

Speculative Realms

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Goodbye, Paracast: I Ban You, EVIL SPIRITS!

by Gary Haden

Folks, I've had it with the *Paracast*.

I've followed the show for a long time. I've contributed to the forum. I put their feed on my sidebar. I spent a year in *Paracast Exile*. I still downloaded their program and contributed to their "stats."

I discovered today the feed doesn't work. That doesn't bother me. I was going to remove the feed anyway. What does bother me is their refusal to deal with criticism in a constructive way. I learned from the comments section that they banned Emma Woods from their forum for not revealing her identity. Emma Woods, for those who don't know, is the young woman who had the temerity to question the methods of the great Alien Abduction Investigator *David Jacobs*, hallowed be His Name, God be praised.

Well, dadgummit, if you are going to question our messiahs, *EMMA*, we're going to crucify you, my dear! We began by maligning your sanity. *We conclude now by banning you from our minds! To the devil dogs with your scholarly critiques and your corroborating evidence, Girl!*

This "banning" probably has less to do with making Emma accountable for her charges and more to do with the desire on *Paracast's* part to unleash their investigative dogs on Emma to assassinate her character. That is precisely the behavior that anonymity prevents. She is entitled, as a whistleblower, to protection.

Emma has plenty of evidence to back up her charges. That evidence cannot be banned from public awareness by the *Paracast*.

I wish I could ban the truth. I've certainly tried to. It just keeps tormenting me! Why can't I ban the truth? *I'm an American, dammit. It is what we do! But it keeps forcing me to admit it!*

What next? Are they going to declare all *Paracast* critics **enemy combatants**? Maybe they'll do a Budd Hopkins and declare all critics to be agents of the CIA.

David Jacobs committed professional suicide with the Emma Woods case. The *Paracast* is following suit.

I want to be like *Paracast*. I want to ban the truth. *[The author begins to sob.] I want my delusions! I want my hallucinations! I want my messiahs!*

I here and now officially **BAN THE PARACAST TO THE GRAVEYARD WHERE ALL THE OTHER CORPSES OF THOSE WHO DEFENDED CHARLATANS NOW ROT IN IGNOMINY!** *The BANNER PODCAST is no more!!!*

Ban me, BAN MY PODCAST? Yes, Paracast, yes. Away evil beings! AWAY!

You mean, you're still there? You're still broadcasting? You mean to tell me that my banning you did not wipe you off the face of the earth? No, no, no! I want you to be banned! I want you to go away. Mommy, please, make them go away!

Am I being sarcastic? No, what makes you say that?

These tedious old fools!

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Gene said...

Factual error. Emma was not banned. We merely blocked her posting privileges until she provides some level of authentication as to who she is (it could be done to me privately).

As far as we can see, she has not complained to us in any way, nor has any forum member voiced objections to the action in our forums or to me directly.

So I find your complaints to be wrongheaded. You are believing in someone who isn't real, someone who is nothing more than an online persona, and you don't know the truth about anything she says, since her recordings can be easily manipulated to advance her agenda.

Yes, we want the truth, but clearly we can't get it from that source.

Peace,
Gene

May 11, 2010 4:44 PM

purrigrurri said...

I heard a large portion of the Emma Woods-David Jacobs tape.

They're both fruitcakes. Maybe, I should repeat it. They're BOTH fruitcakes.

However, at least Jacobs isn't hiding behind a pseudonym. He gets to face the music for his self-aggrandizing and damaging stupidity.

This women, on the other hand, gets to hide and avoid any fallout from her questionable motives and actions.

Bravo Paracast for attempting to level the playing field.

May 12, 2010 12:10 AM

Gary Haden said...

If Paracast is a level playing field on Emma Woods, then the Eugenics Movement was a Civil Rights Campaign.

May 12, 2010 7:21 AM

ChristChild said...

Ironically, if the Speculative Realm blog was operating with the same rules as the Paracast forum, both Gene and "fruitcake expert" purrigrurri would be banned by now.

Oops! I tell a lie. No, they would not be "banned". Gary would simply revoke their posting privileges until some pivotal event. This is NOT the same as being banned, as Gene so eloquently points out!

Potential Pivotal Events:

1. Gene and Purrigrurri provide a copy of their drivers license, social security number and bank account numbers. Verification of employment would also be required, although I realize that Gene is (to be polite) "self-employed".
2. The second coming of Jesus Christ.
3. The establishment of Spanish as the official language of the United States.
4. Aproverbial UFO lands on the White House Lawn or in the parking lot of a 7-11 Mini-Mart.

You get the idea. Anyone can play this game.

