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Re: Time to retire 'UFologist', 'UFology'

From: "Steven Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>
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>From: SGB List 2 <SGBList2@aol.com> [Stephen Bassett]
>Date: Sun, 17 May 1998 13:09:03 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Time to retire 'UFologist', 'UFology'

>It is time to retire the term "UFologist". While lights in the
>sky are always of some interest, the field deals with objects
>which are identified - identified by their being piloted directly
>or indirectly by non-human intelligence.

>When I see a plane land at Washington National Airport, I do not
>know the name of the pilot, his or her birth place, the
>destination from which it has come, or the number of passengers.
>None the less it is not an unidentified object - it is a plane
>piloted by humans.

>I suggest a movement toward "extraterrestrial phenomena
>research(ers)". Every time we use the words "UFology or
>UFologist" we put a lie to the state of the field and implant it
>in the subconscious of the general public.

Since when does theory, conjecture, belief, and faith constitute
"proof" or "positive identification". I find your suggestion
somewhat amusing since I've had others indicate that they believe
the term UFologist refers to a person whose mind is so open that
their brains are falling out. They don't want to be associated
with the term for that reason.

Until those "lights in the sky" are positively identified, or the
"(secret) government" comes forward and tells all, I think the
term UFO retains validity and thus the term UFologist also
remains current. This would not be a move toward public
acceptance of the ETH, but would lend itself to greater ridicule
by those who are already critical of the genre.

Steve Kaeser

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