

# Speculative Realms

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## On an Epic Struggle!

By Matt Graeber

This is an article I'm writing on the wing so-to-speak, as the story unfolds before my eyes. So naturally, at the moment, I have no idea how it may end or about its final direction.

About a year ago, I had read a bit about an abductee named Emma Woods (a pseudonym), used by a young woman from the Asia Pacific Region, who is at odds with the well-known American abductologist Dr. David M. Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs is an Associate Professor of 20th Century American History at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. Years ago, Dr. Jacobs wrote his thesis on the [UFO Controversy in America](#) and after that work was published he has written a few other UFO-related books on the popular abduction phenomenon.

I must here confess, I do not harbor a fondness for Dr. Jacobs or his research techniques but I shall attempt to be "fair and balanced" in writing this piece. I also do not personally know Ms. Emma Woods. We have never met and my only contacts with her have been through E-mail exchanges.

However, I do like, respect, and admire her tenacity in struggling with the abductionists, whose established academic credentials should not be linked to their ufology but are nevertheless.

Even though the "doctor" is an associate "history" professor at Temple University, he completely lacks credentials or medical training in psychology, psychiatry, social counseling, or hypnosis. Yet, he dabbles in these specific areas as a self-appointed abduction expert. The problem is UFOs (as alien space craft) and alien creatures have never been scientifically proven to exist, despite sixty-three years of very intensive research and world-wide investigation by "pro-UFO" enthusiasts and several governments. So, Emma Woods is also struggling with the "romantic anticipation" that UFOs are visiting alien space craft, even as many wishful individuals do not care to believe that one of their pro-abduction experts is tainted. So, excuses are made on the abductionists' behalf and Emma's claims are routinely dismissed.

Hmm, sounds something like devout Catholics making excuses for sexually abusive priests instead of concentrating on helping the victimized children.

Then, there is the problem of the length of time the abduction experts have in the field or UFO subculture. There are their many books, radio and TV appearances, and UFO group speaking engagements at UFO conventions to consider. They have "recognition as experts," when in fact they have no expertise beyond their own beliefs and the fawning consensus of pro-UFO enthusiasts. But, Emma had no expertise, no recognition factor, no fawning followers. So, she went to her computer and launched an information campaign to get her message out to the general public and the UFO subculture/community about the mistreatment and abuses she suffered at the hands of the experts.

This lone woman from the Asian Pacific is up against a huge amount of obstacles, opposition, and ignorance and is clearly "the underdog" in this epic struggle. She has been labeled as being mentally disturbed by an expert who is clearly not qualified to make such a diagnosis and also lacks the intestinal fortitude to identify her by her known pseudonym!

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[Dubious Book: Area 51 by Annie Jacobsen](#)  
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Of course, there is also the strange popularity of the abduction craze, with many folks finding it desirable to be forcibly kidnapped, taken aboard a UFO, and subjected to various medical procedures.

Speaking of having no name recognition, the abductees are routinely identified by pseudonyms in the abduction literature. It is the experts who are identified NOT the abductees. So, all the celebrity is funneled towards the experts' own credential-building and, despite the abductees being told it is they who are the "real" scientists, they remain unknown except by a pseudonym oftentimes given to them by the controlling abductologists. Such was decidedly not the case during the contactee movement of the past where saucer-riders and those in telepathic communion with the aliens were the celebrities and the investigators were merely case-promoting journalists.

Today, all the eggs are in the experts' baskets!

But Emma is not completely perceived as being an underdog. Instead, the experts attempt to paint her as a "whistle-blower" and someone to mistrust because of an "alleged" mental illness. However, Emma has posted the audio recordings of the expert's hypnotic misbehavior to prove her claims and the audios were sent to her by the expert himself. So, Emma did not record them without his knowledge!

Moreover, the "expert" can also be heard advising Emma to wear a chastity belt. He said he would send one to her from a sex shop he visits and he even requested she send him her "unwashed panties", while also advising her that hybrid (half human, half alien creatures) were actually after *him!* Hmmm, no mental illness *there!*

Dr. Jacobs could put an end to all Emma's arguments and claims by simply presenting one hybrid being in a courtroom!

Emma has recognized the enormity of the task before her. She knows she is the underdog and has launched a very effective information campaign on the worldwide Internet to reach the minds and hearts of people who favor UFO reality but do not like being misused and abused by the very people they had perceived as their champions and fearless "whistle-blowers," experts who would bring an end to government cover ups and UFO denials. But Emma's blowing a whistle is also recognized as a needed exposé, too.

And therein lies the very irritating rub with the experts. Emma represents the long kept-silent voice of nameless abductees and four abductees have recently joined in her speaking out with demands for better and more professional treatment.

Is it time for you to participate in this online crusade for a more professional and caring UFO Abduction Research Protocol?

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[UFO is a Truly Idiotic Acronym](#), Current Issue of Tim Printy's *SUNlite* Online publication. See also therein, *UFology Run Amok!*

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And that's the obvious (to me and many others) point that is ignored by Jacobs apologists or the people who want to poo-poo it all as a 'she said/he said'.

Jacobs is not well mentally. Yet, the majority of commentators within ufology make a point to state that Woods is not well mentally.

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I don't think you need to be a psychiatrist or psychologist to see that Jacobs \*really\* is mentally ill. Woods might be a bit neurotic and paranoid (as an experimenter I can understand that), but no where in her behavior or writings has she displayed mental illness.

~Susan

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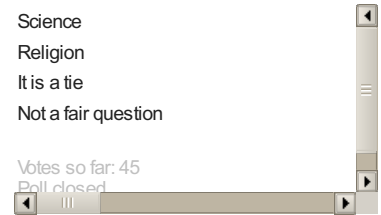
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