

EXPOSE OF TONY DELEVIN, AKA “GABRIEL OF SEDONA,” AND HIS AQUARIAN CONCEPTS CULT

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"Gabriel of Sedona" and The ACC: Aquarian Concepts Community, Aka The Aquarian Concepts Cult and The New World Order

by Anonymous

Reincarnations

Gabriel believes that he is the reincarnation of St. Peter, Moses, St. Francis, George Washington, Ramses the Great, Alexander the Great, Mozart, Martin Luther, Joseph Smith, and a very long list of other extraordinary people. That's very impressive. If you don't believe it, ask him.

He claims to be replacing Jesus Christ as the Spiritual leader of this planet, in that he intends to become your new "Planetary Prince"; that his son will ascend to the throne when he (Gabriel) leaves, and that his family is now to become the new Dynasty of this planet, eternally. If you don't believe it, ask him. All community members are taught this, and are required to hold their hands in the 'prayer mode' and bow to him and his number one 'complement' Niann (Nancy Chase) when they come into your presence -- or you come into theirs (this salutation is not required for his 'number two' common-law wife).

He believes in Polygamy, at least for himself and for those he deems it appropriate for and has his approval. As such, he lives with two women, having had children with both of them, but married to neither. He has also had at least one other woman living with him in his 'concubine club,' but she left. There have been others he has attempted this with, but they refused the honor. His 'line' is that if they do not have sex with him they are not in God's will. (There you go guys, if nothing else works next time, tell them that).

He believes that all 'channels' since 1989 are false, except himself.

Gabriel believes that HE is YOUR adjudicator, and will judge whether you go to heaven or hell - or somewhere in between - at the end of this New Age, which is upon us.

The Control Issue

For the honor of becoming a member of his community (which he owns 'lock, stock, and barrel'), you are required to give to ACC/Gabriel (same thing since he controls it all) your cash, savings, credit cards, gold, silver, vehicles, properties, businesses, investments, computers., musical instruments, and personal possessions such as your jewelry and good clothes; it is better for you to wear 'humble clothes' than to spend any of the 'community' money which could otherwise be used to promote his 'music career', which you are taught is for the good of the whole planet (not to mention his ego). And he can sell any of these new possessions in one of his commercial stores, or otherwise, for money to help promote his personal goals, which of course are the same as those of God. In other words, he wants it all, and has openly said so, including TOTAL CONTROL OF THE PLANET.

Prepare to be separated from all of your family and friends, even if some of them are also under his control within the community. In contrast to what he would like for you to believe, you are also to disassociate yourself from those outside the community in particular, since they will drag you back down to their level, the level you were on before you found yourself under the 'authority' of the greatest spiritual leader on the planet today. If you don't believe that, just ask him.

Gabriel decides whether you can have sex or not. He decides who you can have sex with, who you can 'marry' and/or how many 'complements' -- husbands and/or wives you can have. If someone becomes pregnant and he doesn't personally approve of the 'genetics', an abortion is 'recommended.' He 'selects' who he thinks is your appropriate mate whether you like them or not, or whether you are already married and have children or not, and/or including after you are separated from the wife/husband you came to the community with - whether you like it or not. This 'process' is used for control in various ways, such as obtaining land, businesses, and so on. Breaking up relationships (divide and conquer) is one way he acquires what he wants, but it's all for God (whatever level you understand God to be on) so 'not to worry'.

While all children are beautiful, and born innocent (contrary to what some Christians unfortunately believe, the false teaching that children inherit their parents sins), most of them in the community are taught to be polite and respectful, with the notable exception that, if Gabriel does not like you (or even hates you, and there are those he does), everyone else in the community is expected by him to feel the same way, including children. Unfortunately, in this way they are taught hate instead of love and forgiveness. Forgiveness is part of loving, you can't have one without the other, and although he claims otherwise, forgiveness is NOT on Gabriel's agenda.

This control pattern is extensive throughout his organization. For example, if Gabriel goes to a restaurant and is not pleased for any reason, the entire community is forbidden to patronize that restaurant. Although that isn't a very good example since everyone is discouraged from eating out, so very few, except those closest to Gabriel, ever spend his money to do so. It is the same with movies (you are expected to see only the ones 'recommended' for you anyhow) and other forms of entertainment, unless, of course, they are free. You are expected to 'agree' with him on political issues, as well as everything else, especially with his opinion that he is the greatest musician/singer in the world, and don't you forget it. To remind you, and to pump up his already inflated ego, he continually spends large sums of money to run ludicrous and glowing ads of himself in newspapers and magazines, making unrealistic claims. In addition, along with the photographs of himself he gives you to hang on your walls, and he expects to be given the place of honor in every one of the many 'community houses' he owns, you are checked regularly to see to it that you have copies of his "magnificent" CDs, and play them an unbearable experience for any sensitive ear.

It is no wonder that so many children leave the community, and the distraught parents, many of whom have already been brainwashed to some degree themselves, wonder why their children run away. Then the battle over the custody of the unfortunate child begins, very similar to the world outside ACC. But the significant difference is, that this battle not only involves the parents, who most likely have been ordered to separate, but includes the attitude that the child is under Gabriel's jurisdiction, being the personal representative of God, and everything and everyone, is expected to be under his absolute, and total control -- or else. Even worse, these youngsters who leave, mostly teenagers, have little knowledge of the real world, depending on how long they

have been trapped in the community, and along with many other young and inexperienced adults, usually have a very hard time when they leave, often getting into trouble. Having given everything to Gabriel, and gone through a very traumatic experience, adults have a difficult time trying to get their life back when they leave as well.

Medical - Healing

Second only to the danger of spiritual control, the area of medical control is potentially the most dangerous within the Aquarian Concepts Community. While everyone has their own idea and/or opinion of medical practices and practitioners, the attempt to control the lives of each person via 'medicine' is the most serious. The most disturbing factor about this is the lack of ethics, the betrayal of the doctor-patient relationship.

Specifically, both the Community MD and the 'psychologist' take all of the information they obtain straight to their masters -- Gabriel and Niann. This gives them ALL great leverage of control over the patient/victim. In the case of the MD, believed by some to be a congenial and well-meaning man, it is apparent that, at least in part, he has succumbed to his own naivete, and the overbearing personalities of both Gabriel and Niann, as well as the very ambitious and self-serving psychologist, although this does not excuse his actions.

How would you feel if you knew that everything your doctor learned about you was given in detail to someone else, in this case Gabriel and Niann, the "owners" of ACC? Even worse, how would you feel if the most intimate details and secrets of your personal life, which in good faith were entrusted to a psychologist, were also given in detail to someone else, being Gabriel and Niann, then were USED BY ALL OF THEM for their own self-righteous and personal ambitions, in order to gain even further control over your life, as well as others?

While going for any medical attention outside the community is discouraged, to be sure you are under control as much as possible, the Community MD is required (unless this policy has been intelligently changed) to go with you to every medical appointment you have. While he needs the learning experience to be sure, you can also be sure every detail is reported to Gabriel and Niann, and the psychologist. What business is it of the psychologist anyhow? except that she yields her "power" and "authority" over the MD, and everyone else in the community except Gabriel and Niann. Even so, if you are one of the very few brave enough to 'decline' this 'personal attention' of the MD accompanying you along to your medical appointments (you can be sure that the doctors you have your appointments with question this unusual practice also) you are still required to provide a complete record of all medications, details of any surgery, and PRESCRIPTIONS, to the ACC "medical team", being the MD and psychologist, and this information is automatically given to Gabriel and Niann. This is not only unethical, isn't it against the law? With this approach to ACC medical attention, can it not be that more harm is being done to 'patients' than good? At least this is the opinion of many, both some of those still in the community, but who are terrified to speak out, and all of those who have left.

Regarding Healing

Gabriel claims to be able to control the weather for 5,000 miles radius. He also claims to be a healer, and is head of the Community Healing Team, called "Tron Therapy." Why is it then that one of his concubines is blind in one eye? Why is one of his "Elders" blind in one eye? Why did the teenage daughter of two community members (separated by Gabriel) die of cancer? Why did Cecelian, the director of his choir and arranger of his

'music' (apparently he doesn't know how) die of cancer? Why have other community members died because of illnesses? Why, after 'healing sessions' using his entire community for "energy," with Gabriel and his "Elders" laying their hands on his favorite "Santeen," did he die? ("Santeen"/Kip Reinhold, was the man responsible for obtaining 24 parcels of valuable land in Sedona, and these, among other investments totaling millions, are owned by ACC/Gabriel). There are several ways to approach the answer to these questions, but the overall answer is obvious. Yet this only addresses the physical illnesses, which are complicated by the deep emotional and spiritual difficulties which prevail, both by many still in the organization, as well as to some degree by everybody who has left.

Teaching and the Urantia Book

The URANTIA BOOK is believed by many to be an epochal revelation to the evolving races of this planet, the spiritual name of which it claims to be URANTIA. Assuming this is true, and it is really intended for the evolutionary races of this world, shouldn't such a monumental and spiritual presentation be for everyone, as a gift? Why then would Gabriel charge money (except to ACC members who pay in other ways) to attend his URANTIA BOOK classes, much less CHARGE \$1,000.00 for a personal session?

Humility and Reality

If you have to try and convince people that you are humble, and keep telling the world how great and talented you are, you have no humility whatsoever, and this is the proof that you are self-deceived and/or are deceiving others who are weak and susceptible to lies and fraud; the world is full of such victims. One should be very careful, and avoid any person or organization which tries to convince you of something about themselves and/or their activities that you feel inner doubts about, or even can honestly see that it is not true, unless, of course, it is too late for you, and you have already been so brainwashed that you believe something to be a reality, but [it] is not.

True Revelation or Wake Up Everybody

It is amazing that so many still do not see that the catastrophic events presented in The BOOK OF REVELATION, as well as other prophecies, are indeed coming to pass. Look around you! And in this world of turmoil and violence, confusion and horror, it is very easy to fall prey to negative situations and unscrupulous persons. There are no exceptions; everyone experiences this to some extent. Thus are the warnings to be aware of false teachers and self-proclaimed prophets:

God has given us the abilities to discern truth and to think critically. Don't be afraid to use them. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. – John 1:4

For further information

For those of you who would like to have a closer, 'first hand look' at your new would-be "Planetary Prince," "Gabriel of Sedona," or "ambassador of Sedona" (see the Verde Valley Newspapers" Inc., KUDOS publication,

November 23 through November 29, 2005), take a look at the famous (or infamous) NBC DATELINE, a very revealing program entirely devoted to an expose on the attraction of small religious groups in America called TRUE BELIEVERS. The story focused on The Aquarian Concepts Community and its self-appointed leader Tony Delevin - the man who calls himself "Gabriel of Sedona." (For video or DVD copies of this program, or commentary, contact dateline@nbc.com or John Larson, Dateline NBC, MSNBC.com). While it's not nearly as interesting as watching the video/program, you can also download this text on Gabriel Of Sedona in the public eye - Is Gabriel of Sedona for Real?; Latest News and Commentary: Is Gabriel of Sedona a FRAUD? The evidence says yes. The list goes on, and there are many additional websites, with a variety of opinions, which you can download regarding these controversial activities.

An Evening with Gabriel of Sedona
Part 1: The Emperor Has No Clothes
by Keith Graham

Recently Seattle was host to an event that theoretically could have had far greater ramifications than the much heralded Asian Pacific Economic Conference. Gabriel of Sedona was coming to town to "Channel a Transmission" in order "To Bring Continuing Fifth Epochal Revelation to our Planet Urantia." With a scant few days' notice many Urantia Book readers in the Seattle area received a flyer informing us that Gabriel of Sedona, "Mandated Vessel for: The Bright and Morning Star of Salvington, Head Administrator of our Local Universe, the Finaliter Paladin, and The Present Planetary Prince Machiventa Melchizedek", was going to be appearing at a small church called the New Age Christian Church in Seattle.

From the instant I opened the announcement I felt strongly impressed with the need, even, perhaps, the duty to be there. I was familiar with some of the writings coming out of Sedona since I had somehow ended up on their mailing list and had taken the time to read through each mail-out carefully. Being by nature a skeptic and also a hard core reader of and believer in the Urantia Book for many years, I was obviously not going to be attending this gathering without some preliminary opinions. Yet I am always willing to consider the possibility of learning something new which might further enrich my spiritual life and I recalled vividly the words of Jesus to "Fail not to discern the words of truth which come not through the traditional oracles of supposed inspiration", and, again, "Divine truth must not be discounted because the channel of its bestowal is not human." (Page 1733)

On the day of the event, I put in a solid ten hours of work in my usual occupation and was tired and hungry and ready to see my wife and children; yet when I called Janet and told her I felt compelled to attend the meeting and she encouraged me to go. The setting was a small church with approximately fifty or so persons in attendance in the pews, several long-time readers from the area among them. In front sat seven women and four men who introduced themselves one by one as members of the community from Sedona, now functioning in various positions in the "Planetary Government". Several narrated their previous spiritual odysseys in detail and took pains to establish their credentials as well educated, long-time truth seekers.

