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### Re: D. Bunkerism

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The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments.

>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 18:35:43 -0400  
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>>Debunking as applied to limited, specific issues where real  
>>answers are attainable is, of course, useful and necessary. As a  
>>defining philosophical principle, however, it is, in my opinion,  
>>intellectually and practically indefensible.

Although the thrust of my comment on this was really concerned about adding to the ufological vocabulary, I should like to add a rider: that while debunking as a defining principle may be indefensible, its practice can still throw up gems of insight in specific instances. Dismissing - or, what happens far more often, simply ignoring - valid objections to the anomalousness of a particular case on the grounds that the objector considers all UFO sightings and experiences capable of being reduced to prosaic or mundane events is itself intellectually dishonest, tantamount to throwing babies out with bathwater, shooting bearers of unwelcome tidings, &c.

And when you do get down to specific cases, the preconceptions of many a ufologist can be seen to be just as, and sometimes more, blinkering and distorting as any diehard debunker. But that is another story.

Yours &c  
Polecat D. Marmalade  
Air Lawnmower

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