

# Re: Yet Another Roswell Thread

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Rand Simberg wrote:

On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 08:09:39 -0700, in a place far, far away, [ainarbb@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ainarbb@xxxxxxxxxx) made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

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If you really want to discuss this properly I suggest you and I might set up a MODERATED discussion group. I am fed up to the back teeth with both Fred McCall and Rand Simberg. It is bad enough being called an idiot when you are wrong.

Fred McCall is priceless. I do a calculation as it would be done in Bac. What do you have in Iceland? Some version of bacculariat I'll be bound. He says "Rubbish". He now expects me to take him seriouly. He says I take things out of context. He does not seem to expect me to take these things personally or lying down.

And yet when we're insanely accused of believing and writing things that we don't believe, and didn't write, we're supposed to simply ignore it?

When I was a kid, I experienced being picked on by my classmates. Let´s say I have a thick skind. There is a lot of annoying people.

Yes, I suppose it is annoying to have your irrationaliity and delusions about other people pointed out. We will continue to defend

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ourselves anyway.

Well, I recall the time I was participating in discussions on the discussion phorum run by Astronomy.com. This was around the time Bush was making up his mind about invading Iraq. I took at the time the stance that such an invasion was a bad idea, recalling the defence Bush' own father had employed when he was telling people why he had not chosen to oust Saddam during the first US/Iraq war. As I had always believed that his given reasons were sound, I argued that invading Iraq was likely to end in tears.

I am mentioning this due to the reactions my careful arguments, often written at a considerable length but after all my university degree is in the realm of international politics, and I had been watching developments in the Middle East with interest for a long time, so I had plenty of arguments. Mind you, as most present on that phorum were Americans the reactions ranged from cool over to outright hostile, some of the hostile ones feeling as I was arguing against invasion I must be no less than a supporter of Saddam Hussain.

I could have employed language of anger in reply, that would have been the easy way, but the whole time I persisted with replying in what I considered to be the calm voice of reason, avoiding harsh words. A number of those were ex military, but it appears that some retired military men are interested in the field of astronomy as a hobby.

Cheers, Einar

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