The Urantia Book received prominent mention in these introductions. The former editor of "Six-O-Six", the publication of the readers of the UB in Australia was there. There was a PH.D. psychologist who spoke of

hungrily reading through transcripts of Gabriel's "transmissions" between client visits. Niann, the wife of Gabriel of Sedona, spoke at length of her search for truth and purpose. We were informed that forty more dedicated members of the community were in Sedona, people of impeccable credentials, "from all over the world". Much was said of Gabriel's illustrious past, having been formerly incarnated as Ikhnaton, David of the old testament, St. Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, an apache warrior named Gentle Eagle and Simon Peter among others. Still, it was said, he was just a regular guy from Pittsburgh who would probably rather be "shooting some pool and drinking a beer", if he had not been occupied with such momentous tasks as being the "walk-in" or "mandated vessel" of high universe personalities.

Finally Gabriel himself emerged from the rear door, dressed in a white outfit not unlike that worn by a student of karate, white headband and all. He seemed affable enough and proceeded to recount his personal history in this particular incarnation as the son of a steel worker who became involved in the charismatic catholic movement, a worker on the Nikki Cruz evangelical crusades for some years, a musician who turned down financial success in Hollywood, because "they wanted me to take God out of my music", director of a halfway house for addicts undergoing rehabilitation, etc.

It was in the Superstition Mountains of Arizona that he saw his first UFO and was contacted by "Skyhawk", a spiritual being who informed Gabriel of his new responsibilities. After these fairly extensive preliminaries, Gabriel gave way to "the Finaliter Paladin". His voice became deeper and took on an odd accent, somewhat difficult to characterize. He paced up and down the aisle, attempting to engage the audience with direct eye contact, rambling on about a number of topics. He talked of the coming "tribulation" and rescue of at least some lucky mortals by spaceships; some would receive "bodies of light" and be able to bypass death, while still others would remain on earth while "millions perished". In his book THE DIVINE NEW ORDER, he goes into great detail about his tribulation and evacuation event as well as the physical holocaust which will strike the earth no later than 1998.

This would involve tremendous storms and cataclysmic events such as earthquakes (including the loss of most of the west coast (!) in a major shift of the tectonic plates.) He said that The Urantia Book was only the "first tenth" of the fifth epochal revelation and that he would be instrumental in bringing forth the rest, presumably 18,000 more pages of material similar to what we already have. He preached about our greed and envy, and inquired when the last time was " ... you gave someone 50 cents who was in genuine need".

He became more tangential and quoted Bradshaw about child rearing, ridiculing those of us who were raising "rebellious brats" because we decline to spank the "fannies" of our screaming children in the supermarket. At this point he bent over with his generous buttocks toward the audience and spanked himself loudly, then laughed and asked why we thought God had made fannies if not to be spanked? By this time, several of the audience members, clearly disenchanted with the "transmission" headed for the door. Gabriel paused, pronounced God's blessing on those leaving and remarked, still in his Paladin persona, that he had never been known for his ability to make friends.

Gabriel then announced that it was time for Gabriel of Salvington to arrive. Two assistants helped him to don a long white robe and a shimmering headband. He hung a long dangling earring from his ear. His voice changed again to a very high pitched, squeaky voice. He spoke briefly about the feminine aspects of the universe. When

he stated that "Gabriel of Sedona is the most highly evolved human being on the planet," I felt a sudden impulse to respond. I stood up from the pew and stated, "My brother, you are a false prophet!"

Yes, it was confrontational, but by this time I was affronted by what I saw as a mockery of the Urantia Book and values of truth and love. I believe I had two main motives for my behavior: a strong need to point out to any new or potential Urantia Book readers that Gabriel in no way fairly represented the teachings of the Urantia Book, nor did he appear to be displaying the values contained therein, or indeed, the fruits of the spirit as I understand them; secondly, in my training as a political activist, I always held strongly to the idea that "silence is the voice of complicity" and that I have a moral duty to confront grievous error where it may cause harm to others.

In my past work this had led me to occasionally publicly face off with politicians, elected representatives, and others who were misleading the public about the effects of various policy decisions. As you might imagine, Gabriel was taken aback at my behavior. At first, he invited me to explain my accusation, but as the dialogue proceeded he became more belligerent and less tolerant of my behavior. No longer speaking in his Gabriel of Salvington voice he accused me of being an intellectual who knew the idea of God but whose heart had never accepted the reality of God. "I know you," he thundered, "You are the arrogant one!" He came and stood as close as the two people between us would allow and asked, "When was the last time you gave 50 cents to some[one] in need?"

When I responded "Today," he challenged me to prove it. During what became an increasingly chaotic interchange I tried to remain utterly calm and speak directly from my heart. I sought to avoid putting the entire entourage on the defensive by stating that I did not question any of their commitments to serve humanity, nor their purity of heart, or love, but I did question their wisdom and the clarity of their thinking. To Gabriel I said that he was using his ego for personal aggrandizement and that it was clear that these supposedly divine pronouncements were simply the voice of his own ego seeking attention and love from others. I told him that he was misguided in his mission and that there was much work that needed to be done in terms of service to humanity and in the work of the fifth epochal revelation. I also told him I was truly ashamed that anyone would think he had anything to do with the Urantia Book or the community of readers whereupon he bellowed that he did not represent the Urantia community. At least we agreed on this much.

By this time I was standing directly in the aisle in front of him, face to face, and he was angrily accusing me of "being rude and interrupting the voice of God." I told him that I listened to God every day of my life and never interrupted. Then one of the men in his entourage asked me to leave the church. I paused a moment to consult my heart. I felt I had accomplished my task. No other words seemed pressing to say and I could also see that Gabriel was quite stressed. His ego appeared to be fragmenting under the challenge. I left and was surprised to see that half of those seated, all but one, strangers to me, stood up and followed me.

Once outside they hugged me and thanked me for having stood up to the "false prophet." Throughout the event I felt no animosity or anger in my heart toward Gabriel. In fact, I sensed tremendous pain from him and felt love and pity toward him. I pray that Gabriel will be able to set his feet back on the path of doing the Father's will in his life. On reflecting on the experience I recalled the story of the emperor's new clothes and how each person

was afraid to speak up about the obvious, for fear of being branded a fool. Finally a child spoke the obvious and everyone else was relieved to find that others also could not see the alleged wondrous clothing.

Similarly, Jesus commends to us the spiritual simplicity, not the mental immaturity of the child. We were also admonished to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. With the gifts of the Father's own spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Adjutant Mind Spirits, the Divine Minister and her ministering daughters, and all the other loving benevolent spiritual influences with which we are blessed, why would we need human "channels" through which to hear God's message to us, his children? If Gabriel and Melchizedek are able to assume human form at will, why invade the mind and body of a flawed human being to impart presumably precious information to us?

Whoever Paladin is, it is interesting to see how his words are direct plagiarism of the Urmia lectures (page 42, "third printing" of THE DIVINE NEW ORDER.) I believe that we must always search our hearts for the truth of any idea or concept, and we must always earnestly seek to listen for the voice of the Spirit of Truth in all that we experience. I have no doubt in my mind about the "sordid performance" I observed and feel at peace with my confrontational behavior. I believe it is imperative that the "channeling" phenomenon be thoroughly investigated and evaluated by those who have any doubt about its true nature. The truth never suffers from honest examination. Others will feel led to deal with it differently than I, but if we remain passive and uninvolved, much damage may be done to our sisters and brothers who are still young in the spirit and uncritically accepting of all these potentially harmful falsehoods which are being attached to our beloved fifth epochal revelation.

Whether confronting false prophets and money-changers in the temple, or misguided, self-serving public servants and policy-makers, confrontation can be a valuable tool for change as long as we are able to keep love in our hearts and treat our opponents with brotherly affection.

An Evening with Gabriel of Sedona

Part 2: Still Naked

by Anthony Finstad

On the day of the visit to Seattle by Gabriel of Sedona, (Nov. 20th, 1993), Keith had called me about going to hear him. We had both received the invitation in the mail just a couple days previously. As it turned out, our schedules wouldn't permit us to car pool together, so we agreed to meet each other at the church. I mention this as an attempt to dispel any notion that this was a prearranged attack by a couple of headstrong, closed-minded, UB fundamentalists who were on a mission from Chicago to infiltrate, interrupt and harass.

Actually, it was all rather spontaneous. We were invited, we attended, we listened. Mark calmly suggested that he shared no new revelatory information that wasn't already available within The Urantia Book. Paladin once again became angry and defensive. During the next five minutes he berated Mark, telling him that he was helplessly stuck in his fourth psychic circle, that Mark thought he was God's gift to women, that he should stop smoking marijuana (Mark has been a non-smoker for decades), that he would die in the big earthquake unless his cancer got him first. Imagine all this coming from a personality that has successfully traversed time and

space, all billion spheres of Havona, reached Paradise and been embraced by the Heavenly Father. I think not. If this is the great reward I'm not interested in the journey.

Then it was my turn. To spare you all the details, "Pal" and I had several minutes of interaction before it came down to this question and response. I asked, "It's my understanding that a finaliter is a unique personality expression of the Father's love and yet all I hear from you is human anger. Where's the love?" Paladin's response came visually packaged with a lot of body language. As he shook his head from side to side he said, "Love, love, love ... what is love? Bullshit!" At this moment the woman who operates the church (Alice) stood up and asked them to leave. She said, "This is a church of love and I cannot have you continue with this." Gabriel got up from his seat, turned to his stage groupies and told them to stay behind to "take care of things." He then walked off. Alice made yet another request for the others to leave. The show was over.

I quickly invited those remaining to attend one of our study groups. We handed out several Urantia cards and had the opportunity to talk and answer questions. We also met with Alice and talked about giving an introduction to The Urantia Book (from the human perspective) at one of these Saturday evening gatherings. I'm sure the believers in the teaching mission and the continuing papers of the fifth epochal revelation would never agree with this public pronouncement of negative love. Who would? In fact, I've read much of the so-called transmitted material that has been circulated and it consistently suggests quite the opposite. The writings are all about love, adjuster communion and everything beautiful ... including the material from Gabriel of Sedona! Something changed between those clean writings of wisdom and when he theatrically got up there on the stage (where I think most of these teachers would like to be.)

Then to be rudely confronted, challenged and questioned by disbelieving readers who are not a part of the inner circle of ego-feeding followers. How embarrassing. Was it just a bad night in front of a tough audience? Did we mean little humans expose a personality weakness in the Finaliter Paladin and during this confusing episode we scared away the shy and timid Bright and Morning Star of Nebadon? Perhaps it's nothing more than bad reception here in Seattle with all the rain clouds hovering overhead.

After we finally closed out the church that evening, there were five of us who walked outside and suddenly formed a prayer circle. It was an uplifting spiritual experience. It came complete with the personal presence of our collective group teacher. There was no need to channel it or put a new age name to it. He was there. Not just for the chosen few but for everyone, even us. No, God has not stopped talking. Revelation happens every day. The planet is filled with spiritual energy and great mystery. Let's rejoice and praise God! We all want to serve and there seems to be a perceived void in how to "channel" that burning desire to evangelize.

Yet with all the kingdom-building opportunities that are available to the inspired and courageous readers, why would a balanced person choose to conveniently alter an epochal revelation, add some new papers and then plagiarize other sections? Are we to believe God is speaking through our new age friend and we should just take a leap of faith into the desert? I'm not saying I know how to deal with these kinds of situations. I've been quietly ignoring them until now. This one was hitting too close to home.

A Service of The Urantia Book Fellowship

Gabriel of Tumacacori?

by Nate Hansen and Christopher Fox Graham

Sedona Red Rock News

April 6, 2007

The Global Community Communications Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, recently changed its name, bought a ranch near the Arizona-Mexico border and put much of its most valuable Sedona area real estate up for sale.

According to the Arizona Corporation Commission, Aquarian Concepts Community legally changed its name to the Global Community Communications Alliance on Dec. 18, 2006.

Tumacacori

- Established on the site of a Franciscan mission built in 1795.
- Located between Tubac and Nogales, about 20 minutes from the United States-Mexico border in Santa Cruz County.

In January, the alternative living and church community, based off Upper Red Rock Loop Road southwest of Sedona, listed its Cathedral Rock Lodge, Avalon Gardens and Master's House, real property valued at more than \$13 million, for sale, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

The alliance appears ready to move or to expand its operations.

GCCA leader Tony Delevin, known locally as "Gabriel of Sedona" or "Gabriel of Urantia," declined to comment.



POTREROS RANCH is the name of the 165-acre ranch Global Community Communications Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, recently purchased near Tubac. Six acres are zoned "multi-family" while 159 acres are zoned "general rural," according to the Santa Cruz County Assessor's Office.

Nate Hansen/Larson Newspapers



An aerial view of Potreritos Ranch

Aerial courtesy of Santa Cruz County Community Development Office

GABRIEL: Alternative living community packs its bags for trip to Tumacacori

(from Page 1A)

Friday, Jan. 26, the Nogales International reported five members of GCCA met with neighbors of Potreritos Ranch, in Tumacacori, Santa Cruz County -- a property the community asked about buying.

Santa Cruz County Community Development Director Mary Dahl said she also met with GCCA representatives who expressed interest in three parcels of ranch land totaling 165 acres.

