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Philip Krapf's LA Times employment

From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Date: Sun, 10 May 1998 17:55:17 -0800

A couple of days ago, I created a catalog entry for Philip Krapf's book, "The Contact Has Begun." Here is my review...

It is like George Adamski never really died but was reincarnated in the body of Phillip Krapf, a former editor for the Los Angeles Times. In the early morning hours of June 11, 1997, Krapf says he was abducted by pointy-eared aliens called the Verdants. They took him aboard their vessel and subjected him to unspeakable torture: meeting after meeting with ambassadors and functionaries from the Intergalactic Federation of Sovereign Planets (IFSP). Krapf spent three days with the visitors, being briefed on the state of the universe, the savage nature of humanity, etc. The aliens are already in the process of recruiting "ambassadors" among earth's elite (including one planted at the current LA Times), and by the year 2002 these representatives will start revealing themselves. By 2003, we'll all know the score, as our planet is peacefully inducted into the IFSP... But do we really want to join? The book gives us the impression that the visitors are mired in bureaucracy. The Federation is composed of committees, sub-committees, ambassadors and deputies, who can't seem to do anything without first conducting a study. Given the problems of intergalactic administration described herein, we wouldn't be surprised if that 2003 deadline is pushed back by a century or two.

Reservations

As expected, the author offers not one scrap of corroborating evidence for his claims. Even his wife was away at the time of the supposed abduction, so cannot verify it. More importantly, no comparison is attempted between this experience and that of other abductees -- probably the only useful method for approaching such claims. (If two people who have had no contact with each other report the same abduction details, that coincidence is something we can investigate. Krapf's experiences don't seem to coincide with the other well-known abduction reports.) The marketing of this book depends on the author being a former LA Times journalist, but none of the rules of journalism are applied here. Still, the book is easy and fun to read if you happen to be in the mood for silliness.

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Now, a reader, THC <gin@mindspring.com>, has followed up on Krapf's LA Times credentials...

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From: THC <gin@mindspring.com>
Subject: Krapf was not a journalist; only a copy editor.
Commenting on: <http://www.ufomind.com/catalog/isbn/56170/506/>

"Cota, Wendy"
To: gin@mindspring.com
Subject: RE: (fwd) Phillip H. Krapf
Date: Thu, 7 May 1998 15:39:00 -0700

Hi,

Phillip Krapf was a copy editor for the Times. Not a staff writer, editorial writer or line editor. The Times has no comment on his latest book.

Wendy Cota
Editorial Metro

Comment:
Was Phillip H. Krapf a reporter and editorial writer and editor at the Los Angeles Times? If so, what is your judgement of him and his book, "The Contact has Begun?"

Sincerely,
John C. Thompson
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