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Re: Solved Abduction Cases?

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Subject: Re: Solved Abduction Cases?

>Date: Thu, 27 Nov 1997 20:34:16 -0500
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Solved Abduction Cases?

>>Date: Thu, 27 Nov 1997 16:02:12 +0000
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>>>From: DevereuxP@aol.com [Paul Devereaux]
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Nov 1997 08:45:53 -0500 (EST)
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
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>>>>Ufology is now two generations old in its present form....

>>>>In my understanding a generation is fifty years, taking it that
>>>>"modern" ufology started with Kenneth Arnold, how do you make
>>>>it two generations??

>>>>So if I am 50, and my son is 25, then we are the same generation?

>>Paul if you are an archaeologist as you claim you will know that
>>when a "generation" is referred to it means fifty years.

>I am not an archaeologist, and also not quite 50 (but too close
>for comfort), and have never heard that a generation is defined
>as 50 years. If you could quote a source on that, it would be
>interesting.

>There may well be an accepted definition involved here, but it's
>not listed as such in "The American Heritage Dictionary". The
>closest that I could find was "5. The average time interval
>between the birth of parents and the birth of their offspring".

>However, I would add that the definition for "generation gap" is
>probably more relevant, and is defined as "The differences in
>values and attitudes between one generation and the next, esp. a
>generation of adolescents and that of their parents." Given the
>metamorphosis that UFOlogy has gone through in the past 50 years
>in regard to changes in how it is generally viewed, IMHO there
>may be several "generation gaps" that could be identified.

Hi Steven

The term "generation" when applied to generations of ancestors comes, believe it or not from the bible. Back in the days of the old testament God gave man a life of "three score years and ten". I'm not exactly sure why twenty years has been knocked off, probably something to do with your first ten years are growing (up) and your last ten years are in retirement. Who knows? But in ancient terms a generation was the average useful life span of a man (sorry ladies but the bible is horrendously sexist in places). This of course does not mean that two generations cannot exist at once, as Paul correctly pointed out both him and his son are alive today so there is in effect two generations alive and co-existing.

The generation gap on the other hand is a fairly recent expression, (from the sixties I believe) and it refers to about twenty to twenty five years.

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Are you a man or a mouse, come on squeek up!

Sean Jones

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