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### Re: Crisis..... What Crisis

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Dear List,

My view at present, is that Ufology is in turmoil....and judging from some of the recent postings to this list, I am convinced that this is the case.

No doubt there will be responses from some of you refuting the claim, that is your opinion and your right. For now, please hear me out.

In an 'ideal' world, we would all get along fine and agree with anything and everything. However ideal that sounds, one can't help but realise that it would be extremely boring and mundane! I encourage constructive criticism and support lively and stimulating debate on all matters. what I certainly do NOT condone is character assassination, back stabbing, and condescending behaviour....the like of which we have been witness to in the past, and just recently.

There are many, many, investigators in the UFO field that are conducting excellent research, despite the usual lack of funds, resources, and everything else that is part and parcel of Ufology, including making mistakes...which we are ALL guilty of to one degree or another! Whatever our social or educational background, we all have a common interest for one reason or another. That in itself connects us. There must be some reason why we all find this subject so fascinating. Enthusiasm to find the truth is encouraged, but at the same time it can lead us astray. Enthusiasm to prove that there is nothing is blinkered, and can be cold and calculating, as in the Max Burns episode.

I have never met Max, but if I did I would probably feel as though I should apologise on behalf of the so-called intellectuals that did a dis-service to Ufology by 'setting up' a researcher who had no way of checking the credentials of an unknown source. What other option did Max have but to follow the 'lead' up? Any investigator worth his/her salt would have done the same, I don't care who they are.

Hoaxing and researching by the same person/s do not go together and only succeed in rendering the perpetrators as unreliable and fraudulent. I'm all for trying to find the truth, but I do not want to be associated with people of that ilk, nor do I wish to have anything to do with so-called researchers ridiculing others.

There are no experts in Ufology, just experts in areas of research connected with it. Dear colleagues, let us try and exchange information and notes.....not insults.

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