Potreritos Ranch lies between Pendleton Road and Tumacacori National Historical Park with the main entrance located on Santa Gertrudis Lane.

Two of the parcels, one 36 acres and another 123 acres, are zoned "general rural."

A third parcel, totaling about 6 acres, is zoned for "multi-family dwellings," Dahl said.

Though Dahl wasn't sure how far January's meeting went beyond negotiations, two GCCA members working at the property in Tumacacori on Monday, April 2, verified the purchase.

A man who identified himself as "Arlin," whose legal name is Steve Monroe, an ACC/GCCA member for 12 years, told reporters that he and other GCCA "farmers" arrived in Tumacacori a short while ago.

"We just bought the place," Monroe said.

According to Headquarters West Realtor Sam Hubbel, Potreritos Ranch was purchased March 23.

According to a former co-owner of the ranch, Louisa Fuggiti, however, GCCA bought the property March 15.

The RE/MAX agent representing Fuggiti said GCCA paid \$580,000 for the land.

In addition to the ranch, GCCA purchased three business lots and on-site living quarters in a neighboring shopping district, Tubac Plaza, county records state.

Though Director of Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce Olivia Ainsa-Kramer couldn't be reached for comment on what the GCCA businesses would entail, GCCA board member Catherine Lilly reportedly told Santa Cruz County officials and neighbors the ranch community will focus on "organic gardening" and "sustainable methods."

The move was prompted due to Sedona's growth and a number of real estate developments underway on land near the community, Lilly told county officials.

In the meantime, GCCA appears ready to move some or all of its operations south.

"We're here [in Tumacacori] ... right now we're just getting things set up and ready to go," Monroe said.

Tony Delevin

by Tyler Midkiff

On the sixth anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Tony Delevin, aka "Gabriel of Sedona," stood at a lectern backed by members of the Aquarian Concepts Community -- now called the Global Community Communication Alliance -- and spoke to a room of his followers. With a sort of subdued vitriol, he told them that America has lost its way.

"Our country has lost it," he said. "Lost it to greed, corporations and materialism."

It's a message many can identify with. Delevin also claims that he commands a fleet of spaceships that will swoop down to save his followers when much of the human race is destroyed.

Delevin claims his teachings are based on elements of The Urantia Book.

The Urantia Book, Delevin said, describes the effects of the Lucifer Rebellion on Earth, aka "Urantia."

Delevin's book and its sequels describe the effects the rebellion had on planets in other universes -- effects he said were communicated to him through celestial beings.

Delevin tells his followers at the GCCA that they are "starseed," or old souls, sent to Earth from faraway planets. Earth he tells them, is ruled mainly by "new souls" who are spiritually immature. Starseed find it difficult to live and work on Earth because they are unable to adapt to the fraudulence of life here.

When new members join the community, they are given new names and new histories which illustrate the many past lives they've led in this universe and in others, according to former member Mark Sprague.

Delevin claims he has led many past lives, he said. In interviews and in his autobiography, *The Divine New Order*, he claims he was once the Apostle Peter, St. Francis of Assisi, King Arthur, Martin Luther, Alexander the Great, George Washington and others.

But "the issue is who I am now," Delevin explained, "because I am greater today than who I was in any past life."

He states his current life's role on his Web site <http://gabrielofsedona.info>. He is an "Audio Fusion Material Complement," he writes, meaning that celestial beings use his voice to communicate spiritual truths to the people of Earth.

"Nebadon," the "head administrator of the local universe," first "fused" with Delevin in 1989 and since then, "Skyhawk," or "the Finaliter Paladin," has also established communication with him and regularly reveals universal truths to him from "Celestial Overcontrol," he said.

With the help of these "celestial beings," Delevin has made numerous predictions about his life, the life of others and the life of this planet.

He once predicted that much of the human race would be wiped out near the start of the 21st century. It didn't happen, but he admitted that he held the same belief during his life at the end of the first century.

"I went to my death thinking it," he said.

At the end of each century since, he has continued to believe that Christ would return, he said. But he does not live his lives depending on it, he explained. He instead focuses on changing the world through the spirit of truth Christ has given him, he said.

The devil, whom he calls "Caligastia," is alive and well on this planet, in the fifth dimension, he said.

Through his band, Gabriel & the Bright and Morning Star Band, Delevin claims to teach messages of higher consciousness.

He also promotes other bands with similar messages through the "Musicians-That-Need-To-Be-Heard-Network."

He and his “spiritual complement” Nancy Chase call themselves “the most significant spiritual leaders of our time.”

Through them, the GCCA has founded dozens of companies, organizations, publications and teaching outlets, including Spirit Steps Tours, Global Change Multimedia, Future Studios, Global Family Legal Services, The Alternative Voice, Cathedral Rock Lodge & Retreat Center, the Starseed and Urantian Schools of Melchizedek and others.

During a speech titled “I Have a Vision,” Delevin predicted that his company, Global Change Multimedia, will one day become “the parent planetary leading consolidate group for all media endeavors, including motion pictures, television, radio, Internet and music recordings.”

To assist in his goal, he asks for money, support and representation on the Internet because there are forces at work to prevent “change agents,” or people striving toward global change and spiritual unity, from being heard by the public, he said.

“As for me,” he said, “I will serve the Lord, Christ Michael, and I will bring interuniversal truth to the planet.”

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A Reporter's Trip to Community's New World

by Nate Hansen

After nearly five hours of driving south and connecting 1-17 to 1-10 to 1-19, I arrived in Nogales facing a cold and uninviting steel wall topped with concertina wire.

It was the end of the road, the United States-Mexico border.

Twenty-five minutes north of Nogales was a small town and tourist shopping district called Tubac.

In between was a rural community of ranches surrounding the historic site of a Franciscan mission built in 1795 called Tumacacori [Too-mah-KAHcore-ee], the likely future home of Global Community Communications Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community.

The GCCA is an alternative living and church community located off Upper Red Rock Loop Road, southwest of Sedona, led by Tony Delevin, aka "Gabriel of Sedona."

In late January, GCCA representatives traveled to Tumacacori to visit with Santa Cruz County officials and area residents.

According to fellow reporters for the Nogales International, GCCA was inquiring about nearly 200 acres of land east of the Tumacacori National Historical Park.

Three months later, in March, former owners and real estate agents say three parcels of land making up Potreritos Ranch, in addition to three business lots in Tubac were purchased.

Some Tumacacori residents expressed concerns.

Sarah Bailey, a neighboring rancher, says there are several reasons she doesn't want GCCA moving onto the Potreritos Ranch.

Bailey, a former attorney for the Arizona Attorney General's Office, says she believes GCCA will be detrimental to the quiet community near Tubac.



GEORGE HEMMINGER, retired pilot and rancher, looks beyond his property and over Santa Gertrudis Lane which separates him from the 165 acres Global Community Communications Alliance recently purchased. The Sedona organization, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, isn't welcome in his Tumacacori ranch community, Hemminger says.

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In Bailey's opinion, the arrival of a community estimated at 80 adults and 20 children is going to cause unnecessary stress and traffic to the private Santa Gertrudis Lane the ranch's main entrance is on.

Additionally, six of the 165 acres of land GCCA purchased is designated for multi-family housing.

Although the acreage is currently covered in mesquite trees and on a "flood way," Bailey worries they'll build hastily and end up diverting future flood waters onto her property.

"If 200 people live out there, just the septic situation is going to be horrendous," she says.

George Hemminger, owner of the neighboring Rancho San Cayetano, is concerned about residents in the area who struggle financially.

Hemminger, a retired pilot, says he pays approximately \$7,000 in taxes on his 150 acres of land. He's upset GCCA's tax exempt status as a church frees them from paying their dues.

The burden is going to fall on everyone else, he says.

Bailey admits she hasn't seen any of the GCCA members on the property yet, but from what she and other residents of Tumacacori ranches read on the Internet, she is fearful.

"This community is going to turn Tubac into what Sedona's become, the land of the Waco whackos," she adds.

Roy Simpson, Tumacacori National Historical Park ranger, says he's met with GCCA members.

He says he's heard the controversy behind the former ACC and the recent move of GCCA. He was curious about its intention of moving next to the park's newly acquired 300 acres of historic land.

Simpson says he was pleased when he discovered they were "devoted to organic farming" and "conscious building."

"They are conservation-minded," he says. "I just hope they remain good stewards to the land."

Steven Monroe, a 12-year resident of ACC/GCCA who goes by the name "Arlin," says he's fed up with bad press.

He says people who don't understand their lifestyle would rather criticize.

"We're a community of people trying to live in a better way. There's a lot of tough things going on in the world," Monroe says.

Monroe says allegations that GCCA is a cult are untrue.

"We invite people in to see what that is, see what's going on," he said.

Spiritual Path Took a Sedona Man to ACC

by Nate Hansen

At age 26, Trevor Roberson described himself as a “charismatic Christian.” More than anything, he wanted to know God.

Today, over a decade since entering a faith-based fundamentalist organization, Roberson would rather know more about himself. In addition, he wants people to be aware of the truth behind such organizations.

While growing up in Daytona, Fla., during both work and play, Roberson wore a wooden cross necklace symbolizing Jesus Christ’s sacrifice to mankind. He carried God’s word in the Holy Bible.



Trevor Roberson

Because he felt a profound draw to serve God, Roberson eventually found himself working alongside someone he now merely deems “a really good salesman.”

Roberson was in his mid-20s, athletic and ambitious about preaching Christianity when a man, whose name Roberson requests be kept in confidence, approached and challenged him.

"He was a 'in-your-face' kind of guy," Roberson recalls. "He asked me, 'Are you man enough for God?'"

The man claimed to know God, which played on Roberson's curiosity. He remembers wanting to step up to the man's challenge.

It wasn't long before he joined a group called "Wholeness in Christ."

Roberson justifies his actions at the time.

"Those who truly want to know God don't want to know the system, they want to know God," he stresses.

Eventually, after prompting by the group's leader, Roberson quit his job as an illustrator for the U.S. Department of Defense. He dedicated his life to the group.

The next four years took Roberson from Florida to Arizona, where he resided for a period of time in Flagstaff.

According to Roberson, the group's missions appeared "fairly legitimate" early on.

One mission Roberson describes hoped to reveal certain televangelists as frauds, such as the popular Pentecostal preacher Tofik Benedictus "Benny" Hinn.

Roberson's group conducted protests based on ethical questions surrounding Hinn's income and healing abilities. Roberson's group described the tactic as "the emperor has no clothes" and "lie of the tithe."

Although Roberson feels the Flagstaff branch of Wholeness in Christ was "conservative," he recalls a definite turning point.

Purpose fell more toward power, he admits.

"He [the leader] didn't want anything, but God did," Roberson says.

Roberson and a friend discussed leaving the group and moving out on their own. The thought manifested into action when the group's leader subsequently called them from Florida in an effort to change their minds.

"He left a message on the answering machine. He said, 'Hold the fort. God's got us set up here,'" Roberson recalls.

Roberson spoke to the group's leader and told him of his intention to leave.

"I want to know I can find God for myself if I leave," Roberson says, recounting the meeting.

As quickly as he picked up to follow the group, he turned and left.

Even though he has absolutely no regrets, Roberson can pinpoint "tiny details" which show a progression from purpose to power.

He has answers for those who question how somebody could be "tricked" into following any charismatic, faith-based organization.

Leadership will accentuate an individual's frailties to break them down, then build them back up under the guise of being a "member," Roberson says.

"Over the years, he established Pavlovian effects. First year, things won't make sense, not even the second, but as time goes by," he says.

"Protestants use hell after death to scare one other. Charismatics use hell too, but also the abandonment of knowing God," he adds. "It would take six months in my scenario, then again, I'm not a salesman."

When Roberson belonged to Wholeness in Christ, he didn't work for anyone other than the group. He lived on a minimal diet, eating cereal morning, noon and night.

When it came to disagreements, he remembers arguing against what the leader called "the authority of God."

Roberson denies his organization was a "cult," but he feels he's been close enough to identify one.

"I think what defines a cult is when free will is taken, stolen or not knowingly given up," Roberson says. "I don't care if it's a biker bar in Daytona, if there's a sole intent on extracting one's will, it's a cult."

When Roberson first arrived in Sedona, he attended Easter services at Aquarian Concepts Community. He was in search of a suitable church, he recalls.

As to not raise suspicion, he says he asked ACC members about their ideology and belief system.

It didn't take long until Roberson was convinced he was entering something much more dangerous than what he left.

A definite chain of command existed. Members were not permitted to leave a certain mile radius, or perimeter, without permission, which kept the group's members close by, Roberson remembers ACC members telling him.

In Roberson's opinion, purpose was gone. There was only power, he says. It all led to Tony Delevin, otherwise known as "Gabriel."

"Cult. It's a cult, I'm telling you. It's a cult," he says, emphatically.

Ask Roberson what his views are of religion these days and he just smiles.

"I feel better that I don't know the answers. I'm waiting," Roberson says. "In the meantime, I'm going mountain biking."

Former 'Gabriel' Groupies Open Up

by Nate Hansen

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For a number of years, a group of people who experienced the ideology of Global Community Communications Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, kept silent in fear of being persecuted by present GCCA members.

