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Re: Hypnotic Abuse

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>>>>>Not quite true. Richard Boylan has already been taken to court
>>>>>because of his "abduction research." He lost his license to
>>>>>practice in California because of it. It proved nothing about
>>>>>the reality of UFOs or abductions, but did demonstrate, at least
>>>>>some of the problems with hypnotic regression and researcher
>>>>>bias.

Hi Kevin, hi All,

Kevin writes:

>These are the two major examples of "researchers" implanting
>their belief structures on their clients. Both had advanced
>degrees and had been in practice for years. The point is, they
>came to believe in alien abduction and then began to convince
>their clients they too were victims of alien abduction.

And we should bring back 'keelhauling' for anyone who engages in
such practices. What I find disturbing is that the implication
is that even trained/skilled professionals can't be trusted to
do a competent (or honest) job when it comes to abduction. So
where do we turn? Only to 'groups' of professionals who can then
police themselves? Maybe only institutions can be trusted to do
an honest and competent job. But then, there are no "groups of
professionals" or "trusted institutions" doing the research, is
there?

>It also demonstrates a real problem with abduction research. It
>shows some of the problems with hypnotic regression.

The real "problem" Kevin, is that there are no responsible mainstream professionals or institutions taking on the research! When you involve 'amateurs' in anything you're going to get a very mixed bag of individual competence and ethics. Thus far, just about all of the investigating and so called research has been carried out by amateurs (in some cases opportunists) who merely stepped into the vacuum left by professionals. (ie; scientists, health care pros, etc.)

Rather than stumping for the rooting out of incompetent amateurs, or abolishing the use of hypnosis, (whose validity as a therapeutic tool or means of memory retrieval is still very much an open question) the energy might be better spent convincing professionals that there is something worthy of investigating. Something worthy of their time and their resources.

Like it or not, believe it or not, many human lives worldwide are being affected by this phenomenon. How many people have to report before the institutions and professionals that we rely on for help and answers begin to get involved? I am astounded at the condescensions and complete apathy that that community (academic) has demonstrated so far. I mean for Christ's sake, where are all the psychiatrists/psychologists in all of this? Everybody is ready to point out what is wrong, but no one seems interested in getting it done right.

(If you're not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem!)

I've been whistling this tune for six years. Many others for much longer. Maybe it will have to progress in the same way that AIDs awareness did. At first, the good ole 'Moral Majority' kind of ignored it because after all it was only affecting those ungodly, degenerate, homosexuals. That is, until people began to realize that those who were dying from AIDs were their own brothers, sisters, friends, and coworkers. It wasn't until the epidemic was brought home to their own doorsteps that the public began to -demand- research and action. I'm waiting to see how long it takes before the needs of so very many ordinary people who are reporting abduction finally gets the attention of/acknowledged by, the mainsteam scientific community.

Most of us already know what's wrong Kevin. What I'd like to know is, when do we unite in an effort (begin expending energy) towards getting it done right, and by the right people?

As they used to say in my old 'hood', "So far, it's all just so much rap!"

Peace,

John Velez, UFO abduction *victim

(*Yes, -victim- I didn't ask for -any- of this!)

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