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Re: Clark and ETH (and ELs)

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>Date: Mon, 06 Oct 1997 05:21:17 -0700
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Clark and ETH (and ELs)

>I've been sort-of-kind-of-barely following this recent discourse
>on big bad old ET versus big bad old Casper the ghost. This
>hoary rhetorical debate betwixt Clark, Randle, and some other
>members of this group who take "Zen philosophy as Quantum
>Mechanics" pamphlets a tad bit too literally.

>First we have to dispense with semantics. The term ET brings up
>one image in our minds, ghosts and demons another. Both bound by
>cultural mythos, one more modern, the other more ancient. Both
>mean the same thing, ineffectual words used in a pathetic attempt
>to describe the ineffible.

>Last I checked, Jerry, Kevin, we was still calling them there
>things (U)FOs, U as in "unidentified." I don't recall anybody
>ever actually identifying one of them flying gizmo in any sort of
>concrete way, with the exception of numerous exposed hoaxes,
>liars, and scam artists. In all that time I still never did get
>me one of them there product brochures for one of those hardcore
>manufactured sports model UFOs.

>Meanwhile, I don't find the *TERMS* "angel", "alien", "ghost",
>"demon", "fairy", "goblin", "grey", "reptoid", "Elohim", "giants
>in those days", or any other concoction some contactee has coined
>in a desperate attempt to explain the inexplicable,
>particularly satisfactory.

>Admit the admissible. These UFOs is weird unexplained stuff that
>serve to act as a prod in our minds, stirring the intellectual
>pot as it were, providing enough mythos to further fuel the fires
>for this millennialist landscape.

>Isn't it enough just to admit that something we don't know, can't
>explain, does in apparent fact, intrude on our shared view of
>reality? And that this is, in itself, pretty remarkable and
>downright interesting?

>In many decades (some would say thousands of years), the critters
>flying these crazy contraptions have seemed content to operate at
>the fringes of our social structures and have never bothered to
>deal with us openly, directly, honestly, equally, fairly, or in
>any way as one self-respecting sentient species to another.

>Let's remember what side we are on afterall.

>Demons, aliens, whatever.

>They ain't our friends, let's start with that.

>John

John,

Glad to know you have been lurking.

We need some cool, sane heads like yours in this conversation.
I don't think anyone could have expressed the whole problem better.

Bob

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