Their silence is broken.

This article leads a series of firsthand accounts from former members and families who struggled with the alleged mistreatment of their sons, daughters and grandchildren inside the community.

The following are questions asked to two former ACC members, John Thurstin and Laura Medina.

Medina was drawn to the alternative community and stayed for four years.

Thurstin, an instructor of The Urantia Book for nearly 50 years, was asked to come to the community in 1991 by Tony Delevin, who refers to himself as "Gabriel of Sedona" or "Gabriel of Urantia."

Thurstin stayed for over 13 years until leaving two years ago out of moral and ethical frustrations.

Delevin, Candace Ruth and Catherine Lolly, GCCA spokespersons, were not available for comment by press time.

- Does/did Gabriel influence the decision for separation or divorce?

Thurstin: "Yes. It is a common practice for couples and families to be separated by Gabriel. He makes it clear that, in his opinion, their relationship is inappropriate, although they may have been together for years and have one or more offspring."

Medina: "If Gabriel declares a couple, even married, in an inappropriate union, pressure would be brought for them to separate."

Thurstin: "They are sometimes re-matched to someone else which usually doesn't work very well, with one or both leaving the community."

"Sometimes the child leaves with a parent, or they stay in the community with a parent, which may result in bitter relationships and legal intervention that may drag on for years."

- Does/did Gabriel remove children from families to be raised by others within the community?

Thurstin: "Yes. If he feels that a child should be removed from their parents and placed elsewhere in the community, the parents are expected to cooperate with his wishes, otherwise they should expect to be asked to leave."

"There have been ongoing legal battles involving parents and grandparents over concern for a child, to either get their children out of the community or prevent them from returning."

"In one case, a child remains in the community although the single mother has left."

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This part includes the first five questions and answers.

The final seven questions and their answers will be published Friday, April 13.

Medina: "Gabriel will remove children from families to other places where community members would be given discretion, declaring it is best that they are raised by others for the child's spiritual education and advancement."

- Does/did Gabriel have multiple partners and use sex as power?

Thurstin: "Yes. He believes in polygamy because of genetics, but only on the condition that he personally approves the relationships, although he has made it clear to his followers that so far none of them are qualified for this arrangement."

"He also believes that he should be able to have a sexual relationship with someone if he thinks it is appropriate, but if they don't agree, they are out of God's will."

Medina: "Gabriel declares whom and if your present relationship will be granted as appropriate if you wanted to stay in it or not. It all depends on your ability to conform to the community or party line, It's called [being] 'aligned.'"

- Does/did he force people to contribute by pooling their resources?

Thurstin: "'Force' may not be an accurate word, but 'required' or 'coercion' would be appropriate.

"For example, when anyone becomes a member, they are required to give everything they own to the community and Gabriel, and he controls it all.

"This would include all of their money, bank and savings accounts, credit cards, vehicles, businesses, land and property of any kind."

Medina: "I saw the idea formulating to give up everything of value to the community prior to leaving it.

"If a prospective new member has money, he will only be shown the good side of the community. If after being disillusioned with the community, he will leave with none of his money."

Thurstin: "You are also required to change your will, or make out a new one via the ACC attorney, so that the beneficiaries are Tony Delevin [Gabriel] and Nancy Chase [Niann].

"In 1997, a document called The Freedom Form was distributed to all community members demanding that they give everything they owned to the Aquarian Concepts Community.

"Each existing member had to sign this or get out. In other words, you would be free from everything you own, including your own personal freedom, which does not exist."

- Did/does anyone at the community receive compensation for their work?

Thurstin: "After having already given Gabriel everything they own, any compensation for the enormous number of hours of service they are required to continually give as community members is basically a place to sleep and food.

"If anyone needs money, no matter how small the amount, there is the usual form which you have to fill it out, including all the details of how much, why you need it.

"You may or may not be granted your request. And don't forget the receipt, or you will somehow be punished."

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'Gabriel' Separates Families and Friends

by Nate Hansen
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The following are the remaining seven questions, of 12, asked to two former Aquarian Concepts Community members, John Thurstin and Laura Medina.

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- When people leave, are their belongings returned to them?

Thurstin: "If anyone decides to leave the community, for whatever reasons, they are considered a traitor, a Judas, in default, and regardless of what they may have given, including such valuable items as [money, property], they get nothing back."

"One can expect to leave without a car, money, food, no income, no place to stay and some have left friends and family behind as well.

"It has taken some people years to get over it, and some of them never will because they are so damaged by the experience."

- Do community members have privacy?

Thurstin: "Although they still have to account for everything, the few who are the closest to Gabriel and do his bidding without question have easier access to cars, money and so on. They live in better conditions than the rest of the community.

"Those of lesser class are often jammed into unlikely and often uncomfortable situations such as tents, yurts, shacks or garages. Privacy for most community members is non-existent.

"Furthermore, members are not allowed to have any friends outside of the ACC, including Sedona, and they are not allowed to ride in any cars other than those belonging to ACC in the company of another ACC member.

"So one can tattle on the other if they don't agree with what they do or say. 'Chips' are often given. Not surprisingly, this 'game' often functions on a very petty level."

- What is the "chip game"?

Thurstin: "While the rules of the 'chip game' are far too numerous and complicated, I can tell you that it is basically a method of encouraging members to watch each other and report any deviance from Tony Delevin's teachings, especially what he teaches about himself.

"Children watch their parents, spouses watch each other and they rat on each other via this procedure. Reports of infractions or deviations often result in a chip submitted to denote the problem, which may lead to counseling or humiliation before the entire community.

"This is a game where everyone is encouraged to spy and tattle on one another; including family members ... to emphasize obedience members are literally told if they do not obey Gabriel they will die."

Medina: "I found the counselor more interested in my personal financial standing than my attitude. To make matters worse, the 'service ' was not free. I had to pay for it. One pays for everything."

- If you came as a certain professional, does the community utilize those skills or refrain from having a person use their trade?

Thurstin: "As usual, it depends on Gabriel. Some have arrived with a profession who were allowed to continue in their practice because he needed it. Others trained in a highly specialized field were told they should drop it and do something else.

"A nurse who had specialized emergency room training, for example, decided to leave rather than throw her profession away. Fortunately, she didn't leave before she had the opportunity to save the life of someone who had left the community and attempted to commit suicide."

Medina: "Much to my astonishment, I witnessed the denial of persons with highly developed skills fall by the wayside only to be put to work in [illegible] service."

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These are the final seven questions and their answers.

- Does ACC go to the local food bank for food?

Thurstin: "Yes. They have gone to two food banks in Phoenix that I am aware of for around 15 years and brought back vans full of food.

"They also obtain it from local places, such as Bashas' and the Sedona food bank, in spite of their apparent wealth."

- If The Urantia Book is a fellowship without a hierarchy of leaders, priests and so forth, why does Gabriel insist on calling himself, Gabriel of Urantia?

Thurstin: "Urantia is the cosmic name of this planet, according to The Urantia Book. When 'Christ Michael' came to this planet and incarnated as Jesus Christ a 'Son of Man,' he took the title of 'Planetary Prince' from the apostate 'Caligastia,' the cosmic name of the one known as the devil.

"Gabriel is now assuming this title as the ruler of this world, with plans that his son will inherit this title, and planet, when he leaves ... as ruler of the world he claims that no other human being has any authority over him, or should anyone question anything he does and/or orders others to do. And he will not tolerate criticism of any kind.

"'Prince Malfax' is another name that symbolizes his supposed future destiny to be the ruler of Earth and to repopulate it mostly with his children/genetic seed. 'Everything I do is justified ... I am the mandated ruler of the world,' Gabriel has said."

- Describe any issues you feel need investigated further.

Thurstin: "Of all the things over the years I observed taking place with community members, and particularly what I experienced personally, the so-called medical care and related activities called 'Tron Therapy' affected and disturbed me the most."

Medina: "Some people leave secretly in the middle of the night, with only what they can carry. Why is that, could it be fear?"

"Many are afraid to talk about their experience in the community. Why is that, could it be fear?"

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Woman Fears Gabriel's Control

by Nate Hansen

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In 1995, Shiloh Helminiak was born to Darrell and Jessica Helminiak. As a new grandmother, Janet Helminiak was never happier.

Happiness turned to sadness a year later when the couple, and baby Shiloh, joined Aquarian Concepts Community, now called the Global Community Communications Alliance, an alternative living and church group that operates off Lower Red Rock Loop Road outside Sedona city limits.

According to Janet Helminiak, of California, she never worried about GCCA's alternative lifestyle or "religious beliefs." People have the right to practice what they want, she says.

Nor did she show opposition when her son became "Anyan," her daughter-in-law became "VesBein," and Shiloh became "Ascendia" – all "cosmic names" provided by GCCA.

She did show concern when Darrell, now 36, and Jessica separated at the alleged discretion of Tony Delevin, the leader of GCCA otherwise known as "Gabriel of Urantia."

According to the disheartened grandmother, Jessica Helminiak became a partner, or "complement," to a member by the name of "Tereon" before settling down with "Keea," [with] whom she has since had a second child.

As far as her son, Darrell Helminiak, he was paired with and married a woman named Justine – cosmic name, "Aspinglae." The couple stayed married a short while before divorcing, bearing no children.

Helminiak's second ex-wife, who arrived at the community as a single mother and has since left alone, declined to comment about her experiences at GCCA.

Janet Helminiak says, other than constant secrecy, she never saw anything wrong with GCCA conditions until January 1999.

During one of her bi-annual visits to GCCA that month, she says a red flag surrounding her granddaughter's health and welfare went up.

A short time later, according to Helminiak, her concerns spawned community member Steven Munro, otherwise known as "Arlin," to escort her and another parent and grandparent of GCCA members off the GCCA property.

Munro, who currently resides at GCCA's Tumacacori ranch near Nogales, denied any separation of families.

Jacqueline Munro, a former member and Steven Munro's ex-wife, declined to comment because records of her divorce and other court proceedings are sealed and she is barred from discussing the case.

Helminiak says she had no choice but to legally petition Yavapai County Superior Court for visitation rights in order to see her granddaughter.

“I want my granddaughter healthy,” she says. “I don’t know, I have my worries. I want her to have a change at life.”

In 2001, following what she says had potential of being a "precedent-setting lawsuit," Helminiak admits she wasted her time.

Due to sealed court documents and a gag order, Helminiak says she can’t discuss specific issues.

She can say the tedious court battle and unresolved mediation ended in 2001 and cost her a \$70,000 legal bill. Furthermore and more distressing, she says she is further distanced from her granddaughter.

She blames herself, she says.

Helminiak says though legally she should be able to see her granddaughter, she says she doesn’t feel she’ll be able to visit.

By this time, Shiloh, who will be 12 years old in October, is afraid of her grandmother, she says. Besides that, she says she doesn’t believe Delevin will allow visitation.

On Feb. 28, 2005, Darrell Helminiak wrote a letter to his parents.

"The two of you are both accountable for what you have done to assist in disintegrating our nuclear family," he wrote.

"The first step in re-establishing a relationship with us would be for you to repay the nearly 30,000 dollars [sic] ACC put forth to defend your so called 'heroic cause.' If you wish, I could put together a summary of documented expenses we spent on the case. Secondly, you would need to write a letter of apology to the eldership of ACC, in particular Gabriel."

The letter was signed, “Your son, Anyan.”

Celinas Ruth, GCCA’s attorney, said she declines to comment on personal letters written by community members.

“That’s not him. That’s not my son. This is all orchestrated by Gabriel and Niann [another GCCA leader],” Helminiak says. “My son is a wonderful man, wonderful man.

"He wants me to say I was wrong. I wasn't."

Helminiak breaks down in tears. She pleads she has no hidden agendas, no ulterior motives other than to see her granddaughter.

"I'm trying to find out as much as I can about the community because I'm concerned about my granddaughter," she cries. "People think it can't happen to them, their children are protected. They're not."

"This is not a typical, church-driven organization. Where's the benevolence?" Helminiak says, frustrated. "This is a well-oiled machine of deception. It's convoluted -- not on the up and up."

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Memo Re Procedures for Sending Written Drafts to MHQ

by Gabriel & Niann

December 8, 2009

MEMO

TO: all "writers"

FROM: Gabriel & Niann via LaTaYea.

DATE: 12/8/09

RE: procedures for sending written DRAFTS to MHQ

Here are the procedures for sending a written/typed draft to MHQ to get approval. This includes letters, profiles, articles, brochures, etc.

- send your first draft to Gabriel & Niann marked "DRAFT #1" at the top, in larger letters.
- G/N will read and make any comments/changes, then return to you with their initials in the upper left-hand corner of the first page.
- you should then make the changes and send them a second draft, labeled "DRAFT #2" with all the changes highlighted in whatever color highlighter you have. Be sure to return Draft #1 paper-clipped underneath of Draft #2, so that G/N can reference it if they need to.
- again G/N will read and make any comments/changes, then return to you with their initials in the upper left-hand corner of the first page.
- this process of exchange should continue (with ALL old drafts paper-clipped underneath the most current one) until you finally receive an APPROVED draft, indicated by G/N initials in the upper right-hand corner of your draft.
- at that point, you can then take whatever next steps are necessary to publish the article, mail the letter, send your profile to Lah-May, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

[While "Gabriel of Sedona" vehemently denies his attempt to control every one in his community (or what is left of it), this "MEMO" is a good example that speaks for itself. As stated, it is 'required' that everything you write

must be sent to him to be scrutinized and censured. Not only does this include 'documents ' -- can you imagine writing a letter to your Mother and or Father and having to give it to "Gabriel" for editing to suit himself?]