Seriously, I used to listen to the Paracast religiously each week, and even downloaded each episode to a CD for listening in the car (I don't have an IPOD). The recent antics of Gene and his sycophants on the forum have left a bitter taste in my mouth, and:

1. I no longer listen to the podcasts.
2. I threw the entire Paracast CD collection into the trash.

May 12, 2010 10:44 AM

Anonymous said...

Gary-
Bravo. Steinberg will not allow it, simply because his show has repeatedly touted Hopkins and Jacobs as reasonable researchers.

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The point here isn't about Emma - it's about protecting the Paracast's so-called "image". The idea that the Paracast has entertained someone like Jacobs as credible, shows again that the Paracast isn't the Gold Standard of anything but a puffed ego. The idea that a contiguous recording has been "altered" is a lame try at saving face in a unforgiving field that doesn't tolerate gullibility - least of all from those who claim to be "the only place for serious discussion of these topics".

So, to save his own show's lack of discernment and education, Steinberg will say or do just about anything, including silence dissenting views.

I agree. The Paracast is done and has shown itself to be sorely lacking in any real nature of inquiry at all.

May 12, 2010 2:40 PM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

I find Gene's statements that I am "someone who isn't real, someone who is nothing more than an online persona" to be bizarre. Dr. Jacobs has talked about me on the Paracast show and in his defamatory statement about me on his website. Even he knows that I am a real person.

For the record, Dr. Jacobs knows my full name and address, he has certified copies of my birth certificate and passport, copies of my medical records, photos and videos of me, the names of some of my relatives and friends, and photos of some of them. My former therapist spoke to him on the phone, gave him details of the professional associations that he belonged to, the URL of a website that has some of his work published on it, as well as the names of his past employers, to enable Dr. Jacobs to check on his credibility. Dr. Jacobs had an open invitation to visit me in my country, and I told him that I would introduce him to relatives and friends of mine who had witnessed aspects of some of my experiences (although Dr. Jacobs never took me up on the offer.)

Dr. Jacobs obviously knows who I am. For Gene to say that I am someone who "isn't real" and "nothing more than an outline persona" is, in my opinion, a bogus excuse to prevent me from posting my legitimate criticisms of Dr. Jacobs' work on his forum.

Gene made it clear in his statements during his interview with Dr. Jacobs that he had not even heard the recordings on my website. He described them as hypnosis sessions, when they are actually recordings of conversations. Dr. Jacobs immediately played on Gene's ignorance by saying that the recordings must have been edited as the hypnosis sessions were five hours long, even though Dr. Jacobs obviously knew that Gene meant the recordings of the conversations.

It is important to understand that I have been trying to have the matter investigated by both Temple University and the Office for Human Research Protections. It is on record that I have done this. Obviously, I would never put manipulated recordings on my website, and then try to have the matter investigated where I would have to provide the original recordings.

May 12, 2010 6:09 PM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

Anyone who actually looks at the publicly available material about this issue can work out through simple logic that what I have said is the truth.

For example, I have said that Dr. Jacobs began to engage in instant messaging conversations with "hybrids" in mid 2006. People who read Elizabeth's blog site, which I linked to (which she removed a few days before Dr. Jacobs posted his defamatory statement about me on his website), will have read her own account of how "hybrids" had been having instant messaging conversations with Dr. Jacobs from her computer.

I have said that Dr. Jacobs went "on the run" from Elizabeth's "hybrids" who were trying to hunt him down. People who read Elizabeth's blog will have read her account of the "hybrids" hunting Dr. Jacobs down, and of how she single-handedly held them off from finding him at that time (she later said that they had found him, and that she saw him on board a UFO. Dr. Jacobs also stated that he has now been "found".)

I have said that Dr. Jacobs engaged in "tactics" to prevent "hybrids" from knowing that he was working with me, and that those "tactics" came from similar ones that he did with Elizabeth. One of these "tactics" was his asking me to write my emails to him on code, so that "hybrids" could not understand them. People who read Elizabeth's blog will have read her account of how she and Dr. Jacobs communicated in code.

I could go on an on. Elizabeth's two blog sites alone corroborate much of what I have said.

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Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

People who read Elizabeth's blog site will also have read her account of how "hybrids" pressured her to stop talking to Dr. Jacobs, including causing her headaches and other physical punishments.

Dr. Jacobs related this all to me WHILE I WAS HYPNOTIZED. This included him telling me that her "hybrids" had threatened his life. I subsequently began to remember similar things under hypnosis, as a direct consequence of his suggestion.

However, in Dr. Jacobs' defamatory statement about me, he says that an "example" of my "troubling behavior" comes from my interactions with my "alleged abductors." He then lists my hypnotic memories along these very lines. He clearly intends my hypnotically retrieved "memories" to be evidence that I have mental health problems.

