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40 YEARS OF UFO CULTS

As a guest on End-of-the-Line show with Jeff Rense and Michael Lindemann last night and during the CNN blanket coverage of the mass suicide in San Diego, my mind drifted back over the years to my early visits to Giant Rock in the California desert. That is when I saw the beginnings of the UFO cult syndrome. I remember when UFO contactee Gloria Lee took her life...and from there one Michael or another started up some UFO cult-group based on channeling space brothers. I think one or two of the early contactees had some sort of real experience, but after their stories came out...the religious message was cried out. In the 50s the space visitors were benevolent, loving folk that came to enlighten us on the folly of our ways. Not until the 80s did the pendulum swing toward the dark side...those little grey aliens who came to haunt the American bedrooms.

I remember the news back in the 70s about Bo and Peep, the "Two" who came to liberate people from the material attachments (home and possessions) so that ultimately they would undergo a "metamorphosis" like a caterpillar leaving its cocoon (they actually used this symbology) and they held a huge well-attended meeting in a Santa Monica Hotel by the shores of the Pacific. I was there to see the starry-glare in their eyes offering so many an opportunity to escape the dreaded bonds of earth. Then many went traipsing off to Colorado, I believe, to await "lift-off". Later there was a movie made of the "Two", the music teacher and the nurse who came from Texas. You might still find it if you hunt it down in video stores. Then they were gone from public view and others came along just as Sheldon Nidle did to preach the salvation offered by the comet Hale-Bopp. There are still many groups like this out there, living their private lives as somehow grouping into tribes as humans did in our not so ancient history when we felt less alienated from the concourse we had with each other. Now the machineries of civilization have somehow made us feel oppressed by the weight of humanity and its ultra high-speed life style. As the millenium approaches, many are seeking refuge in the heavens, if not in aliens, then in angels and Marian visions. Are we all feeling so uncertain about our future?

It is my belief that the 39 men and women who died to escape to a higher plane were motivated by something that we all feel, but refrain or restrain from taking action on from time to time...the feeling to escape to a better place. So while their decision based on their devotion and belief in their leader's words is tragic, I think we must all become more aware of the tremendous human forces at work in the world today. While there are those now using words such as "kook" to indicate persons with beliefs in UFOs, aliens, angels, reincarnation, and other such sought-after connections, or the belief that somehow Art Bell or Chuch Shramek or Courtney Brown and Whitley Streiber were responsible for sowing seeds of belief in a comet companion, we must do our best to indicate that such misapprehensions of the true causes of this tragic event are in error.

These people were responsible for themselves and we are all responsible for each other and we all have common roots in our prehistoric past.

Let us see to it that the media does not misguide the public or that certain restrictive influences are aimed at censoring the Internet because of its potential for luring followers into so-called questionable beliefs. Are we all so sure that we ourselves do not hold fast to some questionable belief?

I, for one, would not like to continue to answer for the act of these people and get back to the business of research and investigation and search for the truth.

Sincerely,

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