

Did Six Egyptians Die While Digging For The Hall of Records? How is 2012, MJ-12, & Other Strangeness Involved?

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(Note: This is not an “official” response by the Edgar Cayce organization, it represents my findings as an active ARE member and writer.)

The Search For Cayce’s Giza Hall of Records

As most readers will probably be aware, the Edgar Cayce readings spoke of three identical Halls of Records, described as a storehouse of the history of humanity until the demise of Atlantis in approximately 10,000 B.C. There are stone tablets said to be in these record halls along with gold items and various other artifacts. In addition, according to Cayce, there is information regarding a crystal-based power source, usually referred to as the *firestone*. Public interest in the Hall of Records is phenomenal despite mainstream archaeology spokespeople repeatedly denying the existence of Atlantis and the Hall of Records.

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) is the official Cayce membership organization and it has been involved in both sponsoring and conducting explorations for the Egyptian Hall of Records since 1957. This Hall of Records is said to be in an underground chamber near the Sphinx at Giza. There are also early, well-described ties between the ARE and Dr. Zahi Hawass, head of the Egyptian SCA (Supreme Council of Antiquities) and Dr. Mark Lehner, a leading Egyptologist who works under Dr. Hawass. Because of the ARE’s involvement in Egyptian research and key Egyptian figures, which in recent times has been very limited, claims of a conspiracy have frequently surfaced. My personal interest and involvement in this has been as an author, active ARE member, and conducting exploration at the *other* locations of Cayce’s three Halls of Records. I have described (in many places) my own occasional difficult experiences dealing with some people who are obsessed with the Hall of Records, but I must state that what I experience is nothing compared to what Dr. Hawass has gone through. Some years ago I recall Hawass stating in an ARE lecture that he had people trying to get into his office. A rumor had been started stating that a tunnel had been made from Zahi’s office in Cairo (in his bathroom) to the Hall of Records beneath the Sphinx and he was bringing artifacts back.

..وهي حادث مصرع المتفجرين عن الآثار بالسمان

مالك المنزل يعترف؛ كونت عصابة للاتجار.. أخفيت الكنز قبل ضبطي

كنت أعلم بقينا بوجود كنز أثرية أسفل مسكني بالهرم ولم أقم بعمل حفرة عمقها ١٥ مترا لتسبب في ضياع أرواح ٦ أشخاص بناء على أوامهم فبقينا بدأنا في أعمال الحفر علنا على قطعتين اثنتين سلمتهما لإثنين من شركائنا ليجمعها وعندما وصلنا إلى السرداب علنا على الكنز وأخفته بمسكني قبل أن يتم القبض علي.. هكذا فجر المانع المتجول هشام منجود عبدالغفار ٤١ سنة، المتهم بالحفر والتنقيب عن الآثار داخل مسكنه بمنزلة السمان بالهرم والتنقيب في مقتل ٦ أشخاص الأسبوع الماضي مفاجأة أمام اللواء محسن حطفي مساعد أول وزير الداخلية لإمن الجيزة. اعترف بتكوين عصابة لتجارة الآثار تضم ١٧ شخصا كان من بينهم السنة لشخصين الذين لقاو مصرعهم في الحادث وأمنهم عثروا أثناء الحفر على عدد من القطع الأثرية أخفاها بمسكنه قبل القبض عليه.

سنة، عامل باحدي الصحف الخاصة وأحمد محمد خضنر ٢٥ سنة، بائع ورضا أحمد عبدالفتاح ٢٨ سنة، الذين لقاو مصرعهم في الحادث بالحفر والتنقيب عثروا على قطعتين اثنتين فامر اللواء كمال الذي مدير الإدارة العامة للباحث باستدعاء صاحب المنزل المتهم من محبته ومواجهته بما أسفرت عنه التحريات التي باعترافات تفصيلية حول عصابة وارشد عن مكان أخفائه للقطع الأثرية المعتبر.

قال المتهم في اعترافاته أن عصابته تضم ١٧ شخصا هم السنة الذين لقاو مصرعهم في الحادث الأسبوع الماضي وكل من أحمد محمد عبدالله وشهبرته «ديه» ٣١ سنة، عامر بازار وأحمد علي محمد ٢٥ سنة، عامر بازار وثروت إسماعيل عبدالخالق ٣١ سنة، نجار محبوس علي نمة إحدى القضايا ورامي أحمد جاد وشهبرته «أبو ليه» ٢٥ سنة، بائع محبوس علي نمة إحدى القضايا وهاني محروس مندوبى ٣١ سنة، مبيض وقام هشام محمد يوسف الذي لقي مصرعه

في الحادث بتحديد مكان الحفر وانهم بدأوا في أعمال الحفر والتنقيب منذ ثلاثة أشهر وقاموا بعمل حفرة وعندما وصل عمقها ١٠ أمتار عثروا على قطعتين اثنتين الأولى على شكل قط متوسط الحجم والثانية تمثال ذهبي صغير على هيئة امرأة وأنه قام بتسليمهما للشهين أحمد محمد عبدالله وأحمد علي محمد اللذين يعملان بأحد البازارات للتصرف فيها للبيع. أصناف المتهم في اعترافاته أنه يقية أفراد التحقيق.