Apart from the fact that those hypnotic "memories" of mine can be directly traced to his leading, he does not say that Elizabeth had exactly the same sorts of "memories", which she detailed on her own blog site. He continues to support her case, which he made clear in his statement. Anyone who thinks through the implications of this will understand that he is being not only dishonest in the way that he presents my hypnotic "memories", but that he has no real commitment to his research, as he portrays the same data in different ways to suit his own personal agenda at the time.

I told Dr. Jacobs that I believed that Elizabeth was writing the "hybrid" instant messaging herself. This is a view that most people would share. However, in his statement, he makes no mention of the "hybrid" instant messaging at all. Instead he says: "Alice (he uses the name "Alice" to refer to me) came to believe that Elizabeth had duped me and turned me against her. " I did not at any stage say that I believed that Elizabeth had turned him against me. However, I did say that I believed that Elizabeth had written the "hybrid" instant messaging, and that she was a hoaxer. By not mentioning the "hybrid" instant messaging, and by not telling people exactly what it was that I thought that she had "duped" him about, he implies that I had a free-floating baseless idea that Elizabeth had "duped" him, that was not attached to anything concrete. In other words, just a paranoid delusion stemming from mental illness. The fact that Dr. Jacobs would portray my legitimate opinion that Elizabeth had written the "hybrid" instant messaging herself in such a breathtakingly dishonest way is another example of how unreliable his statements are.

Dr. Jacobs began to change the initial parts of his defamatory statement after I published the first part of a rebuttal to it.

For instance, Dr. Jacobs initially said that I first made contact with him in 2004 by sending him, UNSOLICITED, a large box of material. Gene picked up on this, and talked about it on his forum. However, this was completely untrue. My former therapist had made contact with Dr. Jacobs in 2002, and I had sent Dr. Jacobs the material in early 2005, three months after I had become his research subject. Not only that, but the material was NOT unsolicited, as Dr. Jacobs had asked me to send it to him. After I said this in my rebuttal, Dr. Jacobs changed his statement, saying that my former therapist had contacted him in 2002, and he removed the word UNSOLICITED. He made a number of other substantial changes of fact as well. Anyone looking at those changes, and thinking through the implications of them, can see how how he says that are untrue to serve his purposes at the time.

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May 12, 2010 6:13 PM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

I have made public an audio clip of Dr. Jacobs implanting hypnotic suggestions in my mind that I had Multiple Personality Disorder. Gene said on the forum that people do not know whether Dr. Jacobs implanted anything, because the tapes could have been altered. However, Dr. Jacobs has admitted to it in his statement. He has NOT said that I doctored the recording. Instead, he has attempted to provide an excuse for it. What he says about why he did it is a series of outright lies that would take too much time to go into here. However, he then says: "Then at one point during a hypnosis session I told her that as a researcher I was interested not in abductions but in multiple personality disorder." In fact, he actually put hypnotic suggestions in my mind that I had MPD. The way that Dr. Jacobs has brushed over what he actually did to me, by saying said that he just told me that he was interested in MPD, is an other example of his self-serving dishonesty

At the end of the day, I have come to believe that this issue exposes how people really think. The recording of Dr. Jacobs putting hypnotic suggestions in my mind that I had MPD, which he has admitted to in his statement, is horrific. Any decent human being who hears it knows that what he did to me was appalling psychological abuse, and they understand why I am making it

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public. In my opinion, the people who hear it and who do not recognize that, have an over-riding agenda within themselves that is numbing their basic humanity. Whether that is because they want to continue to believe in Dr. Jacobs as an iconic figure, or because their own research is so bound up with his that they fear it being destroyed, or because they have publicly promoted him and their ego will be bruised, or because they failed to examine the issue properly and just accepted his word because of his status. Whatever it is, it seems as though there are people who would rather close their eyes to the reality of Dr. Jacobs psychological abuse, and instead help him to attack me personally and suppress my voice in trying to make it known. I find that very sad indeed.

May 12, 2010 6:14 PM

 **ChristChild said...**

Emma, People like Gene are also enabling David Jacobs and his ilk to do perhaps irreparable harm to others. It is similar to knowing that a person of authority (for the sake of argument let's say a priest) is abusing a child, yet attacking the child while defending the priest. (Any similarity to the tactics of a worldwide religion headquartered within Rome are NOT coincidental). It is a well worn cliché, but I truly do not know how people like Gene sleep at night.

