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As you might know the members of TOA, Total Overcomers Anonymous - the cult which has become sadly known during the last couple of days - committed suicide to have their liberated souls transported away in the supposed space ship accompanying the Hale-Bopp comet. Maybe in clones ready-made for the purpose, who knows how twisted their way of thinking might have been?

But the connection goes further. On last night's Larry King Show on CNN (March 28, 03.00 - 04.00 CET) Tuesday, March 25, was mentioned as an important date in TOA's apocalyptic vision of Hale-Bopp.

What follows is a verbatim rendition of parts of the show. The first person interviewed is Nick Matzorkis, owner of a computer company, Interact Entertainment Group, and employer of Rio, a guy who recently had left the cult. It was Nick and Rio who notified the police of the horrible scene.

Nick:
What happened is: We'd received a FEDEX delivery on Tuesday afternoon - to Rio.... He took it home with him Tuesday without opening it. I guess he opened it when he got home that night. And then Wednesday morning I got into work, and at about 9.45 or 10 o'clock he came into my office and said he had news for me, and informed me that all of his former colleagues at Higher Source (the computer company of the cult) had committed suicide, and I asked him how many, and he told me: 40."

I live in Denmark and don't quite know what a FEDEX delivery is, but I surmise it is some kind of quick mail, which would make the time frame tally with the date emerging later during The Larry King Show. Larry was interviewing Alex Fleet and Robert Watkins, two employees of Rancho Car Wash, who had befriended some of the cult members.

Larry King:
"Now, this is for both. First you, Alex. Did they talk about the comet, the Hale-Bopp comet. Did they talk about going behind Bopp? Did they talk about an alien ship in or near Bopp?"

Alex Fleet:
"Yes, they did. They had been talking about that weeks upon weeks, till they actually gave us literature on it. They had been talking about how there might be a ship with the comet, and of course I've got an open mind to everything, so I listened to them. I didn't know whether I believed them, but I listened to them. And again they did mention that a few times, and they were very afraid of what this was gonna bring. They kept talking about March 25 was the day that it will be closest to us."

Larry King:
"They mentioned that date?"

Alex Fleet:

"They did mention that date on numerous occasions, and every time they came in, I said: "Well, March 25 is getting closer and closer."

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