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Egyptian Director of the Giza Plateau, Dr. Zahi Hawass, was on Art Bell radio show for 2Hrs Wednesday , the night of 14-JAN-98.

I also heard the entire show; Mr. David Billington has already given a very good synopsis (re-posted below); I can attest to his reporting accuracy. I will give further quotes from Zahi Hawass, and some of my own commentary.

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From: davidpb@leonardo.net (David Billington)
Subject: Dr. Hawass

I just finished listening to the two-hour interview with Zahi Hawass on American radio (1/14 between 10-12 PM). The interviewer, Art Bell, asked Dr. Hawass (1) why permission to drill the cavity under the front Sphinx paw has been denied, (2) whether the wellshaft between the Sphinx and the Khafra Pyramid has been excavated in the last seven days, (3) what has been going on in the Khufu Pyramid, (4) whether any evidence of a pre-existing civilization has been found at Giza, and (5) whether there is any connection between Giza and the American space agency NASA or the alleged pyramids on Mars. There were some other matters but I think these were the main points covered.

On (1), Hawass observed that Stanford Research Institute drilled the location under the front paw in 1977 and found nothing, so another penetration of the rock was unnecessary. More definite evidence than radar or sonar would in his view be needed to justify any further drilling in the Sphinx enclosure. Apparently

Dr. Schor never had a license in his own name to visit Giza; Florida State University had the license and still has it according to Dr. Hawass.

On (2), the "sarcophagus lid" that Boris Said and Tom Dobecki found in the wellshaft 100 feet down was apparently lifted last week and nothing was found underneath except the water table, although later in the interview Hawass said that further exploration might occur. He did not explain, nor did Bell ask, exactly what this "sarcophagus lid" was. Bell apparently learned of this excavation privately and sprang it on Hawass, but apparently the latter already knew about it and said that the excavation was connected with routine work of some kind.

On (3), Hawass disclosed that his staff had cleaned the chambers above the King's Chamber to look for inscriptions. I was unable to hear or understand exactly what he said but he seemed to be saying that nothing anomalous was found. There may have been some inscription that prompted the cleaning, which entailed the removal of some dust or stone. Hawass also disclosed that he is now planning to open the Gantenbrink door. The Khufu Pyramid will be closed for six months in 1998 for work to undo the humidity damage of tourism, although he said that New Age groups would be allowed in for brief periods to meditate. Archaeological work will also continue in the Khufu Pyramid during the restoration.

On (4), Hawass stated that to this date no evidence of Atlantis or another preexisting civilization has been found at Giza. He declared his willingness to accept such evidence if any appears.

On (5), Dr. Hawass said he has never met a NASA official and that he knew of no connection with Mars.

Dr. Hawass will attend a cruise along the west coast of North America that will go up to Alaska in May. The cruise will include a debate moderated by Bell that will include Hancock, Bauval, Ed Krupp, and the American psychic Dannion Brinkley.

The impression I had was that Dr. Hawass wants to address the concerns that have been raised abroad about Giza archaeology and he wants to dispel the unfavorable public image he has acquired among those with such concerns. I had the impression that Hawass was tactful with some details but that he was not really concealing anything of importance, although it is possible that he thought the wellshaft might have been connected to something of interest. Bell didn't press him about this.

The debate on a cruise ship near Alaska (an unusual place to debate Egypt)(but no more unusual I suppose than anything else surrounding Giza!) next May will hopefully bring a fuller airing of the controversies in recent years if Dr. Hawass attends. I would expect the results to be made public. I will be revising my own web update page to delete some things now.

Cheers,
David

It should be noted here that Art Bell referred to himself as a "moderator" , not really as a journalist doing a true indepth investigative report; this has to do with the "cruise debate" referenced above. Thus, many significant points that were raised during the interview that warranted followup questions , were not followed through very thoroughly. Cause in point #1.: the Gantenbrink Door in the Queen's Chamber of the Great Pyramid. Hawass said that they are "in progress of trying to find out what is behind the door. We will know what is behind it by May of this year."

