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>EASTON MAKES GRAB FOR PUBLICITY  
>BECOMES THE LATEST TO BE STUCK TO THE  
>ARNOLD-EXPLANATION-TARBABY

>James Easton has gone public with his pelican theory.

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Hello list,

I have made a promise to myself not to comment negatively on someone else's theorizing about UFOs, but on this occasion I have to make an exception. Twice on this list in the last two years I have seen James Easton defending his pelican theory as an explanation for Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting of anomalous objects above the Cascade Mountains.

Twice I have witnessed the process of James defending himself against the criticism of his theory coming from several noted students of the UFO phenomenon. Twice I have seen James totally ignoring an endless string of extremely rational arguments as to why the Arnold sighting simply cannot be explained by a flock of pelicans. Twice I was simply horrified by the extent to which someone can close his mind to anything, no matter how scientific, that disproves his theory. But twice the result was that James stuck to his pelicans.

Well, let him. If his theory proves anything then it is that no matter how flawed a theory can be, some people believe what they want to believe.

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