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Re: Project 1947 - ABC Nightline: Roswell

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Jan Aldrich wrote:

>Fran, you are correct. We do indeed need a spokesman for ufology.
>These two guys could have salvaged something from a Koppel's "true
>believer" commentary and Roswell circus, but NO, these two guys insisted
>on playing Russian roulette with every chamber filled.

I disagree. Koppel controlled the agenda and set the tone of the program. He was pompous and ignorant of the subject under discussion. And his very first question to Jeffrey and Randle was among the all-time stupidest I've ever heard: "First of all, can we agree, gentlemen, that God would be considered an alien?" (or something like that)

I think Jeffrey and Randle just looked at each other across their TV monitors and muttered, "What the hell is he talking about?" As it was, Jeffrey fumbled with it for a while before stating that the existence of alien civilizations was now widely accepted and the real question is whether they are here or not.

I think what Koppel was trying to insinuate from the word "Go" was that belief in aliens was no different than belief in God. Neither has an objective foundation. At some point Koppel added that the only valid "evidence" was a piece of a saucer or alien body. Now as we all know, this is a standard debunking statement which doesn't distinguish between "proof" and "evidence," of which there are many types, including eyewitness testimony. Certainly our courts understand the difference, but not Koppel.

So Koppel came in with a real attitude problem, and thus wasted a lot of what little time was available for discussion. Now maybe Jeffrey and Randle could have started out saying, "Gee Ted, I came here to discuss the evidence on the Roswell case, not some pointless statement about God and aliens." However, I think I would have been a little nonplussed by Koppel's opening salvo, and I think Jeffrey and Randle were as well.

David Rudiak

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