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Author	Topic: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation' (Read 334 times)
<p>etterscab New Magnie member is offline</p> <p></p> <p>Joined: Aug 2006 Posts: 12</p>	<p> Dr Russon's 'Proclamation' « Thread Started on Dec 18, 2006, 12:35pm » quote</p> <hr/> <p>I understand this publication from one of the local doctors has been distributed free to every household in Northmavine. What do folk make of it?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Link to Post - Back to Top Logged</p>
<p>Fiona Administrator member is offline</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Joined: Aug 2006 Posts: 265 Location: Republic of Northmavine</p>	<p> Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation' « Reply #1 on Dec 18, 2006, 1:24pm » quote</p> <hr/> <p>I was just a bit bemused when I opened it and wasn't sure who had sent it at first. Even more bemused when I flicked it over to the back cover and saw, "Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time." ??? </p> <p>To be honest, I haven't had time to read it in depth but I suppose Dr Russon must be very serious about his religion and very committed to take the time and money to write, produce and send out copies of his booklet to everyone in the area. I'm presuming he's chosen this time of year to send it out in an attempt to make people think about the Christ part of Christ-mas? He's certainly got people talking <someone remarking they felt it a bit of an intrusion> and has now got a thread on here about it, so perhaps it's working to an extent!</p> <p>What is the "Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time" bit about??</p>

What are your thoughts, etterscab, and what do others make of it?

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DavidJam

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I shall say a little
well, not a lot badly



Joined: Aug 2006

Gender: Male 

Posts: 271

Location: Gluss

 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #2 on Dec 18, 2006, 5:35pm »



I acknowledged it by replying on here... i shouldn't have done.

I'll sum up my thoughts... "keep your beliefs to yourself".

« *Last Edit:* Dec 18, 2006, 5:41pm by
[DavidJam](#) »

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etterscab

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 12


 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #3 on Dec 18, 2006, 7:58pm »



Here's my problem: Dr Russon's little book draws pseudo-factual conclusions from one of the world's great mythologies. It's an old trick: Choose a bizarre premise and then argue pseudo-logically from it or within it. He then attacks one of the world's other great mythologies - Islam - which he coyly portrays as 'worship of the Babylonian moon-god' in a way which is offensively close to inciting religious hatred.

But what really upsets me is the Take That symbols on the cover. Why involve Gary Barlow in all this? I mean, it's one thing to be a fan...

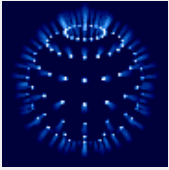
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specialk

I'm a Magnie!



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Gender: Female

Posts: 109

**Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #4 on Dec 18, 2006, 9:33pm »



christmas is actually a pagan celebration....as with most of the christian holidays i.e. easter.
and if you watch QI at all then you will know that the story of jesus is the same as some sun god centuries before christianity.

(ive not read what Dr Russon sent round, i'm just talking in general)

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i'm afraid i'm not a local...please don't begrudge me for it

[Here to bring abit of colour into your life](#)

southerlygale

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Dec 2006

Posts: 2

**Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #5 on Dec 18, 2006, 10:17pm »



Plain scarymonsters. 'His dark materials' has nothing on this.While his views are of course sincerely held...

Dr Russon clearly feels he is a prophet and needs to tell us... Satan in the pulpit? Allah equals the Babylonian Moon God equals Satan. I find it creepy and offensive. No doubt I'll get struck down....

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Location: Gluss

**Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #6 on Dec 18, 2006, 11:38pm »



Dec 18, 2006, 10:17pm, southerlygale wrote:

No doubt I'll get struck down....

Not from me... you'll just get a telling nod of agreement.