أعد القدم إبن بيومي رئيس مباحث الهرم وبعناؤه الرائدان محمد الصغير وأحمد فاروق عدة أكمة تمكنا خلالها من القبض على بقية أفراد العصابة كما اصطحب اللواء فايز لياقة مدير للباحث الجنائية صاحب المنزل المتهم وسط حراسة أمنية مشددة بالشراف العميد محدي عبدالعال رئيس مباحث جنوب الجيزة إلى المنزل محل الحادث وارشد عن مكان أخفائه للقطع الأثرية للعثور عليها واعترف أفراد العصابة بالجريمة وأحيلوا إلى النيابة للتحقيق.

Above: Egyptian newspaper article about the illegal dig. The articles in the Egyptian newspapers tell that 17 men had quickly been arrested for the dig. According to the stories, the land owner confessed. There were more investigations conducted and an insider tells that over 20 people were eventually arrested.

A series of events in the past two years have refocused attention on the Egyptian Hall of Records. This happened because of the stunning and unexpected discovery by British science writer Andrew Collins of a previously unrecorded cave system running under the Giza Plateau, starting in an area that had been essentially ignored by researchers in modern times. Collins's discovery is detailed in his 2009 book *Beneath The Pyramids*.

Since Collins's book was released, rather incredible and controversial claims have been publicly made by various people in response to a (2009) tragic event when six Egyptians died. These claims have received a lot of attention and because of the way they have been made in different venues and the claims have become convoluted and confusing as they "evolved." One of the individuals in the center of all of this asked me to look at it, because of my involvement in the ARE. This individual, named Bill Brown, related in an email to me that Egyptian authorities had branded him as a "Hall of Records Nut" but he wanted me to somehow assist in arranging a meeting with ARE officials. However, in a different mass email Brown sent out before emailing me, he ironically related that the ARE was "lying big time" going on to say that the ARE and Zahi Hawass were covering up for each other in an attempt to recover the contents of the Hall of Records. In fact, Brown alleges that they actually have recovered an "Atlantean technology device." After taking a huge amount of time looking into this sordid affair, **it was the confirmed death of six Egyptians and a series of illegal activities that convinced me to try to unravel what has actually happened.** It's doubtful that what will be revealed here will please anyone whatsoever because the accounts of events are portrayed by the participants in a disjointed, convoluted, sometimes contradictory manner and are filled with accusations and finger-pointing. The story also "evolved" and changed as I conducted the investigation. The frequent claims of "proof," "verifications," and "information" are frequently backed by faked or substituted film, illegally obtained film, questionable photos, fantastic ideas, alleged psychic abilities, and many empty promises. But as with all conspiracy claims, somewhere in the linked stories there are elements of actual events. The alleged conspiracy apparently involves the ARE, Dr. Zahi Hawass, unnamed others, and a few named people. But six Egyptians certainly died. *It definitely appears that they died because they thought they were digging for the treasures in Cayce's Hall of Records.*

The Deaths

In September 2009 six men died in a collapsed shaft illegally excavated under a ramshackle house in the village of Nazlat el-Samman, which abuts the Giza Plateau. The house and shaft in question actually sat alongside the wall erected around the pyramids and Sphinx to control access and stop the illegal digging and looting. While those who claim a conspiracy exists also claim the story of the deaths was ignored and buried, the media did cover it. I have found Egyptian newspaper articles and several English news sources. According to the stories, ^{1,2} the men:

"died while hunting for treasure when the floor beneath them collapsed ... rescue teams spent four days desperately trying to save the six Egyptians, who had been trapped in a large hole near the Pyramid of Giza while hunting for a centuries-old treasure. The rescuers eventually hauled them up as dead bodies. The six people were allegedly fooled by a charlatan into believing that there was an antique treasure lying hidden beneath the house owned by one of them, said Abdul Majuid Mahmoud, a resident in the area of Nazlat el Samman, where the tragedy occurred. ...

Forensic experts said the six died of asphyxia after they stayed for four days in the hole they had dug to a depth of about 15 metres, Mahmoud told *Gulf News*. He recalled that he and other neighbours had heard screams as the house collapsed and almost disappeared into the hole shrouded in dust. In their frantic bid to lay their hands on the alleged treasure, the victims must have spent a fortune paying the charlatan and on excavations, added Mahmoud, a souvenirs vendor."

The Alleged Conspiracy

Two individuals, engineer Bill Brown and British citizen Richard Gabriel (a pseudonym) have linked a series of events to the deaths of the six people. But in addition, they have also alleged that the Hall of Records was (maybe or maybe not) accessed, artifacts from Atlantis were (maybe or maybe not) removed, and that the ARE, Zahi Hawass, and others are covertly covering up what was recovered. These accusations have been made on websites and during several audio interviews that have since been placed on numerous websites as video files. In addition, both Brown's wife and Gabriel's "partner" are involved, but both have spoken less on the interviews. The information for this article comes from Gabriel and Brown's websites, their interviews, and from emails exchanged between myself and them.³ In response to emails from me, Gabriel wrote that his pseudonym had already been openly explained and "circulated and published." While I was able to track down his true identity, I was unable to find it through any online articles.

