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Tim O'Donnell — 06 Jul 2010, 14:38

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Subject: Re: (urth) The mystery of the image of an astronaut cleaned by Rudesind

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Jane Delawney — 06 Jul 2010, 22:46 · in reply to Tim O'Donnell

On 06/07/10 15:38, Tim O'Donnell wrote:

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Which is either a recommendation or a warning. have to say I find quite a number of Borski's interpretations more than somewhat fanciful. Was intending to ask about this on list but Tim got in there ahead of me

- making me wonder if there might be a 'consensus' regarding Borski ... if he's on this list I have missed him, Ohai Robert if you're out there, I have read your stuff with huge amounts of interest but also some skepticism!

As usual modifying the header because if I don't I will not receive my post on list or otherwise, stupid ISP :)

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