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### Re: Max Burns BUFORA Lecture

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>Hi Joe,

>I would agree with you 100% but I think the point to get across  
>here is, that Max is a marked man I dont think this will change  
>for a long time to come, I'm sure Max is aware of this.

>Roy..

If Max is a "marked man" it is through his own making, and no one else's.

If someone persists in making patently ludicrous claims in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, they should expect those claims to be independently questioned and scrutinised.

If that scrutiny does not exist inside the subject itself, what will the outside world make of our standards?

But Max appears to think his material is sacrosanct, and we should just accept his word without question.  
Well tough.

At no stage during the last two years has he took a step down from his arrogant standpoint, or accepted on one single occasion that the evidence for his stance over this case does not stand up. On at least three occasions of which I have recorded evidence, Max has told witnesses and investigators not to share information and data about the case with me - and this is the man who is claiming there is a cover-up over this case!

Not only that, but he continues using testimony on a public platform that has been completely discredited.

It is his insistance on carrying on with this charade, ever more ludicrous now in the face of general disbelief even amongst hardcore believers, that has placed him in the position that he finds himself at the moment.

Ask yourself this Roy: What will it take for Max to accept he is wrong about his interpretation of this case?

He has built it up to such a level of absurdity that he stands to lose face and reputation (if he has any left) if he compromises on any of his claims.

This situation has been created by the man himself - any other objective ufologist would by now have looked at the evidence once again and found it wanting or changed their opinion.

That is the important lesson of this whole saga: namely, ufoLOGY needs skeptics.

The UFO community should be grateful that there are people out there who are willing and able to investigate claims in a rigorous, objective fashion and accept the often unpalatable conclusion that "nothing happened."

Skepticism for its own sake is equally unhelpful; but open minds are fine as long as they are not so open the brain dribbles out! Belief-driven investigators like Max Burns simply cannot function in this objective way, which is what leads to the subject having such a bad reputation.

Ufologists are continually moaning that the outside world refuses to take it seriously, but is it any small wonder in a subject so full of loony claims, credulity and lack of objective investigation?

If it were not for my efforts to get to the bottom of this case, even further ridicule would no doubt be visited upon the reputation of British Ufology.

If we can't be honest and open about our own material, how can we expect anyone out there to take anything we have to say seriously?

I believe there are enough real mysteries - and yes, unexplained aerial phenomena too - without making up new ones out of imagination and wishful thinking.

It's time some of the true believers started getting their house in order too, and facing the facts.

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