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### Re: Billy Meier & The 'Oscar Meyer Wiener'

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>>I suppose I am going to watch the television show out of  
>>curiosity (the same curiosity, perhaps, that makes me wonder why  
>>you have capitalized "Investigative Journalist"), but really,  
>>Kal, this strikes me as pretty heavy-duty overkill. Meier's  
>>silly claims are hardly among the "cornerstone cases" in any  
>>serious definition of ufology. The appeal of people like Meier  
>>is essentially religious, and to people who have the faith,  
>>nothing will persuade otherwise. People who consider Meier's  
>>yarns absurd, as I do, as reasonable people do, as nearly every  
>>ufologist I know does, don't have to be convinced of their  
>>falsity. The details are for most of us merely of clinical or  
>>idle interest.

I would hope that everyone, including you, Jerry, would watch the upcoming Fox TV special for at least the following reasons:

- 1) You are familiar with several of the people, including myself, who are in it.
- 2) It brings national, in fact global coverage to the subject of UFOs.
- 3) It shows that Fox TV does not present just one side of paranormal issues or topics and neither does Bob Kiviat -- criticisms both have received unjustly in the past before.
- 4) THE UFO field NEEDS this kind of "Data Enema" so that the media's big guns, (like Fox) can then hopefully be trained on more challenging cases and trying to learn what the U.S. government may or may not know about UFOs.

This issue is being worked, Jerry, (trust me everyone -- it is one of the main reasons I am on board this effort. If I felt Kiviat weren't serious, I would not participate.)

There are certainly other reasons to tune in: It's entertaining TV, never in the history of TV have so many huge cases been exposed, etc., etc.

Regarding the issue of Meier overkill, yes, I would admit that perhaps I am "over the top" in my posting Meier's lengthy

diatribes.

However, the UFO field BLATANTLY IGNORES, as do Meier apologists like Jeroen, his just plain crazy utterings.

And since Meier and his apologists' latest trick strategy in trying to appear credible is to simply continually change their stories or deny they ever told me and those who were with me in Switzerland what they did and what we have them on tape as saying, -- by quoting Meier's own words, this takes their latest propaganda tool away and allows the reader to focus on what Meier says firsthand -- which I would argue does reveal much needed insight into the cult and crazy aspects of the case.

In other words, in order to fully understand the Meier case, you CANNOT separate his "UFO" photos/films from his self-concocted spiritual dimensia passed off under the guise of "Pleiadian contact."

Finally, regarding the "Investigative Journalist" title, I must apologize for a regional bias on my part -- that's how many folks and friends "do it" up here near Microsoft at MSNBC.

A dedicated computer nerd, of which I am also one, would list the title as "InvestigativeJournalist" :-)

I am an investigative journalist, whether capitalized or not, and now in addition to having my own radio spot, I also have a series of special "The Korff Report..." segments coming up both on radio, TV, in print and on the web.

I was also doing more than just investigating UFO cases and Ray Santilli while I was in Europe...as Dorothy, the woman who accompanied me will attest, I also helped German authorities over problems with neo-Nazis while doing undercover work in Hamburg and elsewhere.

Feel free to ask Volker Spielberg about the alien autopsy's connection to Hamburg, Germany, and about what his former neighbors had to say about him.

This will all come out over time...

>>My old friend J. Gordon Melton long ago taught me to be  
>>suspicious of careless, polemically driven uses of the epithet  
>>"cult." Broadly viewed, any religion which makes demands on its  
>>followers' beliefs, habits, and private lives -- and most  
>>religions do -- can be called a cult, and most were so called in  
>>their formative years. Meier's theology is unappealing to me,  
>>but it clearly is not so to some, and we ought to respect  
>>people's religious choices so long as they don't require the  
>>sacrifice of babies or the bombings of embassies. I can think  
>>of any number of demagogic politicians (to remain nameless here,  
>>lest I offend those who think them paragons of wisdom) whose  
>>opinions and policies are hardly less obnoxious than Meier's.

Yes, I certainly agree that if people want to "believe" in Billy Meier that they certainly can and should if this pleases them. However, easy public access to what the Meier case is REALLY about is lacking.

And while a Fox TV special containing a segment conclusively exposing the Meier case as a hoax may be viewed by some as (dejavu!) "squashing a gnat with a sledgehammer," I remind everyone that Meier is not a gnat, and until the case is put to rest, and one can easily point Johnny Consumer to either a TV special they saw, or a video they can buy, or a web site, that the hoaxsters and con artists (and yes, cult leaders) who are already playing off of the emotions of a sympathetic audience, have the edge and manage to succeed.

>>It strikes me that the efforts of Meier believers to bring  
>>"scientific evidence" to buttress their outside-empirical-  
>>reality views are comparable to the "scientific creationists"  
>>who think science can be employed to prove the literal accuracy  
>>of Genesis. A noble endeavor, perhaps, but doomed, misguided,  
>>and not to be taken overly seriously. To the best of my  
>>knowledge, in any case, Meier is not demanding equal time in the  
>>science classes of the world.

