

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Odyssey of the Gods

Written by Erich von Däniken; edited by Philip Coppens

- Tell us how *Twilight of the Gods* is different than the world wide best seller *Chariots of the Gods*.
- The book says, “We’re in for a shock of major proportions” - tell us about it!
- How does this book relate to the 2012 phenomenon? Should people be worried?
- What do you feel is the single most important point of the book?
- Why do you think the Ancient Astronaut Theory is so popular at the moment?
- Do you think that mainstream science will ever accept the Ancient Astronaut Theory?
- In your new book, you speak about a place in the high Andes in Bolivia called PUMA PUNKU and you say that this place was never constructed by Stone Age people. Why not?
- Were there statues found in PUMA PUNKU or the nearby TIAHUANACO?
- There is a gigantic stone door with 48 winged figures on it. What do the figures represent?
- You also write about a gigantic underground site in Sakkara/Egypt called Serapheum. What is this and what was found in there?

- Gigantic sarcophagus? What was in these sarcophagus?
- You suggest that in ancient times mixed creatures existed. I mean the well known Sphinx in Egypt, the one before the great Pyramid, is a mixed creature, the body of a lion and the head of a man. But, what has the Sphinx to do with the underground sarcophagus?
- Many publications in our days predict the destruction of our world in December 2012. Roland Emrich's fantastic movie **2012** shows this destruction. Now you say, "not the planet will be destroyed, but the ET's will return in December 2012". How will you prove this?
- Most of the Mayan handwritings were destroyed by the Spanish conquerors. How do you know about the return of the so-called gods?
- The world of Maya was not the only culture some thousand of years ago. Are there other cultures with similar predictions?
- How sure are you about the date of the return of the gods?
- According to the general scientific knowledge there is a great statistical possibility of life out there but, we deal with gigantic distances of light years. Why should ET's have visited our little planet? With what methods did they do this and for what reason?
- Why should they come to earth exactly at the right time? I mean they could not know out there where we earthlings stand in our evolution?
- In your new book, you even say that you know some of the names of the ET's who visited us long ago, how is this possible if you were not there some thousands of years ago?
- According to your researches, even the well known stone circle of Stonehenge in England has something to do with ET's, please explain that.
- What is your next project?

Questions for Philip Coppins

- Erich von Daniken has been asking whether ancient myths and legends speak of extra-terrestrial beings which we have mistaken for gods for more than 45 years. What is new in *Odyssey of the Gods* that he continues to pose this question?
- In *Odyssey of the Gods*, Erich focuses on Greece as a likely place of ET contact. Why?
- Which bits of Greek mythology are especially susceptible for an Ancient Alien interpretation?
- We all grew up with the Greek myths, so why is it that Erich is one of the few, if not the only one, to ask questions about the reality of the Greek myths?
- As Erich points out, everyone believed the story of Troy to be myth, until Schliemann discovered it was fact. Can we go beyond that?
- Is there a possible connection between Troy and Atlantis, the mythical island that sank, according to the Greek philosopher Plato?
- *Ancient Aliens* focuses on an ET intervention in our past, while a new History Channel production, *Civilization One*, tackles the lost knowledge of our ancestors and lost civilizations. Can both live together, or are they somehow mutually exclusive?
- Erich has been a controversial figure for 45 years. Is the fact that science does not address the ancient alien question not evidence enough that he is wrong?
- What does Erich do that scientists don't do, and in your opinion should do?
- If the gods are real – if they are extra-terrestrial beings – what does that mean for Mankind today and what effect do you think it will have on our modern civilization?