From my view... the quicker forgotten the better. Any amount of debate on such activity is a waste of my time. Feel free to send me any religious garbage as long as it makes you feel better. It'll always have a special place in my bin. But, if it makes you feel better, and doesn't affect me... then i guess some greater good has come from it. I'd really prefer not to have the attempt at preaching, but its only being preached at if i let it be.

urgh, why am i still writing on this subject...

etterscab

New Magnie



member is offline



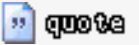
Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 12



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #7 on Dec 19, 2006, 3:04pm »



Important surely NOT to ignore anything which could have a harmful effect on those unable to participate in such excellent fora as this.

heimdal

Peerie Magnie



member is offline



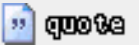
Joined: Sept 2006

Posts: 77



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #8 on Dec 19, 2006, 7:53pm »



All I know about it is what I have read here, but it does sound a bit uncalled for and the sort of thing that might worry some poor souls. If an answer is needed, there's always the Up Helly Aa bill coming up, a good place for retribution 🙏

bonna

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Sept 2006

Posts: 8



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #9 on Dec 21, 2006, 9:59am »



Like David, I really wish I didn't have to respond to this issue (apathy being the most appropriate response by far), but I do.

Several people I know were deeply resentful of what they regarded was an intrusion into their privacy - especially if they were genuinely encountering some kind of a "time of trouble" which, as far as they knew, was a private matter. It seemed as if someone had been spying on them. Also, the fact that he'd used the very imperfect "mailing list" from the Shetland phonebook meant that many folk did NOT receive this drivel, making it seem as if he had been targeting certain people (until it became obvious where he'd got his names from...)

So, not necessarily harmless claptrap, but potentially a festive season spoiler for some people. NOT a good idea, Doc.

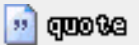
"Physician heal thyself"

mhay
Calendar Group
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member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006
Posts: 59

Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'
« Reply #10 on Dec 21, 2006, 11:07am »



Dec 21, 2006, 9:59am, bonna wrote:

. Also, the fact that he'd used the very imperfect "mailing list" from the Shetland phonebook meant that many folk did NOT receive this drivel, making it seem as if he had been targeting certain people (until it became obvious where he'd got his names from...)

Ah.....now I understand why we didna receive the aforementioned proclamation.....an I thought it was because we were beyond redemption!!

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I shall say a little well, not a lot badly



Joined: Aug 2006
Gender: Male
Posts: 271
Location: Gluss

Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'
« Reply #11 on Dec 21, 2006, 12:20pm »



If only I were "beyond redemption"... if only *longs to be classified as such*, den maybe I widna get aa dis hellery sprootled at me every noo and again. Beyond redemption, beyond realms of preachhood. I wish!

And of course it was distrubted free to every (or most) household(s), to do so contrary would run the risk of folk not listening to the 'ultimate truth'... because apparently, if you have a belief distinct from most religious tripe, you are wrong and in need of saviour. It never ceases to amaze me how they never receive 'free information packs' proclaiming what a lot of hellery they are trootling on about. Would they appreciate me sending leaflets arguing undeniably (if they actually chose to appreciate the argument and not hide under their 'faith') just the extent of the garbage dey ir rabbiting on aboot? I widna think so... but that is precisly what they are doing to all who receive their 'teaching'. Denying my right and choice to follow my own version of reality.

I feel sorry for those who can't accept the unknown. Filling it with falsity doesn't make it any more true, quite the opposite, it makes it doubly false. But if thats the reality you wish to live life and it makes it easier to face up to certain life situations thats fine. Fundamentally, if you just realised how insignificant everything that makes up our human world is and more importantly, how such a skewed appreciation from a perspective limited to that of most humans, maybe you wouldn't need to find answers. The conitnual quest for self justification in the name of religion often strikes me as little other than arrogant and self centred.

I really hope in 2-3-400 years they look back and laugh at 'us' (being that no doubt i'll be bundled in with it by then). Hope they find the Doc's 'Proclamation' and find it little but amusing. You know, the earth was flat not so long ago.

I could go on, or indeed, I could back over this and make it much better... but i won't.

