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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: UFO UpDates FAQ?

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Date: Sat, 13 Nov 1999 09:54:45 -0800
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Subject: Re: UFO UpDates FAQ?

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDates FAQ?
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>>Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 09:01:06 -0800
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>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDates FAQ?

>>You missed the point entirely. Referencing legal standards in support of a position regarding alleged physical phenomena is totally inappropriate. As is referencing the results of opinion polls in support for the validity of such alleged physical phenomena. Why is a professed nuclear physicist arguing for the validity of physical phenomena, using standards any less than physical scientific standards which belong in the realm of physical science? and not legal standards which belong in the realm of social science? Is nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman telling everyone that ufology is a social science and now relegated to social standards instead?

>Asked why he believed in a controversial phenomenon whose existence many have disputed, a prominent scientist said the following to Scientific American:

>"Though ... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel that there is no question that [it] exists. I have talked to six eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features with the hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

>Anybody care to guess who the scientist was and what he was talking about?

>Jerry Clark

The scientist was John Lowke, a plasma physicist.

He is referring to ball lightning.

If this was 1799 the reference might be to stones that fall from the sky.

I think it most strange that the previously debunked phenomenon of ball lightning has been used recently to explain UFO sightings.

Gavin McLeod

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