Order in Tubac Prepares for Apocalypse: Critics Draw Parallels to Other Cultlike Groups, Say Community's Leader Demands Obedience

by Dennis Wagner

The Arizona Republic

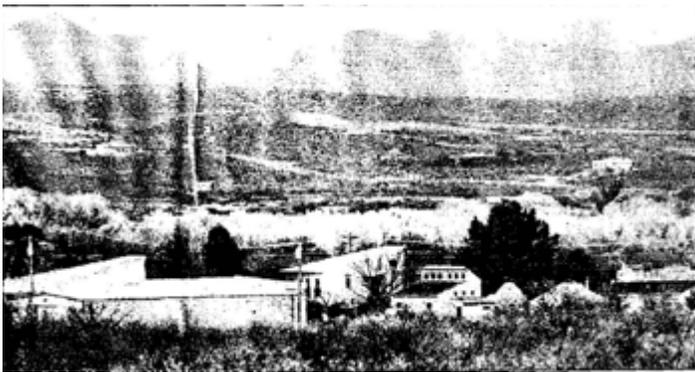
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TUBAC - The Divine Administration sprawls over 165 acres along the banks of the Santa Cruz River on a historic ranch next to the old Tumacacori Mission.

Here, a man known as Gabriel of Urantia oversees a religious order of about 100 men, women and children who believe that the apocalypse is imminent and that their leader is a prophet ordained to save them from doom and then rule the world.

Members of the Global Community Communications Alliance practice a unique blend of New Age theology, old-style Christianity, Buddhism, American Indian religion, environmentalism and business.

Their community, which they describe as the Divine Administration, includes an organic farm, legal services, a hospice program, a school, psychological counseling, a film studio, a magazine, an art studio, eco-construction and a "soulistic" medical institute.



Global Community Communications Alliance, a religious community that also operates an organic farm and other enterprises, is situated along the Santa Cruz River in Tubac.

Pat Shannahan/The Arizona Republic

To join, members must renounce their given names and many of their possessions, steps they say are worth the serenity and security they find with the insular group.

But critics say the alliance is hardly serene. They describe a controlling, narcissistic leader who requires obedience and runs a cultlike community, and they draw parallels between the group and others that have garnered headlines following ritual-related deaths and mass suicides.

The GCCA is led by Gabriel, or Anthony Joseph Delevin, 62, the son of a Pittsburgh steelworker.

He and his female "complement," Niann Emerson Chase, have attracted followers from four continents, including a lawyer, a doctor, a psychologist and schoolteachers.

They founded a religious order and sanctuary, originally known as Aquarian Concepts Community, in 1989 along Oak Creek in Yavapai County. The organization, which functions as a church, adopted its current name several years ago before moving to southern Arizona. Churches are exempt from paying property taxes under state law, and the Internal Revenue Service does not mandate the filing of public financial disclosures that are required of other non-profits.

One of [the] group's rites, Native American purification, has come under public scrutiny in the aftermath of a fatal sweat-lodge ceremony involving a different group in Sedona two months ago. In that incident, three people died and 18 others were hospitalized while taking part in a Spiritual Warrior event led by self-improvement guru James Arthur Ray. A criminal investigation is pending.

The GCCA conducts similar cleansing ceremonies; although, unlike Ray's group, it does not charge participants huge fees (donations, however, are suggested).

There are other parallels: Ray and Gabriel both have written autobiographies describing years of spiritual searching. Both claim to have been influenced by Hopi elders. And both are criticized by former members and clients for their inflated egos and aggressive leadership styles.

Although Gabriel's group regularly invites the paying public to visit and operates a number of non-profit services, spokeswoman Centria Lilly declined all interview requests for this story, saying she was concerned that any article would not fairly portray Gabriel's 40 years of good works.

"Our only consolation, if this attempt of yellow journalism continues, is that we definitely will ... put you high on the list along with others of those who misrepresent Divine Administration and Gabriel of Urantia when Jesus Christ returns to set up His planetary government," she wrote. "That's a promise."

Group's beliefs

Members of the GCCA believe that emissaries from outer space gave mankind a revelation known as the Urantia Book, which explains the nature of God, the history of creation and man's purpose.

The scripture dates to the 1930s, when a Chicago psychiatrist purportedly transcribed 2,097 pages of celestial messages. According to the teachings, Earth (known in other universes as "Urantia") is one of 10 million inhabited planets; Jesus Christ has appeared as a savior in 611,121 universes.

The Arizona group goes beyond those teachings to say that Gabriel of Urantia is a channeler who has resumed contact with supernatural space beings. Gabriel refers to himself as the “planetary prince” who will reign after an onslaught of war and catastrophe.

Real-estate records show GCCA owns at least 20 parcels in Yavapai and Santa Cruz counties with a combined 2009 value over \$10 million. That includes shops and a ranch with five houses in Tubac, about 50 miles south of Tucson.

According to Gabriel’s autobiography, “The Divine New Order,” Delevin attended Duquesne University in the 1960s and joined the Roman Catholic charismatic movement before becoming a street minister in Tucson.

In 1987, while camping in the Superstition Mountains, Gabriel says he had his first close encounter of a third kind: a celestial being, Paladin the Finaliter, who claimed to be in charge of 3,000 spaceships waiting to rescue truth believers from the Earth.

“You are needed to help us prepare for the evacuation,” Paladin announced, according to the autobiography. “It will not be an easy task ... You will be called a fraud and a deceiver.”

In writings and online interviews, Gabriel claims to have been Peter the Apostle, an Apache chief, Alexander the Great, an African warrior-slave, Martin Luther and George Washington in past lives.

When “planetary headquarters” was in Sedona, Gabriel wrote, it was common “to see smaller spacecraft land, bringing representatives of Chris Michael (Jesus) in human form who walked about the land with me.”

Media attention

In 1997, media attention turned to the Arizona sect when Marshall Applewhite and 38 members of his Heaven's Gate cult in San Diego swallowed poison in an attempt to board a spacecraft supposedly hidden behind a comet.

A year later, "Dateline NBC" infiltrated the Arizona group for an hour-long expose.

On tape, Gabriel declared that anyone who does not heed his word is susceptible to disease and death. "I don't like the word 'cult.' I'm the leader of a divine administration," he told an interviewer.

Arizona court records do not reflect any criminal cases involving Gabriel or GCCA. Years ago, a California couple sued the group for custody of a grandchild who lived at the commune with her mother, but the case was dismissed.

Members of the CCCA believe that emissaries from outer space gave mankind a revelation known as the Urantia Book, which explains the nature of God, the history of creation and man's purpose.

Jay Peregrine, executive director of the unrelated non-profit Urantia Foundation, for adherents to the book, said most followers of the scriptures participate in reading groups and do not recognize a church or minister.

He rejected the idea of Gabriel as a contemporary prophet.

"We have absolutely no connection with him at all," Peregrine said. "From my point of view, that's a cult setup in sort of a classic sense."

Rick Ross, who operates a religious-watchdog institute in New Jersey, said of GCCA: "It's a personality-driven group. This (Gabriel) is a guy who has a lot of money, and it's been accumulated through the surrender of assets."

Ross and former group members say those who join must take on a new name and distance themselves from family and friends.

Justine Helminiak, 37, said in an e-mail to The Arizona Republic that she spent seven years with the community before leaving her daughter, stepdaughter, husband and cousin behind in 2005.

Helminiak said she initially was drawn by bonds of family and friendship. Her daughter, the subject of the lawsuit by her grandparents, has since left the community.

Helminiak said that while in the group, she worked as a legal assistant, maid and medical-office manager.

She said money, travel, work schedules and speech are strictly monitored. "Everyone is watched and controlled," Helminiak said. "I eventually felt I had no control over my life."

After leaving, Helminiak said she was banned from the group's property, shunned by members as a "default" and told that she would no longer be protected from Satan.

Dr. Byron Weeks, a retired physician now living in Idaho, said he became one of Gabriel's followers at a time when his life was torn by personal crises.

"He told me I was the reincarnation of St. Luke," Weeks recalled. "I found out it was a pretty evil organization."

What 'Gabriel' Pours Out Hard to Swallow

by Nate Hansen
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Had it not been for John Thurstin, ex-member of Global Community Communications Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, Sedona would be in complete bliss.

You see, "ignorance" is bliss.

When Thurstin approached me over a year ago with concerns about GCCA, I admired his courage.

I'd always wondered about the people by the creek with honey-glazed eyes and costumes straight from the streets of Haight-Ashbury.

At first, when he spoke openly to me I wondered about the validity of his stories. There was nobody to verify his so-called "truths."

I needed more in order to write the "C-word" -- "cult."

Finally, after endless months of waiting, people began to line up to tell similar stories. Some go on the record, while others are afraid of the repercussions or retaliation.

Some are unable to speak because of "gag orders" and "sealed court cases."

All the while, Thurstin, 79, stands strong.

He came to GCCA after being invited by Tony Delevin, aka "Gabriel," to instruct the group from The Urantia Book.

Though Thurstin stayed for over a dozen years, his reasons for remaining weren't out of loyalty to a man ... instead, to a faith.

He left when a man's power took over principle and purpose.

Thurstin spent nearly 50 years working with a book of faith that deserves as much respect as the Holy Bible, the Talmud, the Quran and the Book of Mormon.

Even though it's unfamiliar to people, it needs to be understood that a text does not manipulate, people do.

Readers get what they want out of books, and if a reader wants multiple partners, money, property and power ... well, they'll get it if people let him.

They'll get it if people hand it over.

Ernesto "Che" Guevarra once said, "Amongst the personal shortcomings in every man, my own are so obvious and expressed in the form of violent contradictions."

The man who became known as a revolutionary understood, despite his structured belief system and personal ideologies, that he would err. It was inevitable.

What makes a great leader, I suppose, is admitting mistakes and not having a “God complex.” Unfortunately, ego and arrogance can get in the way of vision, during which time trouble ensues.

Perhaps pretending one is omnipotent becomes easier than taking responsibility for their actions.

The irony is, God is responsible – crazed loons aren’t.

I know as well as anyone mistakes are natural. It’s one reason I plan on adding each annual tax return to the “Nate Hansen Defense Fund,” as long as I’m still writing.

“To err is to be human, to forgive, divine.”

If I err, I beg forgiveness. Then again, I believe I'm human.

In all fairness to accusations, alleged and justified, GCCA deserves their say -- their "day in court," so to speak.

On Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., Tony Delevin and Nancy Chase will speak on behalf of GCCA.

On April 19, live via a worldwide Web cast online at <http://www.globalchangetelevision.org> they will address "media misrepresentation, locally and nationally."

On April 19, Delevin will share how past and recent stories have affected immediate family, children and the community members of GCCA.

April 19, at Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, if you haven't any plans.

April 19.

April 19. Hmm.

On April 19, who will beg forgiveness?

I'll be the guy by the door who isn't accepting donations.

Read past "Just a Second" columns at <http://www.redrocknews.com>. E-mail your comments about all "Just a Second" columns to Nate Hansen at nhansell@larsonnewspapers.com.

Former ACC Resident was Told Who to “Partner” With

by Nate Hansen and Christopher Fox Graham

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Avalon Gardens For Sale



AVALON GARDENS, currently for sale by Global Communications Community Alliance, formerly known as Aquarian Concepts Community, is one of the properties owned by the local alternative living group. The organic garden and acreage is one of the various meeting places GCCA members congregate to listen to direction and instructions from leader Tony Delevin, according to former member Beth Sundberg-Leoni. Mal Cooper/Larson Newspapers

After a divorce in 1993, Beth Sundberg-Leoni looked up an old friend in Sedona, Kathleen Connors.

Connors, otherwise known as "Blue Evening Star," convinced Sundberg-Leoni to "start over" and come to Sedona. In Sedona, as Sundberg-Leoni remembers Connors saying, there's a community of like-minded people - the Aquarian Concepts Community, which recently renamed itself the Global Community Communications Alliance.

In 1995, after seeing a change within the community, Sundberg-Leoni left.

"It really morphed into something ... I don't know where it's going. I just know I wasn't going with it," she says.

Sundberg-Leoni 's breaking point from ACC came after being asked to sacrifice too many things. She adds that it wasn't because she was denied use of her professional skills so much as it was an invasion into her private life.

Being asked to part with her material possessions, her career and a relationship to someone with whom she cared for intimately bothered her, she says.

But being asked to connect with someone sexually and giving up her own free will was out of the question, she insists.

Sundberg-Leoni, 50, currently works in various hospitals in and around Las Vegas. She says she lives alone -- she likes it that way.

In 1979, she began practicing "bedside care." At University of Nevada, Las Vegas she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.

She attained certification in critical care and emergency room nursing.

