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### Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome

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>>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?

Hi,

Not sure if you saw my 'sequel' message where I made clear that  
my first posting was deliberately incitive to make a point.

Also not sure where you get the impression I am calling Budd  
nasty names. Im not. I like Budd very much and am absolutely  
sure he is sincere. I dont for one moment think his ideas should  
not be given full consideration and I have on several occasions  
happily shared a platform with him. I have not contemplated  
'banning' him.

However, we disagree on many things and I am totally opposed to  
the use of regression hypnosis and particularly on children. I  
make no apologies for regarding this as dangerous and it has  
nothing whatsoever to do with the skill and compassion I am  
fully aware that Budd displays with his witnesses. It has all to  
do with the risks hypnosis creates of leaving long term  
psychological damage to a yoinng mind.

I dont see any of this as name calling - merely expressing  
reasonable doubts about a technique. Budd is completely free to  
say the same about my research and I would listen to any such  
criticism with an open mind. I might well find useful things  
from this to alter the direction of my work. Thats how UFOlogy  
should develop. None of us are perfect - certainly not me.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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