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Subject: Re: Project 1947 - Re: ABC Nightline: Roswell

Here's an "oldie" I'd like to comment on.

> Date: Fri, 4 Jul 1997 19:26:22 -0500
> From: Mark Rodeghier <markrod@XSITE.NET>
> Subject: Re: ABC Nightline: Roswell
> To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM
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> I'd like to add this thought to Jan Aldrich's comments on the Nightline
> program.
>
> Ted Koppel was about as ill-prepared for this segment as is possible,
> and began the live interviews with an idiotic question (statement)
> about God as evidence for or indication of extraterrestrial intelligence
> (yes, really). Koppel was as much the problem as Randle or Jeffrey last
> night, though I agree with Jan that they could have made much more of
> Koppel's claim about all those interested in UFOs being true believers,
> etc.
>
> Mark Rodeghier

Though I did not see the program, I feel that Koppels' question as expressed in the first sentence above was not really idiotic at all. Perhaps he has a glimmering of the fact (to me it's a fact, anyhow) that the Judeo-Christian God was an extraterrestrial intelligence who for some reason held a long-term interest in the Israelis. The ability of Yahweh or El to ride around in a "pillar of cloud," etc., just like the gods within the mythologies of other cultures, and the existence of the Elohim (the gods), is much too like the UFO phenomenon to dismiss merely because one may not care to juxtapose ufology and religion. A lot has been written about the subject since Van Danikan's first book, the latest being Joe Lewels' The God Hypothesis. So if ETs gave rise to the gods, and one particular ET to the concept of a male, humanoid "God" who resides in the heavens, this concept of God can be argued to constitute past evidence for ETI.

However, I would not wish to defend Koppel's attitude toward ufology any further than that.

Jim Deardorff

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