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Re: 'The Threat' - Sandow on Jacobs' new book

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> on Tuesday 06 Jan. 1998 Greg Sandow wrote, in part...

> >There's been a lot of talk about David Jacobs new book
> >the one with the troubled yellow-green cover and the
> >lurid title. Yes it is really called the "THREAT", meaning of
> >course the alien threat.....

> >for the first time, too, at least in print, he takes issue - - --
> >in great detail with John Mack and other abduction researchers
> >who believe that the aliens are benevolent...

> >Though even if we accept his method, there's one thing about the
> >book that I don't understand. He seems to base his most far-reaching
> >conclusions on reports from just a handful of abductees- - -
> > a dozen or so....."

> That's one of the problems with Dr.(???) David Jacobs. Unlike
> John Mack, he is very short on real credentials. John Mack is an
> M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical
> School, who embarked upon his nationwide research into the
> abduction phenomenon on a grant of One half a Million Dollars
> from Lawrence Rockefeller. His book ABDUCTION--- 33 weeks on the
> New York Times bestseller list- -- was a very scientific research
> effort, which neither negated nor asserted the validity of the
> abduction phenomenon. He only speculated, that, in his opinion,
> the people were NOT FABRICATING THEIR EXPERIENCES. Jacobs is not
> an M.D., not even a D.O. He does not have a PH.D in Psychology.
> His PH.D is in history and he teaches at Temple University in
> Philadelphia. He is not a hypnotist nor qualified by training in
> the fields of behavioral science to reach ANY CONCLUSIONS. I
> questioned him in Springfield Ohio in September of 1997 and he
> admitted that he personally only spoke to about a dozen
> abductees. His conclusions, couched in book form, are better
> suited to a Hollywood movie than reasoned research in this field
> and he has a brazen nerve to question any thing that DOCTOR (real
> doctor) John Mack has done.
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One observation: People write books concerning areas they are not credentialed or degreed in all the time.

Most journalists have degrees in journalism, not geology, environment, crime, politics and so forth but yet many of the books about such subjects come from journalists who are considered experts even though they don't have a degree in that field.

One of many reasons why they are considered experts is because of the research and intense personal study and so forth put into their book.

Stan Friedmans degree is in nuclear fission not UFOs
Kevin Randles degree is not in UFOs
Jim McDonald's degree was not in UFOs

So the next time you read a newspaper article, you are most likely getting a news story about the environment/politics written by a person who is does not have any kind of educational degree in that field.

While I was personally not enamored with Jacobs' new book, it was not because I considered him unqualified to write it or make judgement calls.

Cheers,
Robert

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