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### Re: Washington Post On MUFON's Annual Symposium

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>I think it was a politician who indicated that it didn't matter  
>what the press said about him, as long as they spelled his name  
>right. In that spirit I'm pleased that the Washington Post was  
>able to send a reporter to the press conference on Friday.

>I've just returned from that event, and it will probably take me  
>a day to recover from the two full days of activities.  
>Attendance was good, and probably peaked at about 500 on  
>Saturday evening, when Bud Hopkins and Joe Firmage ended a day  
>that had begun that morning at 9:00am. Bud's review of  
>abduction research, where it has come from and where it appears  
>to be headed, was well received by those who attended. However,  
>it was Joe Firmage's presentation that brought many in the crowd  
>to their feet when his overview of "The Truth" was completed.

>I'm sure that others will provide greater detail regarding the  
>presentations, but there were no major revelations. All in all,  
>I think the event was a success.

Hi Steve, and thank you for the brief. This comment is not an indictment of anyone, including you, Budd, that Cheese guy or anyone else. It's nearly an indictment though, but it's on us all.

"Nearly," because they end the same way. "Nothing is revealed." Kind of a shame too. Because the one thing I could die for, is something new, some revelation, even if it is proven beyond a shadow of a doubt, that whatever memories I and others may have concerning presumed abductions and sightings of UFO's, etc., are all caused by a heretofore unknown bacterium aptly named the "cocka" bacterium; found in certain places where the sun don't shine and it's wet a lot. Even that would be closure for people like me. But it never happens does it? And that's the problem, for me at least. I need answers and I need 'em NOW!

If Joe Firmage wants to impress this group of skeptics, skeptics even among the believers, all he needs to do is prove something. Prove it's all a crock or otherwise. And Budd, tireless man that he is, and all the rest who've spent their lives, in many cases, and all their money in others, trying to find the truth.

The truth exists, of course. But Joe doesn't have it yet. Because he can't prove it. Neither can Budd, or Stan, or, or anyone you care to mention. The only "proof" which exists today, is that there is no proof. Even Fil Klass aint got the Motts.

What's the point? Why the heck do you people always ask that question, damn it to bloody hell? The point is, there is no point. Except the one right on top of my head. The one I used to use to open Colt 45 beer cans, them large ones, before I discovered Gripple.

By the way, it's not Joe's fault or anyone else's fault that "nothing is revealed." Can't blame anybody ... the thing is either real or it aint. But there is someone who has come up with lots of alternative possibilities, many more than those we, myself included, often take at face value. That'd be Jacques Vallee. I really believe that Vallee is looking a lot harder and thinking a lot further out than most folks are these days, and has been for many years. It's not that he has come up with a lot of possibilities which others have not, it's also that those ideas represent "possibilities" worth exploring, not merely rhetoric worth deploring.

Not saying he's right or wrong. Just saying he's thinking and searching. No matter where it takes him. See, too many of us have stopped that one important process in our search for the truth. The one which takes us to unexplored places. Too many of us, myself included, dwell on that one idea, that one thought which may be the way to the truth, the ultimate truth. It becomes our cause celebre. No one can be right except me. I "know" I'm right. And so I close my eyes, my ears get plugged up and all my senses devoted to my own little pair of dimes.

That's why nothing is revealed. And that's one of the reasons that "legitimate" science, as if we're all bastards, cannot accept what we say. It don't fit the formula, the extant pair of dimes.

Too bad. Oh well, nothing left but to sip a Gripp. Cheers. And merry happy fourth of July to yous too. Nothing like freedom, eh?

Jim

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