May 12, 2010 8:55 PM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

That is so true. I know that the research subject who Dr. Jacobs took on after me, a twenty-one year old man, was also hurt. He contacted me through my website, and he has given me permission to tell his story. In an email he told me:

"In a session I had with Jacobs, my last one in fact, he was very self-concerned and unsympathetic. In my session, I was being approached by several of the "higher-up" beings, and they were very upset and did various unpleasant actions against me ... Instead of expressing sorrow for their ill treatment of me, he said "I'm glad that they have bigger fish to fry now besides me. You're my new best friend." He then tried to instill a message in me, using hypnosis, so they would believe that he wasn't doing anything wrong and that I was "the bad guy." After this session was over, Jacobs stated to me that he would no longer regress me unless I "felt" that they had made references to him, in which case I was supposed to contact him so he could look into it. Obviously, this was very devastating to me as I looked to Jacobs as one of the only people who could understand my situation ..."

People who do not address the issue of Dr. Jacobs' abusive behavior as a researcher, and assist him in covering it up, are just enabling him to continue his misconduct with other people.

May 12, 2010 9:23 PM

Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

Since Dr. Jacobs put the hypnotic suggestions in my mind that I had Multiple Personality Disorder, I have had an underlying sense that I have that disorder, even though I know intellectually that it is not the case. I will have that for the rest of my life. During the day, I sometimes suddenly realize that I am in the space of feeling that I have MPD. Sometimes I have a sense of it floating around me, and it is focused on my right side by my head. Recently I realized that I heard Dr. Jacobs' hypnotic suggestions that I had MPD when I was lying on my bed with the phone up to my right ear. I seem to have incorporated a sense of having MPD that at times floats around myself and focused near the area of my body where the hypnotic suggestions went into me. At other times, I just know that I have it, and then I realize that I am thinking it, and I pull myself out if it and tell myself consciously that it is not true.

Dr. Jacobs used hypnosis to instill a message into the mind of the young man who he took on as a research subject after me that he was the "bad guy", so that the "aliens" would go after him and not Dr. Jacobs. I wonder what that feels like for the young man now? Does he have an underlying sense that he is the "bad guy", and that the "aliens" should go after him? Will he have that for the rest of his life?

I have cried a lot of tears working through what Dr. Jacobs did to me. Not just the hypnotic suggestions that I had MPD, but the numerous false memories from his ongoing misuse of hypnosis, and all the other things that happened. How many other people have suffered trying to deal with similar abuse?

It is important to understand that "alien abduction" research is human subjects research. All human subjects research must have the safety of the research subjects as paramount. Where there is serious psychological abuse of research subjects, that is a matter of public interest that should be brought out into the open.

One of the reasons that "abductees" are so vulnerable as research subjects is because most of us need to preserve our anonymity. That makes it difficult for us to seek redress from the system if our protections as research

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subjects are not upheld.

Dr. Jacobs obviously knew that vulnerability, which is why he threatened to reveal my identity if I talked in public about the warning that he received from a "hybrid" (Elizabeth) on instant messenger about working with me. Now that Gene does not want me to raise criticism of Dr. Jacobs' work on his forum, he has gone for the same vulnerability.

Dr. Jacobs knows who I am, and he has verified to Gene on the Paracast show that he knows who I am by talking about me. For Gene to say that he wants "authentication" as to who I am after that is not only ridiculous, but is helping to cover up serious abuse of human research subjects.

May 13, 2010 2:27 AM

ChristChild said...

Emma,

On the bright side (and I am really reaching for this one), no one with even half a brain would be on "Gene's Side". So there is really no point for you to post anything on the Paracast Forum. Most people of intelligence who supported you have either been banned, "temporarily disallowed from posting (for a year or decade)", or just have gotten fed up and left. Who is left? Sycophants who adore the abduction myth put forward by Jacobs because it is an intrinsic part of their self-identity (ArchieBedford) or the masses of people who just find it all very entertaining and at some subconscious level know that it feeds into their innate paranoia and distrust of all mainstream thought patterns.

In other words, there is no intelligent audience on that forum for you to address. Admit that much and move on. Yes, Gene could have taken a compassionate research oriented stance on this, but that is not his purpose. The Paracast is his only income. It is there for entertainment, not serious debate or discussion. Look at what is coming up on future shows (as advertized on the Paracast): a nostalgic show looking back 50+ years at contactees (the good old days for Gene?), and another show looking back yet again at some famous UFO cases (I suppose they dig up Roswell, Area 51, Randelsham and Aztec yet again). It would be like the Catholic church ignoring the pedophil controversy and blanketing the media with their spin on 15th century sainthood!

Hopefully you can find venues more intelligent and serious. I would suggest the Paratopia forum, except for some idiotic reason they do not let anyone read it unless they are a member. Therefore, you would be speaking to a very small audience there in their forum. Plus, the Paratopia podcast is dying. So, it is time to move on. You are NOT going to get anywhere within the ufology community because for most people it is either a paycheck or an amusement.