When she arrived at ACC, she says she worked parttime in area hospitals, hoping she could contribute her skills to the new alternative community.

'Pair Units at ACC'

The following are excerpts from an Aquarian Concepts Community document titled "Trinity Associations and Complementary Associations" provided by Beth Sundberg-Leoni, former ACC member. According to Sundberg-Leoni, the document assigns "partners" and "Morontian companions."

The letters indicate assignments for member:

- "P" designates "past."
- "PR" designates "present. "
- "IF" designates "immediate future [1 to 3 years]."
- "F" designates "future" [long-term relationship of many, many years].

Members are identified by their "cosmic name" rather than legal name.

- Gabriel:
Niann P, PR, F
Len Mana P, PR, F
Tiyiendea P, PR, F

- Marayeh:
Tarenta P

- Celinas:
Tarenta P

- Kamon:
Centria P, F
Len Mana P
Willowela P, F
Fortunate F

- Tarenta:
Dalena P
Cecelian P, F
Celinias P, F
Marayeh P
MoritaSeen P, F
Blue Evening Star P
Fortunate P, F
Centria P, F

- Centria:
Kamon P, F
Santeen P, F
Tarenta P, F

Unfortunately, regardless of any qualifications she had, she wasn't used.

When Sundberg-Leoni advised ACC school teachers to maintain the children's immunizations, she says she was told to stay away. She was instructed to keep a distance, she recalls.

When her intention was to recommend a decongestant to a resident, she was told "back off," she adds.

"'Gabriel' discerns health needs," she says.

"Gabriel," whose legal name is Tony Delevin, is the founder and leader of the Aquarian Concepts Community.

Despite having a medical doctor -- Patrick Lawrence, M.D., otherwise known as "Landau" -- and a nurse on staff, Sundberg-Leoni says it was Delevin who claimed to heal people, from congestion to heart conditions and cancer.

If people remained ill, there was always a reason excusing Delevin from his failure to heal, she says.

"'Gabriel' is supposed to be 'Mr. Healer,' so if when he didn't heal anyone when he laid his hands on them, it was their fault. He said they weren't spiritually centered," she says.

As a consequence of Sundberg-Leoni's concern, she said she was asked to quit her profession.

She did not.

It was one of many straws to break.

Personal separation

One evening, according to Sundberg-Leoni, the community gathered to hear Delevin address what he called "Trinity Associations and Complementary Associations."

Each member was given pages listing members and their "complements." The names of over 50 people instructed them who each community member should consider as a "partner" and "Morontian companion."

Sundberg-Leoni was given the "cosmic name" of "Talomar" and matched to four men: "Sharu," "Miesen," "Driten" and "A'Journe."

At the time, "A'Journe" was legally married to ACC member "Clistine," she says.

The list is the equivalent to the child's game spin-the-bottle, Sundberg-Leoni explains.

"It was an immature, 'OK, we're going to be naughty' feeling," she adds.

Sundberg-Leoni denies consummating these assigned relationships, though she admits it felt as if they were arranged marriages.

There was pressure to maintain the partnerships, she says, adding she believed it was meant to take away people's identities.

She states mandatory "counseling sessions" were appointed with community psychologist Linda Cunningham, aka "Marayeh," when anyone appeared to deviate from partner designations.

She says she believes those sessions were intended to gather "dirty secrets" and share them with ACC leaders Delevin and Nancy Chase, aka Niann.

When Sundberg-Leoni refused to follow complement orders, she says she was confronted by Cunningham and ACC attorney Celinas Ruth.

Sundberg-Leoni admits her "fall from grace" came after she told both Ruth and Cunningham she would not be controlled.

"Nobody tells me who I can and cannot share a bed with," she says.

Another straw, broken.

Shunned and shamed

Less than a decade ago, Sundberg-Leoni left Sedona.

Though she departed what she deems the "chains and prison bars" of ACC in 1995, she says she remained in Sedona to be close to friends, some of whom also left ACC.

She also had a job working per diem at both the Flagstaff Medical Center and Verde Valley Medical Center in Cottonwood.

Life was good, aside from the harassment, she says.

"They [ACC members] were very confrontational when I first got out of the community," she says.

Though there were never threats of physical violence, she says verbal attacks were regular.

Because she left ACC, she was told she would "burn in hell," she adds.

When Sundberg-Leoni arrived at ACC, she says she felt comfortable among the "laissez-faire" attitude of fellow members.

She remembers having regular dinners with Delevin and Chase and pleasant study groups on The Urantia Book.

"I don't regret being in the community, but I came to a point when I realized that there is no one person standing between you and the greater spirit you believe," she says. "Nobody can dictate a person's faith."

She says she often thinks of The Urantia Book and how one man's belief tried to mislead her faith and others.

"I'm really sorry 'Gabriel' used that book as a springboard," she says. "More so, I never had a chance to say my peace with Kathleen [Conners] -- she's still there."

"There is so much untruth in your story it is impossible to comment at this time," GCCA attorney Celinas Ruth said.

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The Urantia Book & ACC Are Not the Same

by Dale Young

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Upon reading the recent Sedona Red Rock News articles about the Aquarian Concepts Community, I feel compelled to assist in making a distinction between The Urantia Book, which is mentioned in one of the articles ["Tony Delevin, aka 'Gabriel,' speaks," April 6, et. al.], and ACC with Gabriel.

The Urantia Book stands alone. In the 1950s, it was published by a foundation in Chicago that was established to be the custodian of The Urantia Book text and protect its copyright. The foundation's comments regarding the "channeled" material from Delevin are as follows:

"While Urantia Foundation neither endorses, promotes, nor denies any individual's personal experiences, we must assure readers that the foundation has no connection with any of this so-called 'channeled' material about which each individual will have to make up his or her own mind.

"Even so, the trustees want to make the foundation's position very clear: Urantia Foundation disavows such material as having anything to do with The Urantia Book or Urantia Foundation."

I have been reading The Urantia Book over the past 30 years and all of my family and close friends are clear that it plays an important role in my life.

Members of ACC would refer me to as a "Urantia fundamentalist," and there are many others like me, who live locally, read The Urantia Book regularly and have no association with ACC.

All ACC members read The Urantia Book but most readers of The Urantia Book do not accept that Delevin's channeling is any kind of further revelation of The Urantia Book.

All too often associations result in the dismissal of opportunity and, in this case, I wish to encourage readers to investigate the Urantia Book text and not dismiss it because of its association with ACC.

The Urantia Book was published as an epochal revelation. It is not an easy book to read and its text presents ideas about God, Jesus, the universe and our adventure in it, that seriously deviate from traditional biblical and Christian concepts, although in many details they are similar.

It was not a big step for myself and other sincere Christians to embrace concepts presented in The Urantia Book having established previous relation with the Bible. If readers tend to read the Bible as a way to help discern moral guidance and yet do not embrace the Bible as "the word of God," complete and true, as if God wrote it, then you may find a lifetime of adventure within The Urantia Book.

Nearly 1,000 pages are devoted to an account of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, which is the easiest to read. The Urantia Book is on the shelf at Sedona Public Library and in most public libraries in the country. Additionally, the entire book can be accessed online at <http://www.urantia.org>.

Let me conclude by sharing from the book, "God is the first truth and the last fact."

Dale Young
Sedona

'Gabriel' Group Decries Media Bias in Webcast

by Tyler Midkiff

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Global Communications Community Alliance leader Tony Delevin and his supporters told an Internet audience Thursday, April 19, that local and national media are unfairly attacking his church and alternative living group, formerly known as the Aquarian Concepts Community.

The press is supposed to tape competing sources to get both sides of an issue.” – Celinas Ruth, Global Community Communication Alliance attorney and member

The three-hour-long Internet broadcast, titled “Media Misrepresentation: Locally and nationally,” was held at the group’s Future Studios in Sedona.

Backed by images of Mahatma Gandhi, Bob Marley, Bob Dylan, “Rocky Balboa” and “Yoda” of “Star Wars” fame, Delevin, aka “Gabriel of Urantia” and “Gabriel of Sedona,” argued that local and national media target him and his group because their way of life threatens the corporate and political interests of those who control the media.

The GCCA is a “religious order,” GCCA member Nancy Chase, aka Niann Emerson Chase, told the Internet audience.

The term “cult” has often been used when referring to the GCCA, Chase acknowledged.

She considers the classification offensive, she said.

GCCA fits the definition of cult no more than Jesus Christ and his followers, Chase said.

“Just giving facts does not necessarily present the actual truth of a situation,” she said, “thus leading people to draw wrong conclusions.”

Delevin also cited his support for responsible consumerism and universal health care as reasons for the media targeting him.

During the Internet broadcast, Delevin discussed his 1998 appearance on “Dateline NBC,” a popular television news program.

“They [Dateline NBC] lied over and over and over again, but they gained our trust,” Delevin told his Internet audience.

He accused the news program of cutting and pasting questions and answers to make him appear to be "a crazed cult leader."

He also expressed sadness that VH1, a cable music channel, chose to use his music during a broadcast of "Rock Candy," which highlighted some of the country's worst music groups.

"I feel that this was done to try to destroy any opportunity for me as an up-and-coming musician," Delevin said.

"Because my work just happened to be the truth. They don't want the truth. The times of Bob Dylan have long passed. They do not let artists like that out anymore," he said.

Delevin said he believes VH1 sabotaged a recording contract he was preparing to sign with a major record label.

Prior to the April 19 Internet broadcast, GCCA mailed letters to hundreds of Sedona businesses and community members urging recipients to give GCCA money and join in a boycott of the Sedona Red Rock News.

In the letter, Delevin asked for donations and argued that the News singled his group out because of its stance against overdevelopment, specifically GCCA's opposition to the Bella Terra subdivision under construction off Upper Red Rock Loop Road.

"Could this be one of the reasons for the current series of inflammatory local newspaper articles demonizing me and the rest of the community members?" he asked his Internet audience.

According to Bella Terra project developer Mike Zito, GCCA asked Zito to go public in support of the News boycott, but he refused.

In the letter, GCCA apparently switched tactics, instead claiming the News and Zito colluded to place the group in a bad light.

"The press is supposed to tap competing sources to get both sides of an issue," GCCA lawyer and member Celinas Ruth told the audience.

"Where is your sensitivity?" she asked. "Pretend you're writing about your family and your loved ones. The outcome would be more carefully thought through. The chance of creating danger or harm would be lessened. The story you tell will be more honest."

News Managing Editor Greg Ruland said GCCA was given multiple opportunities to comment on every story and refused in almost every case.

When GCCA members commented, their comments were printed in full, Ruland said.

"The group told us they would not answer any questions or comment on any story in an e-mail sent to us several weeks before we started our coverage," Ruland said.

News Publisher Robert B. Larson stated the News began its coverage with a story about a major land sale by GCCA.

"In doing so, Delevin chose not to speak to the News. After the initial story, the News received many other details about GCCA," Larson said.

"In this way, a simple story about a land transaction ended up as a series of stories based on information received from many other sources," he said.

The News editorial staff only verified and then wrote what they were told about the group, Larson said.

"In no way did the News or its editorial staff try to influence the outcome of any of the stories," he said.

In several telephone messages left for News editorial staff, Ruth said she tried but failed to obtain an order from the Coconino County Superior Court barring News reporter Nate Hansen from attending the April 19 Internet broadcast at Future Studios.

Ruth said a judge declined to sign the order.

News editorial staff did not attend the Future Studios Internet broadcast at Ruth's request.

Sedona resident Peter Zimmerman said he attended the GCCA event.

Zimmerman said he was allowed to enter Future Studios only after satisfying GCCA members that he was not a member of the media.

Quotes from Martin Luther King Jr., Arthur Schopenhauer and others were projected on a screen above the stage before the event began, Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said he found common ground with some of the group's views but was disappointed that many of his questions went unanswered.

"What are the GCCA's actual beliefs?" Zimmerman asked.

When GCCA members referred to "half truths" in media coverage, Zimmerman said they never established which halves were true and which were not.

Zimmerman's question, "Does Delevin consider himself a prophet along the lines of Jesus Christ and Mohammed?" went unanswered, he said.

Sedona Public Library Director David Keeber offered to host a forum at the library for the group to answer questions, but GCCA does not appear willing to participate, he said.

Keeber said he has had positive interactions with the group in the past.

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Delevin Should 'Walk the Road,' and Pave It

by Bill Lutz

Sedona Red Rock News

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Dear Tony Delevin, aka "Gabriel of Sedona,"

I am a resident of Pyramid View Drive, off Upper Red Rock Loop Road and, since 2002, I have been trying to spearhead a drive to get Pyramid View Drive paved to eliminate a great deal of dust and also washouts during any rains.

The county will not touch the road. Therefore, it is up to the homeowners to make any road improvements. I originally dealt with Kevin Heinold, aka "Santeen," of Aquarian Concepts Community, who is now deceased. I then communicated with Catherine Lilly, aka "Centria."

Lilly informed me that Aquarian Concepts Community, and I quote, "We do not support your position of paving this road now, nor did we in 2002." end quote.

The letter is dated Oct. 13, 2006.

