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Re: UFO Name Change?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
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Subject: Re: UFO Name Change?

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
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>Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Oct 1998 22:54:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Name Change?

Previously Stephen opined:

>We have identified saucers in our skies that fly with
>intelligence. The debunkers demand that we know their origin,
>the nature and composition of the materials of their
>construction, their reason for being here and whatever else they
>see fit to demand in the service of their obtuseness, in order
>to consider them identified.

Actually, you give far too much credit to debunkers. Debunkers don't even recognize that there are "saucers that fly with intelligence". In fact, just that kind of recognition would make the field of UFOlogy a much easier place to work in.

>UFO and Ufology are terms so wedded to the efforts of
>disinformation and subversion, they have to go.

<snip>

>UFO and Ufology are "slave names" - they are part of the
>nomenclature we used when we were, in too great a measure,
>unwilling participants in one of the most intricate and unique
>propaganda campaigns ever waged.

Really? By whom? Was it by the government trying to fool everyone into believing that UFO's don't exist? Or was it by overzealous fringe elements within UFOlogy determined to make UFO's a reality at any cost?

If we change the name "UFO" to something else, do we leave those undesirable elements behind? Does the government get fooled by the name change and continue with disinformation about "UFO's" while we snicker to ourselves and continue with research under the new banner, secure in the knowledge they'll never catch on?

>They [the terms UFO and Ufology] need to go and we to stop
>apologizing to debunkers, the government, the media or anyone
>else for what we know from the evidence.

- 1) I apologize to no one for my beliefs.
- 2) What evidence?

>In my work I use the phrase "extraterrestrial related

>phenomena." If the odd reporter or editor or congressperson is
>offended by this, once again - tough.

Why take a stance for your own terminology and not "UFO" or "Ufology"? It strikes me that if the people you speak of are "offended" then your terminology doesn't work any better than the one we already have.

As I pointed out before, a name change is simply that; a name change. We won't leave behind the stigma that "UFOs" brings with it until we get results. Calling it "extraterrestrial related phenomena" doesn't produce any new results that I'm aware of. Without results, a name change is about as effective new wood veneer on an old particle board desk. It may look different but the quality (or lack thereof) is still the same.

Later,

Roger Evans

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