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Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: **The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:56:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:38:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Triangular UFOs over Belgium
>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400

>>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 11:05:29 -0700
>>From: "Kyle R. Mcallister" <skytracker@geocities.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>The 1989 Belgium UFO flap was debated on the List last year. The
>debate turned out to be the usual: skeptics on one side, truth
>seekers on the other.

No argument with that, and it wasn't hard to predict. But if the rest of this post is an example of "truth" as sought by ufologists, then Serge is hereby appointed Archbishop of the Church of St Ananias and the Latterday Martyrs of Ufodom. His Most Reverence's administrative duties will include taking confession from the Boy Bishop of Canby, reciting to him Biblical passages on the virtues of humility, and ensuring that he puts on a clean hair shirt every day. Bishop Jerome will return the favor by giving Archbishop Salvolatile daily instruction in the ethics of accurate reporting, and taking a measure of the Archbishop's bullshit quotient twice a day, with powerful enemas to be administered immediately should the reading exceed 3 parts per million. You can look forward to a long course of treatment, Serge.

I suggest Kyle looks up the discussion of the Belgian flap on the Ufomind/UpDates Web archive (address below), where he will find "truth" seekers inventing such items as supersonic balloons and putting them into the mouths of skeptics. He will also find Mendoza saying he thought the evidence for there being an actual FT craft involved was inconclusive, and that little was proven one way or the other, or words to that effect. And Kyle will also be able to decide for himself who was most driven by their beliefs, as opposed to the available evidence, and who not.

If skeptics "picked up their marbles and quietly went into silent mode" - cringing away into crepuscular liminality, where no doubt their souls murmur together in despair and self-loathing at the place where the tides cross - there is now some doubt whether "truth" seekers of the Archbishop's communion ever had any marbles at all.

Bishop Jerome belongs to an altogether higher church, of course, where incense (sometimes used as a verb as well as a ritual fragrance) and casuistry are much in vogue.

Yrs &c
Paymaster D. Manichee
Knight Commander & Revenant, Legions of the AntiChrist

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