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### Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome

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>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\_riduculed out of them for  
>following some sort of scientific reasoning.

Amen - I've been a subscriber to this List for a year. I'm not a  
researcher (pompous title?), just a very interested member of  
the public. I can't believe how quickly any debate turns into a  
swapping of insults and selective snipping of evidence to back  
up ideas.

>I just  
>don't like namecalling in ufology. Its unprofessional and  
>witless.)

Damn right.

>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.

>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.

I was with you all the way until there. This kind of behaviour  
happens in the 'real' science world too - it's just that you  
don't see it unless you look for it.

>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.

I can't see the field of UFO research being taken seriously when  
the level of debate is similar to the arguments that my daughter

used to have with her friends a few years ago (and she's only nine now).

Isn't it time to stop for just a minute and think about controlling the temper tantrums and egos? Well, I can dream.

Martin Phillips

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