

The Anti-Orange Man Cult

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How do you know you are in an end-time cult?

When you won't accept the complete and utter failure of your prophecies when they come a cropper.

So, am I talking about the classic Leon Festinger, Henry W. Riecken, and Stanley Schachter study in social psychology, *When Prophecy Fails: A Social and Psychological Study of a Modern Group that Predicted the Destruction of the World?* In that work, social scientists infiltrated an eschatological cult to see how they would react when their prophecy of end times failed.

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What did the cultists do?

Many doubled down, tweaked their original prophecy, and continued in their previous beliefs but with greater fervor.

But no. I am not talking about that,



not directly.

I refer to the Mueller Report.

“For years, every pundit and Democratic pol in Washington hyped every new Russia headline like the Watergate break-in,” writes Matt Taibbi in “It’s official: Russiagate is this generation’s WMD?” Noting that while the story as it was hyped from the beginning was about espionage, a “secret relationship between the Trump campaign and Russian spooks who’d helped him win the election,” the biggest thing to come of it has been “Donald Trump paying off a porn star.”

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To shed a tear and get all choked up, like Rachel Maddow? That *should* signal the end time for the cult.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.