The Alleged High Technology Atlantean Artifacts

According to Bill Brown he was the manager of a Polish university's ground penetrating radar project at several sites in Egypt. Brown has related several times that he "privately and secretly" conducted ground penetrating radar under the area in the village of Nazlat el-Samman adjacent to the tunnel where the six Egyptians died. (The Chronology section details this more.) According to his written articles and audio interviews³ he was able to identify several interconnecting chambers and tunnels at the precise spot where the illegal dig took place, several years before the illegal dig took place. He reported he "was able to

see a room about 8 by 8 feet with energy sources at the room's corners." In the middle of the room he "saw a wooden box about the size of a briefcase." Inside the box were two foil-like "sheets of gold separated by a half-inch with a light-like energy, crystal, or plasma separating them." He repeatedly stated that he "saw some type of writing on the gold sheets." In one interview Brown related that the box was apparently removed and taken away, perhaps skirted away to California where the writing and other items were being analyzed. According to "his sources" they removed a cylinder which the unnamed "experts" were calling "a generator."

Discussing the ground penetrating radar results Brown obtained, Gabriel added that the other "rooms were filled with treasures, gold and statues." In another interview Brown oddly related that

القبض على ٨ متهمين والعثور على «آثار» في واقعة «نزلة السمان»
«اعترافات المتهم الأول قادت المباحث لشركائه و٤١ قطعة آثار»

كتب. سامي عبدالراضي:
ظهرت تفاصيل جديدة في واقعة مصرع ٦ عمال أثناء البحث عن الآثار في منطقة الهرم، أفادت التحريات والتحقيقات بأن ٧ آخرين شاركوا في الواقعة، وأنهم عثروا على كمية كبيرة من الآثار ضمنت حجرا مستطيلا على شكل تمثال ووجه امرأة بيضاويا ودلاية على شكل مثلث وتمثالاً جالسا لسيدة طولها ٢٠ سنتيمترا.

وأضافت التحريات والتحقيقات أنهم عثروا على تمثالين آخرين و٦ قطع بأشكال مختلفة، البعض منها على شكل عين والأخرى «تمساح» وثلاثة أشكال غير معروفة.

وتبين للواء كمال الدالي، مدير الإدارة العامة لمباحث الجيزة، أن المتهمين أخضوا الآثار أعلى سطح القنار الذي شهد الحادث. واستصدر المقدم أيمن بيومي، رئيس مباحث الهرم، والرائد محمد الصغير إذنا من النيابة العامة لضبط المتهمين الجدد وهم: أحمد محمد عبدالله «٣٦ سنة» وهانى محروس مديولى وإسلام محمد عبدالرحيم وأحمد محمد محمد عيسى وعاطف محمد حسنى ومحمد بدر محمد وناصر

عبدالعال نورالدين، وشخص يدعى أحمد. الذى القبض على المتهمين وأحيلوا والمضبوطات إلى المستشار حمادة الصاوى المحامى العام الأول لنيابات جنوب الجيزة، ويأشر التحقيق مع المتهمين محمد العسماوى رئيس نيابة الهرم. كانت مناقشة هشام منجود عبدالقنار، المتهم الرئيسى، صاحب المنزل قد كشفت عن أن المتهم الأول والرابع «متوفيان فى الحادث» والسابع «مقبوض عليه» عرضوا عليه منذ ٧ أشهر الحفر فى منزله والتقيب عن الآثار، وأضاف فى التحقيقات أن عدد الذين شاركوا فى البحث وصل إلى ١٧ شخصا وأنهم وصلوا إلى سرداب طويل وعثروا بداخله على مجموعة من القطع الأثرية، الأولى على شكل قنطريون والثانية على شكل عروسة، وقطع أخرى وسلمها إلى ٢ متهمين واقتاد رجال المباحث المتهم إلى مكان إخفاء الآثار وأرشد عن الآثار التى أخفاها.

جانب من الآثار المضبوطة



Above: An additional Egyptian newspaper article on the illegal dig showing the items that were recovered.

the box “might still be there” because it was “protected by an energy field.” In an email to me Brown related that he was now sure the item had been removed, apparently by the ARE and Dr. Hawass. Also in the interviews (conducted in May 2010) Brown stated that the proof of the claim (the box with the inscribed gold foil) would soon be online in June, but that hasn’t happened. A few ground penetrating radar images can be found on his website, but the one in that specific area doesn’t show what he describes (a small box with inscribed gold foils and small energy source). I’m not an expert on ground penetrating radar, but from what I have found on such technology, the identification of such “objects” using ground penetrating radar is unlikely. The idea that he could “see” the “writing” on the gold foil sheets through ground penetrating radar is rather fantastic. The explanation of how he saw the box and writing was unclear in that interview. But in a different interview describing what he saw while doing the ground penetrating radar in the Hall of Records area, Brown mumbled quickly that he actually “**saw**” the wooden box with the gold sheets and separating energy “**in his mind.**” Oddly, the interviewer asked nothing more about that issue. In an email to me, Brown related he had found the Hall of Records or “Pyramid of Records” as Cayce occasionally referred to it.

