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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1999 17:53:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 16:48:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos
>Date: Sat, 09 Oct 99 10:29:16 PDT

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos
>>Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 11:19:55 -0700

>>>Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 20:18:48 -0500
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>From: Kenny Young
>>>>Date: Tue, 05 Oct 1999 15:02:37 -0400
>>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 10:43:09 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos

>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>>>>>From: Jerome Clark
>>>>>Subject: Re: Bruce Maccabee and Gulf Breeze Photos
>>>>>Date: Sun, 03 Oct 99 18:15:28 PDT

Jerome Clark,

I can only congratulate you for using state-of-the-art disinformation technics to finally establish that Jerome Clark is interested only in Jerome Clark. Not the truth, not the facts, and especially not honesty. Only himself.

<snip>

>>Kenny Young went on demonstrating the basis of his opinion.

>Unfortunately, no. What he displayed was an odd, self-righteous >disingenuousness which accomplished precisely nothing.

Technic 1: Accuse your opponent of your own mishaps.

<snip>

>>This well-established fact is what makes this affair >>hair-raising: any member of the List should be familiar with Mr. >>Young's work. Kenny Young has proven in the past that he is a >>reliable conscientious and very good UFO investigator. He is

>>not a character assassin. Go back on the List in the past 3
>>years. Look for one post where Kenny Young indulges in personal
>>attacks. You will find none.

>False.

Technic 2: When confronted with verifiable evidence and short
with facts to support your own position, simply refute the
irrefutable evidence with a laconic false.

Technic 2a: Don't ever think of proposing a verification of the
evidence: you'd be dead meat.

<snip>

>>On the other hand, Jerry's road sheet does not exactly make him
>>a Peace Nobel Prize candidate.

>What an odd remark. I can only scratch my mind, and I think I
>hear a whole lot of heads having the same done to them.

Technic 3: Play dumb and pretend external support.

>>>Kenny Young's principle of "no agreement/no respect" appears
>>>closer in spirit to Torquemada or the Stalinist purges than a
>>>realistic expectation of professionals or serious amateurs in a
>>>field of study.

>I thought this was a particularly insightful observation, as one
>who knows something about the terrible history of Stalinism and
>its bloody purges.

Technic 4: To assassinate a character, never be afraid to whisper
horrors. Fumigate the lone shooter with the usual
mass-murderer's stench.

Technic 4a: ALWAYS show contrition for the poor soul lost in the
mazes of its own misery.

<snip>

>What Young and Black seek to do, sadly, is to reduce ufological
>discourse to personal denunciation.

Technic 5: Apply pressure where it counts. Associate the honest
with the crook, the peaceful with the warrior, the open-minded
with the bigot.

Technic 5a: Speaking of bigotry... Na, forget about this one.
Bigotry, in this kind of matter, is like water in the sea, air
in the atmosphere. Let's not engage in too much triviality.

<snip>

>(It's instructive -- our
>correspondent's attempt here to hide it in the memory hole
>notwithstanding -- to go back to the strange Black screed that
>started it all, to which Young, "Evans," and our present
>correspondent have never expressed the slightest whisper of
>criticism. Their quarrel is only with those who take exception
>to it.)

Technic 6: Drown the fish. Keep playing dumb, and, don't
forget, throw your dictionary off the train. Mix everything up.
Refute your own words and leave no trail. Your own words are
not important from the beginning: they are there to serve you.
Forget them right away.

Technic 6b: Keep the semantic content of your argumentation to
zero. Even better if you can lower the bar to minus one by
alzheimerizing your own history and clintonizing your own
position.

Technic 6c: Declare all contextual evidence "out of
context".

Finally:

<snip>

<re-snip>

<re-re-snip>

Technic 7. Don't be afraid to make a fool of yourself. In all circumstances you have your own followers who adore you and your enemies who despise you. Why should you care then?

Technic 7c. All objectors will be considered suspicious. Remember, all that counts is you.

<snip>

>...Young, "Evans," and our present
>correspondent have never expressed the slightest whisper of
>criticism

I am 48 years old.

As a faithful reader of this List, I can't just stand here and witness the kind of behavior you have shown in this affair.

I don't mind the hard discussions in ufology. But your way of dealing with adversity - especially when it comes from dedicated investigators - is unacceptable for a man in your position.

Black is out of order. At least, he's got the excuse of being a skeptic.

You are out of order too.

Your behavior is inexcusable.

Please refrain from doing this in the future. It serves no purpose. Except your own ego.

It does show a lack of perspective.

<pre-snip>

>Patient and gentle listfolk:

At least you can't be accused of talking to yourself.

Serge Salvaille

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