In 2002, Delevin owned four properties on Pyramid View Drive and would not help with the paving. The remaining 10 owners, in favor of paving, could not pick up your four shares financially. You then sold two vacant lots, and those two new owners are in favor of the paving. I still have not received any answer back on my last letter, dated Feb. 28, 2007, from Aquarian Concepts Community, or Global Community Communications Alliance, which Delevin wishes it be called today.

Delevin has two, single-family residences being used as multi-family, dormstyle living quarters and Delevin's group creates at least 75 percent of the traffic on Pyramid View Drive. Delevin has these two remaining residences up for sale at exorbitant prices, taking advantage of knowing that the road will be paved at Delevin's good neighbors' expense.

My plea or challenge to Delevin is if he talks the talk of being such a "great community-minded spiritual leader of Sedona," then walk the walk and show the residents of Pyramid View Drive, who are already paying his share of property taxes, that he really cares about his neighbors and will pay his two shares of road paving, and

at the same time, help rid the environment of all the dust created by all his followers' dilapidated, in-much-need-of-repair, junker vehicles.

I await Delevin's reply and will keep the public informed of his decision through the Sedona Red Rock News.

Bill Lutz
Red Rock Loop Road area

Follow-Up Article Re Question 10

by John Thurstin
Red Rock News
April 27, 2007

QUESTION TEN: Nate: John, please describe any issues you feel need investigated further.

ANSWER: Of all the things over the years I observed taking place with community members, and particularly what I experienced personally, the so-called 'medical' care and related activities (called "Tron Therapy") affected and disturbed me the most.

FOLLOWUP ARTICLE:

I have reached a point in my life that I can now happily say that on my next birthday I will be 80 years old and am in excellent health.

This means that, for one thing, I have traveled a great deal around the world and seen some beautiful things, met some wonderful human beings of many races and of all life styles, from the very rich to very poor. This also means that I have seen some terrible and tragic things: poverty and disease, suffering and heartbreak, and all the terrible ways that humans sometimes treat each other, with the " ... do unto others as you would have them do unto you" not even a consideration. Unfortunately, not only does this negative treatment of one another continue, I see it increasing as the result of the pressures of living intensify, as the result of great planetary changes that are taking place all around us, and on all levels.

To apply this more specifically to my experience with Gabriel and his Aquarian Concepts Community, I don't recall in my long life of observing a situation where persons involved were pressured more to do the bidding of one man whose wishes are carried out by his elected hierarchy. In all the years I have observed this I have seen some wonderful souls come to the community. Many have left (one way or the other), some remain, and while I have seen some positive things accomplished, I must point out here that the GOAL of what I believe was to have transpired at the ACC, while perhaps has not yet defaulted, most certainly has been SHORTCIRCUITED, resulting in bad feelings, and even worse, it has affected many both emotionally and physically.

I am one who believes that a short life in the flesh on this planet is not the only ascension experience, and at this particular time, for many extraordinary reasons, it is obviously extreme, intense and challenging. And while I believe that the 'death' process is a graduation from one experience/class to the next, cutting life short is not a natural thing, and it pains me when I see it happen every day. This planet is notorious for it, through wars, increased violence, and a multitude of other ways.

During my years in the Aquarian Concepts Community I have seen people die simply of old age, they're bodies had worn out. But I have also seen deaths occur for other reasons, cancer being one of the main ones.

For example, a beautiful soul who had a Masters' degree in music came to join the community, and for a while she was teaching at a local High School until she was persuaded to quit that job and work for Gabriel full time. She directed his choir, taught music to students, and perhaps more importantly to Gabriel, she had the ability to arrange his songs for him. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with cancer and passed on. This was a very sad time for everyone in the community, particularly Gabriel, who announced that he felt "betrayed"; who now would direct his choir and arrange his songs?

There was another lovely person, the teen-age daughter of parents who were ACC members but separated, followed by the mother leaving first, then the father after the death of their daughter, as the result of a long, drawn-out, and rare form of cancer, which lingered through much surgery and pain.

While the loss of anyone is always sad, undoubtedly, the death of Gabriel's right hand man, the one he relied on so much and who had certain abilities that nobody else in the community had, was the greatest blow overall. Kevin Heinold, known also as Santeen, a huge man who I first met when he visited my school in California in 1976. Although often overbearing, he had the ability to manifest material things which Gabriel, I, or anyone else in the community did not have, resulting in the acquirement of most of the properties and wealth now held by Gabriel/ACC. The last event I attended at "Avalon Gardens" (now up for sale) was intended to bring about the healing of Santeen. Gabriel and Niann placed their hands on him, with all the higher-ranking members placing their hands on them, followed by all the rest of the community down to the lowest rank. It was a long ceremony, and I don't doubt that the prayers of every person were sincere. I later asked Santeen how he was feeling after this, and he said "much better". Unfortunately, it didn't work and he passed on anyhow in January 2005, just a few days from another man, Alyone, who also died.

Alyone was one of the nicest persons I have ever known and I considered him a real friend. Having sold a sheep ranch and left family in Australia, he moved to Sedona and joined ACC. Although a slightly built man, he contributed a huge amount of physical work, during which time he had a large rock fall on the lower part of his leg, putting him out of commission. It never healed, and it saddened me to see him regress emotionally, as well as physically. One of the last opportunities I had to visit with him, he tearfully told me he had lost faith in what he had come here for, but couldn't go back to Australia, that he didn't know what to do. I thought at the time his solution would probably be to pass on.

The most recent loss was that of a newly born baby.

The community doctor, Patrick Lawrence (AKA Landau), a high-strung, nervous man usually on the verge of hysteria, was previously licensed in Texas, and practiced general medicine, in Flat Rock. I early on became seriously concerned with his hesitancy to medically treat certain physical problems, but will address only the following as an example.

In the latter part of 2001 I began to feel quite ill, having dizzy spells and passing out, but was required to continue work for the community. Once, during a Sunday "Cosmo" service when the sermon went on endlessly, blood started running down my left arm and I knew I was going to lose consciousness, but I managed to get out to a bench near the front door. I wanted to get to my car to sit down out of the sun but didn't make it, and when I passed out my head hit a concrete barrier resulting in a slight concussion. I was carried to my car and when I regained consciousness the doctor informed me that because my "heart had stopped for a much-too-long a time", he thought he might have had to give me an injection to start it beating again but apparently decided that it wasn't necessary. Later, he commented that it was the 'fastest heart recovery he had ever seen." I was taken home where I was allowed to rest for two days, but was then ordered to resume work because "it was my duty to the Community", and my staying off the job is an "inconvenience to everyone else." Meanwhile, the doctor had no idea what was causing my problems. Because of my age, etc., I was covered by insurance and qualified to have a "provider doctor" outside the community whom I had begun to see, and when I told him about this recent experience he immediately sent me to a cardiologist at the hospital in Cottonwood. If you believe in God's perfect timing as I do, you will understand my appreciation of it because during the testing I lost consciousness in the arms of the cardiologist. This resulted in my spending the night in the Emergency Room, and having heart surgery early the next morning. I was shown the X-rays and could see that the arteries were plugged up, and this heart specialist advised me that if I didn't have the operation I would probably not live more than six months. He also stated that the reason I was losing consciousness was that the blood was not reaching my brain and that having not attended to the problem sooner, I was very lucky that it had not been seriously damaged. After the surgery I returned borne where I rested a few days before I was 'encouraged' to resume community work as soon as possible. Dr. Lawrence, knowing I was going for these tests, had specifically advised me to NOT let them operate on my heart because "once they start, they won't stop", but he couldn't recall the name of the procedure he was referring to, although it is very common one undergone by many who have a heart disease.

During this ordeal, and afterwards during my efforts to recover, I felt there was still something else that was wrong: I could feel it in my body. Meanwhile Dr. Levin, my provider doctor, had insisted that I rest and when I explained the difficulty in getting it because of community policy, he wrote a 'prescription' stating, "This above captioned patient is unable to perform 'elder care' for the remainder of this month, in order that he attend to matters of his own health needs and concerns. Thanks." When Dr. Lawrence found about this he became very angry and accused the other doctor of trying to override him, and me of "recruiting these other doctors to get out of work". He further stated that Dr. Levin was "lying to take control of things and that I might have to change provider doctors". My response was to inform him that it was none of his business who my provider doctor was, that Medicare and myself made this decision only. Linda Cunningham (AKA Marayeh), the community psychologist, then accused me of "recruiting the other doctors out of pride and obstinacy", and that I was "distorting the facts". She further stated that I was "building a case and fabricating these things", and that "You have an incredible, pathological investment in seeing some people as being against you and trying to thwart you. That is your fantasy, and not reality."

During this period my Provider Doctor was having me take specific tests to try and determine what other reasons were the cause of my weakness, and as a result I was diagnosed with prostate cancer by the urologist he had sent me to.

Meanwhile Dr Lawrence had been given highly unusual instructions by Gabriel to attend all of the appointments of community members whenever they were able to see any doctors outside the community. While this would give him a needed education regarding these various medical practices, he would also know exactly what was going on with each patient/community member, which would be reported, like everything else, to Gabriel Niann, and the community psychologist, giving them a considerable advantage over the individual, and greatly contributing to their ability to be in control. I was always disturbed by the fact that there was never a "doctor-patient confidentiality agreement", since all medical records are shared by Lawrence and Cunningham, (the psychologist), with Gabriel and Niann. (It reminds me of the required detailed 'confessions', sometimes requested in writing a comprised list of all the negative things that the member thinks they may have done, not only in this life, but how they may have offended Gabriel, or others, in past ones. This compounded information places the subject-member in a compromising and susceptible situation, and gives those who have placed themselves in a position over them further control. Blackmail, would not be an inappropriate definition.) Furthermore, no one outside the community was allowed to pick up any of my prescriptions from the pharmacy, (the above mentioned wanted to know everything that had been prescribed for me) although it would have been more convenient, and I finally became so irritated with this nonsense that I refused to let anyone in the community pick up anything.

Dr. Lawrence was with me as usual when the urologist informed me that I had cancer, and who had thoroughly explained my options of surgery, radiation, or to do nothing. When we got into the car to go home, Dr. Lawrence first suggested that I choose to do nothing; an opinion I had become very leery of. I said I felt I wanted to wait three months; Dr. Lawrence suggested six. The urologist had said that he wouldn't advise me what I should do at this point, but did recommend that if I decided to have either radiation or surgery, that I not wait long since my PSA (prostate-specific antigen) count was dangerously high, and the cancer could easily spread into other parts of my body which would be fatal. I opted for the radiation, and [at] this point refused to allow Dr. Lawrence to accompany me to any more outside appointments.

Meanwhile, during these disturbing events, Dr. Lawrence had recommended that shots be given once a week: one injection of BI2 to help with low energy and one of another type for pain. He did not have these medications with him so an appointment was set up at which time he said he would come to my house to give the injections.

1. On Wednesday, October 10, an appointment was made for the next morning, Thursday, at 11 AM. The doctor did not show up nor did I hear from him.

2. Another appointment was made for Saturday, October 13, and when Dr. Lawrence asked if I would be home I told him I would be. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

3. I reminded him at Sunday Service on October 14 that he had not kept the previous appointments, and he said he would be there right after that service. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

4. An appointment was made for Monday, October 15 between 11 AM and noon. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

5. An appointment was made for Tuesday A.M., October 16. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

By this time I had given up on Dr. Lawrence, but was having so much pain that I finally called my Provider Doctor on late Friday, November 2, and he saw me at 9 AM Monday. I explained my problem, he gave me a prescription, which I had filled, and was home resting by 11 AM. All of which took a total of only two hours.

Meanwhile I did not hear from Dr. Lawrence until Friday, November 9, when he responded to a message I left for him saying that I felt so ill that I could not spend five hours doing elder care that evening. This caught his attention for a change, and he was at my door within 15 minutes of my call at which time he told me I could rest that night but that I had to continue working the next day - which, in spite of feeling extremely ill, I did.

6. Since he didn't have his medical bag with him (again) he said he would be sure to come by the next day, Saturday, November 10, to give me the needed shots. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

He finally showed up on Monday AM, November 12 and reiterated that shots should be given once a week, but since he didn't have his bag (again) a specific time should be set, such as Saturday mornings.

7. On Saturday, November 17 AM he did not show up for the appointment, nor did I hear from him.

At Sunday Service the next day I reminded him about the shots but no specific time was set.

8. On Wednesday, November 21, I called Dr. Lawrence saying that I felt so ill that I could not cook that afternoon for a whole household of people, for which I was scheduled. An appointment was made for shots the next day, Thursday, November 22 at 2 PM. He did not show up nor did I hear from him.

From Wednesday, October 10, through Thursday November 22, a total of 43 DAYS, eight appointments were made, which the doctor not only did not show up for, I never heard from him. I had to keep rescheduling appointments, and he continued to break them. When I brought this disturbing experience up at a meeting with Lawrence and the community counselor, Cunningham, I was accused of having an attitude problem and given several red "chips" (a form of punishment) for it.

This meeting was the final straw that 'broke my back', resulting in my calling Santeen (the now deceased one, who yielded the most power next to Gabriel) and demanded a meeting immediately, which he responded to and was at my house in a few minutes. I described all the above (and more) to him and demanded that both Dr. Lawrence and Cunningham "get out of my life and leave me alone". Fortunately, and wisely, Santeen agreed, and stated that he would immediately "take them out of my loop", tell them to leave me alone, and that I

"should ignore them". They both 'backed off' for a while, but later tried to resume their control and pressure over me, which I rejected until the time of my resignation.

