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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: What's the point? A rant

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>From: Sam Pepys [mailto:pepys1@hotmail.com]
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>To: jratcliff@att.net
>Subject: Re: Flaming Pie Plates

Sam wrote the following comments to which I replied...:

>>There IS no Roswell.

Something crashed.

>There are no saucers in area 51.

Wouldn't know, never been there.

>The gov't probably has studied the phenomenon. I look at it
>this way - if there was contact, if we did have artifacts, we'd
>know about it.

We do.

>People can't keep secrets, it's not in our nature.

Plenty of people have spoken. Lot's of people speak on lots of subjects, and they are ignored. Whether it's biological weapons testing, radiation testing on babies, rapes in the military, etc. etc. Some people spoke for decades, and were ignored, as crackpots, lunatics, or folks without proof. None of these subjects became 'accepted' until The Perpetrators finally admitted it decades later. Every time I hear the statement 'people can't keep secrets', I wonder, am I the only person who watches 60 minutes? About once every couple of years they actually manage to uncover something which we find out was in fact a successful conspiracy of silence maintained for decades.

You state that people can't keep secrets, which sounds nice. People do blab, they are called security risks. We call those folks members of congress, hippies, free thinkers. Those with top level security clearance do not. Not if they want to protect their career, which is based upon that security clearance. For what rational reason would they speak? To what benefit? Secrets are power, people retain their power. For Christ's sake, I write computer video games for a living, hardly Roswell, and I don't go blabbing the secrets about how my games work. In business I sign non-disclosure agreements which have serious penalties if I reveal proprietary information. I honor those agreements.

People who are in the military or defense industry are charged with keeping secrets. They can, and do, keep them for decades. History has proven this to be fact over and over and over again.

My current boss used to be in the military industrial complex. He cannot, and will not, reveal any information of any kind whatsoever about his work. He has discussed with me about the nature of military classification. According to him when a military project is budgeted, a major portion of the budget is dedicated to security alone. According to him, even after leaving his position to return to the private sector, he has spot security checks, follow ups, and random encounters by phone or in person from people who test him on issues surrounding his previous work. He has never spoken to me about any detail whatsoever of any kind regarding his specific work in this area. He is extremely nervous about the subject ever getting raised, and I try to respect this, my curiosity be damned.

When tens of billions of dollars are spent by intelligence agencies to maintain secrets you can rest assured that is exactly what happens. Have you ever seen what happens when someone goes through the kind of security checks required to get high level security clearance? It is a robust process to say the least, with issues of honor, duty, patriotism, and the ability to keep secrets of the utmost importance. When security oaths are given, when violation of that oath means, by definition, an act of treason with all the penalties that implies, let me assure you these are honored.

Ask your average Air Force grunt about UFOs. They don't keep their mouths shut. Do they tell you it's all bunk? Hardly, my own random sampling has produced story, after story, after story. Declassified military documents show not only a very high level of interest in the phenomenon, but a long record of encounters. Forget about asking the local hillbilly about UFOs, start asking military about them. The reactions I receive are as follows. (1) Don't know anything about them. (2) Yeah, here's this list of encounter experiences we had off the deck or our carrier.... (3) When I was sent to military intelligence training here is how we were briefed.. and (4) The higher you go up the food chain the less is said and the more serious the demeanor.

Why would this subject be kept such a secret? Why would those secrets be honored? Ever consider the fact that it's their job and are acting in the best interest of the American public from an invasion of our air space by a subversive and dangerous intrusion?

In the end people keep secrets to protect their personal interest, and there is no benefit of any kind for someone to speak publicly on these matters. Some rare few do, nonetheless. We label them nuts, crackpots, lunatics. Which, perhaps, many of them are.

You mentioned in a previous message, Betty Cash Lundrum. Think the gummint treated her honestly, truthfully, and in a forthcoming fashion?

And then there is the whole issue of how you keep subjects like UFOs secret. The Art of disinformation has a long and rich history, well worth researching in it's own right.

Sorry for the long rant, but to suggest secrets of great magnitude cannot be kept is not only an expression of naivet=E9 but also blind ignorance towards the facts of history.

John

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