« Last Edit: Dec 21, 2006, 12:49pm by DavidJam »

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mrgluss

New Magnie



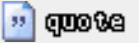
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Joined: Aug 2006
Posts: 9

 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #12 on Dec 28, 2006, 11:40am »



Weel weel, what seemed to me to be a fairly incoherent cobbling together of fundamentalist christian ideas has certainly prompted some debate on the subject! I didna get a copy but I purloined wan aff somebody else, so intrigued was I by da stooshy. So if wan o da aims o da booklet wis ta get folk thinkin about religion over Christmas, it certainly managed dat.

I gave up on organised christianity a lang time ago (as a bairn I decided dat any faith which included stonin and crucifyin folk should be avoided), but each tae dir ain.

I quite lik da idea o a Babylonian moon god though - maybe we could invent wir ain Northmavine brand o moon god worship? We could look tae da bannock boys ta design da rituals, an I tink it wid be essential ta include da wearin o headsquares (fur both sexes). Anybody fancy it?

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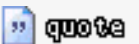
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Joined: Aug 2006
Gender: Male 
Posts: 271

 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**

« Reply #13 on Dec 29, 2006, 12:15pm »



Front page Shetland Times... good publicity for the website 

Having read throug the article in the paper, I put my trust into the General Medical Council. It would also appear that the good Doctor is lying as to his method of posting out the Proc... claims he used the electoral list... but he didn't... did he. Not that it really matters, but just makes it all the more wrong. Targeted his own practice area, with beliefs that many would have found profoundly inappropriate. I really do feel for any folk who had been having a bad time of it and then received that tripe in the post. You read the back and instantly thought "what hard time am i supposed to have had... does he mean *insert something bad recently*, or *another thought*..." followed by, anger that you'd be sent some religious twaddle to make it even worse and to make you think of event you might have wished to have left alone.

You had no idea it was sent to everybody, you felt targeted. You felt you had been singled out as somebody who needs "support". Not that it

makes it much better that he sent it to over 200 folk... just spreads the magnitude of the wrong, being that he's still targetting a selected audience.

He says he thought it was just a restatement of commonly held Christian belief... great, fantastic, but why would I or any other non-religious (or follower of other religion) want to hear about it. We all have the ability to form our own judgement (which he claims he isn't trying to attack anybody's faith), so why send it out in the first place. What was the purpose then? To spend £700 just to tell us what he thinks? I doubt it. And even though it might be a restatement of commonly held Christian belief, importantly... it mentions with his own views on the matter. That again makes it all the worse. It's not just a plain christian message, its one which dictates a personal view. The more i think about this the creepier it gets and i'm only scratching the surface here. Some of the extracts in the paper are skin crawlingly hideous. I was going to comment on one aspect, but i can't bring myself to write the shocking description he used to express it... you just can't attack other religions, how is that ever going to be helpful... *rolls eye, sighs, shrugs, gets ready to stop typing on this*

He contradicts himself, he's unduly worried a hell of a lot of folk, he's angered a great deal many more... if thats the role of a doctor, i'd like to see the code for that practice. Even though I have never had anything to do with the Hillswick practice, being that he still managed to affect me, I sincerely hope he is not allowed back. You can have your belief... that is a free country... you cannot in an authoritative position like a doctor, use the defence (which is a crap one) of it being a free country for imposing your belief on others. To believe to the contrary, is just an overwhelming indication to me that you are not fit for such a position. You have to have more bloomin common sense!

Good publicity for the website though 🙏 *sings* "always look on the bright side of life... da du, da du da du da du". Now to have some miserable times with my terrible unfulfilling faith. 😞 ... or to put it another way, a fine time, like i always have (with my clearly terrible unfulfilling faith)! 😊

allahisamoongod

New Magnie



member is **online**



Joined: Dec 2006

Posts: 1



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #14 on **Today** at 5:06am »



quote



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All this complaining about a Christian doing a little bit of evangelism, probably by the same people who don't mind trashing Christianity at a drop of a hat. Tshch, Tshch! Anyway, Islam's Allah has now been proven to be a moon-god. See:

<http://answering-islam.org.uk/Responses/Saifullah/moonotheism.htm>

or

<http://www.angelfire.com/moon/yoelnatan/moonotheism.htm>

See www.yoel.info for all of Yoel Natan's books.

