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Re: Skywatch: Area 51 Still Operational

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
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> Date: Fri, 29 May 1998 14:23:10 +0100
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: "John Cussen (CMG UK Limited)" <john.cussen@cmgplc.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Skywatch: Area 51 Still Operational

> Do any of you feel the same frustration that I feel? Is there
> anything to point me, guide me, that will lift my spirits up and
> give me reasons or encouragement to get interested in this area
> again? I need it, I really do. I respect the right to opinions
> and beliefs, and I need mine strengthened again, soon."

John -

The reason for your disillusionment is that you listened to the wrong people.

The UFO phenomenon is not supported by Lazar, or crop circles, or any of the promiscuously promised "great revelations" that are "just around the corner". It is supported by over 50 years of well documented sightings and trace evidence.

I suggest that you remember that confidence needs to be based in reason, and that it stands to reason that the numerous police officials, scientists, professionals and business people who have been accosted by these objects and their occupants while in their normal environments are the ones who are giving us the clues we need.

While the Lazars, Corsos, and Santilli's of the world endlessly promise and never deliver substantial proof of their wild claims, the real sightings are going on, and the data potential they represent is largely untapped.

How many good distance estimates have slipped through the cracks, to take just one key measurement? With good distance measurements, we can do altitude, speed, luminous energy output. Yet few investigators make an effort to obtain triangulation, they simply rely on wild guesses by witnesses.

How many areas exist for some good experimental science to be done on UFOs? Many. If nothing else, work on free-air ionization, electrostatic and electrodynamic effects on lighting and power systems, energy required to produce burn traces and ground impressions in various sorts of soil...

Science on UFOs is moved forward by incremental basic work, founded on good field investigation, not by revelation. And if half the effort spent on the tricksters was spent on real science done on real cases, we'd be getting somewhere.

So don't lose hope, but shift focus to where the real work can be done. And remember: If it sounds like a con, it probably is a con. Don't waste time on tricks.

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