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Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 15 May 99 09:19:10 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 May 1999 08:28:53 -0400
Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *

>Date: Fri, 14 May 1999 09:13:18 -0500
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *
>>Date: Thu, 13 May 99 08:18:15 PDT

>>>From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *
>>>Date: Wed, 12 May 1999 16:47:43 -0700 (PDT)

>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *
>>>>Date: Tue, 11 May 99 10:54:32 PDT

>>>>>Date: Mon, 10 May 1999 03:24:50 -0700
>>>>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
>>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>>Subject: Re: The Protocols of Zion

><snipped reasonable sounding rationalization for book burning>

I did not read anything in Jeff Rense's post suggesting that he favors book-burning. That's simply unfair, and I think you owe him an apology.

>>I'm glad to read that you are planning to expose the Protocols
>>as the forgery it has long been known to be. Good for you. I
>>am, however, disheartened to see how much your website caters to
>>conspiracy theories no less bone-headed or, arguably, dangerous.
>>My experience is that if you scratch a conspiracy theorist, a
>>bigot bleeds.

>Your argument, sir, seems to suggest that there is no
>conspiracy.

Precisely.

>I happen to think that there is abundant evidence
>for an institutional pervasiveness of conspiracy -- a
>metaphoric iceberg of convenient conspiracy with only the the
>tips of a watergate, Iran-contra, or savings and loan debacle
>sticking sullenly above the oily surface like dirty sea ice.

A wholly unnecessary explanation, unless you believe that wrongdoing is by definition evidence of conspiracy, presumably orchestrated by Satan himself. Since none of us is without sin, I suppose, then, we are all agents of the conspiracy.

>resent your indicating I may be a bigot because I am
>assaulted, and insulted by the obvious. Any rational run
>through the history of western civilization points up abundant
>conspiracy, evidence of conspiracy, and suggestions of
>conspiracy. Scratch YOU, sir, to see how bloodless you've
>become?

I'm afraid there's no blood in this turnip. As documented in insightful studies of conspiracy theory by the likes of George Johnson, Daniel Pipes, Richard Hofstadter, and others, conspiracy theory and ethnic/racial bigotry historically are so entwined as to be indistinguishable. If you say you are not a bigot, I am happy to take your word for it. On the other hand, your innocence in this regard tells me only that you are one very naive conspiracy theorist.

Jerry Clark

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