Something so important an issue as this begs the followup questions, such as: are the Egyptians going to do so by themselves? HOW? Is such work in progress at this time? If not , WHEN, and by WHOM?. No such questions were asked, and NO further details were given by Mr. Hawass, even after one caller brought up the subject for further clarification. It seems to me that Bell would rather have such information released to the public on the May cruise, which he heavily advertises on his show.

On John A. West, Hawass had this to say: "I have nothing against him personally. I am not his enemy". He went on to say that West

would be granted exploratory access to the Giza sites, only if he was associated with an already accredited University or Institution recognized by the Egyptian Government. When asked by Bell as to the status of Robert Bauval and G.Hancock, the answer was the same. Mr. West has publicly confirmed the above. Hawass also stated that these people would never be denied access to the Giza sites as individuals. "They are always allowed access to Giza", he said.

Some further, general quotes by Dr. Hawass:

The Luxor massacre: "An accident. It will never happen again, because security is now very tight".

On alledged on-going secret excavations, and "coverups", at Giza:

ZW: "I try to reveal the truth. My mission is to reveal the truth".
"I am not a bad guy. I am not hiding evidence".
However, "when I discover something, I don't announce it in the first minute", he said.
"If there ever is anything [new] found [while excavating], we will let the people know".
"I don't want to drill a hole for a TV movie; I want to drill a hole for science".

On the Sphinx:

ZW: "On the north side is a tunnel, first opened in 1926. We would like to reopen it again, to go underneath the Sphinx".

(no further details on this, either).

ZW: "No one [is stopping me from doing any new excavations]; I had to restore the 'sick' Sphinx. The Sphinx is [now] smiling; the Sphinx is saved; the Sphinx is restored, and is to be reopened to the public again".

ZW: "We are just guardians of the monuments. They belong to the whole world". "Anyone who wants to enter the Great Pyramid will be granted access. New age groups are welcome".
"The pyramids were plundered. There is evidence that they were tombs, representing the power of the Pharoahs".
"When I enter inside the Great Pyramid, I feel like I am entering the most sacred place in the world. The pyramids and the Sphinx should have dignity and respect ; power and magic".

The pyramids were built as a "national project of the Egyptian peoples", said Hawass, when questioned by Bell as to who he thought built them.

On the newly opened Tombs of the Workers, Dr. Hawass stated that "the bones and skeletons: they are all Egyptians. Genetic studies will be done by the Univeristy of Hawaii, beginning later this month".

As to the alledged secret excavations in the GP's relieving chambers, Hawass had this to say: "We were just cleaning the five rooms. I found only one inscription, nothing else. I did not find anything else. The five rooms where full of stones, and I cleaned them out, that's all".

Art Bell: "Has there ever been anything discovered at Giza that goes against orthodox Egyptology?".

Z.Hawass: "Not one single piece of evidence to prove anything of a 'lost civilization. Not one piece of evidence of Atlantis. Nothing". "If I am [proven] wrong, fine. Until you prove to me that I am wrong, I am right. You have to prove to me 100% that there is something [else] there. I am not trying to hide anything".

Art Bell: "Have NASA officials ever bben to Giza that you have met?"

Z.Hawass: "No. Never any officials, only Egyptologists. I never met anyone from NASA. Ever".

Commentary:

I agree with David Billington's assessment that Zahi Hawass is intentionally playing "nice", mending fences with everyone, and to clear his "bad-boy" despot reputation with the international community. He now knows that this is the only way to gain world-wide acceptance of his own work, and given the drastic cut-back in tourism due to the Luxor massacre, this must be with the insistence of the Mubarak government also. They need the cash flow of foreign dollars, and the Giza Plateau still remains the key linchpin for tourism. It is in Egyptian national interest that Mr. Hawass now be cordial to well known independent writers and researchers, as well as the general public for that matter. The tragedy at Luxor has seen to that. Horrible as those deaths were, perhaps their legacy to the world will be that a crack in the secretive door of Ancient Egyptian explorations has now opened up.

We must now continue to watch how the story unfolds as to the Ganterbrink Door and the still undisclosed further excavations in and around the Sphinx area. This latest interview to a wide American radio audience failed to get the answers we still are all awaiting from the newly rehabilitated "nice-guy" , the ever elusive Dr. Zahi Hawass.

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