>>Let's keep things in perspective. Let's also resist the

>>temptation to self-righteousness. Meier is not one of ufology's  
>>major problems, and maybe he isn't even a ufological problem.  
>>And quite certainly, on the scale of problems the human race  
>>faces, he does not begin remotely to qualify.

I agree, and your points are well taken. Certainly, compared to the problems the human race faces (like UFOlogy, humanity is its own worst enemy) Meier is a joke. But the Fox special is NOT about solving world hunger, nor fixing the world's ills. The subject is the world's greatest paranormal hoaxes, and Meier (indisputably) places very high in this category.

>Hopefully, this worldwide broadcast and expose will send a very  
>loud message to the UFO field, and help propel it in several  
>steps down the path towards cleaning up its' act and own house,  
>and raising the standards of what it considers "evidence" that  
>it demands from its' claimants.

>>Kal, this is just plain dumb. Come on. (Incidentally, the  
>>possessive "its" does not require an apostrophe.) Maybe you've  
>>been at this too long. One with your brains, talent, and energy  
>>really ought to be using your gifts to more productive ends.  
>>What next? A blistering expose of flat-earthers?

No, Jerry, I respectfully disagree. I hardly think it is "dumb" as well, to make the most out of an opportunity to tell the TRUTH about ANY UFO case, whether it be a hoax or otherwise. This time, they happen to be hoaxes.

I am not saying, nor did I say, that the Fox special would "cure" the UFO field of hoaxes. But it WILL send a very loud message, which can only help us as long as we HEED it.

Also, if it were not for the specific TITLE and subject matter of the Fox TV special, I would never have done what I did regarding Meier recently. I certainly did not need to prove the Meier case is a hoax to my satisfaction. Been there, done that.

Instead, what I did over there was recreate for history, a historic investigation and case, and we have captured for history (I hope) a snapshot of the Meier case that will be available for the public to cross examine once the show airs.

Thanks for pointing out my incorrect use of punctuation...as I think I said many years ago, Jerry, to you in one of my letters from the early 1980s that I wrote while just a teenager, that I admire your writing skills and consider them to be far superior to mine.

But I write the way I do, for better or worse, and so far, despite some grammatical lapses, the conclusions of the research seems to hold up pretty well.

Let me close by reminding everyone, that months ago I mentioned that the UFO field if it did not start to "police" itself and quit endorsing the Jim Dilettosos, the Billy Meier's, etc., of the world, that the mainstream media would start to turn their guns on the UFO field and fire on you guys without mercy. I was serious about what I said, and I meant it.

Some responded to me by saying things like "Who the hell are you to say this?" or I was dismissed as being "self-righteous" as one person did indeed put it, Jerry.

But I was not being this. If anything I was being very blunt, and warning everyone.

What I said happened, a piece that hurt the UFO field (and rightly so) was Tony Ortega's expose. Another was Art Levine's "A Little Less Balance Please" in U.S. News & World Report. I remember these reporters and where they were coming from. They are reasonable people...many of the UFOlogists they spoke with are not.

I can't blame the reporters, while doing basic fact checking they discovered that they were lied to -- repeatedly, by several in the UFO field and there is NO EXCUSE for this fact.

This is a true shame, because it seemed as if the mainstream media was just starting to take UFOs somewhat seriously. And what do we do when the spotlight is turned on us? Give them "experts" like Jim Dilettoso.

Way 2 go UFODumb!

I will remind everyone of this: If you think the last of the big media exposes has come out, you are wrong. I know of two other productions underway, and this does not include several magazine "beat" reporters I know.

And with people like Bob Lazar coming out with a big Hollywood movie (unless it gets cancelled) we have ourselves to blame for not making it clear to the media that some of us researchers are clearly different from the rest of Saucerdom.

>After this special airs, many people will have to ponder the  
>question of are they going to start demanding hard, objective  
>proof, and let those two factors drive their belief systems, or  
>are they going to continue to accept heresay and hoaxes as their  
>"truth"?

>>What is that sound I hear? Could it be a straw man collapsing?

No, Jerry: The sounds you will hear (and everyone) after the Fox special airs are these, plus others -- and they pretty much reflect the mood of Bob Kiviatt and myself I would think:

- 1) The cases we just showed you are hoaxes.
- 2) You can't trust everything you see on TV.
- 3) By the way, we'll be happy to pay for the proper scientific testing of ANY UFO evidence you might think is real. But if you're hoaxing us, we're going to expose you on worldwide TV and in home videos. And some of the hoaxers of late are now in jail.

Will you (the public) join them, become their next victim, or try to think critically?

Respectfully yours,  
Kal Korff

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