



## Comment from Raymond Fowler on the Emma Woods article

Hi,

Kudos to Bill Birnes for publishing this article. It reminds me of Toto pulling back the curtain to expose the self-proclaimed Wizard of Oz if Emma is being truthful. If true, I wonder how many other Emma's are out there being influenced by someone who is just started to take hypnosis lessons. Her story, if true undermines the validity of Jacob's research and conclusions. I found it incredible that he actually believed that his life was in danger from the very entities that he may have created himself. I am disappointed that others in the field are criticizing its publication. Perhaps they too have Emma's in their closet. Rather than conforming to the so-called party line critics should at least be open to the possibility that Emma is telling the truth and be willing to examine both sides of the question objectively. Hopefully UFO Magazine will continue to examine both sides of this case so other researchers and those who have read Jacob's books will be able to judge the truth of the matter on the basis of strong evidence. Thus far (based on the contents of the article) I am disappointed in the way Jacobs and reportedly how Hopkins have reacted.

Best,

Ray Fowler

Posted on 11.2.2010 by [Lesley](#) | [11 Comments](#)

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Well said, Sir, I hope more persons with gravitas follow your lead to speak out in support of "best practice" on this matter forgetting, for a moment, some righteous satisfaction for Ms. "Woods."

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November 2, 2010 | [Alfred Lehberg](#)

Why is Jacobs fair game while Budd Hopkins and other abduction researchers get a free pass? All of them use highly questionable methods in "recovering" abduction memories.

Meanwhile, you're elevating this woman to martyr status, and I'm sure she's lapping it up. But what about the countless victims of other abduction researchers?

I don't like Jacobs, but that's not the point. He's not the only problematic researcher; he's just the one Ufology has decided to prosecute as an easy target.

Is Ufology afraid to go after the others because it believes that would call into question not only abductions, but ultimately the UFO phenomenon itself?

Well, many of us don't believe that just because alien abductions might ultimately prove to be unreal, that means UFOs are unreal as well. By hanging onto alien abductions as "proof," Ufology is just shooting itself in the foot.

November 3, 2010 | [PurrlGurr!](#)

PG... Why is Jacobs fair game while Budd Hopkins and other abduction researchers get a free pass?

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...some too much, ma'am, and seem to err everywhere. In the first place, I suspect Abduction researchers extant are feeling, or are going to feel, the residual heat on this affair which has yet to fully shake out. In the second, Hopkins was put on hard notice right here at the start of the thread to which you contribute. In the third, Jacobs seems caught flagranta. No one else is caught on tape begging for undergarments and suggesting sex toys, eh? If all was as you'd proposed, ma'am, Jacobs would still be in un-tethered operation.

PG... All of them use highly questionable methods in "recovering" abduction memories.

LEHM... In your opinion, you forgot to add.

PG... Meanwhile, you're elevating this woman to martyr status, and I'm sure she's lapping it up. But what about the countless victims of other abduction researchers?

LEHM... Assuming a legion of such as you have, it may be these are emboldened to come forward as EW has. Then an EW elevated to "martyr status" might make sense, even to you. Though I'm willing to bet there are no such "legions" and that abduction researchers are by and large good women and men as moral as Job and as ethical as Socrates who refrain from the "goat-boy" proclivities of "ONE" person disgracing himself.

PG... I don't like Jacobs, but that's not the point. He's not the only problematic researcher; he's just the one Ufology has decided to prosecute as an easy target.

LEHM... I \_loved\_ Jacobs, but that's not the point. The point is that Ufology is largely \_refraining\_ from prosecuting even an \_easy\_ target. To wit: perhaps we are more afflicted by problematic \_critics\_ than we ever are by problematic \_researchers\_. Present company is not excluded.

PG... Is Ufology afraid to go after the others because it believes that would call into question not only abductions, but ultimately the UFO phenomenon itself?

LEHM... That's pretty ridiculous right on its face, ma'am. Though I suspect that the preceding may reflect projections of your own outlook, eh? That's my intuition.

PG... Well, many of us don't believe that just because alien abductions might ultimately prove to be unreal, that means UFOs are unreal as well. By hanging onto alien abductions as "proof," Ufology is just shooting itself in the foot.

LEHM... ...And why would it shoot itself in the foot when there are ready persons like yourself doing it with so much more elastic verve and unmasked glee, eh?

November 3, 2010 | [Alfred Lehmborg](#)

Emma has provided reams of data including audio files of her phone conversations and hypnosis sessions. That's why.

November 3, 2010 | [Jeremy Vaeni](#)

<b>PG- Why is Jacobs fair game while Budd Hopkins and other abduction researchers get a free pass? All of them use highly questionable methods in "recovering" abduction memories.</b>

Jacobs is the authority, the power. Jacobs is the one who thinks alien hybrids are responsible for hacking emails, chasing after both himself and others, (yet can't find addresses; just how smart are these aliens anyway -- if they can travel from Planet Dooby Doo to earth, you'd think they could figure out how to get an address), Jacobs asked for <i>worn panties to be sent to him unwashed,</i> Jacobs is the one who made, over and over and over threats in

Internet Archive aggressive tones to this informant, Jacobs is the one who  
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planted the suggestion that Woods had MPD, -- hello?! --  
 someone trying to figure out what happened, and, when  
 not so quick to accept Jacobs theories on what happened, even though it  
 happened to her, not him, he became bullying, unprofessional, inappropriate,  
 and manipulative.

