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

From: werd@interlog.com [Drew Williamson]
Date: Mon, 9 Feb 1998 23:14:38 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Feb 1998 00:05:04 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>Date: Sun, 08 Feb 1998 13:49:05 +0100
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>> From: XELAUFO@aol.com [Alex Cavallari]
>> Date: Sat, 7 Feb 1998 17:42:52 EST
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>> >From: werd@interlog.com [Drew Williamson]
>> >Date: Fri, 6 Feb 1998 12:57:24 -0500 (EST)
>> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>> >Alex,

>> >Why did you not center the "sphere" in your frame area instead of
>> >having it off to the other side of the frame from the sun?
>> >(Exactly where one would expect a lens flare).

>> >As a professional photographer I would like to state categorically
>> >that this is a lens flare. Sorry I can only speak to what I see,
>> >not any other references to what you saw before or after taking
>> >the picture.
>> >Drew Williamson

>> HI DREW,

>> The image has the orb in that location because as it was moving,
>> while it was doing its "thing" I was trying to capture it on
>> film , I took many pics during this event and never saw any lens
>> flare through my camera . It is not like the orb posed or stood
>> still for me to film it, as soon as I saw it in the camera I took
>> pics, Where it ended up it ended up. I already said that I agree
>> it looks like lens flare but I know it was not. There is probably
>> no way I could prove this even if I had 100 other witnesses , it
>> appears that as long as the so called "experts" voice there
>> opinions that is the final word, well I think the "experts"
>> should start to understand that it is possible for them to make
>> an incorrect assesment of something. If I saw any lens flare
>> through the camera during this I would say so, I do not want
>> false or misleading info to be presented to the ufo community.
>> The orb was very much the color in the pic and I guess it is
>> possible for lens flare and the orb to be close in colors.

>> I am not new to the ufo field and have many years of experience
>> and I do not put out what I believe are false reports or
>> pictures.

>> Is it possible for any of the film "experts" to plot the lens in
>> the camera to know if the camera is capable of producing lens
>> flare at that part of the lens? Is it impossible to get lens
>> flare in the middle / center of a image? I do have other pics of
>> this ORB and I might consider releasing them if I can be
>> convinced that this is lens flare but so far no one in my opinion
>> has done that.

>> I have seen many orb pics, some were of orbs of different colors
>> some white and most if not all were called lens flare by the
>> "experts" at some point in time. So I guess as long as a orb is
>> the color and in a possible position to be considered lens flare,
>> that's what the "experts" will call it, even if that is
>> incorrect.

>> I thank all the people who have emailed with their opinions and
>> am not in the least bit bothered by the negative ones, I think
>> this is what should be.

>> So, I do not know what else I can say about the event except I
>> would be glad to take a lie detector test / voice stress analysis
>> etc to help support what I claimed happened.

>> thanks,
>> ALEX CAVALLARI

>Hi Alex,

>What happens is that some of the people who subscribe to the list
>don't read all of the data that comes in but just target certain
>areas. I find this a bit maddening because you have to keep
>explaining yourself over and over, thereby making yourself look
>defensive. I've had this happen to me more than a few times and I won't
>waste my time on it.

>The guy sez, he saw the thing then took a picture of it. Accept that
>and move on, other wise you're calling him a liar. If we took that
>attitude with all of our witnesses, and it got around, where the hell
>would we be?

>Don Ledger

Don,

I take strong offense to this response of yours. Perhaps it's
just your need to vent frustration at your attempts at requesting
information or help from an E-mail list.

Firstly, I am aware of all the circumstances surrounding Alex's
claim. As I stated, I can only respond to the evidence provided,
and, in my opinion as a professional photographer, what I see is
a lens flare and all the incumbent circumstances that cause it.

I don't have to accept anything, and I am NOT calling Alex a
liar! Where the hell would we be if we accepted everything?
Exactly where the state of "ufology" is today, with too many
people who are already accepting everything at face value.

It has already been suggested by Bob that there may be two
phenomenon at work. Alex admits at least the possibility that he
may not have captured what he saw on film.

I sure hope you used more critical faculties in writing your book
on the Shag Harbour incident! Otherwise we may have to suffer
through an account by a fisherman 'Jones' who claims he saw pigs
flying the craft before it hit the water.

Drew Williamson

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