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Re: Doug & Dave?

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>>Subject: Re: Doug & Dave?

>>Bruce,

>>Yes it was "done" under ambient night conditions, ie darkness<g>, >>the BBC team used "nightvision" on the video camera to make the >>recording, and as Sean confirmed in an earlier post the circle >>researchers had got wind of the hoaxing attempt and were in the >>general area trying to track D+D+Co down, so use of any form of >>"lighting" out in the landscape would have been a dead givaway.

>>It proved it could be done, thats all.
>>It didn't/couldn't prove they were ALL hoaxes.

>Neil,

>With all due respect, this is the sort of thing those schooled >in the Amazing Randi branch of knowledge will use to confirm >that it -does- prove that the balance of crop circles are >hoaxes.

>Their logic goes something like this: 'If I can reproduce it >through slight of hand, etc., then the (choose your paranormal >or otherwise unexplainable event) must be hoaxed by evil-minded, >avaricious charlatans bent on taking your money.'

Yes, but what you forget is that cerealogists pre-D&D were asserting to anyone willing to listen (and buy their books) that crop circles could not be done by humans period. Remarkably, none of the prominent cerealogists of the time, ie., Meaden, Andrews, Delgado, Taylor, Wingfield, etc., tried (as far as I'm aware) to create their own circles to see if they could be done. They were too busy publishing books remarking on the crop circles' alleged miraculous properties.

Rather than cashing in on the phenomenon, D&D were routinely vilified and ridiculed by the English crop circle community. You forget, too, that the Centre for Crop Cirlce Studies sponsored its own hoax context, the results of which stunned many within cerealogy. Of those who originally brought the phenomenon to worldwide attention, you might ask, "Where are they now?" Why do you think Meaden has let the phenomenon lapse into well deserved obscurity? Why do you think Pat Delgado has disappeared from the

picture entirely, as Colin Andrews seems to be in the process of doing? You don't hear too much about the phenomenal circles from Busty Taylor and George Wingfield these days, either. I wonder why? Because they know what you don't.

And before you accuse me of speaking from an armchair on the circles, guess again. I was even there when Steven Greer was waving his ridiculous flashlights around, the night before he got hoaxed by Irving and Schnabel.

>I ran into this sort of medieval thinking with my brother-in-law, an avowed atheist. He saw the PBS (?) program on Doug and Dave and concluded that all crop circles are manmade (by >D&D no less). It made no difference to him that D&D are not >continent-hopping circle hoaxers; they are responsible for crop >circles. Case closed. Mystery solved.

>How many others out there in TV Land have come to the same >conclusion?

>Best regards,
>Ron.

As for your brother-in-law, you have my condolences. Is it too late to get another one? One, perhaps, who isn't an atheist, and who believes that an alien intelligence, by flattening patterns in wheat and other crops, is trying to tell us something really, really profound? One, in other words, who believes anything? I certainly hope there aren't any of those out there in TV (or Radio) Land. Nah, I thought not.

Dennis

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