Brown & Gabriel’s Chronology of Events

Both Brown and Gabriel have written and stated that they have been intensely interested in the Hall of Records for a long time. They describe their partners (wife/partner) variously as being “clairvoyant, intuitive, or remote viewers.” They also occasionally describe themselves as having the same abilities. Brown’s wife was explained to be somehow involved in the Polish research group’s ground penetrating radar (GPR) studies and in 2006 he first met her at Giza, where she was validating her own “channeled” information about Giza. She had psychically identified areas on the pyramid field where there were “hot spots” of energy and one of those was in the precise area where the illegal excavation and six deaths took place in 2009. His ground penetrating radar supposedly “verified” this. According to Brown, since then he had been “playing cat and mouse with authority while trying to obtain access to sensitive areas...” In an email to me, Brown added that he had only been arrested one time in Egypt.

GPR at the Illegal Dig Site. In 2006 Brown visited the village where the six deaths took place. According to Brown, he was negotiating to buy the house adjacent to the site where the illegal dig took place. In a radio interview, Brown stuttered, “Because of the background we had I was well aware of that particular area. And in the five months we were there we were able to do and go in and secretly, ah nobody knew we were doing it, were looking at purchasing a property and we wanted to understand if the building we were looking to building on was solid enough. And we were doing ground penetrating radar and that radar wended up revealing a lot that was underground in that area.” Gabriel added, “I have been underground in some of the area and I witnessed some things. Large amounts of underground treasures, gold and statues.” Brown related that he had been working with the local villagers in this effort. In a joint interview with Brown, Gabriel stated, “Perfectly legitimately and perfectly legally Bill did GPR in the area and lo and behold it showed tunnels, gold, and evidence of advanced technology. That linked us straight back to legends of the Hall of Records.” In another part of an interview Gabriel stated that the legality or illegality of recovering artifacts from the ground was “an interpretation.”

According to both Brown and Gabriel, someone stole Brown’s “data” around June 2009, about three months prior to the illegal dig and deaths. Brown related to me that he filed an official police report on the theft but initially declined to answer my question about where the report was filed. I had assumed that the “data” was stolen in Egypt and the radio interviews left that impression. After I had finished the initial draft of this article, Brown related in a follow-up email to me that the data had been stolen from his apartment in Chicago. According to Brown and Gabriel’s written accounts, this stolen data directly pointed to the area of the illegal excavation. In their online interviews they repeatedly suggested there was a connection between the stolen data and the illegal dig where the six Egyptians died.

Brown and Gabriel report they had actually stayed at the house “next door” to the illegal tunnel and death site while visiting Egypt. However, since Brown related he had worked with the local villagers during the time he conducted the GPR at the illegal dig site, it’s certainly possible that it was at that time when someone became aware that the specific spot was seen as important. According to Brown and Gabriel they had heard “rumors” that “at least \$80,000 was made available for a major secret excavation to take place at the exact location which Bill Brown had identified as a major hot-spot for astonishing deep archaeology, and now was the very site of the deaths.” Curiously, Brown relates that he backed out of buying the property where he had performed the GPR because the terms had changed.

Brown and Gabriel appear to point a finger at another individual as responsible for the illegal tunnel and deaths. Because of libel laws and ethical considerations the name won’t be repeated here. In email exchanges with this individual, the allegation was flatly denied. In all honesty, I do not know what to make from the accusations and this event. It is clear that the specific area where the tunnels have been dug has been a focal point for Hall of Records enthusiasts for some time. Was all of this activity and interest at this site legal? I have no idea. Even after it was closed off, many people continued to enter and film and photograph it. Gabriel & Brown’s websites supposedly show film and photos of this area taken after the event. And the deaths of the six Egyptians remains the most disturbing aspect to the entire “conspiracy.” I do suspect that the illegal digs, the secret GPR Brown did in the area, and their assertion that you can access the Hall of Records from this spot are related to the subsequent illegal excavation and ultimately the deaths, either directly or indirectly. The statements by Brown and Gabriel about “gold and statues” and other treasures in this area being “confirmed and verified” by GPR and other means might well have been the impetus for the looters to look. In fact, in one interview where he discussed the black market for Egyptian antiquities, Gabriel said that many people have become millionaires overnight. There is a great deal more I could write about this, but the lack of concern I see in this affair is highly disturbing.

I see nothing whatsoever wrong with believing in the Hall of Records, being fascinated by it, or just being interested in it. I don’t know if it exists or not and the uncertainty I confess is **not** a problem for me. But the fact that the deaths are linked to the Hall of Records remains disturbing. It may be that the Egyptians will have to condemn this entire area and cordon it off completely. But I would strongly urge Egyptian authorities to carefully gather evidence and weigh what all of these people have said and written about the illegal excavation and deaths, visiting other illegal digs, and their other statements about the black market.

