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Re: Failure Of The 'Science' Of Obergian Debunking

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>>Date: Sat, 10 Oct 1998 16:45:17 -0700
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For the record, new readers can pick up the thread from the archives in UFOMIND by clicking either on my name or Jerome Clark's name and the entire archived thread from the inception will become available.

Jerome Clark's ufological wisdom portrays the following clap-trap:

>The Sturrock
>panel's conclusions show us what the best ufology, and the best
>ufologists, can accomplish, and they give us some reason for
>optimism about future prospects.

After hearing the best ufology from the best ufologists, these are some of the conclusions of the Sturrock panel. From the Summary Report of the Scientific Review Panel:

"On the other hand, the review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

"It appears that most current UFO investigations are carried out at a level of rigor that is not consistent with prevailing standards of scientific research."

"The panel concluded that further analysis of the evidence presented at the workshop is unlikely to elucidate the cause or causes of the reports."

In other words, the evidence presented was unconvincing that it involved anything unknown to science, that the evidence presented was unscientific and that further analysis of the

evidence presented would not be productive. Let me put it in other terms: Where is the beef? Where is the Science? No, we don't want to look at it again!

It went further on extending the conclusion of Dr. Edward U. Condon of the Colorado Study that:

"nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years [add another 29 years now to it] that has added to scientific knowledge."

Yet, the Sturrock panel is being sold to us as if it validates ufology? I suspect the entire UFO community needs to assume a wait and see attitude inspite of Jerome Clark's ufological wisdom.

No where does it imply any validation of ufology contrary to what some people would like everybody to believe.

Not only that, but there is already one voice of dissent on the public record from the participating group of scientists in the panel, Dr. H.J. Melosh, a meteorologist who was interviewed for BBC. Dr. Melosh is reputed to have said that the panel wasn't independent because they had connections with the UFO community and it was allegedly clear to him that the panel was not clean. Dr. Melosh went on allegedly to say that the so-called evidence was not convincing and it was un-scientific with no hard evidence available. He went on to say that he for one was not going to spent any more time on the subject of UFOs.

>In the meantime, however: if you want to be treated with kid >gloves, don't box with the heavyweights.

Say Muhammad Clark, I am over here, not over there.

Ed Stewart

Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
There Is Something | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
Going On! ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,
Salvador Freixedo (O O) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----oo00-(_)-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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