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Re: A Poststructuralist Take On The UFO Phenomenon

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>Michael,

>>Maybe I have misinterpreted the above statement. If so, would
>>someone please show me where.

>Because nowhere in the review does anyone talk of violating laws
>in the strictly 'criminal' sense. When Max Ernst (or was it
>Marcel Duchamp?) described the meeting of two or more distinct
>realities on an unfamiliar plane as a criminal attack on our
>assumptions of nature, I don't think he was talking in terms of
>cops banging down the door. What Dean is saying, I hope (I've
>not read her paper), is that 'crazy', unevidenced and even
>erroneous ideas are useful just because they challenge the
>status quo. This is not illegal in most places. She uses
>'political' in terms of 'policy', social agreement... status quo
>(& considering the etymology of 'policy' and 'state' you may
>have a point).

Grin...

Well Rob, what is said publicly and what is intimated, in some cases can be the same thing. In others it may verge on fantasy. Grin...I like the way you said: "This is not illegal 'IN MOST PLACES.'" <g> Thus you leave open the possibility that it very well may be in other places. <G>

This was why I originally posted my questions.

As you know there has always been rumours of "impending danger," and in some cases, it seems physical harm or even death has occurred to UFO researchers/investigators, as well as others who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

An example of this is John Ford. I have known him for about eight years and he has shared a lot of information with me as it was unfolding as far as the alleged crashes on Long Island are concerned.

I find it extremely interesting that when he would not back away from the South Haven Park incident, he and his LIUFON Group, were harassed by the local police for passing out leaflets regarding anyone who might have seen anything dealing with the alleged crash in the park.

I was given the names of several of the witnesses and I called and talked with each of them. They verified much of what John was saying.

I even wrote in protest to the Long Island Police Chief about the way John and his group were being treated. I received a reply, which I still have in my data base.

Eventually, we are told that John was part of a conspiracy against Republican John Powell, and an attempt to "kill him," by irradiating his toothpaste by adding small amounts of radium to it. Give me a break...It would take years to achieve this if even then. It might have eventually made him ill, if John could have intercepted every tube of tooth paste John Powell ever bought or used.

So, they take John, claim he is "mentally ill," and stick him in a mental hospital, so he cannot continue to bombard the media and the internet with his beliefs in regard to what happened on Long Island.

I personally don't think John was dangerous. I think he was set up. He was sometimes paranoid and always eccentric, but that does not make him a "murderer".

So, in at least this case, I can see where challenging the "established reality" can and probably did result in someone being taken out of society so they could not continue to foster such "preposterous ideas!" John Ford did indeed produce a "political act", when he forced the Politicians and Law Enforcement officials to take notice of him and his group and their claims of "official cover-up" on Long Island.

Not only that, but I have been unable to locate one of his right hand associates within LIUFON, Brian Levins, who has disappeared from his last known residence and phone number. This occurred in 1997, I think.

I have come to the conclusion that he may in fact be dead! He and I were very close associates. We exchanged video tapes, files and the latest information occurring in ufology.

He had a TV Program on Long Island, with Kenny Lloyd, called "UFOs With Levins And Lloyd", a local access cable program on the Island.

After I could not locate Brian, I called Kenny Lloyd and ask if he knew where Brian was, and he gave me the impression that he hadn't seen him in several months. He was not the least concerned when I told him I had been unable to locate Brian. That seems quite strange to me, considering the two of them worked TV Show a year or more.

>The scientific heroes you mention are those whose ideas
>survived. Countless others have not. Dean might be arguing that
>we cannot expect the benefits of one without the other.

>Rob

Dean, in my opinion did not encourage us to "push the edges" of our reality. In essence Dean was telling me: "Be content with what you can perceive with your five physical senses. Don't make waves."

Now that is just my take on it Rob. But some may say I am a trouble maker and just looking for an excuse to cause trouble.
<G>

In fact, I definitely encourage all rational humans to "push the boundaries of their present state of reality." Expand the Conscious balloon and become one of the "great" names in our history.

I am comfortable with the status quo until some experience

presents itself to me, to make me aware that there is something
"more"!

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