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Re: ETH [Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis] &c

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>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 1997 00:29:02 -0800
>From: John Koopmans <john.koopmans@sympatico.ca>
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>Subject: Re: ETH [Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis] &c

Thanks to all the insightful writers of this thread.

><SNIP>
(consideration of older ufological cases)

> Personally, I am
>more interested in the here and now, in trying to get a better
>feel for some of the commonalties of the contacts, in trying to
>get a better understanding of where this phenomenon might be
>heading, and in preparing myself for a possible total shift in
>the way we may have to think about our Universe. On a
>battlefield, sometimes you just have to rely on your best
>intuition - you don't always have the luxury of engaging in a
>traditional scientific investigation that might take more than 50
>years to complete.

An advice columnist, in reply to her reader's lament that college would take 4 long years to complete, said "four years from now, would you rather be four years older with a college degree or without one?" If we had consistently conducted open scientific ufological research from "the beginning," would we be more likely to have developed a better understanding of the phenomenon by today, or not?

As largely unpaid hobbyists, we do the best investigating we can (in the spare time remaining after reading UFO e-lists. >:)

The tragedy of experiencers singularly fighting their own battles is that we have even fewer opportunities to openly compare information. It's a tough field with an intractable subject; as scary to people on all sides of the issue, not unlike the Inquisition. (!)

We have a tendency to divide and conquer within our own ranks, nevermind the mocking of the media, the seeming indifference of governments and so on.

We can't even agree if the UFO phenomena/problems are entirely physical, psychological, spiritual, temporal, or other. So much effort is spent haggling over our "blind" individual perceptions, we don't even know if we're examining the different parts of one metaphorical elephant or a complex stew.

We just muddle along as best we can, according to our own perspectives.

<snip>

>My question is: what would constitute the ultimate proof? My fear
>is that if we wait for the ultimate proof we may be too late to
>do anything about it. Certainly by now there is enough indication
>that something is going on to warrant a listening rather than an
>attacking attitude. However, let's not jump too quickly to any
>conclusions until we have done a lot of listening. For example,
>just because the experiences involve "non-human" beings, it
>doesn't follow that the visitors are necessarily
>extraterrestrial.

Minnesota MUFON is trying to discover specific clues about the nature or abilities of the visitor/abductor force(s). I've asked this list for leads on published or personal experiences in trying to record abduction attempts (with any kind of cameras, etc.)

So far, there have been no reply postings to the list.*

This could be due to any number of reasons, including:

- No or few such recording attempts have ever been undertaken.
- Small e-list membership or readership.
- Lack of trust, time, name recognition or personal gain.

It's a long process to gather data, and ufology is certainly young, as sciences go. Until such time as "they" might make themselves incontrovertibly obvious, we'll just continue to gather and sort through the data, not to mention wrestling among ourselves.

>> <snipped questions about what constitutes proof.>

>Good questions. But the more information we have, the better will
>be our ability to make a choice. And for this reason, we need
>more encouragement for those with a legitimate story to tell to
>come forward without the further abuse of being torn to shreds by
>those who demand ultimate proof.

>John K.

MUFON's Abduction Transcription Project is an example of good science, collecting ufological data from experiencers who have sought therapeutic help. Anonymity is preserved while we glean what we can from nearly a thousand therapeutic transcripts from all over North America. No shredding, no abuse.

If you or someone you know has tried to record "alien abductors", please contribute the pertinent information to me or Minnesota MUFON.

This isn't about exhaustive lifelong case histories. We just want the details of the attempts to catch 'em in the act by means of any recording devices whatsoever.

Let's see if we can cooperate to confirm or dispel what currently amounts to hearsay/urban legends about our supposed inability to objectively detect the "alien abductors". If we can narrow down some of the anecdotal reports floating around, we might begin to discover the specifics about which devices "they" can manipulate, and which they can't.

If "they" are omnipotent it may not matter at all what we do, but if "they" aren't, shouldn't we do our best to find that out?

Thanks,

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*Thanks to Scott Carr for his e-mail response to our research request. Check out his web page:

<<http://www.erols.com/sardonica>> "The Flying Saucer Gazette."

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