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### Project 1947 - Re: Robert Dean

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Anastasia,

First, you waltzed into this list a couple of days ago pretending not to know the first thing about the "stargate" project and now you are campaigning for people to accept Robert Dean at his "word" and castigating folks on this list for not accepting Robert Dean at all.

> .... As you know, Dean and many others in the  
> military and in government (whom you may deem more "worthy") are wrestling  
> with these same issues at this very moment...I'm reminded of that quote, "All  
> that remains for Evil to win, is for GOOD PEOPLE to do NOTHING.

Or to allow bullshit artists like Robert Dean a platform without being challenged.

> While you rightly enough point out that Dean's story is not readily  
> proveable, BUT, unless there is proof of intended duplicity, it is  
> appropriate to take a person at their word. (Just as you deserve to be  
> taken).

That, in a nut shell, is what is wrong with ufology and most ufologists today. No one has the right to be taken at their word if they are unable to substantiate their position or claims. And when people are willing to accept unsubstantiated claims at their word, they are contributing to the darkness of ufology and keeping real progress from being made. It is up to whoever is making the claims to provide the evidence, substantiation and ultimately the proof for their position. It is up to no one to accept them at their word until they do so. Ready acceptance for people with stories like Robert Dean is the major reason (in my opinion) why ufology is unable to get any respect outside of ufology.

> Consider, that to make his rank, he must have been fairly well  
> thought of by his superiors.

That, in a nut shell, also points out what is also wrong with ufology today - a total lack of understanding of logic and critical analysis. Appeal to authority is one of the most abused fallacies employed by ufologists when they don't have FACTS to substantiate their claims. Also, it is a fallacy that seems to impress those in the audience that do not have any critical thinking skills in their tool chest.

> Yes, I think very delicate assessments are in order, don't you?

I think very critical standards of evidence need to be put in place by ufologists and those standards should have nothing to do with whether or not someone's "story" happens to "support" a specific belief system or not. But, only if ufology ever has the hope of elevating itself above the state of a belief system bordering on a religion and offering ready platforms for every charismatic wannabe story teller preying on audiences

that don't understand critical analysis and logic.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
"There is                     | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Something Going On!" ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
-Salvador Freixedo- ( 0 0 ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-(-)-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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