Allah is a moon-god

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Topic: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation' (Read 490 times)

etterscab

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 13



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #15 on Jan 1, 2007, 12:12pm »



quote

I fear that most recent post, by someone whose fatuous online nickname may well be a serious Islamic blasphemy, misses the point, probably deliberately.

Can we please have a little consideration for Shetland's Islamic community in this discussion and beyond? Moderators?

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DavidJam

Super Mod



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I shall say a little well, not a lot badly



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #16 on Jan 1, 2007, 12:22pm »



quote

Just spotted the post etterscab...

Well aware they have, no doubt, deliberately missed the point.

It would be appreciated if contributions were kept away from 'jibe' territory. If you have a point to make, by all means make it, but tongue in cheek without the joke, is not very clever at all.

David

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Pat

Moderator



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Gender: Female

Posts: 248



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #12 on **Today** at 2:38pm »



quote

This thread was previously locked due to complaints regarding the content of certain links contained in posts.

The thread has been reopened, however, any offending material **will** be removed.

Pat

« *Last Edit:* **Today** at 2:59pm by [Pat](#) »

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crofter

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Oct 2006

Posts: 4



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #13 on **Today** at 2:45pm »



quote

Well done Pat.

I agree with freedom of speech as long as it is not offensive.

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etterscab

New Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 15



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #14 on **Today** at 4:10pm »



quote


Yes, good move. I've deleted my rather intemperate posting on our democratic right to comment when community councillors can choose to speak anonymously (see Scotman article).


Actually, should community councillors all be anonymous, all the time? Would that make it more representative?



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Author **Topic: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation' (Read 675 times)**


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


 Joined: Jan 2007
 Posts: 4


 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**
 « Reply #15 on **Today** at 4:18pm »  quote

Balance changed. more representative? impossible to say.


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allahisamoongod
 New Magnie

 member is **online**

 
 Joined: Dec 2006
 Posts: 2

 **Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'**
 « Reply #16 on **Today** at 4:22pm »
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Actually, your deleting a few links you think are offensive is sickingly offensive censorship:
<http://yoelnatanbooks.blogspot.com/2006/12/allah-is-moon-god-pamphlet-lands.html>

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Pat

Moderator



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Posts: 248



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #16 on Jan 5, 2007, 4:36pm »

I have just deleted a post.

It is the job of a moderator to delete as they see fit - right or wrong.

All other internet links on this thread will be deleted as Moderators see fit.

Pat

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Northmavine Initiative at the Edge Development Worker

mrgluss

New Magnie



member is offline

Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 14



**Re: Dr Russon's
'Proclamation'**

« Reply #17 on Jan 5, 2007, 4:44pm »

It seems to me that the job of a moderator is by definition to censor the content. It's a difficult job, but thankfully some folk are willing to take the flack and do it. As I don't hold any strong religious views, whatever folk have to say is OK by me, but we have to acknowledge that for some this issue is a very sensitive one. So maybe we should all stop going on about it? Or perhaps a debate on the nature of censorship would be much more interesting?

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allahisamoongod

New Magnie



member is offline

Joined: Dec 2006

Posts: 3



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #18 on Yesterday at 12:18am »

A complaint about the censorship of this forum has been posted here where you can also find a link to the forum entries you deleted:

[http://www.shetlink.com/modules.php?](http://www.shetlink.com/modules.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&p=34072#34072)

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heimdal

Peerie Magnie



member is offline



Joined: Sept 2006

Posts: 90



**Re: Dr Russon's
'Proclamation'**

« Reply #19 on Yesterday at 12:46am »

Complaint posted by YOU, ron386 is it ? Not too welcome at Shetlink either, troll.

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benjiesmum

Peerie Magnie




member is offline



When everything's coming your way - you're in the wrong lane.

