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Re: IFOs

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>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
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>Most serious British and Euro researchers are aware, if no more,
>of the various psycho-social aspects of ufology and of the
>vagaries of witness testimony. Most serious American witnesses
>seem more willing to take eyewitness testimony at face value --
>see for instance the debate about Kenneth Arnold's golden geese
>elsewhere on this list -- and discount the possibility of
>radical misperceptions.

>Now why should this be? Is it an example of American
>politically-correct egalitarianism: everyone's viewpoint is
>equally valid and should not be challenged? Or is it a
>manifestation of European cynicism?

>I actually think this growing rift is quite important, and is
>worthy of some discussion, rather than just instant dismissal as
>anti-American (or indeed anti-European) provincialism.

For the record,

I have been on the list for 2 1/2 years now and the only
anti-Americanism that I have seen came from two British
subscribers.

I have observed this negative attitude by a number of Brits
towards the US in other walks of life as well, such as music and
culture. In other words, I think there is simply some tension
between the Brits and the Americans that is underlying their
relationship towards each other. The cause of that? Perhaps the
Brits don't like to play second fiddle to Americans in English
speaking forums. After all, they gave up their position to the
Americans as the dominant world power and all that.

BTW. I don't think it's anti-Americanism. I'd rather say it's
a love-hate relationship.

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