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Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?

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>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 1999 20:58:59 +0100
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>Subject: Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?
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>Witnesses in a court trial are usually dealing with events we
>know can happen. Houses do get burgled. People do get murdered.
>Fraudsters do rob unsuspecting marks. The evidence sought here
>is to determine how plausible it is that a particular
>individual committed any of these acts. However a case in which
>I claimed that you teleported yourself into my house in the
>middle of the night and stole my video recorder might not be so
>straightforward. If I produced someone who saw you actually
>disappearing through the house wall and appearing a few moments
>later with the said video in your hand, that witness might just
>get as tough a ride as abductee witnesses get from the
>sceptics.

Do you realize how ethnocentric your comparison is? Do you honestly believe that humanity has reached the apex of technological development, and that cultures which may have existed for thousands or millions of years longer than ours may not have developed a trick or two that would seem magical to us? Like muskets would seem to the Aztecs? Like cellular biology would seem to medieval blood-letters? Or a Harrier jump jet to the Roman legions?

Perhaps lack of evidence is not the problem for you. Perhaps it's a lack of imagination.

Contemplating the breadth of the universe and the ability of life to survive no, thrive in environments that humans would find deadly, most people, scientists included, now realize life is probably common throughout our galaxy.

What we "know can happen" is culturally determined, and the cumulative testimony of UFO witnesses suggests our definition is, shall we say, a trifle limited. To paraphrase Thomas Huxley, we must sit before human testimony like a child before coming to grips with the UFO phenomom.

Incidentally, we were speaking of UFOs, not accounts of abductions, which by their nature often do not lend themselves to multiple witnesses or radar corroboration.

Regards,

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