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Re: The Silence Is Deafening or The Thread Killer

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>Fwd Date: Mon, 21 Dec 1998 21:09:01 -0500
>Subject: The Silence Is Deafening or The Thread Killer

Previously, John wrote:

>Have you noticed that after posting a copy of an x-ray from an
>abductee that there have been absolutely no comments or remarks
>on it? (Other than Nick Balaskas)

<snip>

>In fact in every instance where something of substance was
>offered, it stopped those threads dead in their tracks. It's
>almost as if as long as it's just 'rap' and purely intellectual
>it's ok, people will post away with lots to say. But put some
>meat on the table, and the thread dies an abrupt and
>unceremonious death.

>Apparently folks would rather just 'talk' about the subject in
>endless circles rather than deal with any facts that are being
>presented. I am going ahead and I will attempt to get the x-rays
>and other materials analysed. But I don't know of what value it
>would be to post any results to this list. Unless it's just rap,
>rap, and more rap, people don't seem very interested in anything
>tangible/factual.

>I have been listening to people whine; "Show me some proof" for
>years on this list. But each and everytime an attempt is made to
>provide it everyone falls silent and the thread just dies.
>Armchair ufologists, all talk, no substance. Everytime I put up,
>everybody shuts up.

>I don't know, what does that tell you?

>It speaks volumes to me.

John,

I know your intentions are honest. But the fact is that an X-ray is just another photo, and not a very good one at that. I spent several years as a medical illustrator at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. I can't tell you the number of "bogus" or "gag" X-rays that were passed around. The objects that seemed to be embedded ranged from patrolman's flashlights (I won't mention where) to baseballs to coke bottles. If regular UFO photos are easy to dummy-up, which they are, X-rays are even easier to doctor.

Now, before you get bent out of shape, I'm not saying that your friend's X-rays are bogus. But if he wants to prove his case, analyzing something as vulnerable as an X-ray is not the way to go about it. There's only one thing that will prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, his claims:

He needs to be examined by a pair of independent doctors.

If this guy won't let a professional document his physical condition, then I see little to be learned from the X-ray.

At any rate, that's why I don't get all worked up over X-rays as "proof"; they're not. A good beginning, perhaps, but hardly concrete.

Best wishes,

Roger Evans

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