As to "other researchers" other researchers haven't (yet) been exposed as yet.  
 When and if they do, one hopes they are held up to the light of inspection as  
 well. Hopkins hasn't been given a "free pass," he's been critized, but, again, no  
 one's come forward with allegations along the lines of Jacobs.

While some researchers use hypnosis, which is a questionable and misguided  
 method, Jacobs has gone beyond that.

The abduction phenomena is real; for those it happens to, ... what that is,  
 exactly, is another issue. Literal, or not.. but, can't deny it at least  
 appears real to those going through it. To reject it altogether is  
 ignorant; to accept it as absolute proof it's literally real is gullible. But  
 somewhere in between those two choices are all kinds of possibilities.

PG- Meanwhile, you're elevating this woman to martyr status, and I'm sure  
 she's lapping it up.  
 You're sure she's "lapping it up?" -- you know her, do you?

Did you read Vaeni's article?

November 3, 2010 | [Regan Lee](#)

Bravo Mr. Fowler! Thankyou for speaking up!

Kind Regards,

Susan

November 4, 2010 | [Susan](#)

If ever there were a dude who has earned a good tar and feathering, it is  
 Jacobs. In fact, he deserves more than that. If ever there were a real victim,  
 it is Emma Woods.

This is not about drawing UFOlogical battle lines. It is about idiots messing  
 with people's minds. Hopkins does himself no favors by supporting Jacobs. If  
 Hopkins does not recognize the egregiousness of Jacobs' folly, then he only  
 shows himself to be as unaware as Jacobs himself.

I suppose UFOlogy will get a black eye for its lax practices around hypnosis.  
 That is too bad, because it does not take much knowledge to avoid these  
 pitfalls. But it does take a person whose primary concern is their subject and  
 not their "research". I think perhaps it is the "researcher" meme that truly  
 deserves the black eye. People with agendas should not be practicing hypnosis.

The lesson for Jacobs (and perhaps Hopkins too) would be not to believe  
 everything you think. Mr. Fowler, thanks for your thoughts. I am in complete  
 agreement with them.

November 4, 2010 | [Mike Good](#)

I agree, it doesn't take much to avoid these pitfalls. In fact, here's a prominent  
 hypnotist in the UK telling us exactly what it takes--GETTING RID OF HYPNOSIS.

<http://www.adam-eason.com/2010/10/08/should-hypnosis-be-used-to-recover-memories-does-hypnosis-increase-the-chances-of-false-memory-syndrome/>

November 4, 2010 | [Jeremy Vaeni](#)

This was a superior effort by Jeremy Vaeni and a brave stance by UFO Mag. Mr.  
 Fowler's views are also brave, given the tremendous pressure that exists to tow  
 the party line.

Given that Budd Hopkins, at last report, was battling serious illness, the  
 apparent leniency people see in his treatment is not surprising. I'm not by any  
 means a fan of his but I don't see the virtue in kicking him when he's down.  
 When he's back at full strength confrontation might be appropriate, but not  
 now.

November 9, 2010 | [Gary Haden](#)

I notice Jacobs' kid is now writing about him -- <http://io9.com/5686778/my-dad-the-ufo-expert>

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...Or some heavy denial... and understandable – exactly what a psychopath's son would be expected to say if the apple didn't bounce too far from the tree.

But I have to wonder...

Did his son listen to the tapes? I have. Did he hear nervous giggles and lurid suggestions, the utter professional malfeasance, and the complete disregard for the mental health and wounded sensibilities of a fellow human being? Did he hear his father throw another human being under a cognitive bus for his own cowardly –if not criminal– convenience and personal gain?

Did he listen to the tapes? The tapes have an undenied veritas and Emma Woods, a woman remarkably sane when you don't have a dog in the hunt, has shown a lot more cognition, it would seem, than Dr. Jacobs has shown to date, in my opinion.

No, a closer look at the Emma Woods case would disabuse any obvious sympathies somewhat, I suspect. DJ treated this woman abominably, imo; he raped her in a non-physical sense, betrayed reasonable expectations of some kind of professional behavior by Woods regarding the doctor and then, again, threw her under a bus with a hypnotic suggestion that she had a severe mental disorder... when she started asking questions and threatening suspected pecuniary considerations. All this seems abundantly plain on the tapes. Please show me where I err.

I'm not a Jacobs hater. Quite the contrary. I've always had a high appreciation of him. I've spoken with him at length. I was convinced of his total sincerity. I bought his books -- attended his lectures and workshops. I respected the milieu. I am not dismissive of method.

...But this affair strains all bounds of best practice and is entirely apart from those things. I'm as astonished as I am outraged. I feel a little betrayed myself.

No... Dr. Jacobs erred but erred hugely and would do well to step off. Step down. Step away.

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