May 13, 2010 8:58 AM

JR said...

For the record, the Paratopia Podcast is not "dying", but is changing format. Might I add, a format that is going to alleviate the repetitive nature of standard "hosts".

The "idiotic reason" for making users of the message board register, is to keep the quality level of discussion high, rather than to let every malcontent douchebag run amuck. If people don't care to spend 60 seconds to register, then they can't care about what is posted there very much now can they?

~Jeff Ritzmann
Paratopia.net

May 13, 2010 11:20 AM

Brownie said...

Gene now claims Emma wasn't banned, but wants info on her to reinstate her posting privileges. Yet his 'I Love You Gene'-posters freely call her "banned" and he didn't correct them. (See the Donna Bassett thread, in the Contactee sub-Forum for some sh*** and giggles).

I have to admit that I am amused how Gene and O'Brien (who sent me an official paracast warning because I'm a bad poster girl!), defend Experiencer-in-Crisis David Jacobs. The spineless numbnut who was willing to hypnotize Emma to plant a diagnosis of multiple personality disorder to keep the hybrids from catching him and no doubt beating the bejesus out of him! You cannot make this stuff up, it's so bad that it's good in a perverse way!

The UFO Watchdog of old would have had a field day with Jacobs, and rightly so. But it's been taken over by room-temperated IQed dipsh***.

May 13, 2010 10:06 PM

Case: ABL...

Goodbye,
Paracast: I Ban
You, EVL
SPIRITS!

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Part I**

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Part II**

**The Damage:
Shadow of the
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e Gary Haden said...

As to Emma's reality, she confirmed her identity with Ritzmann and Vaeni.

As to what the truth is, I'm not willing to undergo hypnotic regression to find it out. I prefer to read and check sources, etc.

Ritzmann, I miss you, man.

May 15, 2010 7:04 AM

e ChristChild said...

Jeff, wildly defensive as usual, I see.

What damage can READ ONLY access to a forum do?

Please answer that. READ ONLY access. Sould I write that a hundred times so you get it?

May 15, 2010 11:29 AM

e ChristChild said...

Jeff, I realized my first comment is not very helpful. So here goes:

You and Jeremy may be justifiably paranoid, I don't know. If there are indeed people or persons stalking you and/or posing as multiple people on the forum, then I can see a reason for what I see as Out-of-proportion defensiveness.

But can't you see the irony here? You are so paranoid that you will not even allow people on the internet READ ONLY (which means they can do NOTHING but read postings) access, YET YOU DEMAND THAT PEOPLE GIVE YOU THEIR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS?!?!?

Isn't there some irony there? I have been on countless forums about health (I have a serious health issue right now), politics, economics, religion, the paranormal, and ufology, among others.

ALL OF THEM ALLOW READ ONLY ACCESS! Only the Paratopia forum does not allow this. And this is seriously lowering your readership. While you may not care, if you are representing people like Emma, you are therefore lowering her access to people like me.

When I go to a forum, it is classic to find perhaps 2 or 3 members signed on, with up to 20 to 30 "guests" (read only strangers). I am sure a majority of people do not want to give YOU or any other forum master their personal email information just so they can read your forum.

Is this so hard to understand? Does that make us douche bags (lovely terminology, by the way)?

You are an intelligent person. Put asside your East Coast anger and defensiveness and look at what I am saying without rancor. Yes, I do believe Paratopia is dying. Even Jeremy admitted in the last podcast they he has only received about 4 inquiries by listeners to do shows, and has received only 1 actual interview file. Jeremy also noted that this was fine with him - he'd like to move on.

So where did I misspeak? I thought you were leaving ufology? So why are you on Gary's blog page making public statements?

You guys did a wonderful podcast, but on a personal level you guys could use some Paxil or Prozac!

May 15, 2010 12:00 PM

e JR said...

Dear Anonymous,
My guess is you're banned from our forum, likely because you exemplify the kind of troll that proliferates the online UFO community at large. Emails are a dime a dozen, and one can obtain a free one anywhere and use it for signing up to a forum - and not much else. If that's too much trouble for ya? Then you probably don't care enough to become any sort of productive community member.

That said, it's why our forums are largely free of the kind of nonsense seen on every other paranormal message board, and maintains being one of the most productive discussion boards on the subject. Paranoia has nothing to do with it.

But, like I said, you're likely one who's been banned...perhaps residing in...well you know where you are...so who are you this week Will? Male or female this time?

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Trust me, I'm all too glad to shield "Emma" from people such as yourself, if only on my forum, especially one who sees themselves as some sort of "public statement police" - I am apparently no longer able to make comments about my own podcast...thank goodness you have no real influence on anything from your comfortable, anonymous "position". I'll comment where I see fit, thanks.

