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### Re: Book Burnings & Conspiracies

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>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.

Clever dodge sir -- when it was your attitude that I took  
exception to.

>>>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.

Then I suggest your delusion is your own, sir, contributory to our  
ufological malaise, and unfortunate.

>>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.

A quick rush to the absurd, sir. I remind you that this universe is big enough to contain even an unlikely Satan. That the explanation is proclaimed unnecessary by you is no evidence of a lack of conspiracy. Perhaps you are too quick to defer to 'experts'.

>>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.

That's OK, sir -- I have enough for both of us. <g>.

>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.

Perhaps, but appeals to authority, or expecting a jump on a band wagon of bookburning in deference to 'experts' does not address the take I have on our shared interest. As an individual not overly impressed by title, or reputation, and able to "think and wait" in my own right -- I take issue with your haughty dismissal to defer to the traditions of others, and insist that I make up my own mind.

>If you say you are not a  
>bigot, I am happy to take your word for it.

Thank you for that, sir.

>On the other hand,  
>your innocence in this regard tells me only that you are one  
>very naive conspiracy theorist.

Your patronizing tone, sir, is plain. It is unjustified. It is inaccurate. It is itself bigoted in assertion, assumption, and attitude. Like evolution, sir, conspiracy is a fact. The "theory" is how either of those things works themselves out. I suggest you reassess your own frail innocence.

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