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## UFO UpDates Mailing List

### Re: Satanic Abuse

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 1999 14:28:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jul 1999 02:03:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Satanic Abuse

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 20:33:05 +0000  
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>Subject: Re: Satanic Abuse

>>From: Sue Strickland <[strick@H2Net.net](mailto:strick@H2Net.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 1999 12:42:59 -0600  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 05:22:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Satanic Abuse

>Previously, Sue had written:

>>I've been quiet for some time now. Before the "debate" between  
>>John Rimmer, John Velez and Roger Evans turns into another name  
>>calling session on this list, I'd like to try another  
>>track...one that I just found...one that I need to pass on to  
>>you all. It has energized my mind to try to find more answers.

>Hi, Sue.

>I take exception to your interpretation of my response to Mr.  
>Valez. I have enough confidence in my own logic and conclusions  
>that I have never resorted to name calling out of frustration. A  
>quick run through the archives will bear this out.

Hi All,

I'd just like to clear a few things up. I have never taken any  
of John's posts/comments as "namecalling." Nor do I believe that  
they were intended to be. There is a lot of 'nit picking'  
surrounding the use of certain terms and I engage in it as much  
as the next guy. But that's just semantics and not something  
that anyone should take or interpret as being 'personal.'

Although it gets "heated" around here at times I don't think  
that any of us intentionally set out to call anyone names.

Semantics (especially on an e-mail list) take on added  
importance because we don't have the luxury of all the  
additional sensory data that live dialog affords. It's tough to  
read where someone is coming from or exactly 'what' they mean  
sometimes because of it.

So, we will argue sometimes over the meaning and use of certain  
terms. I don't take any of it personally and I don't think anyone  
else should either. Heated debate is heated debate. Take from  
it what you can.

>Regarding said book; an alternate theory isn't the same as  
>"proof". In fact, it's not even evidence of the most basic sort.  
>The irony is that an alternate theory is only possible if  
>someone asks reasonable (and unreasonable) questions like the

>one Leanne put forth.

Just want to reiterate that Leanne is entitled to ask any questions or put forth any theories that she wishes. I was simply taking exception to her use of terms such as "condition" in this case re: abduction reports. Considering the fact that so little is known about the 'nature' of abduction experience the use of terms such as "condition" is not only premature but based on the conclusion that it must all be psychological in nature. I lodged my objection, expressed some thoughts and used my own case as an example. Period.

1. I am not trying to edit or censor Leanne or anyone else. Nor do I think that John or anyone else is trying to limit or censor me. I sincerely hope that they feel the same about me and my two cents.
2. I am not calling Leanne 'names' nor do I feel like anyone else has called anyone names.
3. We're all grown-ups here and we are capable of conducting any kind of dialog -heated or otherwise- without resorting to personal rancor.

I think that way too much is made of "in house fighting" in ufology or even on the UpDates list. Sure, there are 'some' headhunters out there, but for the most part what is happening here is simply what happens when many different people from many different places and backgrounds get together to discuss sensitive topics. The debate would be no less polarized or hot if the subject was politics or the current state of the world economy. We all happen to be passionate about this subject and it shows in our communiques to one another.

What some perceive as "useless bickering" is a manifestation of a self-correcting/editing mechanism that is always at work here. It is in fact one of the most hopeful signs that the dialog is a "healthy" one that we are conducting. Like diamonds in the rough, we 'knock' the sharp points and corners off of each other. The list/internet allows us to get close enough to rub up against one another (our ideas and beliefs) and to polish each other as we move toward consensus. It's all give and take and a learning process that we are creating/discovering/shaping as we go along.

I see it all as positive myself. :)

Peace,

John Velez, Listmember

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