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## UFO UpDates Mailing List

### Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome

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Date: Fri, 18 Jun 1999 06:27:36 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jun 1999 07:41:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome

>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
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>Subject: Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome  
>Date: Thu, 17 Jun 1999 11:57:02 +0100

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
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>>>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>>>To: UFO Updates  
>>>Subject: Re: Mad Max: Beyond the Blunderdome  
>>>Date: Mon, 14 Jun 1999 16:45:43 +0100

>>>Thanks for all the messages that flooded in over the weekend. To  
>>>be honest I had not even noticed that UFO UpDates was on the cc  
>>>list of the original Robert Moore and I thought I was only  
>>>talking to a few UK UFologists. I was quite surprised to see my  
>>>'spooof' went global. But no matter, it was an interesting  
>>>exercise.

>>>Let me qualify 'spooof'. This was not really trickery. Rather it  
>>>was a deliberate exercise in taking an idea to its natural  
>>>extreme. Many people in the UK have been furious over the Max  
>>>Burns lecture saying BUFORA lost the plot by inviting him. There  
>>>were demands for mass walk outs over the issue.

>>Boy, did you put one over on us. Whew! We all thought you  
>>were serious. What a bunch of maroons we are!

>>However, I do understand how this can happen. On more than one  
>>occasion, I have attempted, thru hummers, uh, thru HUMOR, to  
>>yell at somebody or other for saying something which I  
>>originally thought was out of line while in reality, I was out  
>>of line all along.

>>Just one last question, and I do not expect you to answer it as  
>>I am without portfolio, have not published anything (on UFOs)  
>>and am not a recognized researcher... nor am I an unrecognized  
>>researcher. Having said all that, I expect nothing from anyone,  
>>except either a chuckle, or a chuckle and some personal  
>>recognition that the offende, not the offender (that'd be me)  
>>got the message. So my question is, based on your more recent  
>>admission that you were merely joshing, my question is, Dear Ms.  
>>Offende, what is the temperature of the sand?

>>Jim Gesundt & Jaime Mortellaro, UFO Research without portfolio

>>but a lot of Moxie... we mix it with our Gripple and rhubarb  
>>wine.

>Hi,

>Er never very hot in Britain, if thats what you meant. Our  
>summers and winters tend to blend into one season known  
>colloquially as 'by eck its nippy' (see 'Northern dialect phrase  
>book' by E By Gum for translation)

>I have been quite amazed as a newcomer to this net thing (only  
>six or seven weeks of it - seems like forever, but no matter)  
>how what starts as a nice discussion degenerates rapidly into a  
>brawl. Why? Can't we argue facts and theories minus  
>personalities and accept other peoples views? I can.

>The asrgument about Budd Hopkins is nothing to do with him as a  
>man nor with his sincerity - both of which are above reproach as  
>far as I have seen. It has all to do with the position he adopts  
>on the evidence and, because he is so admired, the effect that  
>has generally on the UFO community. He is, absolutely, entitled  
>to hold his views and stand his corner defending them. But he  
>has to appreciate that what he says is regarded very seriously  
>by thousands of people simply because of who he is. For that  
>reason people who have influence must be willing to have their  
>views debated. But we must also do that in a civilised fashion,  
>accepting that they can be right and we can be wrong.

>The very same thing applies to Nick Pope - the MoD man in the  
>UK. I like him too, but because he is taken so seriously by so  
>many people he has to consider carefully what he does and says  
>because many will perceive that as an endorsement. As such I was  
>not happy with his decision to tell the story of the Florida  
>tollbooth abduction without giving his readers a proper insight  
>into the matter. But my being willing to answer questions on the  
>issue to the London Times earlier this year (after much soul  
>searching, three years of pleading with Nick to do it himself  
>and when they asked me - rather than me approach them) had  
>nothing to do with my wanting to get at Nick. Far from it. In  
>fact it was all about doing the right thing by UFOlogy. We all  
>have a right to do what we believe in, just as we all have a  
>right to dispute those who feel differently. But this has to be  
>done with compassion and moderation - not as cat calling and  
>personal abuse.

>Seems easy enough to me.

>My response, by the way, was less a joke than an attempt to push  
>an idea to a logical conclusion and see how people liked where  
>we then were. This is known to science as developing an  
>experimental model and its an acceptable way of trying things  
>out without actually blowing up the planet in the course of ones  
>mistakes.

>Best wishes,

>Jenny Randles

Dear and gentle.... ah, dear List Folk....

I've left the post intact because the response should be short.  
Now how was I to know, since your post did not carry a header  
with an "S" in it, that it was from Brobdignag? Say, where is  
Brobdignag anyway? Just east of Lilliput?

However, and having said that ... MY post was not headed with  
a large, upper cased "S" needer. But then, this type of humor is  
expected from us Colonials. As for Nick... I was under the  
impression he was Greek and made book.

Shorty Morty

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