

Andrew Collins, The Cave Discovery, & Bill Brown's Geomatrix

Validations of the Geomatrix?

A major issue relating to the credibility of Bill Brown & Richard Gabriel is seen in the material they show as being related to Brown's Geomatrix. On Brown's website there is a link leading to Richard Gabriel's photos of the cave system first entered and rediscovered by Andrew Collins in March 2008. Collins' caves are prominently featured on Brown's website playing an unclear role in apparently somehow validating Brown's Geomatrix of a few hundred or so stars at Giza. The link on the website states this: "The Cave of the Bats—Missed, denied and then quarantened (sic) by the authorities. BUT OUR CAMERAS CAPTURED IT FIRST!"

In the absence of a formal name, Collins named the site marking the entrance to the caves the "Tomb of the Birds," since its subterranean chambers were once used for the interment of bird mummies. But Collins named the caves themselves *Kahf el-Hanash* (Arabic for "Cave of the Snake") in honor of a local tradition about the caves being haunted by a giant snake guardian known as el-Hanash. Gabriel entered the caves some 20 months later in November 2009. He has subsequently referred to the caves as the *Cave of the Bats* because there were bats in the caves, which Collins had previously noticed. However, virtually all caves have bats. Thus, Gabriel curiously ignored the scientific tradition of the actual discoverer of a site having the honor of naming it acting instead as if he had made the discovery.

The all caps statement on the Giza Geomatrix site that "OUR CAMERAS CAPTURED IT FIRST!" is interesting and perhaps points to why the caves are so prominent on Gabriel's website and the Giza website. It is an inaccurate and perhaps intentionally misleading statement, because their cameras did NOT capture it first. Nor second or third, or fourth, or fifth for that matter. Collins and his team of Sue Collins and Nigel Skinner-Simpson entered the caves four separate times followed by a team of excavators sent by Zahi Hawass. There appear to have been dozens of people on the excavation team. Then apparently there were filmmakers who entered. The caves were both photographed and filmed by the Egyptians and film crews while it was being excavated, which began in August 2009, some three months before Gabriel entered. Oddly, this was about the same time that Hawass was being filmed for his new series *Chasing Mummies*. When Gabriel finally took his photos in November 2009, the excavations were being completed and evidence of the clearing of the tombs and caves was apparent. After the outer tomb and cave were excavated, it was sealed with a locked steel gate. Thus, the accurate and honest description for Gabriel's photos of the caves, would be "Our cameras captured it *before* it was shut." Certainly not first!

Gabriel also has criticized the shutting of the caves in interviews and web postings. Before Collins' book *Beneath the Pyramids* was released in September 2009, Dr. Hawass was given a report on them. Hawass, oddly it should be added, publicly denied their existence. This took place because the ARE had prematurely announced the discovery to members and a huge amount of publicity quickly ensued. But Dr. Hawass then had the system excavated—despite his statement that it did not exist. If you have seen Hawass on the series *Chasing Mummies*, it is made clear that everything discovered in Egypt is done so by Zahi Hawass. In his pre-book release report to Dr. Hawass, Collins urged Hawass to close the caves because of two factors. The first was potential danger to people who enter the pitch black, rocky environment. People who view the photos apparently think there is light in it, but it is totally dark. Secondly, Collins wanted a professional and official excavation done by the Egyptians. If the system remained open to tourists, especially since the actual location had been revealed by Hawass himself, looters would certainly enter.

When Gabriel posted his first photos of the caves, in January 2010, he related that there were gold artifacts present in it. As Gabriel has gone through revisions to his web postings on the caves, he continues to mention that there are gold artifacts there. In an online interview discussing the caves Richard Gabriel

stated, “these caves are absolutely stuffed full to the brim with artifacts and things.” He also sees wall carvings, cave drawings, mummies, jars, and lots of other artifacts there. Personally, I cannot see any of these in his photos nor is there a single photo showing areas “stuffed full to the brim” with artifacts. But his consistent mention that gold artifacts are there simply proves the point Collins was making to Hawass about the need to close off the system.

How & Why Did Gabriel Enter The Caves?

