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Re: Filer's Files #27 - 99

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>30th MUFON CONFERENCE

>Joe Firmage was the star of the MUFON Conference... Joe
>Firmage is an exceptionally intelligent and extremely gifted
>person who states matter of factly that he has been told by high
>ranking government officials that extraterrestrials are visiting
>us. Only a few hundred persons are privy to this secret.
>Unfortunately, he refused to reveal his sources.

Why is anyone paying attention to Firmage? Why did MUFON give him podium space? We've heard this same drivel over and over again. It is no more credible from Firmage than from Adamski.

What has Firmage done for Ufology? Name one case, name one solid research effort funded, name one insightful hard datum that he has contributed. So far, all he has done is focus more foolish press attention on the field (and on the goofier aspects of it, at that) than we've had since the Roswell anniversary.

>Fortunately
>for us the aliens seem reasonably friendly. Joe believes it is
>likely that intelligent life across the cosmos was able develop
>a form of propulsion more advanced than jet turbines and
>controlled firecrackers. He states, "Our scientists need to
>start thinking outside of the boundary conditions of 20th
>century physics. They have not fully explained the fundamentals
>of the cosmos. For example, did we evolve on Earth? Joe feels,
>random mechanical evolution cannot account for humans."

How can this man be called intelligent if he doesn't even understand the most basic tenets of evolutionary theory, yet believes he is capable of scoffing at it? Anyone with a passing knowledge of evolutionary theory knows that random mechanical evolution is a contradiction in terms, and that the explanation of evolution relies on variation and cumulative selection.

The quotes above may sound profound, but are just more drivel. "Believes it is likely"? On what basis, with what evidence?

"Our scientists need to start thinking outside of the boundary conditions of 20th century physics"? What does this mean? It's the typical garbage produced by those with no real knowledge of contemporary science or how it works. Scientists are always pushing the frontiers, but it must be done in a disciplined fashion, not by running off and listening to our "feelings" (which apparently are the source for Firmage's less than profound knowledge of evolutionary theory).

>Science has derived effective mathematical equations that describe
>certain parts of nature, but most physicists know that the
>fundamental of space-time has not been discerned."

Another meaningless statement. What "fundamental"? Is Firmage about to claim that his "feelings" invalidate General and Special Relativity (which define the concept of space-time)?

>The great
>innovations of the next century will arise in this area. His
>talk explained that once extraterrestrial visitation is accepted
>almost every thing on Earth will change. Physics, discoveries
>in biotechnology, nanotechnology, religion, national borders and
>even economics face massive changes.

Even if everyone developed this "faith" tomorrow, it wouldn't alter anything a whit. What would generate change would be actual physical proof of visitation or the derivation of new physical principals from an analysis of UFO data. But even then, why pick on biotechnology, nanotechnology and the jumble of other things thrown together here? If extraterrestrial visitation is occurring and is proven, the changes in sciences and technologies will be those caused either by direct transfer of information or principles derived from detailed observations, not from belief.

>Joe is a great salesman and entrepreneur. He held
>the audience spell bound with a slick and insightful
>presentation.

The salesman part is true. The slick depends on the gullibility or ignorance of the audience. The insight is non-existent.

Firmage is just another ACC. A lot of hot air taking us for a ride to nowhere.

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