Murder? Adding to the questionable and sensationalized claims of how the men actually died, in one interview Gabriel stated that after Egyptian authorities arrived at the scene, they “dropped explosives” into the tunnel where the six men were trapped, and “buried them alive.” In other places, Gabriel related that he had heard that as a “rumor” from unnamed locals. On his website, Gabriel wrote that the six men “may” have been “murdered” by Egyptian authorities. However the newspaper accounts are consistent in reporting that Egyptian authorities made frantic efforts to save the men. The sensationalized claims about explosives being used and murder are completely unfounded and unsupported by the evidence.

More Illegal Activities Described & More Events in the Alleged Conspiracy

On his website Gabriel relates that he was told of several illegal digs, including one under the very house where he stayed (which coincidentally is adjacent to the site of the deaths). He also related having a local take him to an official archaeological excavation site being conducted by Dr. Mark Lehner, going through a barbed wire fence, climbing down into the site, and taking photos when Lehner was not present. In another story, he mentions “being taken” to “another illegal dig location” where inside a living room was “a huge cavernous hole disappearing into the ground.” He also describes an illegal dig near the site of the six deaths “where the Russians had been merrily probing below ground for years on the other side of

the wall.” It is my understanding from other sources that the Russian project is an officially sanctioned one. The oddest but most easily understood event that Brown and Gabriel weave into the alleged conspiracy took place the night of April 28, 2010.

The Alleged (April 28) Night Excavation On The Giza Plateau & Majestic 12

According to Brown, at 2:00 a.m. an individual (a non-Egyptian friend) whom Brown described as being “100 percent close to me” “put on a uniform” so that he could enter the closed Giza area and walk past the guards and police that patrol the area to keep out looters and others. The uniform, apparently either a military or police uniform, allowed this person to walk past the guards and walk close to heavy equipment active at that time. One thing that stands out to me here is that in the U.S. such a crime is called “impersonating an officer” and is a felony. I assume that in Egypt such behavior is also a crime—probably a serious crime.

This person then shot some dark film using a cell phone. On the film it’s difficult to see anything really, except the murky moving around of heavy trucks and loaders. According to Brown and Gabriel, the witness reported that a sarcophagus and other artifacts were removed from the area in front of the Sphinx. Brown was supposedly sent the film the next morning by this person, and a few still images with the light digitally enhanced were posted online, with the caption being a nighttime “snatch and grab.” Brown relates that he also sent an email to a “high up” official in the Egyptian SCA who then supposedly told Brown to post the entire film online, “to protect the person” who illegally filmed it. Gabriel relates that because they needed to protect the identity of the person who filmed it as well as protect the location from where it was filmed: “We chopped it (the film) about ... and we had to chop the sound about as well in order to get voices out ... but the voices didn’t synchronize.” While the impression is given that the Egyptian authorities are interested in the person who took the film because it showed something incredible being removed from a secret excavation, that seems a stretch. The more likely reason this person is wanted is because he allegedly entered the Giza plateau illegally by impersonating an officer or other official. Of course, this assumes that Brown’s account of the affair is true and the exact location of the film was from where they related. Oddly, I was sent a link to the original movie which appeared to clearly show that the entire film was made from atop a building off the Giza Plateau. The sound is also looped several times on the film. Thus, Brown’s account of the whole affair is questionable.

Almost immediately after the story was put online, Andrew Collins was asked to look into the affair by numerous people, and he made an inquiry to John Van Auken, Director of the ARE. John called his sources in Cairo and was eventually told that the heavy equipment was being used to prepare for the TMX-Red Bull event scheduled to be held directly in front of the Sphinx the next month. Such night work is common at Giza because of the daytime heat and many visitors. Brown and Gabriel however, have interpreted this as a possible cover story for the removal of artifacts from the Hall of Records. Brown and Gabriel also report that a “huge explosion” was heard the next morning, which they also link to a covert effort to remove Atlantean artifacts. They have added that a military satellite had picked up an energy burst in the Great Pyramid and that an unnamed “high-up” source was involved.

The TMX-Red Bull event was actually held directly in front of the Sphinx, and there are literally hundreds of websites that have posted high quality video of it.⁴ The films show that the event was massive and involved the construction of huge, heavy ramps and large seating areas. Some of the films show heavy equipment stabilizing the areas for the ramps and large amounts of scaffolding and metal braces being dumped from trucks during the preparation. The so-called “explosion” more than likely related to the heavy equipment and movement of scaffolding.

In a mass email he sent out refuting this, Brown states that the “ARE is lying big time” and from what I gather from Brown and Gabriel’s website and interviews, Brown implies that Zahi Hawass and the ARE are working together to cover up the removal of artifacts from the Hall of Records. I directly asked

Brown to specifically state what he was claiming the ARE was lying about, but he initially wouldn't answer, saying he'd post the evidence from "unnamed" private sources later. He did state however that other people made the same claim on websites, but most of that material seems to have disappeared from these sites or has been buried. There are many online videos about this, and the original source of these remains unclear to me. But in his follow-up email to me, sent after I had essentially finished this article, Brown said the "lie" is that Hawass and the ARE claim that nothing relating to the "Atlantean Record stuff" has ever been found at Giza. They are, according to Brown, "covering up" for each other.

