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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Solved abduction cases?

From: **Chris Rutkowski** <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Mon, 6 Oct 1997 09:23:42 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Oct 1997 12:57:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Solved abduction cases?

> From: DevereuxP@aol.com
> Date: Sun, 5 Oct 1997 20:17:49 -0400 (EDT)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Solved abduction cases?

> knowledge the investigator had to have to solve it. That may explain
> why so many abduction reports remain unchallenged as literal events
> (I'm NOT saying that the *experiences* need not be real).

> The rest of what Dennis had to say was superb, a real breath of
> fresh air from North America on these matters. Again, this sort

Obviously, Paul, you've been smoking, but not inhaling. Much of what is being said by serious North American researchers has nothing to do with the ETH.

> Chris Rutowski also sent in a reasonably balanced posting on this
> issue:
> >From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>

Well, maybe Chris Rutkowski did, but it's that Rutowski guy who you keep referring to, here and in the Fortean Times. Good thing *I* know what I'm talking about, at least.

> I remain puzzled, though, how he can even guess that maybe 5 percent
> of abduction reports are real, when he himself says he can't distinguish
> them from mental phenomena explanations:

> <snip>. . .my *guess* is that the percentage of "real" to "not-real"
> >abductions is probably of the same order as that of UFOs to IFOs:
> >about 5%. The trouble is, I don't see an easy way to separate
> >the wheat from the chaff...<snip>

Gee, you mean just like Earth Lights?

> One must I assume, I take it, that Chris simply accepts, with
> a kind of intellectual reflex, that there has to be a literal
> explanation somewhere for some UFO abductions? I have always suspected
> that Chris was a closet ETH'er (closet perhaps even to himself),
> and this would seem to confirm that view. Unless, of course, Chris
> can explain just what he did mean.

Yes, I know you think I'm a closet ETH believer. Of course, anyone who knows me and has actually read my work knows this is not the case. Your view of me on this is obviously what renders you incapable of accepting my comments about UFOs and Earth Lights at face value.

As for explaining my point in the original post, you might note the use

of quotation marks around the words "real" and not-real". This is a common literary device used when the author wants to convey to the reader that the words are not to be taken literally (as defined in the Globe and Mail Style Manual). In the context of my post, I was comparing abduction cases to "ordinary" UFO reports. Since I note that a small percentage of UFO reports do not have simple explanations, my suggestion is that a small percentage of abduction cases do not have simple explanations. In neither case does the small percentage of cases automatically mean that aliens are implicated.

That doesn't seem to brand me an "ETHer", does it?

Oops! Sorry, I meant to note that this character named "Rutowski" is the one who must be an "ETHer" in Paul's opinion.

> I must stress that I think the abduction experience is real in
> many cases, and of tremendous importance. But I feel we can learn

Oh? And how do *you* suggest we separate the "real" from the "not-real"?

> This wheel is still very much in spin. Be careful where you stand.

And the elephant is standing over you, too.

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To innocent readers of Updates:

I apologize for being so abrasive in this post. I have taken a bit too much verbal abuse during the past year or so and I finally felt I had to respond in such a manner. Sorry. This caught me on a Monday morning, and I haven't had my coffee yet. Besides, Paul and Peter were the ones who labelled me "grumpy", so I have to take my name to heart sometimes.

For the record: No, I am not a closet ETHer. I don't know why Paul keeps saying that, and I have no idea why he has yet to get my name right in print or online.

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We now resume our regularly-scheduled UFO UpDates posts ...

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