The how and why are crucial questions in understanding the importance of Collins’ cave system to Brown’s Geomatrix. According to Brown and Gabriel, Brown’s Geomatrix, with its 100+ stars at Giza, has been completely verified. As I related previously, to them, verification means through GPR, psychic ability, channeling, and intuition. They often discuss “hot spots” of energy, but oddly their accessible presentations have only shown the stars on the ground along with other’s (Collins) discoveries. Brown shows about 12 areas on the Giza Plateau where his GPR was done, and not one was done on the side of the pyramids where the Tomb of the Birds and the cave system are located. He has related that there are perhaps 10 “hot spots” of ringed energy, but those are not on his website. I will add here that Brown’s Geomatrix is simply incomprehensible to me. I don’t understand it and on his site I see no actual explanation.

The How. The first entrance into the caves by Collins and his colleagues came on March 3, 2008. The first release of information of Collins’ cave discovery came to a few ARE members in September 2008 and on December 5, 2008 the first news on them emerged. In early August 2009 the cave discovery made headlines. By the end of August a great deal of interest had occurred.

On September 19, 2009 in Avebury (UK) Andrew Collins held a day-long conference, with the primary focus on the cave discovery. Richard Gabriel attended this conference. In his talks Andrew showed, for the first time publicly, many photos of the caves and its outer tomb. He also revealed the location of the caves, although Dr. Hawass had preempted him in a blog posted on Hawass’ website only a few days before. In his blog, Hawass gave the precise location of the entrance and then denied that any caves were there. Gabriel and Collins had a brief discussion at the end of the day, which Gabriel says did not meet his expectations. In discussing this affair, Gabriel wrote that Collins had known Bill Brown some “years previously.” However, I know factually that the only meeting between Brown and Collins was an accidental meeting on April 6, 2009, just 6 months prior to the first meeting with Gabriel—not years earlier as Gabriel claims.

The relevance of Gabriel’s inaccurate assertion that Collins met Brown years earlier is the probable implication that Collins perhaps learned of the importance of the area of the caves from Brown. In a web posting, Gabriel wrote, “We at least knew by then that it (the caves) also marked a crucial hot-spot on the Geomatrix Plan just as we knew of the other significant hot-spot entrance from the Geomatrix to become known initially as the Tomb of the Birds.” Gabriel continued, “For this location, Andrew had validated the Geomatic hot-spot already by his publicised visit.” In his online interviews Gabriel has stated that “we were already onto the caves,” continuing, “Bill had already earmarked that particular spot as a major exit/entrance down into the underground...it was on our list but we just didn’t get to it.” Andrew just got there first.

In an email and online report, Gabriel related that he arrived at Giza in late 2009 to meet Bill Brown. After Brown left Giza, on his last day there in November, Gabriel and his partner Judith decided to hike to the area of the caves and see what they could find. But according to Gabriel, after Zahi Hawass had given the precise location and after attending Collins’ lecture wherein he gave the location, **Gabriel states that he did not know the actual location of the tomb entrance!** They simply wandered into that area and found it. This is a complete contradiction of his claim that they already knew the location of the caves—because according to Gabriel they were already onto the caves and knew the precise spot much earlier! To

restate this, Gabriel claims he knew where the caves (and the hot spot) were before he attended Collins' lecture, but when he got to Giza months later he says he didn't know where it was!?!? It is a strange contradiction, but it is consistent with the veracity of all of the other claims made about a conspiracy.

The Why. Why the caves are so prominently featured by Gabriel and Brown's websites and in their Geomatrix plan is probably simple. **The caves are real and they represent the best evidence ever found at Giza of an underground complex of caves and tunnels.** In addition, they got a great deal of media attention. Rather than Brown & Gabriel simply saying that it somehow added to their complex theory of over one hundred stars being the basis of Giza's construction plan, this discovery had to somehow be presented as a validation of their claimed "earlier" speculations. Brown, as well as countless others including Collins, have long speculated that a cave and tunnel system is under Giza. While many people theorized it was there, it was Collins who found it. The discovery had to be somehow incorporated into Brown's so-called "discovery" of the Geomatrix. The bizarre part is that on Brown's current schematic overlay of over a hundred stars on Giza, **not one star is even close to the entrance of the Tomb of The Birds!** This "hot-spot" (as Gabriel calls it) was apparently a hot-spot after it was discovered and publicized or perhaps one of the many other energy "hot-spots" Gabriel and Brown *claim* they found through trance channeling or other "psychic" means. In essence, Brown has attempted to steal Collins' discovery and take full credit for it. Proof of that comes from his mention of it in his May 9, 2010 Chicago presentation, which he put online in late August 2010. When mentioning the caves, Brown stated, "We have found a cave system at Giza" neglecting to mention Collins at all. If Gabriel's own admission that he didn't know the location of the caves when he tried to enter them can be ignored for a moment, there is one other huge fact showing that they knew nothing whatsoever about the caves Collins found until it made news.

