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The Purpose Of Abductions

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Hi listfolk,

In the thread 'Get Real' a debate was started about what right the 'aliens' had to abduct people. This debate touched upon the question what the purpose of abductions really was.

A remark by Terry Evans struck me. His wife had told him: "It seems like they are stealing my emotions."

I have a suspicion this goes some way toward understanding what 'abductions' are about.

Anyone who has read the abduction stories by Strieber, Mack, Hopkins et al. will note that 'abductees', once they are brought inside the spaceship, are being fed images of apocalyptic scenario's. The earth explodes, the moon breaks up, the ocean level rises, shit will happen in the future.

Many 'abductees' come back from these sessions believing that the aliens are in their own way trying to warn us of impending disaster. If we go on like this we will destroy the earth. The rain forest will disappear, climatic changes will happen in such a way that the earth will become inhabitable, etc.

Many 'abductees' have asked their abductors why they have been abducted. The response by the aliens has always been something in the sense that the 'abductees' were 'chosen'. 'Chosen' was never specified. Chosen for what?

An assessment of the purpose of abductions can start with an evaluation of what we know about the apocalyptic visions that the abductees were being fed. Have they happened? Are they happening? Will they happen?

The answer to those questions is in all three cases no.

Has the world come to a virtual end? No, of course not. Things have been improving steadily for most of the world's population. This while abductions seem to have been going on for decades. According to anecdotal testimony in any case, the first abductions started before World War II at least.

Is the world as we know it going to end in the foreseeable future? In the last months I have taken up an interest in all things environmental. The brief, and somewhat blunt, conclusion I have drawn from the articles I have read about various environmental topics is that there is literally nothing that indicates that the earth's ecosystem is going to be out of balance in the coming decades or that natural fossils will dry

up before alternative energy resources are available.

There is enough oil, natural gas and coal to fuel the world for decades to come. New reserves are being found as quickly as old reserves are being used up. Alternative energy resources, like solar electricity and wind energy, can take over large parts of energy consumption even in our age should the necessity occur.

All kinds of measures have been taken against chemical pollutants, like lead in gasoline, CO₂s, CFC's. Advanced filters can filter even the tiniest particles of pollutants out of gas emissions. Some decades from now most western countries will have their gasoline consuming cars replaced by cars with fuel cells. California and Iceland have introduced legislation to start this process a few years ago in their respective areas.

Furthermore, the greenhouse effect has never been demonstrated to exist, the ozone layer is growing again and, most important of all, the growth in world populations is likely to stall somewhere in the middle of the 21st century. And the western security regime based on 'mutual assured destruction' (you throw an A-bomb at us, you get one back) has ceased to exist. Worldwide corrupt governments are being replaced by democratically elected ones.

Hardly evidence that the world is going in the tank. To the contrary, the world is a far better place than it was, say 50 years ago, and things will have improved considerably 50 years from now.

So the 'aliens' have been feeding their abductees total bogus. Many abductees don't seem to realize this. Strieber is a prime example. His writings (books, website) contain somber material about changes in the earth's climate, material that Strieber thinks is information that he should convey to the world, in his way trying to help fend off real disasters that lie in the future.

Strieber is apparently buying the notion that he was 'chosen' to do a certain kind of work that will help save the world. But the real purpose of his 'abductions' was IMO only to study his emotions. Strieber himself gives a clue to this in his earliest work 'Communion'.

At one point he is shown the image of his son in a remote, silent place. He gets the feeling that 'his son is dead'. Now of course, his son hasn't died, has grown up and is an adult now. In other words the image of his dead son, like the apocalyptic images, was bogus. While Strieber observed the various horror scenario's - end of the world or dead son - the aliens did only one thing: they watched and observed.

Now my suggestion is that this observation of emotions lies at the core of the purpose of abductions. Many 'abductees' and students of the phenomenon have concluded that 'we' have something and 'they' want it. The suggestion that they want our emotions seems to be the answer.

That could also explain an observation that several researchers have made. When studying the characteristics of abductees several students have noted that abductees tend to be working in professions that require some amount of artistic creativity, in other words the skill of expressing emotions in an artistic product. For that, one has to 'understand' emotions. Other researchers noted that abductees have higher than average empathic skills. In other words, the ability to 'feel what another person feels'. So abductees seem to have a richer emotional life.

Furthermore, one could also assume that this category of people has a higher potential for telepathic reception, the means of communication that the 'aliens' employ.

This 'Quest for Emotions' hypothesis also ties in with another reported aspect of the abduction scenario: reproductive interbreeding. Instead of simply copying human sperm and ova to crossbreed with alien DNA, the aliens continually insist on involving the 'donor' in the reproductive process, so to speak. The result seems to be that the 'parent' is aware, during the abduction at least, of his or her own offspring and develops an emotional bond with the child. Again the aliens 'get' some of

our emotions.

Now most of the previous has been expressed in some form or another in various books and magazines. But when I realized that most of the apocalyptic visions that have been shown to abductees haven't materialized and, to all appearances, will not materialize in the foreseeable future, some of the pieces of the puzzle fell into place for me. Of course, I could be wrong, but for the moment, I find it an attractive hypothesis.

One more thing. A recent article in a Dutch newspaper mentioned a study that was done to compare the empathic abilities of the Dutch compared to Americans. It appeared that the Americans were on average far more capable of sensing another person's emotions than the Dutch. I am not aware of any other studies in which other nationalities were studied on this topic.

If the Quest for Emotions theory is right and if Americans score better compared to other nationalities as well, this could yet explain another aspect of the abduction phenomenon, namely that so many reports come out of the US. Of course, the media factor does certainly play a role here, but there might be other causes as well.

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