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This talks about Ron Paul.

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There aren't many other explanations that I can think of for how cultures thousands of years ago would have been aware of very advanced physics and mathematics and astronomy, and have been able to build things like the great pyramids where there are block of stone that we could not even lift with our current technology, then put together with laser-like precision that also would be difficult if not impossible for us to mimic. Many of the stories that talked about these sun g-ds and their burning chariots and mating with human beings and so on seemed wild and crazy to me, until I spent 10-15 years immersed in the literature, cross correlating different facts from different civilizations. And then the key moment came, what I call the maybe moment when you do enough homework and a window opens in your mind and you go "HUH...well, maybe..." and you start to seriously consider it rather than reject it just on face value because you have been taught to ridicule the topics.

Daily Bell:

Has it ever occurred to you that you're a traitor to your class? Are you getting the cold shoulder?

Foster Gamble:

I certainly anticipated some of it but I am delighted to say I haven't gotten a single bit of it. Nothing.

Daily Bell:

We were touched by the movie, because it is only the shred of a dream now that Western e-ites will actually stick up for civil society. The idea that someone initially from the moneyed class would do so is surprising. What are your ulterior motives?

Foster Gamble:

I truly appreciate responsible skepticism, and I truly have learned to be more and more skeptical, particularly of people who might, by association, have some sort of hidden agenda. So it was excruciating for me. The two months between the time the trailer came out and when the film came out were really emotionally challenging for me because here I gave a lifetime's work of an offering to humanity and then a whole lot of people on the Internet are writing it off because of some sort of imagined i-luminati symbolism, or because of what my great, great grandfather did. I could hardly believe it at first. Then I realized, I understand that. I'll just have to wait till they can actually see the film, do their due diligence on Kimberly and mine's lives, and then they can decide for themselves. I can't convince everyone.

What I learned in business is that you provide what you can to early adopters, to those people we are actually ready to integrate something new and I am happy to say that most of that conversation has dwindled since the film came out.

Kimberly and I have lived lives of great compassion and integrity, and we didn't anticipate that someone would dig up something nasty from our lives, or uncover our true scheme or something like that,

because there just isn't any. What is happening now bit-by-bit, just like on your site, people who are actually willing to do their homework on Thrive, on the website and on our lives are going through that maybe moment? Maybe these guys are for real and maybe this is kind of our dream come true of what it would look like if somebody had a lifetime, and four or five million dollars to devote to getting the word out, that we need to honor each other's liberty if we are going to survive and thrive.

Daily Bell:

OK, maybe that question wasn't entirely serious, but we want to know if you still experience skepticism in the alternative media community.

Foster Gamble:

I'm getting very little skepticism from the liberty movement. Most of the skepticism I am getting now is from the ultra left wing, from what I would call militant progressives who, frankly, are afraid of the response that Thrive is getting, particularly amongst young people, amongst a lot of the usual left-leaning base who have become disenchanted with traditional politics and disillusioned with their hopes for Obama changing things. So, it's creating a very animated liberty conversation on the left, as well as on the right. I really thank them for having the courage to come forward and challenge me because on the Internet and in various convenings now we're starting to have that conversation where each individual I am challenging each individual, in every single talk, to stand up and tell me at exactly what point is it okay for somebody to put on a uniform, strap on a gun and go take somebody else's stuff or harm them? And I tell you it gets really quiet in those rooms.

We are talking about suppression by the state in our countries and other countries as well but people are just starting to catch on that this is going on. I did a screening in northern California where about a hundred mostly left-leaning progressives loved Thrive, and they wanted to engage in this liberty conversation, and they got into pretty hot debates amongst themselves. There were still a few who had lingering hopes that Obama had just been hobbled by the Republicans, but most of them realized because it was literally within a few days of him signing the NSA, authorizing detaining citizens indefinitely and rendition and even assassination all around the world and even of American citizens. That was the straw that finally opened up this conversation of, HUH, maybe we need to find principles and structures that go beyond the old political binary. So I am thrilled to say that that conversation is emerging faster than I ever thought possible.

Daily Bell:

We kept looking for the promotional propaganda in the film, but outside of the ET stuff we couldn't find any. We have to warn that we are flabbergasted generally and none of the elves can really believe what they just saw. We therefore state for the record that the jury is still out. We are waiting for you to announce something that will undercut your apparent sincerity. How do you respond?

Foster Gamble:

I really appreciate the integrity of people in your membership to sit down with this movie and experience it first hand with a skeptical mind, and then come up with their own conclusions. I hope they never lose their skepticism about Thrive but at the same time, I hope they won't restrain their enthusiasm and support in sharing it with their friends and neighbors and colleagues.

Daily Bell:

We mentioned we hadn't seen the movie when we wrote about it ...some would say negatively. Has this been a fair interview?

Foster Gamble:

I think it's been a very fair interview and I think it was very irresponsible to slam the film before seeing it. I must say Alex J-nes did the same thing. He got sucked in on the radio. A caller called in and said, 'I really love this Thrive thing, and what do you think?' He said, well, he really shouldn't comment on it before he sees it and then he went on commenting about it in all sorts of suspicious ways, about my family and the hidden agendas and so forth. So we wrote to him because at the same time that he was doing that, we had just received an invitation from his producer to come on the show. So we wrote to him and said we would love to come on the show, but only if you have seen the film and you welcome an open conversation and you can ask us anything. Anyway, they did see the film and they have invited us on the show and we are looking forward to that conversation. I really appreciate the maturity of being willing to acknowledge a mistake by doing a premature review, and to do an open fruitful interview like this.

Daily Bell:

What are your thoughts on Ron Paul?

Foster Gamble:

A lot of people have been asking me, 'Well, if you're not a pol-tical guy and you don't believe in the state, what do you think about current pol-tics? What do you think we should be doing?'

I really am a principles rather than a po-itics based solution organizer, and the only two politic-ans that interest me in the high levels, are Ron Paul and Dennis Kucinich, but based on their principles and not so much their po-itics.

I would love to see an independent party with the two of them running together. I think Kucinich would be a brilliant stage one strategist for the progressive caretaking aspect of the Thrive solution strategy and Ron Paul would be fabulous for the shrinking go-ernment and getting out of foreign wa-s and so forth. They would be overlapping in stage 2.

I have known Kucinich personally, but I don't know Ron Paul, though I have followed him for years and I have so much respect for his integrity and his courage even though I don't agree with all his social pol-cies. I think that both of them have an absolute stand for getting rid of the Federal R-serve and for stopping the foreign -ars. So it is on the basis of that and their personal integrity that if I were going to vote for anyone, I would vote for the two of them, and Ron Paul has gone public and said he would be delighted to have Kucinich in his cabinet.

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