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>THERE IS SOMETHING MAJOR GOING ON FOLKS, AND WE HAVE TO GET SERIOUS,  
>AND SOON!

I am in emphatic agreement with you here, John. I listened to Michael Lindemann's critical analysis of Derrel Sims' handling the fragment research done by Dr. Russel Vernon Clark and I would have to agree that his failure to answer questions post presentation and the fact that Dr. Clark was whisked away from the lecture was not "good science". This succeeded in doing nothing but pissing off the press. Even so I don't think Dennis Stacy's overemphasized castigation of Derrel Sims was warranted as I am not ready to say that Derrel Sims is more of liability than an asset to scientific UFO research. However, Richard Hoagland (who is supposed to be a scientist) could easily have used his influence, like you say, to encourage the investigation of an apparently serious incident that occurred over Phoenix three months ago. Instead Hoagland served up a nonesense-fest with predictions and, aligning of the parallels, and his hyperdimensional physics and, God knows what else which resulted in what could have been a much less tolerant article in the Arizona Republic.

The little scientific research of the UFO subject that is being done (praise FUFOR!) is precious and is constantly being threatened by the visible and highly celebrated lunacy that sticks to the subject. All the attention seeking, prophetic, new agie, channeling, remote viewing, astrology crazed, pseudo scientific charlatans out there that claim to be "UFO researchers" damage the research (yes, I'm talking about you, Morton). The bullshit stacks up so fast in this field you need wings to stay above it. What's even more disconcerting is when the scientists don't do proper science.

We simply don't have the luxury of being able to apply religious interpretation to it all or being able assess it's spiritual meaning or whatever until it's firmly proven and the mainstream scientific community and society as a whole is forced to deal with the fact that it's real.

Carl Sagan was right when he said

P R O T E C T T H E S C I E N C E !!

I think the man had something there.

Jared.

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