I was eventually sent the entire video and was privy to a complex and detailed evaluation being done by several other interested parties led by Andrew Collins. This investigation showed that **the entire video was shot from a rooftop** from the village of Nazlet el-Samman. In addition, the sound on the video was looped repeating the same sequence at least 5 times. None of the main allegations about this video appear to be true. Collins and colleagues had identified the location of the film and the actual site where it was taken.

Brown's Admission About The Film. In response to a email from me about this, **Brown related that it had, in fact, been filmed from a roof in the village** but said he "didn't want the owner to get into trouble." According to Brown, it was the owner of The Sphinx Guest House who also reported the alleged "explosion" the next morning. I doubt that filming Giza at night from a rooftop is in any way illegal or would lead to death threats. (And Brown's admission about this is vastly different from the online claims he and Gabriel made.) But several pages later in Brown's 16-page response to me he related that "yes my friend had put on a police hat and coat to get past some people. But he was not dressed to impersonate as he didn't have a full uniform on. ... The clothing 'appearance' just allowed him to get close enough to see more, hear more, and capture on video film camera what he could get closer than from on top of the rooftop." I won't belabor this point further, but the "closer" film doesn't seem to exist. If it does, perhaps they should release it. As to the idea that wearing a police hat and coat isn't impersonating an officer, I'd suspect the authorities would have a different interpretation. But we can't even be sure if this part of the story is true. From Brown's response it is not clear why this person was in any danger (other than simple arrest if he actually did dress as a policeman), and I have no reason whatsoever to understand Gabriel's statement that he might be murdered because of the rooftop film. It is bizarre and sensational hype. In essence, the facts surrounding this tale are certainly not what has been presented by Brown & Gabriel. There is nothing whatsoever on the film to indicate that anything related to an excavation of artifacts took place. Indeed, the film itself shows the area where the TMX-Red Bull event was being prepared.

Majestic-12 Now Enters? According to Brown, unnamed, secret, "high level" military people are allegedly also involved in researching the odd affairs at Giza and presumably are also part of the conspiracy. Brown related in an interview that he had a meeting in Washington with a secret group who had "high technology" capability and they were analyzing the night video. That was about 3 months ago though, and nothing else has emerged from this claim. But wait, there's more. In his long and rambling email to me (dated August 13, 2010) Brown related that there was an ongoing satellite surveillance operation of Giza and that "in the USA [a] Majestic 12 military team [had been] mobilized out of Texas." Hmm. Okay, for a few people that might prove what he's saying is true. I have no idea whatsoever what a Majestic-12 military group from Texas has to do with this, but it certainly helps the story evolve and change.

I find the MJ-12 involvement intriguing because the only negative response I received about the first article I released on this affair was from a supporter of Brown and Gabriel. In his scathing forum postings he wrote that I had deliberately set out to try to give the impression that they were "crackpots." It was my mention of their 2012 ideas (mentioned shortly) that led to that criticism, but 2012 does play a major role in their activities and speculations at Giza. I also see the 2012 urgency as a motive and justification for questionable activities. But the Majestic 12 military involvement is even more "out there" than the 2012 ideas. Of course, anyone can freely disagree and believe that MJ-12 is "real" and involved. (For those

few who might not know, MJ-12 refers to a set of documents definitively shown by the FBI to be fake. They tell of a group of scientists and officials supposedly banded together in 1947 to investigate flying saucers and aliens. Some people do believe the documents are real.) I now suspect that at some future point Elvis will appear in all of this. At least with Elvis it might become a bit less serious.

My initial conclusion on all of this is rather simple. A lot of illegal activity has been taking place in Egypt apparently with the full knowledge and willing participation by several people. The explanation of why the individual who took the night film at Giza has been threatened is simple. According to Brown's account, this individual perpetrated a crime and Brown's account is the one that was apparently told to authorities. But the film that has been released was all shot from a rooftop in the village, not on the Giza Plateau. Of course, I have no idea if anything Brown has related about this is true and the hype about it by Gabriel and Brown seems to be related to simple attention-seeking and a way to criticize the ARE.

There is certainly dedication and zeal shown by those involved in these allegations. They believe that they are serving some higher purpose, but the illegal activities and deaths are very disturbing. As Brown and Gabriel have asked, I too would like Egyptian authorities to "get to the bottom of it." But what remains to be addressed here is specifically what that "higher purpose" is. In essence, it is the protection of Earth and the human race (which will apparently be destroyed in 2012) unless an item from the Hall of Records (or Khufu's mummy) is used. This fantastic assertion is based on trance channeled material and what Brown calls his "Giza Geomatrix."

