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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Dec 1998 19:36:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Dec 1998 10:09:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>Date: Tue, 15 Dec 1998 00:58:46 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Dec 1998 14:48:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

Previously, Gary declared:

>In reviewing the body of work I have put on the list over the
>last couple of weeks, and then the body of work posted by my
>critics, I see two things:
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>1) I have made several substantive points which have not been
>addressed, at all, by those who purport to be criticising me.
>Like Mark Twain's neighbors in Hannibal, they seem to think it's
>sufficient to say, "It's just sin and I'm agin' it!" This is
>justification enough on their part not to engage in any effort,
>above that of name calling or insults, which would demonstrate
>to any neutral party on this list that I am in error.

Sorry, dude. This is all nonsense.

If asking pertinent questions like "Where's your proof?" qualifies as critisizing you, then I'm guilty as charged. But, the fact is that I never called you a name and, having declared my neutrality on the subject of Hynek and Larsen and their "true agenda", I eagerly awaited the proof of your accusations. After several posts, calling for such proof, you offered nothing other than more conjecture. For all I know, what you claim about Hynek and Larsen may be true. But don't kid yourself into believing that assumptions, no matter how logical they are to you, qualify as proof to others.

>2) I have to consider why this might be true:
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> a) Failure to comprehend due to lack of time, etc. ;
> b) Inability to understand due to, well, let's not go
> there.

On the contrary; let's go there quickly.

Since you started this thread to push your concepts to the larger group, it is YOUR responsibility to provide proof if you want us to believe in those concepts. It is not OUR responsibility to provide proof counter to your findings. If we fail to understand, it is because you have failed to provide the proof that would allow us to understand. Otherwise, anyone with an unproven concept can claim "proof" based on the notion that they, alone, believe in those concepts.

>I would summarize the major points of my various messages but
>they are right there in the archive.

>Once again, thanks again for participating. I continue to await
>the arrival of a significant response to my messages.

For crying out loud, Gary. I think the following response, which I've posted several times already, is pretty darned significant. But for the sake of closure, I'll repeat it again and give you one last time to respond:

You claim that Hynek and Larsen never told anyone, not even their closest friends, what the "true nature" was regarding their work. Therefore, how can you possibly know anything for certain regarding their personal or professional lives without flat out guessing?

Not only is this question significant to your position, it's down right reasonable in nature.

>I think you folks are going to really enjoy my book, with
>research backed up as it is by facts, not the propaganda others
>have offerred on these subjects. This is just the tip of the
>iceberg. Thank you for your attention.

I'm totally mystified. If you have the facts at your fingertips, then why hold out? Of course, unlike the members of this list, the buyers of your book don't get to ask you hard questions like:

"Where's your proof?"

Significantly yours,
Roger Evans

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