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Re: Nightwatch Online - Discussion with Velez

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> On a slightly different tack, I am interested to hear if anyone knows of
> any "famous" people who may have been abducted. It puzzles me that while
> some abductees report medical-like tests, others report being given
> messages regarding the Earth's future or possible environmental cataclysms.
> Why are only ordinary people given these messages? It would make more sense
> (if anything to do with UFOs make sense) to impart these warnings to people
> with the power to make the necessary changes.

That assumes that

- a) The "warnings" are real and not confabulations.
- b) The actual purpose of the warnings is the same as their apparent purpose.

Remember, in the 1950s, the contactee warnings were of nuclear holocaust, while now they are of environmental apocalypse. However, the warnings of a specific sort often seem to be given to those who are "prepared" to hear them.

A case that (a) is false could be made. Certain researchers seem to work with contactees who receive certain warnings. Mack is interested in environmental causes, and his abductees provide environmental warnings. Strieber is interested in environmentalism, and his experiences seem to reinforce that.

Vallee and Keel have made a case against (b). To paraphrase Keel, arriving at a belief about the phenomenon generates cases which support that belief. While I don't buy that at this point except as a statement of selection effect, it is still a possibility. On the other hand, this reflection of current societal or contactee fears could be a move by the source to ensure that "you will not speak wisely of this night" (Schirmer). Or it could be an attempt to build a mythos of upcoming environmental catastrophe to discourage humans from taking needed steps in the development of technologies which could eventually threaten the UFO source.

And, let's face it, these warnings are not exactly warnings of some obscure threat we might miss if we were not warned by these beings. Like most prophecy, these warnings seem to be no more than what one could get from the contactee in the absence of the contact.

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