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Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos
>Date: Wed, 29 Sep 99 22:30:23 PDT

>Patient and gentle listfolk:

>What does Mr. Young mean by "private investigators"? Private
>detectives? Does he think that witnesses ought to be treated as
>potential criminals? I guess so, since he tells us that
>"polygraph tests" -- judged virtually useless by an army of
>critics in criminology and science -- are "a major part of
>investigations." Along the way he perpetuates the tired and
>mindless slander that ufologists are in it for the money.

Jerome Clark;

It seems as if you are now accusing me of perpetuating "tired and mindless slander." Gosh! I wonder why this is the case, especially since I have not previously entered the Gulf Breeze discussions. Wasn't my message simply a brief commentary on your previous vitriolic approach to those who you are in dissent with?

I am quite humored how you go on to charge that "like the self-righteous everywhere," I [and fellow associates] want to "dish it out without having to take it." Well, I don't know what I have dished out which I couldn't take, except to illustrate an overbearing and sordid level of discourse that you have mustered out in the past few days. Recall that I sought to address certain comments from Brian Straight regarding your alleged "voice of reason" while in dispute, only instead, I find myself cast as one who "demonstrates what happens when ufology is treated as an excuse to short-circuit real debate by trashing those with whom one disagrees."

Further, I find myself affiliated with "character assassins," accused of "coming on as a judge, juror, and executioner," again, I stress, without ever having said a word about the current discussions [except some past non-specific comments from several months back in a separate thread where I possibly eluded to a general skepticism of the Gulf Breeze affair], and am also charged with being "baffled and outraged when my intended victims complain about the unfairness of a trial" and am further said to "show the bankruptcy of the prosecution's case."

I am unimpressed with such juvenile vitriol.

Hmm... where are you, Brian Straight, and what do you think of your officer of civility during UFological dissent? Mr. Clark sounds more like someone who obsessively attacks anyone for no

purpose when in dispute mode, whether or not that person has voiced any issue-related comments or not.

Perhaps Mr. Brian Straight, who has since slightly clarified his original comments on dissent in UFOlogy vs. dissent in astronomy, might reconsider his earlier comments and offer a gentle illustration of how the UFO field is comprised of mud-throwers who promote personal attacks that are beneath the esteem of respected science. If so, maybe he can begin his list with Jerome Clark.

Respectfully,
Kenny Young

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