Brown mentions often that he has been to Giza 32 times over 7 years. He states that on one trip, for example, he stayed there 4 consecutive months. Gabriel states he began his Egypt trips in 2005 and met Brown in 2009. Since, according to Gabriel, they knew the precise spot of the cave opening and were "onto the caves" already, why didn't they enter them? Over a 4-month stay there would seem to be an opportunity to do so, especially since they claimed to know the precise spot. Over 32 trips in 7 years it seems there would have been at least one opportunity. Oddly, they state that they know the precise spots of "other" entrances into the cave and tunnel system under Giza from Brown's Geomatrix. If so, perhaps it's time to follow through and prove it. It would be a discovery they could genuinely claim as their own.

In any event, Brown presented nothing about the caves or that specific spot until after the discovery made headlines in the summer of 2009. There is simply no indication that either Brown or Gabriel knew anything about the caves until the news came out and the location was given by Hawass and then Collins a few days later. In fact, it is apparent that no one at all, including Dr. Hawass, knew about the actual existence of the caves, their extent, and their significance. But it's a moot point because the overall facts are simple. Collins' book clearly provides the details surrounding how the cave was discovered through sound scholarly research and extensive field work by Collins and Nigel Skinner-Simpson. Following the background research, and through the strenuous efforts of Collins and his team, they entered it first, second, third, and fourth. The ARE soon announced it to the membership, Hawass was given the pre-publication report, Hawass denied the existence of the caves, and immediately started the excavation of the system. Collins gave his Avebury talk on the caves (attended by Gabriel), Gabriel entered the caves and published photos online in January 2010. No one but Gabriel and Brown knows what their psychic hot-spots of energy are or where they speculate they are. What we have is Brown's current 100+ star overlay and his GPR sites and none of these are on or even relatively near the cave site. But "it was on their list" Gabriel related. List? Other than the illegal dig site, what other entrances and cave systems have they discovered and reported from the list?

The Well & The Cygnus Mystery

When Collins first found the caves he had a book contract from a new ARE Press imprint called *4th Dimension Press*. It was intended to be a book on the Hall of Records, but the caves had not yet been discovered. However, it was his 2006 book, *The Cygnus Mystery*, which actually led to the expeditions.

Collins has published many books about Giza and mentioned speculations about a complex of tunnels and caves said to exist under the plateau. This idea can be found in his 1998 book *Gods of Eden*. But it was during his work for his 2006 book *The Cygnus Mystery*, when Collins started the actual process of discovering entrances to the complex. As related in the book, in May 2005 Collins was taken to a well in a Moslem cemetery located about 300 yards from the Sphinx. The well, he was told, has a tunnel system running from the shaft in several directions. And by the time Collins had made this unexpected discovery, a previous event had led him to suspect that the area of the well—and other locations at Giza, were possible access points.

It was in *The Cygnus Mystery* where Collins related that in January 2005 engineer Rodney Hale had a sudden “flash of inspiration.” Hale had tried, without success it should be added, to make the stars of Orion fit the pyramids at Giza. Hale wanted to believe in the Orion alignments when the idea had been proposed some years earlier, but the truth is that the stars of Orion simply don’t match the pyramids as well as was being claimed. Being aware of Collins’ work on Cygnus, on a whim Hale entered Cygnus and the pyramids alignment into a star position computer program, and found a near perfect match. Turning his attention to the pyramids at Saqqara, Hale found a perfect match between Cygnus and the pyramids there. Collins found that the well in the Moslem cemetery was close to one of the other stars of Cygnus and noted it in his book. Oddly, on his website, Gabriel wrote that he “hoped that Andrew Collins will not also try to take credit for identification of the Cemetery Well coincidence.” This is another example of appropriating one of Collins’ discoveries (made in 2005) into a supposed discovery by Brown and/or Gabriel. The well area, it should be mentioned, does fall under one of Brown’s current hundred+ star plan. But Collins had earlier described his 2005 discovery of the well in *The Cygnus Mystery* (2006).

