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### Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

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> <snip>

> >I'm not sure of the significance of this thread. If you say you  
> >saw an anomaly and photographed it, then you did as far as I am  
> >concerned. I think you can be taken at your word. Even so, if it  
> >is not lens flare, it is not identifiable as anything either  
> >terrestrial or extraterrestrial so what is the point? Everyone  
> >agrees that there are unidentifiable lights in the sky, and the  
> >fact that you and millions of other people have seen and  
> >photographed them is interesting.

> >But the discussion has digressed to the point where people are  
> >suggesting that UFOs intentionally spoof camera optics to mimic a  
> >natural camera phenomenon while appearing as something else to a  
> >live observer. Is it that two sets of photons are on the same  
> >path but one set enters only the camera and one set enters only  
> >the observer's eye? As my english professor used to state so  
> >eloquently: "How do it know?"

> >Has it come to the point when everything anyone sees is an ET  
> >craft? And if it happens to look exactly like an airplane or a  
> >falling star, or a black helicopter or a lens flare, does that  
> >merely mean that the ETs have nothing better to do than defy the  
> >known laws of physics for the purpose of creating optical  
> >illusions on the off-chance that a UFO investigator with a camera  
> >might be looking up?????

> >Apparently so.

> <snip>

> Tom,

> Obviously if the object looks and behaves like some well known

> object, it doesn't interest either a layman or ufologist as being  
> anything abnormal.

> If an object that looks like a certain kind of lens flare flits  
> around the sky as reported by a reliable eye witness, then it's  
> of great interest to the layman and even to some ufologists!  
> (Most ufologists have heard of similar reports for so many years  
> that it may not interest them any more.)

<snip>

Aloha Jim...

>For me, it's worth noting for two reasons: (1) It says something  
>about how far ahead the UFO-aliens' technology is from anything  
>we can understand,

If you see a perfectly recognizable terrestrial aircraft, the chances are that you cannot tell it's altitude within 1,000 feet or it's speed within 50% of actual groundspeed. Nor can you tell the weight or engine size of a car approaching you on the road. Without knowing whether an object even exists; what an object is; a known distance from the object or a quantifiable performance spectrum of an unknown, you cannot tell anything at all. The only thing a still picture of what appears to be a lens flare tells you is that you cannot tell anything at all about it. You cannot even tell whether or not it is actually a lens flare.

>and (2) it says something about their strategy  
>or level of ethics in dealing with us, in that they provide a  
>certain measure of deniability to persons who can't accept its  
>reality and who don't mind ignoring certain aspects about the  
>object's description or reported behavior when latching onto that  
>deniability factor.

You do not even know what the picture represents, Jim. What does a picture of a lens flare tell you about 'their strategy or level of ethics.....'? And since you cannot know what it is a picture of, since no one does, it cannot tell you anything.

I have spoken with you before, and I respect your opinion and intelligence, but the most anyone can say about a picture of an unidentified object is that it is a picture of an unidentified object, and that is not EVIDENCE of anything.

Tom Burnett

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