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Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome

From: Nathan Ranger <netrangr@ufo.net>
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>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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>Subject: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome
>Date: Sat, 12 Jun 1999 15:08:56 +0100

>Hi,

>All this stuff about Max Burns brings up a critical issue about
>UFO credibility and the way we present ourselves in public.
>Surely that ID the issue here. It is what BUFORA utterly failed
>to read. They did the same thing with the fawning over the
>Santilli autopsy fiasco. Although I dare say they might - not
>unreasonably - cast back the point against various Sheffield
>events that, for instance, the IUN invited the likes of Budd
>Hopkins - when he is (without medical qualification) regressing
>five year old children and promoting the image of nasty grays
>raping humans. Somehow there is not a lot of difference here.
>Both are apparently honest ufologists expressing a view that
>most of us consider not only fundamentally wrong but potentially
>destructive. We may hate these opinions but can we honourably
>suppress them all?

[Swish...]

[Engage Soapbox Mode]

Hey! Get a clue people.

Here we have the problem: Jenny Randles, prominent UFO
researcher and author, comes up with rules of "engagement". Her
rules. What she thinks is right. Sure. (No offense intended,
Jenny. You just happened to be standing in line during this
"fit". :))

See people, the whole problem with ufology is the fact that
everybody wants it to be what they want it to be so they can say
"See! I told you so!" in order to get that big _____ deal.
[Fill in the blank with whatever you want.] Nobody gives a _damn_
about what it (it, meaning the UFO mystery) really is, except a
few _and_ those few get the _crap_ ridiculed out of them for
following some sort of scientific reasoning.

Shake a leg! Yeah, I'm talking to _all_ of you! Get serious with
this stuff instead of worrying about filling your pockets and
your speaking schedule and pushing your _pet_ theories. Don't
try to "message" the data so it will look like your pet theory.
Don't claim other researchers are "messaging" the data unless
you have real proof.

I've witnessed some of Budd Hopkins 'Nasty Gray = child-raper'
regression sessions. Pardon me, Jenny, but does Budd get the

right to call your theories damaging and misleading? You're right that its damaging. However, its only damaging because people like you refuse to really understand how Budd does his research. It doesn't fit your pet theory so Budd is a fraud, an imprecise buffoon of a researcher. Keep saying it, I'm sure if you and he get into a tussle, both your book sales will go up. (Incidentally, I agree with many of Jenny's theories. I just don't like namecalling in ufology. Its unprofessional and witless.)

All researchers have their weak points. They have their areas that give them navigation trouble. Instead of namecalling, we should offer help. But, that doesn't happen. That might keep Budd from selling some books or keep Jenny from keeping her speaking schedule full.

See, thats why they call it "fringe" science. In real science things like this happen a lot less and there is a cohesive structure to keep all the data together rather than a bunch of profit motivated pirahnas trying to tear each other's data apart, devour it and poop out golden oportunities to make more profit. What if we went at atomic energy or space flight or computer engineering this way, the world would be a FUBARed mess! Get a clue people.

Who needs government disinformation agents? Just paint a little blood on all the sharks and watch them eat each other! Ufological politics is more stupid than US Government politics. At least with government politics, there is usually a clear objective: get elected.

Its it any wonder people look at us funny and think: "crackpot" when they hear about us?

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