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### **P-1947: Critical Thinking - The Missing Element**

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Greetings to the List:

Recent postings by Dennis Stacy, Jan Aldrich, and Rod Brock, serve to underscore the sad fact that ufology is in an awful state of affairs.

Claims and allegations that once would've rightfully been thrown into the nearest garbage pail, are now given serious hearing (or actually believed) by many in this rapidly deteriorating field. The assault on reason and intellect continues unabated at an alarming rate.

The gullible and naive seem to be growing in number at an equally alarming rate. Those spreading the manure seem to have little difficulty in acquiring an interested and believing audience, both willing and needing to wallow in it.

Those of us who strive hard to maintain high standards of serious inquiry and objectivity are being rapidly turned off (and turned away) by what passes for ufology today. Without mentioning any individuals or groups, it is most disturbing that those who should know better, are often the very ones helping to spread the very manure they claim to oppose.

The need to practice critical thinking in this field would appear to be in disrepute. Indeed, critical thinking is the missing element in ufology today!

To save serious UFO research from total oblivion, it may be necessary for those responsible elements to operate separate and apart from that which constitutes ufology today.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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