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### Personal Attacks, Humor And "S" In Scarlet

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An interesting set of subjects, all (in my opinion) related one to the other.

The issue of abduction is expectedly, an emotional one. First, if one believes that the experiencer believes he or she has had an experience, then the manner in which criticism of the phenom is applied should be applied with tact and sensitivity. "Personal attack" can be felt even when the aggressor feels honestly, that no offense or attack was intended. It's only natural.

Unfortunately, another element in the mix of emotions is "strong feelings or beliefs!" When mixed with an opposite belief, nothing but a conflagration can result.

On the one hand we have crazy people such as me, who believe strongly than something which can only be explained by the abduction experience has occurred, must face his or her opposite, who believes strongly in the opposite opinion by virtue of "scientific" method, lack of hard evidence, et al. It' like mixing a lit match will gasoline.

Then there is the subject of (woof) "satire!" The "S" word! Some satirists like to attack not the opinion or belief, but the arguments resulting; arguments (debates) which often reach absurdities far, far more harebrained than the actual belief! Looking at the silly satire allows one to laugh a bit while taking a second look at the entire subject under discussion. It works, but only with those who maintain a sense. Just "SENSE" will do. It doesn't have to be a sense of anything, including humor.

Common sense tells us that laughing is better than crying, better than arguing ad nauseum, better than fun with your clothes off or Gripple in excess, even. And so, if Errol Bruce Kanappy allows some of this "satire" on his list, then it must have "some" merit, eh? And if the response off list is positive and it almost always is, then the only thing I can say to you is phooie! Lighten up and stick that anger in your pocket. It'll look like you've got something really big in your pants which can and often does, make a guy feel good again. Better than Pepto Bismol. Better than Prilosec. And yes, better even than Gripple.

Feel free, please, to laugh at me, with me, to me. But please, just laugh, OK?

Last point. It was at one time suggested that in order to improve one's credibility on this list, that each poster person provide a CV... so we can all look at it and go, "Ooooooh. PhD's, MBA's and look at those books will ya? He (she or it) MUST be a very credible person. I will immediately accept his (her's or it's) opinion (or reject it) accordingly.

It was additionally, recently suggested that somehow the post be tagged, perhaps with a "scarlet S" for "SATIRE" at the top, so that one would not have to read the thing. I think that's such a great idea that I started doing it on this post. However, I might actually have something great to say and you won't read it because you have no sense.... uh, of humor. Good. Any knowledge garnered by someone with no sense ... of humor \_or\_ Homer, doesn't need the warning, "Caution, this might make you laugh." And God forbid you should unpuff yourselves long enough to laugh! Shoot, it can be bad for you. Might make you less believable or something.

I have TWO PhD's, a masters in EE and assorted other degrees, not even counting the ones' Doctor Gesundt conferred upon me.

Cheeses, aren't you impressed? If you are, then you have a serious problem, Pal. You need to take up knitting, or basketweaving, but hell, give up anything as serious as serious debating, research or other stuff. It'll give you gas. And then, not only will your pants not bulge, but you are gonna be persona non grata wherever people hang out.

Dr., Dr. James S. Mortellaro,  
AKA, Gesundt

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