Lemme whip out some of that East Coast attitude for ya, so you won't be disappointed:

Take your "personal level" advice and shove it up your ass.

I can assure everyone Paratopia is not "dying", as we've gotten many folks in the past week who wish to participate, and 2 shows largely in the can from listener-ship and research community members. I wouldn't be in the midst of building a new website if I thought it was dying. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work - but we'll try it out. Either way, life goes on.

Gary-Thank for the kind words. Jeremy and I will still be doing special episodes between user generated ones, so it isn't like we'll be devoid from the scene...I just won't be doing UFO work of any sort. I'm much more interested in ghost phenomena as of late, and feel there's much more raw data there to lay hands on.

May 16, 2010 6:46 PM

e Para said...

ChristChild is Arizona Will, my favorite (and only) internet stalker. Shock. What's funny is, he wrote to me this same complaint under a different name about the message board knowing full well that I think he's a stalker. Know who does that?--Stalkers.

Gene Steinberg is a vapid, see-through character who will not bite whichever hand he believes will feed him. He just repeats the same thing over and over like a robot without actually doing any work. Work like listening to audio tape 8, which is not a hypnosis session. Work like knowing what is actually coming out of his mouth before he says it. I find you fascinating, Gene. What motivates a guy to repeat "tapes can be edited" without listening to them to see if they are, for instance... what's the word?--Right. EDITED.

Emma Woods is anonymous in public name only. She is not anonymous to Budd or David (or me or Jeff.) It's not as if Jacobs said to Gene, "Dude, I have no idea who that is, pay no attention. She's just some anonymous poster making stuff up." He didn't say that because it wouldn't be true. She is who she claims to be and he responded to her. GET IT?

Jacobs, of course, suffers the same disease as Steinberg: He repeats "she edited the tapes" while admitting HE NEVER LISTENED TO THEM.

This whole thing top to bottom is unreal to me. I kinda miss the days of wondering if hybrids were taking over the earth. That, I could wrap my head around. This business we humans are a part of? It's just nonsense. Think about everything I just wrote and realize that I didn't say anything factually inaccurate and then realize that we're all adults.

Adults wondering why the world doesn't take us seriously.

May 16, 2010 7:50 PM

e ChristChild said...

Gary,

Do you still think these 2 guys are the greatest thing since sliced bread? They are nuts! The hatred and paranoia is just flipping nuts. No, I am not a stalker. This in itself is so insane, I cannot even fathom how someone who sounds sane on a podcast can say such things.

Aren't you 2 in your 40's? Isn't it about time you grow up and not speak in such gross adolescent terms? What I wrote (as anyone here can read) did not in anyway invoke such insane responses.

Wow. Someone get a syringe and some Lorazepam and or Paxil ready!

May 16, 2010 8:53 PM

e Para said...

What hatred and paranoia? Given all the "crazy" characters I've dealt with over the years do you really think I'd call one anonymous person I've never met a stalker for no good reason? Does that really sound like hatred and paranoia?

Well, it is if you're Arizona Will, I suppose. And how do you think Jeff and I guessed that? Freak lucky guess?

Sir, you need help, not message boards. It seems you're already familiar with

the appropriate medications. Wonder how that came about.

Gary, sorry for veering off here. I'll stop responding now.

May 17, 2010 7:04 AM

e Gary Haden said...

Guys, I'm a First Amendment guy. I want people to be able to speak freely. I know passions get heated. I wish folks would articulate their passions in ways that weren't abusive.

I understand that some commenters have a history. But I'm not the arbiter of that history. I don't know all the facts.

This particular post was on the practice of banning. As uncomfortable as I get with comments at times, I can't bring myself to adopt that practice—especially when I'm articulating controversial views. If I am going to accuse Steinberg et al of something, they are entitled to a rebuttal. So it is with commenters.

A commenter is entitled to rebuttal.

I honor Steinberg's wishes and I stay away from posting to his site. I'm not capitulating. It's just that I don't want to be where I'm not wanted. I get to practice my first amendment rights here. I've done so above.

That is what a blog can do. It is easy to start one. If anyone feels they can't express themselves on a site, they can start a blog and practice their first amendment freedoms. I recommend that to anyone who feels repressed by the practitioners of banishment. Blogger is easy to use. I highly recommend it.

I consider Steinberg's rebuttal protected speech. Who am I to try to shut him up? I wish his site functioned the same way. But essentially his site is a country club. He reserves the right to terminate memberships. He is not in the business of protecting speech. His site is monetized. This one is not.

His site is a business. This one is not. I'm trying to do a bit of journalism here—admittedly crude, but there you have it. No one has to read it.

