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Subject: Retraction

Hi there Mr. Maus,

Since you choose not to answer questions directly but to take a rather cowardly, evasive approach, only posting your comments and my challenges on two different websites, I will attempt to get clarification regarding your retraction.

1. Now you state that you "never retracted anything." So, since your argument was that the trees in the photos you used in the opening, foundational part of your presentation were "similar and therefore the same model tree", and you also stated that Meier used model UFOs, do you still stand by those statements?
2. Apart from the illustration of the three trees you used, which actually proves the exact opposite of what you claimed, i.e. clearly illustrates that they are NOT the same tree, what actual EVIDENCE do you have that they are?
3. Are you saying that the statements of six forestry experts, which attest to the fact that the trees are full-sized, mature trees of specific species, are false?
4. What EVIDENCE do you have that they are wrong or deliberately lying?
5. What EVIDENCE do you have for the existence, let alone the availability to Meier, of model trees portraying the exact same species, size, anomalies, etc. of the trees in the photos?
6. What EVIDENCE do you have that Uncharted Territory is wrong when they said that the UFOs in Meier's photos and films are NOT models?

Now I realize that you are in the "entertainment industry" and probably don't think that since you do impersonations of an "investigator" you should be held to high ethical and professional standards (such as presenting proof of your claims) but incompetence is not an excuse for defamation. And, since you state these things (and numerous others, including that we violated an agreement with you) as facts and not opinions, you are required to substantiate or retract them.

Since you haven't substantiated them but instead have conceded - in writing - how weak your case is, and since we're not exactly dealing with a grown up here, the word "retracts" appears to be not only completely accurate but clearly sums up your over all incompetence and weak character.

Now, unless you want to try to salvage your argument - and your reputation as a

bumbler - with facts and EVIDENCE to back up your claims, it is really a kindness on my part to have used the word "retracts", as it credits you with taking responsibility, and implicitly apologizing for, your blatant logical, factual and ethical failures.

You are, and have always been, free to prove otherwise.

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