

question

The Urth list — 4 messages, 4 voices, 20 May 2011

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Sergei SOLOVIEV — 20 May 2011, 17:06

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one of a very few places where I found the explanation not plausible, and maybe even some misconception of GW himself (usually he is very careful with scientific explanations - of course they can be fantastic, but usually plausible in the context). It is said that inside the flier there is a certain quantity of antimatter. It is said that it has negative mass and it is repulsed by Urth. The flier is kept near the surface of Urth by force (ropes). It looks strange then that while flying it remains within the atmosphere, but even more - that it falls when it is hit by some enemy missile AND that there is no enormous explosion when the antimatter enters in the contact with the atmosphere.

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James Wynn — 20 May 2011, 17:36 · in reply to Sergei SOLOVIEV

Sergei,

This one went through. urth at lists.urth.net is the right one. However, if you use multiple accounts make sure you are SENDING use the account you used to subscribe to the list. This

mistake gets me sometimes.

J

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David Duffy — 21 May 2011, 11:49 · in reply to Sergei SOLOVIEV

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Cheers, David Duffy.

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Jerry Friedman — 23 May 2011, 04:44 · in reply to David Duffy

From: David Duffy <davidD at qimr.edu.au>

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Another example, pointed out by Michael Andre-Driussi, is the Green Room.

Jerry Friedman