohen@li.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Philosophy of Science and UFOs

....snip....

>>>Except the question: "How do we presently study other species?" We
>>>snatch a few samples from the field, open 'em up and see how they tick.

>>JC: Or tag them and track them? Hmmn, then if we found that one case,
>>we might also have a philosophical problem (amongst others) here. :-)
>>Some, of what appear to you to be "way-out" claims, might take on new
>>meaning. This is purely philosophically speaking of course.

>Of course I think most of the claims are "way out" because of the
>combination of two important factors: 1) There's no objective evidence to
>support them having actually occurred, and; 2) They haven't happened to me.

>I'm completely open to the possibility that either or both of those factors
>could radically change even by tomorrow. Who knows?

>Sure, we tag and track species sometimes. But eventually, we snatch one or
>two and open 'em up...<grin>

>>>I personally think we should be trying to shoot down UFOs every chance
>>>we get so we can open 'em up and see how they tick.

>>JC: With the technology being described in cases like the 1989/90 Belgium
>>sightings (police version), you better hope you miss. :-)

>Why!? You put a couple of Stingers up their exhaust pipes and they won't
>be so prone to zip-zapping around our atmosphere (<grin>), plus we'd get
>that chance to dissect one or two of them.

JC: Or up their nostrils, but for those that might take you seriously:
a) The more familiar one becomes with the many reports over the years,
one realizes this is not "Independence Day." b) Assuming they let
you see them. If it were that easy, then we've probably done it
already. We've had a lot of years to shoot at them.

Jerry

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