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Re: British Astronomer: Belief In UFOs 'Damaging'

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>G'day Ms Randles,

>>I wanted to advise that I did a radio programme in Sheffield
>>with Dr Mitton today. She was charming, well informed and
>>objective. The press stories have not done her justice

>She might well be charming and well informed but then, there's
>the matter of this section in the press release that Stig
>posted:

>"Since then interest in UFOs had grown to become a worldwide
>obsession, said Dr Mitton. But she is convinced every sighting
>can be explained by natural or man-made phenomena."

>I would not call her entirely "objective". Can she even tell the
>difference between geese and pelicans?

>I think it's great that a credentialed scientist jumps into the
>fray. Let her roll her up sleeves, stow away her pre-conceived
>notions and get to work.

>Don

Hi,

I think you have to bear in mind the way the media polarise opinions. I would never judge anyone from what a newspaper says they believe. I can only go off the two way conversations and radio programme we did. Yes, she is sceptical. Yes, her geese opinion for Arnold is contentious (I dont support it but its not implausible). But I dont think she disputes that there are unsolved cases. Only that they are unsolvable. She is certain entirely opposed to the ETH, but open minded enough to accept some cases could offer new science. And she is far more aware of the UFO evidence than any of the media touted sceptics often

presented here in the UK. As such she is a worthy opponent for any thinking ufologist as opposed to some of the scientists set up on TV as experts who could not tell a CE 1 from a coconut.

In the UK we are happy to debate evidence with critics. It is how ufology grows. I am simply reporting my delight that we finally have someone who has bothered to do some actual research before appearing in front of a camera claiming to know it all. I dont expect you to agree with all she says. I certainly dont. But I already respect her and thats a starting point we should not desert by needless attacks on this woman. I think she will listen to good evidence and that attitude needs cultivating not crucifying.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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