(And until Jeff Ritzmann and Jeremy Vaeni rolled around, no one did!)

I'd like to continue to have this site protect speech. But I also don't like muggings or bar fights. I don't want to have to wade into the area of shutting people up. That would really disappoint me. I understand why banning is done. It is very tempting. I just don't want to do it myself.

That said, I can turn moderation on. It is not exactly fair when controversial topics are being addressed and someone has a rebuttal they want to post. It might be a good idea when conversations devolve into fisticuffs.

I don't have a horse in the dispute above. I guess I am being asked to take sides. If the parties believe I should take one I've provided my back-channel e-mail address in the top left corner. Otherwise, it is off-point other than in reference to banning.

So here is the disclaimer: The only views I can endorse in comments section are my own. You've seen this on DVDs. Well, it is the same disclaimer.

May 17, 2010 9:09 AM

e Para said...

I wouldn't ask you to take sides, Gary. Hope you're not reading that into what I've posted.

In fact, Will's being here isn't part of my claim that he's a stalker. He was here first! But I recognized him and called him out to make that final point that this whole human rigmarole is insane. In so doing, I became part of the insanity or at least stirred the bees nest of it. Sorry.

But here's the trickster element for you, eh?—You write a post about banning and in the process find yourself in the predicament of having to make that decision yourself.

And back to the issue of banning... I'm a fan of it in certain circumstances. There are people on message boards whose sole purpose is to needle you and frustrate you. Unless I'm getting paid or emotionally uninvolved, I see no reason to allow them to continue. You can call Harry Knowles as many awful names as you want on aintitcoolnews.com and survive there. And you know he reads comments because he responds to some of them (though not those types.) I'm guessing he can do this because he's a millionaire off that site and doesn't care. In fact, it's just as good for business to have people hate you as it is to love you, as Howard Stern found out.

But you don't get paid for this and you believe in your work. I wonder if someone were to call you a piece of shit on your blog comments here over

and over again, or denigrate your work repeatedly, how that would weigh against First Amendment advocacy.

You said people don't pay attention to your blog. What if they do? What if they become vocal about it? What if the feedback leaves you angry or depressed a lot of the time because that's what its author(s) designed to do? Is your responsibility to yourself or to free speech?

It's a subjective question, of course, there's no one-size-fits-all answer. But I am curious what your personal limit is.

To the Emma/Paracast thing - I don't see that ever being right because I don't think Gene is being honest about his motivations. Name one other person he's revoked posting privileges for because they didn't want to give him, personally, their name. That doesn't make sense and there's a whole host of evidence leading to an answer that does make sense, which is what I posted above (except I included the word "vapid" which is a personal judgment. I take it back. I don't think the rest of it is insulting, though, and if there is a better answer for it we've not heard it from him.)

Bottom line for me is: Yes it is his forum to do with as he wishes. But the moment he claim to be a gold standard or a stand-up person who just wants to get to the truth of the matter and he clearly has a lopsided position on something as vital as this issue based not on evidence but on personal bias, he is misrepresenting himself to the public. And that's a public issue.

May 17, 2010 11:05 AM

Gary Haden said..

I think you make some excellent points. I knew the issue would come up. I didn't expect it so soon. But there it is. I've got to look into what people do. It is a gut-twister. I can't be on site 24-7. If I could, it would be easier. And I don't won't people just cold-cocking the hell out of each other.

I think I'll end the war at this post. Jeff is supposed to be retired from the fray. I think Will could use a break.

And yes, the Trickster has reared its head.

May 18, 2010 6:36 AM

Gene Steinberg said..

Unfortunately some of the key claims here aren't valid. Emma Woods wasn't banned. We specifically said that on the forums. Her posting privileges were suspended until she was in a position to come clean for several obvious reasons. In this particular incident, we have someone who has created a false persona for herself and done everything she can to get attention for that fake persona. Her claims may be valid in terms of Dr. Jacobs. I have serious concerns about laymen performing hypnosis for professional reasons; worse, when it's done on the phone. Bringing this to the public's attention is a good thing and we've covered the issue fairly on The Paracast.

I also invited Emma Woods to contact me privately to express her concerns, if she has any, and she hasn't done so. That, to me, doesn't help me trust anything she has to say.

And, in case you're wondering, I have no stake in the outcome either way. I just want to discover the truth behind UFO abductions, not get involved in a he said/she said soap opera.

Gene Steinberg

June 12, 2010 9:46 AM

Gary Haden said..

I think she creates a persona for the sake of self-preservation. She isn't addressing a population know for its level-headedness. I think her anonymity privilege is a dog that won't hunt, Gene. She has a right to protect herself. What was Deep Throat supposed to do? Disgorge his identity to the Nixon Campaign?

