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Re: David Rudiak's Pro-ET Roswell Postings

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Date: Sat, 3 Oct 1998 19:28:45 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Oct 1998 20:52:14 -0400
Subject: Re: David Rudiak's Pro-ET Roswell Postings

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: David Rudiak's Pro-ET Roswell Postings
>Date: Wed, 30 Sep 98 10:44:06 PDT

>>From: Robert Todd <RTodd12191@aol.com>
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>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
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>>>Date: Sun, 27 Sep 98 11:38:25 PDT

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>>Remove me from the list, please. Obviously, I'm not worthy.

>So Bob Todd has taken his marbles and gone home with
>them.

As usual, Clark assigns to my statements the most demeaning interpretation possible in the hope it will produce a nasty response against which he can rail, all the while pretending to be the very model of the civilized discourse he claims to love so much. In short, his interpretation is little more than a vehicle intended to provoke a nasty response, and nothing more. The intent is clear, and it invalidates his interpretation as nothing more than a manipulative technique. As such, it is not worthy of a response.

Nevertheless, I see no point whatsoever in continuing a debate on the Roswell myth. If Clark and others want to believe an alien spaceship crashed in New Mexico in July of 1947, I couldn't care less. The debate is pointless. And I otherwise see no reason to subject myself to Clark's snotty, snooty, holier-than-thou insults just to please him. If Clark wishes to interpret my withdraw from the debate as taking my marbles and going home for a good snit, so be it. But know that Clark has an agenda, and that he is a propagandist in every sense of the word.

Likewise, any attempt to chase the charlatans and con men from the UFO field is just as pointless. It can't be done, and I no longer intend to waste my time trying. It simply doesn't matter to me. I've wasted more than enough time on Roswell and the Roswell con men. It's long past time to move on to something productive for a change. And let me save Clark the trouble by proclaiming myself that I am taking my marbles and going home for a good snit, maybe two or three snits (they're cheaper by the dozen).

>I guess the moral of the story is that some people
>can dish it out but they can't take it.

I can take anything Clark can dish out. But why would I want to? It serves no purpose other than to entertain Clark, who apparently has a lot of empty time on his hands.

Clark's provoking post clearly shows that he desires to continue the exchange of insults. In fact, the only purpose his posting serves is to insult me, and to egg me on to respond to those insults. Obviously, he wants the nastiness to continue. While this seems inconsistent with the righteous indignation he expressed over my alleged use of ad hominem attacks (although he has yet to explain how exposing the liars in the UFO field does not help the field), I long ago accepted the fact that Clark is an arrogant little hypocrite. He has demonstrated his hypocrisy on this list numerous times in just the past several days.

So Clark can insult me all he wants, and pretend that I really give a damn what he thinks of me. As hard as this might be for him to learn, I didn't get involved with the UFO subject to gain his praise, or his approval, or wind up in and of his (or anybody else's) books. Stanton "I've Been To More Archives Than Anybody Else In The World" Friedman just loves that kind of stuff. I'm sure Clark has earned his gratitude by inserting his name in strategic locations throughout his books. I wouldn't know. I have two of Clark's books, but I haven't read either one. Frankly, he is an excruciatingly boring writer, and I've never found him to be terribly informative -- pretentious and pompous, yes, but not very informative. I yawn just looking at his books.

So, Clark can sling all the insults he wants. He can show us what his brand of "civil discourse" really is like. He can show us how he's superior to, and more sophisticated, and more learned than all of us combined. Let's see him set the example he wants everybody else to follow, but which, up until now, he's had terrible difficulty following himself. Let him show us the "noble" Jerome Clark. So far, all we've seen is his snotty, snooty, sanctimonious side.

But don't expect a response from me. I mean, I'll be far too busy having a snit or two. And after I've had my snits, I'll move on to something far more productive than debating Roswell, and satisfying Clark's enormous ego.

What a complete waste of time Roswell has been. The most I can hope for is that those people who are keeping the myth alive will waste even more of their time on it. I'm moving on.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm overdue for another snit. If I don't have at least one snit every day, I'm cranky the whole week.

Robert Todd
Waterboy

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