Joined: Jan 2007

Gender: Female 

Posts: 68

Location:
Flintshire, North
Wales

Re: Dr Russon's



'Proclamation'

« Reply #20 on Yesterday at 6:57am »

It is a pity "allahisamoongod" that you feel it necessary to be so contentious on such a site as this. Everybody chatting about everyday things being friendly - and then this. I have read bits about this Doctor and his publication - and sure we are all entitled to free speech but when it offends others I think one should temper freedom of speech with sensitivity and reason. May I point out that if someone in a public institution gave themselves a posting name like you have they would be suspended immediately. I am not particularly religious, but find your tone offensive. There is no need for it. I can see from the above reply that you are setting out to be provocative rather than to enter into reasoned debate and discussion. Sorry, but that's how I feel and that is my right to freedom of speech. Furthermore religion, like politics, is an entirely private matter. The days when people tried to convert through fear (as did missionaries a few centuries ago) are long gone. Perhaps the good doctor's production costs, of I believe £700 (?) would have been more wisely spent giving it to a local or national charity. There's a christian act for you. I might have more to say later!

« *Last Edit:* Yesterday at 7:32am by [benjiesmum](#) »

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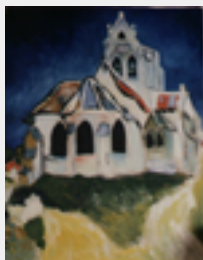
Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Fiona

Administrator



member is offline



Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 272

Location:

Re: Dr Russon's



'Proclamation'

« Reply #21 on Yesterday at 10:45am »

Yesterday at 12:18am, allahisamoongod wrote:

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[name=Forums&file=viewtopic&p=34072#34072](http://www.shetlink.com/modules.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&p=34072#34072)

I'm admin on this board. I'm going to be unavailable during this morning and afternoon but would like to reply to this when I can, hopefully this evening.

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mucklelaalie

New Magnie



member is offline

Joined: Jan 2007

Posts: 20



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #22 on Yesterday at 12:44pm »

Think i'll just leave this one be... pootlin about at something else seems a better idea. Lazily striding, quite contently, away from such areas (if only mentally) *whistling as he goes*.

*picks up guitar or camera or wallet * 😊 😊

post post update... it was the guitar 😊

« Last Edit: Yesterday at 12:46pm by mucklelaalie »

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Fiona

Administrator



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Joined: Aug 2006

Posts: 272

Location:

Republic of Northmavine



Re: Dr Russon's 'Proclamation'

« Reply #23 on Today at 12:31am »

Below is an excerpt from one of the websites and blogs by 'allahisamoongod' (Yoel Natan) where he discusses in depth his techniques for promoting and selling his 'POD-published books'. POD-published books (Print On Demand or Publish On Demand) are books by authors who wish to self-publish.

From the Wikipedia definition of Print on Demand:

"The invention of POD led directly to a new category of publisher that offers services directly to authors who wish to self-publish, usually for a fee." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Print_on_Demand

Excerpt from Yoel Natan's blog:

"Using the Internet to Sell a POD-Published Book

Authors ought to look into creating Web sites and blogs, using Google Adwords, Ebay, chat rooms, and email, all to get the word-of-mouth going about their books. Whenever making comments in someone else's blog, make sure to leave your email, and a link to the your Web site."

http://people.lulu.com/blogs/view.php?find=&sort_mode=created_desc&offset=10&blog_id=186

The fact that Yoel Natan has attempted to post numerous

links promoting the sale of his own books is tantamount to spamming this forum. Yoel Natan has also attempted to also spam the Shetlink forum, where his efforts have also not been particularly well received. As well as containing various links to the sale of his own books, his post on Shetlink regarding the Northmavine forum contains many inaccuracies.

As we do not allow spamming on this forum, it has been deemed necessary to put a ban on this user. We are not going to enter into debate on this issue in this forum and we request that users do not make any further posts regarding this matter or user here. If any user has concerns regarding this matter which they wish to bring to the attention of forum staff they can pm me and the message will be passed on to all forum staff.

Thank you for your help and co-operation in this matter.