The actual importance of the 2005 discovery of the well and its supposed tunnel system is directly linked to Collins’ 2008 discovery of the caves. After three of the Cygnus stars were found to match the three large pyramids and another of the Cygnus stars was found to be close to the well, the question arose about what the other important star of Cygnus (Deneb) might be concealing. In a quest to answer that question, Collins eventually found the cave system with a great deal of help and support from others, all of whom he fully credited.

The Caves: A Controversy Magnet. The first discovery of the Giza underworld, something sought for so long by so many, was destined to attract controversy no matter who found it or when it was found. If a Hall of Records is eventually found, the controversy will be even greater. But such discoveries not only create supporters, they create an opposite reaction as well as simple jealousy. Dr. Hawass denied they existed, despite initiating his own excavation—probably with a film crew in tow. Others, who probably suspected and hoped that such a complex existed perhaps couldn’t stand it when Collins was the first to actually discover it. And the huge amount of notice and publicity the discovery got from the media probably just rubbed their seething disappointment that much more. It was perhaps inevitable that someone who expressed an obsession with Giza would attempt to wrest the discovery of the cave system from Collins and try to incorporate it into their own claims. Gabriel’s entry into the caves, some 20 months after Collins found the system, fits this idea. Gabriel published his photos online without explanation, wrote that he and Brown sort of knew the cave system was there anyway, and then added that Collins should not try to take credit for the well tunnel he (Collins) described back in 2006. But the truth is that there hasn’t been a shred of objective evidence presented that Brown and Gabriel knew there was a cave system in that location

before the actual location was revealed. To the contrary, it appears that all of their focus was on the other side of the Giza Plateau.

A Few Additional Musings

Gabriel has posed several misleading questions and made numerous demeaning remarks about Andrew's discovery of the caves and other issues. For example, he criticizes Collins for having people shown in the photos of the caves as apparently an ego thing. As I was personally involved in some aspects of the book and the ARE funded expeditions, I can answer this unfounded criticism. **Collins was specifically told to be certain that people could be seen in his photographs inside the caves.** All professional photography of such a discovery must have people and objects of a known size so that the actual extent of what is shown in photographs can be discerned by the viewer. It's not ego, it is simply professional. Gabriel took some effort to remove people's faces in a few of his photos apparently trying to pull "ego" from his motives, but given what I perceive as potentially illegal activity described in several of his stories, having one's face NOT seen at illegal digs and in a site where he has stated there are "gold artifacts" present might be a motive.

Gabriel has related that his are the only "decent" photos of the caves and he asked why Andrew had such an interest in his photos since Collins had supposedly taken hundreds of photos. *Beneath the Pyramids* has 18 photos, many in color, of the tomb and caves along with numerous illustrations. Cost considerations in printing and shipping weight determined the number of photos and pages that were included in the book. But the photos by Collins are the only ones that show the actual size of many of the caves' chambers and passages—because people are also shown. And I have seen hundreds of Collins' photos and ARE Press has also. The reason that Andrew (and I) had such an interest in Gabriel's photos is because he had entered *after* the excavation and clearing of the complex was well underway by Dr. Hawass and his excavation team. Gabriel's photos are important because they show areas that had been opened up and also showed the extent of the excavations. For that Gabriel is to be thanked.

Conclusion

The alleged conspiracy between Zahi Hawass and the ARE is totally baseless. Nearly all of the claims related to this conspiracy made by Brown and Gabriel have been shown to be utterly false. In sum, their conspiracy claims are apparently a way to gain attention to their online "petition" for the Egyptian authorities to sanction an excavation at what they see as the Hall of Records. There certainly are other ways they could have gone about this, but the fact is that their major evidence for Brown's Geomatrix comes from ground penetrating radar and psychic techniques. Curiously, in the 4th episode of Hawass' *History Channel* series *Chasing Mummies*, Hawass stated that there would be no more drilling in Egypt based on GPR. Hawass explained that GPR showed too many false anomalies and that many of these were simply cracks in the stone. In one segment, the archaeologists doing the GPR related that they had drilled 25 holes based on GPR that apparently showed underground chambers. When Hawass asked them what was found after the drilling, they answered "nothing." Hawass sarcastically repeated the word "nothing," followed by his statement about no more drilling. Perhaps this is the type of response Brown's GPR team received and also is a source of their frustration.

It is possible that the Hall of Records as described by Cayce is there, and it could be in the area Cayce identified. It could be in the area Brown identifies. Unfortunately, the deaths of the six Egyptians and the obviously illegal activities by many people to gain access from the adjacent village might well have put a stop to all such investigations for our lifetimes.