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Re: Arnold Saw Pelicans

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Tim Brigham wrote:

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>...but also very true that people are just as likely to
>cling to a personal belief that something DOES exist, even in
>the face of evidence against it, especially if said belief is
>long held.

>Extreme belief in the existence of something, is in many ways,
>quite simply, the same as belief that something does not exist.

Hi Tim,

Oh, that that 2nd paragraph were always true, regardless of reality borne of experience. If I wish hard enough that everything that happened to me was real, then can I turn it into fantasy? Can I prove it was all make believe? Show me how Tim. Because, that is exactly why I'm on this list...to try to understand where the lines between "personal belief," and "personal proof" are drawn, for myself and others.

Most times I wait in the side lines, to listen and learn what other people have experienced, or what their theories entail. Hoping for a rational theory that will please explain what has been going on for a very long time, to me, to thousands of others.

I have looked for rational explanations wherein the evidence presented would negate my "personal proof," my experience. When I started on this list, I thought I was alone. I found there are thousands of people all over the world who have had very similar experiences. That didn't give me comfort. It didn't give me a sense of security in numbers. Instead, it grates against everything I wish were true...that I'm nuts! A rational person wants to believe their experiences are hog wash, a huge bad dream, or better yet, hallucinations.

Hoaxes continually permeate this field on both sides of the fence because everyone wants to believe none of this has really happened. It's a true case of denial, in every single person's mind, regardless of whether they are labeled "true believers" or "debunkers." I really don't expect others to accept my reality as theirs. They can't! They we're there.

If you stand in a rain storm, you expect to get wet. You feel the water dripping off your face and clothes. You are uncomfortable, you want to change into dry clothes. You can understand that feeling because "you've been there, done that."

If you put your hand (or leg, in my case) within an inch of an errant laser beam, you expect to get burnt. You expect it to hurt, a lot. It did. You scream, you cry from the pain. You remember the pain. You expect it to blister. It did. You go to the doctor to make sure it's going to heal ok, and expect to be given some medicine to help it do so. I did go to a burn specialist 2 days after it happened. He sprayed the burns with novocaine (brand new thing in 1961...spray novocaine), and stuck a thin, wire-like 6" needle through those burns to see how deep they went. He turned sheet white. They went to the bone. The doctor didn't believe me when I told him I'd burnt my leg on a hot water bottle. I didn't expect him to after he had "his proof." I also didn't expect him to believe "the truth." He wasn't there.

I have conscious recall of how I got those burns...from an errant laser beam attached to a transporter, in my bedroom in 1961 with many "visitors" present. Do I expect you to believe that? No. You weren't there.

The doctor dressed the burns and gave me ointment for them. They took several months to heal. You expect a scar. It's still there. I see it every time I bathe.

I can tell you when I felt my first baby move in my womb, May 30, 1970. Do I expect you, Tim, to be able to recognize that feeling? No, of course not. You aren't me. You weren't there.

But, after you've experienced those kinds of feelings, you don't forget, ever. Although one memory is very painful and the other pleasurable, it does not refute the reality of either feeling or experience. They happened. Simple as that.

Now, what I have left is to either come up with a rational explanation...or face it. I've had to face it. No one has come up with evidence to prove what happened to me, didn't happen. I have the evidence...the memories of those experiences, and the burn scar. I was there, unfortunately. Hugs, Sue

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