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Re: British Astronomer: Belief In UFOs 'Damaging'

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Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 22:52:36 -0600
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>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 1999 17:31:36 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalseve.net>
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>>Subject: Re: British Astronomer: Belief In UFOs 'Damaging'

G'day Jenny,

>>"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 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.

Certainly I can believe that the media can introduce a bias or
slant opinions. But did she, in fact, state that she is
convinced that every sighting can be explained by natural or
man-made phenomena? Is that an accurate quote or did the press
reporter take liberties with her words? ? I want to understand
this point clearly.

>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

I understand your position here. I know this is probably a
niggling point, but I'm trying to educe where she got her
"geese" information from and what facts she based her
conclusions. I realize you cannot speak for her and I'm only
asking from your own knowledge, if you know.

>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.

Good points and thank you for making them.

>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.

It's not my intent to be contentious here, only querying what I read in the press release as to her objectivity. As I stated before I think it's wonderful she's willing to jump into the fray and bring her credentials to this field. It would really be great if we can get her on the List and get some discussion going.

Regards,

Don

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