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Monday, December 23, 1996
Easy listening from space

By MIKE ROSS
Edmonton Sun
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There are people who say John Tesh is an alien - and Tesh is helpless to do anything about it.=20

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No sane person would believe such a thing. Ergo, no case for slander.
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The National Anti-Tesh Action Society (NATAS), reportedly based in Ferndale, Michigan, describes the former Entertainment Tonight host as an "interplanetary mole" intent on "softening up" the human race with his "mellifluous" new-age music. In June, NATAS picketed one of Tesh's concerts and distributed warning leaflets on car windshields. Tesh's publicist, Scott Seomin, recalls the incident: "We went outside and most of them scattered," he says. "They were afraid."
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Tesh (jokingly?) admitted to picketers that he was indeed an alien and wanted to know how they found out. NATAS operative "Kenny Five" later told reporters that he thought Tesh was actually a clone trying to "hypnotize" him.
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So all someone has to do to these days is cry "alien" (or "devil worshipper" or "Republican") and an innocent pop star is branded for life? It's unfair.
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Unless he really is, of course.
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No listing for either NATAS or "Kenny Five" exists in the Michigan phone directories. E-mail messages (the group has its own Internet home page) went unanswered. And Seomin says that NATAS hasn't bothered Tesh since June. Mysterious, don't you think?
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Although no mention of Tesh's alleged extraterrestrial-ness can be found on his Internet site (www.tesh.com), it contains a telling clue. He recently staged a contest, asking fans to answer the question, "How has John Tesh changed your life?" in 25 words or less. The winner, Monica Rios, wrote: "John Tesh's music is like a breath of invigorating fresh air lifting my spirits and relaxing my soul. I experience a wonderful, indescribable sensation."
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Just like a classic UFO abduction story.
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Another clue can be found on the home page for "Ask Altog, the All-Knowing Alien" (you can get this stuff by entering "John Tesh, Alien" into your search engine). Altog, who appears to be the typical bug-headed, almond-eyed variety of alien, predicts that Tesh will become president of the United States in the year 2008, beating John. F. Kennedy Jr. "by a landslide."=20

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If "softening up" the human race with musical porridge is the true goal of aliens, an even bigger question arises: Are there more where Tesh came from?

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Consider David Foster. The former Edmonton resident took his knack for musical polish to Los Angeles, where he is now the producer in demand. What do Chicago, Air Supply, Lionel Richie, Michael Bolton, Kenny G, Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston have in common? Aside from being part of FM 105's programming "variety," they have all worked with David Foster. It doesn't get much softer than this crew.

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Tesh's 1995 album Live at Red Rocks sold 500,000 copies and went to No. 1 on Billboard's new-age music chart (yes, they have one for everything). Foster's work, on the other hand, sells millions.

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Pop stars have always loved aliens. You can cite everyone from Thomas Dolby's Aliens Ate My Buick to Spacehog's 1996 debut album, Resident Alien. Brian Eno was writing spacey music long before Tesh became famous. Eno is also buddies with David Bowie, who during the '70s became "Ziggy Stardust," a glam-rock star from another planet. More recently, acts like Sheryl Crow, Foo Fighters, R.E.M. and Elvis Costello tripped all over themselves to get on the X-Files tribute album.=20

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However, "real" aliens aren't going to advertise too much, beyond playfully revealing themselves only to subscribers of Weekly World News or sabotaging Mars exploration missions. No, the threat is clearly from so-called "easy listening music" of the kind created by Tesh, Foster and the Windham Hill record label - wholesome fare sold by Wal-Mart and piped mellifluously into unsuspecting households across the globe.

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Thankfully, there is a simple way to stop the invasion. Just as playing I Fought the Law and the Law Won over and over again caused Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega to surrender in a drooling fit of horror, rock music played loudly will save our planet from outworldly forces. Just tilt your speakers toward the sky and turn it up.

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Remember: No sane person would believe this.=20

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