If you want her on the show, just ask. You don't have to goad her into it.

I realize I was harsh in my post. You have a right to do what you wish with the Forum. In this case, you ended up suppressing Emma's voice. That wasn't a good thing. And asking a whistleblower to reveal her identity is not necessarily an improvement on the error.

That said, I don't believe you're evil, Gene. I just think in this instance you were wrong. I think you're trying to cover your tracks.

I'm very happy the Paracast is headed to syndication. That is where you belong. I look forward to seeing what you come up with.

Maybe a show featuring Emma Woods?

June 14, 2010 8:28 AM

Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

Gene did not contact me personally about this. He just put a post in the forum, in which he said:

"It is time we set this singular episode aside until or unless you are prepared to tell us who you really are. That means no more posts here until I see that information. You say you crave privacy and thus you keep your real identity a secret, but your public behavior demonstrates otherwise.

It's time for you to take off your mask — and when you do, I shall be happy to restore your posting privileges."

Gene is an intelligent man, and I am sure that he realizes that the one thing that I cannot do is to disclose my identity publicly, and the reasons why. I can only think that since he asked me to do the one thing that he knew that I cannot do, that he did it to prevent me from continuing to post in the forum. In effect, banning me, although I had not broken any rules.

I only posted in the Paracast forum because Gene had Dr. Jacobs on his show and allowed him to publicly defame me on that show with a free reign. Gene did not provide listeners with the specifics of my allegations, or question Dr. Jacobs about them. He simply allowed Dr. Jacobs to use his show to defame me, and then quickly moved onto other subjects. I was left in a position in which I had to defend myself. I subsequently began to post in the forum in order to do so.

Prior to Gene allowing Dr. Jacobs to publicly defame me on his show, I had not posted in the Paracast forum at all, even though my case had been discussed at length there. This was despite one of his moderators posting gratuitous insults to me in the forum, and sending me an offensive email.

The issue of Dr. Jacobs' abuse of me as a research subject has implications for how "abduction" research is conducted. It needs to be addressed by the field in order to prevent similar abuses in the future. For that to happen, it has to be brought to the awareness of the UFO research community and discussed. Shutting down that debate to protect a celebrity guest on a show is not going to facilitate that process.

June 16, 2010 12:39 AM

Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

To follow up Gene's original comment in which he said:

"...her recordings can be easily manipulated to advance her agenda."

I was recently asked to participate in a radio show on Overnight AM, along with Jeremy Vaeni and Bill Birnes to discuss the issue.

The host of Overnight AM, Lan Lamphere, analyzed one of my recordings by uncompressing it and putting it through a spectrum analyzer. He was able to confirm that it had not been manipulated at all.

June 16, 2010 12:47 AM

Gary Haden said...

Why is it that the further you look into Emma's case the worse it gets for David Jacobs? Jacobs's supporters should know by now that it doesn't get better the deeper they go.

June 16, 2010 12:27 PM

Brownie said...

Gary wrote: *"Why is it that the further you look into Emma's case the worse it gets for David Jacobs? Jacobs's supporters should know by now that it doesn't get better the deeper they go."* ---

And this is why Steinberg and most of his co-mods (past and present) such as Biedny, Schuler and Christopher O'Brien have viciously attacked Emma Woods and anyone who questioned the behavior, methodology and sanity of David Jacobs. Jacobs, by his own admission in the tapes, claims of being hunted by hybrids! And his assistant and subject Elizabeth (how's that for unprofessional?) claimed to have seen him onboard a spaceship!

Jacobs therefore is an Experiencer/Abductee! It's this embarrassment that Steinberg won't address. Posts were deleted, threads were closed and some of us were threatened with banning, if we didn't "stay in line"[his words].

All the while pro-Jacobs posters were given free reign to attack Emma and

any of us who supported her or questioned Jacobs.

Behind all of this is the sad reality that UFO Watchdog had turned essentially into a money-making scheme to support Steinberg's lifestyle, imo. And, any co-moderator who'd accept the tall-tales he's spun on behalf of himself and family members to suck money out of ufools (hey, I'm a ufool, but being from the northeast of the U.S., I'm not that foolish!) deserve to send their money to Steinberg.

As that saying goes: 'Never underestimate the gullibility of the American people' (as well as a few non-Americans, in this cause no doubt).

June 16, 2010 9:37 PM

Anonymous said...

Steinberg has quite a history as a troublemaker. I remember him from back in the old usnet days. Everywhere he went trouble soon followed. What kind of trouble you ask? Well, let's put it this way. I think the word sockpuppet was invented because of him. No need to believe me. Just to go google, then go do a search of his name in 'groups' and see for yourselves.

March 20, 2011 8:51 AM

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