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Re: Time to retire 'Ufologist', 'Ufology'

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> >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.

> Before we agree to retire the words, we need to come to consensus
> on how the words should be spelt (spelled?).

> English, which we all speak and many of us write, I believe has
> no other words beginning with more than one capital letter.

> Spelling these two words with the first three letters capitalised
> creates pronunciation confusion. Listen to any V.O. reader in
> UFO-related documentaries. What the hell is a "Yew-Eff-Ologist"?
> Is it not simpler to say "You-fologist"?

> Why give the uninitiated another reason to roll their eyes in our
> general direction?

> And why are there those among us who insist on using an
> apostrophe 's' when referring to more than one UFO? As in
> "UFO's"?

> ebk

I have done my part by keeping the apostrophe out of "UFOs" in my work. Perhaps emboldened by this small success, I am now foolishly trying to get rid of the term altogether, with or without caps, and replace it with extraterrestrial phenomena. Of course, I am well aware that this could lead to clarity, a quality which to this particular field of study would be much like breathing pure oxygen - leading to god knows what kind of explosive result.

SB

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