2012 and the Giza Geomatrix

Brown's Geomatrix supposedly explains why the Giza monuments were arranged in the formation they were. It is based on Giza being erected to reflect numerous constellation star patterns and has well over 100 stars on the ground. The precise number isn't clear from his website.⁵ But oddly, not a single star is shown falling on either of the outer two large pyramids of Giza. I confess that to me the idea simply looks bizarre, contrived, and less than unlikely. I must admit that to me it's incomprehensible. Both Brown and Gabriel state that all of the so-called "hot spots" of this complex of hundreds of stars have been completely verified, although it isn't always clear what "verified" means or what a "hot-spot" is. Brown's GPR was only conducted on the Sphinx side of the complex, which is a small percentage of his overall star pattern schematic. In their recorded interview discussions Brown and Gabriel mix the ideas of trance channeled, psychic, or out-of-body experiences as being a "verification." For example, in one interview, Gabriel related that he had seen the "Tuaoi Stone," which was Edgar Cayce's term for an energy crystal that eventually became the "firestone." I specifically asked Gabriel where he had "seen" the Tuaoi Stone, and he replied that it was during an out-of-body experience.

In essence, the importance of the Atlantean technology and energy crystal in Brown and Gabriel's scenario is linked to 2012 in a rather fantastic way. Brown related that his wife had identified (during trance channeling) that inside the mummy of the Pharaoh Khufu a crystal had been hidden, and that the specific spot where the illegal dig and deaths had taken place was near where this mummy is located. (This area, by the way, is where Brown says the Khufu Temple of Records is located, which on his website he has his GPR results #9 indicated.)

According to the channeled information Brown and Gabriel rely on, prior to the end of 2012 the crystal has to be found and placed inside a secret chamber near the top of the Great Pyramid. This then "will activate all of the pyramids in the world" and somehow shield the earth from a deadly blast of solar and other radiation they assert is due to strike in 2012. Unless this is done, apparently the earth will be destroyed and humanity ends. But this must also be done to somehow bring the solar system and the galaxy, and perhaps the universe into a "vibrational balance" of some sort. It's difficult to discern how it effects the universe from what they state. Therein, apparently, lies the urgency they show to obtain the

“crystal” and, as it appears to me, the justification for a lot of the questionable activities. They mention other groups, and what they call “special interest groups” or “niche groups,” as trying to covertly grab the “high Atlantean technology” for their own darker purposes. Their special interest groups aren’t named, but the ARE seems to likely be one of them, especially in light of Brown’s accusations.

Brown Denies 2012. One of the oddest responses I got from Brown was that he denied there was anything on his website about 2012 and could I please show him where it allegedly was? He added that the 2012 information was a Polish belief system unrelated to his Giza speculations. There is an introductory film on his site wherein 2012 is prominently displayed as well as in a different film on his site. In addition, a large proportion of their online interviews concerned 2012 and I then found several more online interviews (from Poland) where Brown discusses 2012’s role at Giza many times. It’s simply an incomprehensible, constantly changing, and massive waste of time and effort to evaluate these assertions and claims.

In his descriptions about why he has so much passion for Egypt and the Hall of Records, Gabriel says that he is “obsessed” with it in the same way that Richard Dreyfuss’ character in the movie *Close Encounters* was obsessed with the alien craft he had seen and getting to the mountain by a deadline. It was all about getting to a place where something of cosmic importance was going to happen. Gabriel repeatedly says he on a similar path. Both Gabriel and Brown also oddly tie ancient aliens into their ideas, presumably relating the aliens somehow to Atlantis. Perhaps that is also the relationship of Majestic-12 to the affair. As it relates to this article, the alleged conspiracy seems superfluous and a contrived absurdity. All in all, the tying together of the various elements—the secret GPR, the certainty of where the Hall of Records is located from channeled or other sources, the fear that someone may or may not have collected important items from the Hall of Records, the illegal filming, the claim that all the described events at Giza are a conspiracy of some sort, the idea that the world will end in 2012, the belief that some sort of worldwide energy shield will be activated by placing a crystal in the Great Pyramid, the idea that Giza was laid out in a star pattern involving hundreds of stars, and identifying others as part of a plot to keep those with higher ideals to obtain the “high Atlantean technology” to save the world—is a classic example of paranoid ideation. Despite the often repeated claim that there is proof and verification for all of these things, nearly all of it falls under fantasy and obsession. One has to have some sympathy for such obsessive people and perhaps have pity for the characters involved. Nevertheless, the deaths of six “hapless” Egyptian villagers is something else entirely. In his late August (2010) posting of the video he made in May 2010, Brown flatly stated that he was sure that the illegal dig resulted from his work at the site. At some point, those of us who have an interest in the Hall of Records have to draw a line beyond which we won’t cross.

Conclusions About the Conspiracy

Perhaps it’s best to start the conclusions by stating that Edgar Cayce never mentioned or discussed 2012. In fact, some of Cayce’s “predictions” speak of dates well after 2012. And it’s important to keep in mind that 2012 is from the Maya calendar. I know of nothing in Egyptian lore that mentions 2012.

