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Re: The Challenge

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>>John Velez said <snipped for brevity>:

>>Everyone should take the time to write to Budd Hopkins, David
>>Jacobs, John Mack, Ray Fowler, John Carpenter et al and -ask
>>them- to collectively contribute any materials they may be in
>>possession of that may help to advance what little is known
>>about UFO abductions. If it turns out that they _don't_ have
>>anything of value in stock then that fact should also be known.

>>KRandle responded:

>>I think you might have found the problem. There is nothing in
>>stock of value.

Okay, since this is the comment that has evoked the majority of the responses, let us revisit it.

John Velez suggested that if there was nothing of value in the hidden data of the abduction researchers, then we should know it, meaning, I believe, that all information should be shared. John, if I have misinterpreted your meaning here, I apologize.

With this I agree. However, I added the condition that the researcher who discovered the information be allowed to reveal it for the proper credit. Those who have conducted the research are certainly the ones who should determine when, where and how it will be revealed.

I then added the comment that I believed that John might have discovered the problem and that was that there were no hidden data that would answer our questions. This means, quite simply, that there may not be any evidence of a conclusive, independent, and scientific nature that would lead to the extraterrestrial,

or any of the other hypotheses, that surround the tales of abduction. I meant, quite simply, that this might be the reason that nothing has been revealed because there is nothing to reveal.

I didn't mean to suggest it isn't there, only that in my experience, as we chased tales of the "real" scientific and verifiable physical evidence, that there was always an excuse as to why we couldn't get to that point. In some cases it was because there was nothing to find. Here, until all the data are in hand, we have little more than speculations. It was my speculation that the reason here was that the physical, independent, corroborative data simply did not exist. That would be the reason that nothing had been revealed. There was nothing to reveal.

Does this mean that we shouldn't look? Of course not. We always have to look, because the one time we don't might be the one time that there is something of substance there. I would not advocate a position of refusing to look.

So, not to put too fine a point on it, I was merely speculating that John might have been right when he suggested that if there was nothing of value in these hidden files, we should learn that. I was suggesting that the reason the files have not been made public is because there was nothing of value in them... meaning that the evidence would not be conclusive. It was a speculation based on prior experience and was a suggestion that we not be too disappointed if nothing new was learned.

KRandle

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