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NASA Demonstrates A More Open Forum

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NASA Demonstrates A More Open Forum...06/18/99
by Mitch Battros (ECTV)

I am very pleased with what appears to be NASA's willingness to discuss more openly with myself and others, real life issues that affect us all. This is truly the better way. It is much more effective to allow an open forum where NASA can layout there assessments as well as those in the paranormal who make predictions. I believe this will help minimize the sometimes outlandish predictions made on the internet. At the same time, this forum lets NASA put on the record for all of us to see, what their data shows. When this is done, the track record will speak for itself.

A perfect example of the this new forum is "Comet Lee". Scientists with the "Millennium Group" are worried that Comet Lee at the very least, may cause solar explosions (CMEs) in our solar system, earthquakes, and hurricane - like weather on Earth. At the worst, well, Shoemaker- Levy's comet fragments crashing into Jupiter could be a pictorial warning for Earth if Comet Lee is captured in Earth-moon orbit.

Charles S. Morris, JPL Astronomer, wrote to me after I had posted my article on this matter. He has outlined his assessment as follows.

* Comet Lee's orbit is not erratic. It is well-known. The comet will not hit the Earth or come any place close to it. The closest it will come to the Earth is about 77 million miles (the Sun is 93 million miles from Earth) at the end of September 1999. An orbital diagram is posted below...see for yourself.

* Comet Lee (or any comet) will not cause coronal mass ejections. And Comet Lee's orbit is not affected by them.

* The comet is not expected to become bright. It is not abnormally bright nor is it brightening at an unusual rate. In fact, it is not expected to become a naked-eye object. It is currently near its peak brightness.

Now this is the type of discovery protocol that has been missing. On NASA's part, they had become untrusting in the eyes of the public. They had also been to dismissive of those in the esoteric sciences, which led to even more suspicion of NASA being untruthful. On the other hand, those in the esoteric sciences had let too many of their colleagues get away with ridiculous predictions and frivolous analysis, perhaps leaving NASA to shake it's head with bewilderment.

Mr. Charles Morris of JPL and Mr. Craig DeForest of SOHO, I thank you for coming forward and responding to my articles in the way you have. I am hopeful we can continue this new way of correspondence. I believe it will be when both sides put forth their data in a respectable manner, that the truth will unfold.

As an old professor of mine once told me. "It is all in the track record".

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NASA Discloses Space Station Botch...06/18/99

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Flight controllers botched an attempt to move the new international space station out of the way of a speeding piece of space junk, but the rocket debris ended up passing at a safe distance. The incident was disclosed by NASA Thursday. NASA said the sequence of computer commands sent up by flight controllers to fire the station's engines failed because of human error. Initially, the U.S. military organization that tracks objects in space predicted the rocket chunk would pass within two-thirds of a mile of the space station Sunday. It ended up coming no closer than four miles. If the rocket debris had collided with the space station, it could have destroyed the empty outpost, which has been in orbit for seven months.

Yes NASA, we all just human when you get down to it. Now I want to know how you will handle asteroids and meteor showers?
Just asking :-}

Best Wishes, MB

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