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### Re: Researching Abduction Cases

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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Researching Abduction Cases  
> Date: Wed, 15 Oct 97 21:35:50 -0000  
> From: Paul <pwedel@neptune.on.ca> [Paul Wedel]  
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> >Date: Tue, 14 Oct 1997 14:31:00 -0500  
> >To: updates@globalseve.net  
> >From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>  
> >Subject: Researching abduction cases

> >Abduction research -must be- taken out of the hands of amateurs  
> >and para-professionals. Not so much for the sake of the research  
> >itself, there are many 'amateurs' that can do as competent if not  
> >better job than some pros, but for the sake of the well being of  
> >those individuals reporting. [...]

> >John Velez, Abductee Union Rep.

> Hey Johnny,

> [...]  
> With respect to as many abductee's as possible coming forward  
> (a.m.a.a.p.c.f) I believe the initial phase of that will not  
> occur unless some brave, brave people agree to move en masse (en  
> anglais, c'est "as a big forceful, credible group chewing hard  
> gum and wearing stirrups). [...]

One more opinion -- a compromise?:

I think that UFO abductees should indeed be encouraged to go to mainstream psychologists/psychiatrists for treatment or uncovering of memories, but \*only if\* they have strong assurance that the practitioner under consideration is considerably more open minded and considerate than average. And that's the sort of information you can only get through word of mouth or if the abductee should just happen to know or be a friend of the practitioner in the first place. Usually it probably means going to one that a few other abductees have already gone to, in which case that psychologist might no longer be considered "mainstream." But the abductee will then at least have a fair chance of being believed, and of helping to awaken the psychologist to the reality of the UFO abduction phenomenon.

Otherwise, there is just no point in seeing a "hard-nosed" mainstream psychologist who will think the abductee is hallucinating, fabricating, or whatever. There is no changing such a person's belief system, which has no room for existence of aliens, short of most of his trusted colleagues becoming enlightened first. Such a person will simply make life more miserable for the abductee.

But I know of no definite way to learn about which psychologists/psychiatrists in which locations might be open-minded enough to be prepared to confront an abductee for the first time and ask himself/herself, "Maybe this really happened! I need to treat it seriously, and start reading up on any related literature about it that I can find."

Regarding whether abductees should come forward en masse, and thereby perhaps gain more attention and credibility, I don't think this would work, as they would all be categorized into one group and characterized as "nutty" or some such by the press. However, if it were one of those million-person affairs, it would then likely gain the attention of a few brave, open-minded reporters and succeed partially.

Jim Deardorff

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