Many people have proposed ideas about the placement of the pyramids and other structures at Giza. Robert Bauval and Adrian Gilbert’s (1994) Orion constellation idea is well known, but it has led to no actual discoveries. Andrew Collins’s (2006—*The Cygnus Mystery*) proposal that the constellation of Cygnus was the blueprint for Giza is now one of the best-known and most discussed theories. Collins identified a previously unrecognized well in the Moslem cemetery south of the Sphinx, which is now thought to contain a passageway heading off toward the Sphinx. In addition, Collins’ Cygnus correlation at Giza was a key factor in his discovery of the previously unknown cave complex on the other side of the plateau. Additional support for Collins’ theory comes from recent satellite imagery apparently showing the caves run toward and beneath the middle pyramid. These discoveries seem to have been the initial impetus for Brown and Gabriel’s conspiracy assertions along with a recent ARE funded project involving drilling by the Sphinx.

Brown's Giza Geomatrix of hundreds of stars at Giza is just bizarre, especially since the ground at Giza has nothing in places where his many star "dots" are located and that two pyramids show no stars at all. Of course, by 2013 we'll know.

As to the involvement of the ARE in a conspiracy covering up the recovery of Atlantean technology and Atlantean artifacts, it is complete nonsense. Bluntly, I am certain that I would have been one of the very first ARE people to know if this had actually happened. In fact, on August 25 I asked John Van Auken about it. You should know the answer. There is not a shred of evidence indicating that the ARE is "lying" about this. The ARE is certainly interested in the Egypt Hall of Records, but is formally working, albeit slowly and on a very small scale, with Dr. Hawass and the other authorities. It might appear to be a conspiracy to ARE outsiders simply because they aren't allowed to somehow participate in official excavations. But the ARE routinely issues updates on what transpires in Egypt in written, internet, and posted video presentations. For example, on the ARE website, in the member section, John Van Auken presents a video covering the latest Hall of Records update including the drilling activity that was done around the Sphinx. John also regularly presents these findings at numerous ARE conferences.

Those who understand the internal operations of the ARE know that if something had been recovered in Egypt that was even remotely linked to Cayce's Hall of Records it would be quickly announced. One proof of this relates to Collins's discovery of the caves. After Collins discovery (and while still in the process of writing the book), the ARE, which sponsored the venture, could not help but release the information into the public domain. The first announcement came in September 2008 (verbally during a staff meeting) with the first newspaper report on December 8, 2008. The ARE's announcement was frustrating to Collins as he was quietly attempting to finish the book and get Hawass to perform an excavation to preserve the ecosystem and whatever else might be found there. But that is the way the ARE operates as an open membership organization.

Zahi Hawass *is* scheduled to talk at the ARE later this year, but it's likely that he'll not support anything Cayce's readings discussed. But Dr. Hawass is a major audience draw and he'll be pleasant at his presentation because he does have some sympathetic tolerance for those who believe in the Hall of Records. He knows that Egypt's economy is largely based on tourism and many people coming to Egypt believe in the Hall of Records. And with Dr. Hawass soon ending his career, I suspect he'll be taking many speaking engagements. That's why he is appearing. In truth, it's all about finances and drawing an audience.

Brown sent me an email trying to arrange a meeting with the ARE and John Van Auken, but paradoxically he states they are lying and involved in a conspiracy with Dr. Hawass. I can't imagine why they would meet and any possibility of such ever happening probably dissolved with his claims about the conspiracy and the changing story about the "film." Brown has stated precisely where he believes the Hall of Records is, what he's "seen" in it, and what it needs to be used for. There really isn't anything else to discuss. Brown and Gabriel ask frequently for "collaboration" but foster divisiveness by accusing others of lying and covering up secret excavations. Their own account of the night time film, which has now been shown to be false, casts a huge shadow over their credibility.

Another blow to their credibility came with the unfulfilled promise of the full release of a video of the presentation Brown supposedly made in Chicago in May 2010. In their interviews it was stated that Brown was issuing all of his evidence in early May 2010 and within a week it would be placed online. It didn't happen. In response to questions from me, Brown released the film in late August.

But most disturbing to me are the six deaths, which clearly appear to be directly linked to the search for the Hall of Records. The newspaper accounts state that a "charlatan" convinced locals (whom Gabriel actually called "hapless" in one interview) to dig at that site because there was a centuries old treasure buried there. Brown related that he had worked with locals to do GPR at that site and in the descriptions they give, Brown and Gabriel related that "treasures, gold and statues" were identified. The illegal filming, going to illegal digs, and awareness of illegal digs are too much for me to take. But just as Brown and

Gabriel asked on their website, I too think that the Egyptian authorities should do whatever is necessary to get to the bottom of it. Until these affairs are totally resolved, there is no justice.

Validations of the Geomatrix?

Another issue relating to the credibility of Brown & 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 quaranteened (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 Geomatrix 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.

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Brown's site is: www.gizamap.com

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There is a very inexpensive 5-day option.

http://www.bbsradio.com/sync/Beyond_The_Matrix/Beyond_The_Matrix_2010-05-08.mp3

There are two interviews online through Project Camelot.

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Several other interviews and videos are available at:

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