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Re: Paper on Gulf Breeze

From: nick@emailme.at.address.below (Nick Humphries)
Date: Thu, 18 Sep 1997 18:23:01 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Sep 1997 01:37:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Paper on Gulf Breeze

> Date: Thu, 18 Sep 1997 14:57:47 +0200 (MET DST)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jean van Gemert <jeanvg@dds.nl>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Paper on Gulf Breeze [was: MUFON Journal
> Muses]

> At 12:46 AM 9/18/97 -0400, you wrote:
> >From: nick@emailme.at.address.below (Nick Humphries)
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MUFON Journal Muses
> >Date: Wed, 17 Sep 1997 17:29:04 GMT

> [I said, to provide some context:]
> >> The bottom line is that if Barbara really had any proof we would
> >> have heard about it by now, in the course of 8 years. You might
> >> want to try and replace your rabidly opinionated "gut feelings"
> >> with a more proper foundation for your claims.

> [Nick then said:]
> >Ignoring the flame... The statement that if there was "really
> >had any proof we would have heard about it by now, in the
> >course of 8 years" on Gulf Breeze or ANY case is an ill-founded
> >one.

> >This is silly - if scientists worked this way, many would give
> >up before accomplishing any major discovery.

> You're completely misreading, as usual.

As usual?

> My comment relates only
> to Ms. Becker having any alleged "proof" (hence my "if Barbara
> really had any proof"), not to any other negative evidence that
> in principle could still turn up.

Why is Barbara a special case in your reasoning? You are now claiming that she cannot have found any new evidence regarding Gulf Breeze because any evidence she finds should have already been found in the past eight years. What logic is this?

> You've succeeded in debunking
> something I didn't write, essentially. Congratulations.

You're promoting the following: "Person X cannot have found proof of hoax for case Y because the proof should have been found in the past Z years."

<<<<Extrapolated from :
> >> The bottom line is that if Barbara really had any proof we would
> >> have heard about it by now, in the course of 8 years.
>>>>

I assumed that this would be a universal law, but apparently not because Barbara is in some way special. Why is Barbara an exception, Jean?

> >It is also illogical - Jean's argument is that no case could be
> >solved because, if any solution was possible, it would have
> >been found already.

> I didn't assert this, read my comment again. This time with
> your eyes open please.

Funny how you accuse me of not reading your post and Barbara recently posting that you have no idea what her paper says...

<"what is proof?" argument snipped : my view is that the "alien" explanation should be a last resort, and as such should be under constant review. To do otherwise leads to the creation of sacred horses which slows down the already minimal progress of ufology.>

Nick Humphries, nick@the-den.clara.net, at your service
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