In closing, I am going to add the following opinion -- which I know others agree with -- that people like Lawrence and Cunningham should never have licenses to practice anything that has to do with the health of others -- and that any licenses they now have should be taken away from them permanently.

John Thurstin

2007 Marks Year of Change

by Greg Nuland

Sedona Red Rock News

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'Gabriel of Sedona'

The Global Community Communications Alliance formerly known as Aquarian Concepts, a nonprofit organization considered by the Internal Revenue Service to be a bona fide religious group, placed \$13 million of its Sedona real estate up for sale and made plans to move approximately 100 of its adherents to an isolated ranch near the Arizona-Mexico border.

GCCA leader Tony Delevin, who calls himself "Gabriel of Sedona" or "Gabriel of Urantia" refused to comment on the sale or pending move.

Announcement of the property sale brought out several former GCCA members, who told stories about their experiences inside the group that caused several to opine that the religion is actually a cult, an allegation strenuously denied by current GCCA spokespeople.

Sedona Red Rock News coverage of the story lead to winning the first place Community Service/Journalistic Achievement award from the Arizona Newspapers Association.

Is Gabriel of Sedona for Real? The Proof Is in!

by Mark Fitzpatrick [& Rabbi Shmuley Boteach]

<http://www.citilink.com/~mjfitz/fraud.htm>

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But Israel had false prophets as well as true; and you likewise will have false teachers among you They will gain many adherents to their dissolute practices, through whom the true way will be brought

into disrepute. In their greed for money they will trade on your credulity with sheer fabrications." -- 2 Peter 2:1, 2

It requires a great and noble character, having started out wrong, to turn around and go right. All too often one's own mind tends to justify continuance in the path of error when once it is entered upon." (The URANTIA Book, p.1981:06)

From the moment I first heard of the man who calls himself Gabriel of Sedona I knew he was not the real thing. There was something that was just not right about him - and I have a pretty good sense for these things, always have. I had a feel for the manipulation, the deception Gabriel was using, but I could not nail anything down at that time. I tried to warn my father that he was jumping the gun, but of course my father disagreed. Of course he also admitted that he never did one thing that might challenge his belief in Gabriel, he never tested his faith. When this all began, I had a deep suspicion that Gabriel of Sedona was a phony. Now I know for sure.

If you read nothing else on this web page, please read the following letter and seriously reflect on what it has to say. It sums up everything there is to say about the man who calls himself Gabriel of Sedona with first hand experience and a sense of sincerity I could never hope to match.

What you are about to read is a letter from Rabbi Shmuley Boteach which describes his experiences with the man who calls himself Gabriel of Sedona. For those of you not familiar with Gabriel of Sedona, his real name is Tony Delevin and he claims to channel a celestial personality named Paladin who gives him the highest spiritual messages and truth available. You can get this truth by paying Gabriel a rather hefty fee. Shmuley paid this fee in hopes of receiving the highest spiritual truth on the planet, and hoping to either affirm his belief that this was all real, or confirm the other half of him that was concerned it was not.

The Rabbi's letter starts with a cover letter explaining how Tony (Gabriel) proved himself to be shall we say, less than genuine, then ends with a more personal message. It was delivered by process server to as many members of the Aquarian Concepts Community as could be found. Most copies of the letter were rounded up and destroyed by ACC Elder's almost as soon as they were delivered. It was obvious Gabriel did not want anyone to see this letter.

Since the letter was delivered I know of no one who has left the community over it -- however, I do know there are a number that would like to, but feel they have no place to go. They may also have a great fear of leaving because Gabriel tells them they will suffer horribly outside the community. Others may dismiss the letter as "one man's opinion" and stay on. Some people will continue to believe in Gabriel in spite of overwhelming evidence he is a fraud because believing makes them happy. We'll just have to wait and see what happens over time.

(Emphasis added by the web master)

July 16, 1999

To my friends at the Aquarian Concepts Community,

The following pages are an open letter giving my reasons why I cannot move in to join your community. I have thought long and hard about sending this letter and have decided to do so after my access to one of my closest friends was cut off, thus confirming to me how the ACC undermines and destroys any relationship which isn't to its advantage. I also fear that you may have been given mistruths about me, and I want to provide an explanation to you all.

I received a personal transmission supposedly from Paladin through Gabriel. I paid \$1,000 cash for what was promised as the highest knowledge available on the planet. I was told that it was impossible for "Paladin" to ever say a falsehood. Well, Gabriel it seems (or should I say Tony Delevin) is doing a version of an old gypsy con game by claiming Paladin is from "Celestial Overcontrol". All it takes to succeed is to have blind faith by ignoring first-hand negative experiences. Well, it didn't work with me.

Before committing myself to accepting Gabriel's spiritual authority, I decided to put him to the test. I decided to give a number of false "statements" before the "transmission." I figured that it would be easy for a being of higher spiritual awareness to see through the deceptions. Every single falsehood was given spiritual significance by Gabriel. Because it was so easy to fool him, I must conclude that Paladin is either a fabrication of Gabriel or a very ignorant evil spirit. He is certainly no angelic or divine being.

In this letter, you will find my concerns about:

1. My recent "transmission" which prove fraud by Gabriel:

o Debbie was told she would give birth to boy. Debbie is not even pregnant.

o The supposed "friend" Ethel Goodman living with us in London doesn't exist.

o The story of Jonathan Shapiro dying in front of my eyes as a child of twelve was totally made up.

o Debbie and I had G-d forbid lost our first child, a boy, and I was told soul that this was the same soul in my son, Mendy. We, thank G-d have never lost a child.

o My grandparents died in Holocaust -- not true.

o The most obvious, but still not picked up on by the supposed "spirit of Truth," was that I was adopted and my mother wasn't Jewish.

2. Spiritual elitism and my concern about the misuse of spiritual authority.

3. Break-ups in marriages and relationships of members.

4. Heavy emphasis on money, rather than love and truth. Pressure to turn over money and assets to be used by leadership while the rank and file live in places like a garage.

5. Control of people's minds and bodies. Extreme phobias of leaving the group or questioning the leadership. Control of information -- letters, phone calls are monitored. Access to critical information (and former members) is forbidden or discouraged.

6. I found a web site dedicated to exposing Gabriel. It is on the Internet for all to see and read. It is at: <http://www.citilink.com/~mjfitz/aquarian.htm>

I am writing this letter in the hope that you will sit down and read what I have written and reflect about your involvement. I am sure many of you were very disappointed when I decided not to move in. Please understand that deciding to test Gabriel might seem extreme. But deciding about such a major commitment required me to do my best to put him to the test.

G-d is great and He wants everyone to be free to think for themselves, rather than be enslaved by a man who merely claims to be spiritually superior. It will take strength and courage to pack your bags and leave -- but if you are truly dedicated to following G-d, then you have no other option. I pray that you will talk with each other and stand up to the leadership hierarchy of the ACC and find your way back to your families and loved ones and to true spiritual communities.

I am your friend and will be happy to be there to encourage your new life. My phone number, address and email in England are on the last page. There is help for you if you want to leave and need a place to stay.

May G-d bless you always.

Shmuley

July 1999

To my friends at the Aquarian Concepts Community

As you know, over the last twelve months I have come to visit the community on at least eight occasions. I even brought my wife Debbie and three of our children to meet the community. I have come to respect and befriend many of you deeply. I therefore write this letter with a heavy heart, but with the solid conviction and responsibility to share with you my thoughts. As you know, I am a Rabbi at Oxford University and director of the L'Chaim Society. I have tried hard to dedicate my life to G-d, truth, and healing the world. I do not hold myself out as a model of perfection, which I am not. But neither can I turn a blind eye to gross injustice and a racket of deception. I am writing this because I want to communicate to you what I have learned in the course of this ten month journey which culminated in my

having recently received a personal "transmission". I have prayed and prayed about whether I should write this letter, but I felt you all deserved to have an explanation for why Debbie and I will not join the group.

I predict that you will be told many false things about me and the reasons I cannot join the community: that I am Caligastia; that I am swayed by the fame of being seen in the last few months by millions of people while promoting my book, *Kosher Sex*; that I am not willing to give everything up for G-d. Other nonsensical things.

I am not an "enemy". I am a friend to all of you. I hope and pray that you will still think of me as your friend.

To be sure, I have seen some beautiful and admirable things in the community. I have come to love and respect the sense of closeness and camaraderie, as well as the sincere desire to do what you believe to be G-d's highest will. Still, this could never excuse the simple fact that I have concrete proof that all of you are being misled. I believe that your idealism and spiritual hunger is being tragically manipulated and exploited.

First, there is the issue of the systematic destruction of families at the ACC. I have witnessed husbands and wives who have been systematically forced to separate, their children dispersed around the community to be raised by people other than their parents. In fact, every single family and married couple that has arrived at the ACC has been separated, with the notable exception of Gabriel and Niann. I guess since they make the rules, they don't see a need to apply the same rules to themselves. Gabriel and Niann have truly beautiful children, and those children are given the unique privilege of living with and being raised by their parents. Why is this basic right and need being denied to all the other children?

I have also seen the pain that this forced separation has caused. I remember speaking to Anyan - a man of great compassion and humility - when I first visited the community, and how he cried to me that giving up Shantalee as his wife and breaking up his family was never his idea. Rather, he was told that he and she could not grow unless they separated. Many others have told me the same thing. They wanted to remain with their spouse, but Gabriel told them that they couldn't grow if they did. That it wasn't G-d's will as revealed through Gabriel.

I have also seen how you have been indoctrinated to detach yourselves from members of your real families. I was utterly disgusted to hear that Lanesis was permitted to be with her dying mother for only 48 hours, but was then told that she must return to the community. And I doubt whether or not BenDameaan (Daniel) would ever have been allowed to visit his dying grandfather if I had not made efforts to encourage it to happen. The whole notion of family is one treated with other [utter] derision and contempt by Gabriel, because he finds it far easier to manipulate and control all of you when you are separated from your loved ones.

I have also become fairly sickened to find out how centrally important money is in the Aquarian Concepts Community. At first I was prepared to see the beauty of the community and even made several

financial contributions to the community, most notably, to the needs of the children. I felt that the ACC was a charity and needed my support. But I now see that its central purpose is to extort as much money as possible from unsuspecting souls. Forcing people with tremendous influence techniques to turn over money, property, clothing, jewelry and anything else of value is not spiritual. Blackmailing parents to turn over money or else suffer the consequences is not "love of G-d", it is simply love of money. I have never been asked anywhere in the world to pay for a weekly prayer service. But in the ACC, everything has a price, and I have been asked to pay for everything, including a hefty \$1,000 in cash for a transmission -- with the promise that I would have "the" definitive experience with the spirit of truth.

Furthermore, the repulsive spiritual elitism, in which one person is declared to be higher and loftier than the next, is a subversion of everything which the Bible stands for. Genesis clearly teaches that G-d created all of mankind in His own image, and we in this country believe all people to be created equal, based on that Biblical teaching. Yet, the ACC operates on false presumptions of spiritual supremacy which suits the leadership's obsession with controlling people's lives. For instance, I know that Kasarian and Mycenay wished to be a couple, but were prevented from doing so because of Mycenay's spiritual superiority. I have always found Kasarian to be an incredibly special young man who has so impressed me. I wonder to myself why he would accept such nonsense that suggests that he is on a lower spiritual order than anyone else. Enslavement is not natural and should always be resisted.

Likewise, everyone's life is controlled to the most minute detail, allowing for virtually no personal volition. All major decisions have to be made by the "elders" or at least cleared by them. All information is controlled: people are not allowed to discuss their thoughts, feelings and experiences openly with each other for fear of being told on, punished or expelled.

Of course, control is always justified in spiritual terms, like the danger inherent in leaving the five-mile radius. The five-mile radius thing is a good example of the phobias implanted hypnotically to keep everyone dependent. The level of fear and paranoia that so inhibits the community is indicative of a community that desperately has so much to hide. What comes immediately to mind is how many times Maritaseen has attempted to prevent me from even taking photographs of my friends at the community. But the purpose, of course, is control -- to make willing slaves. But mind control doesn't erase people's true selves nor their conscience. It merely suppresses them. Over time, people's true selves eventually see through the hypocrisies -- the prophecies which don't come true - the promises which are broken. Spirit triumphs over mind control!

Then there is the issue of the emptiness of Gabriel's teachings. Whereas I could usually discern a message in Niann's weekly Sunday teaching - Niann can be very eloquent - Gabriel, supposedly the greatest teacher on the planet, is virtually incoherent. Invariably, his teachings consist of some obvious platitudes strung together with the mandatory story about himself thrown in for good effect (usually about how impoverished he and Niann were and how he had to build the community from scratch). But he does have significant theatrical ability. I will give him that which leads us to the next point.

Of course, all this would be justified if indeed Gabriel represented the will of G-d. I thought I could overlook everything I had written above if indeed I could be given a sign that Gabriel is everything he

claims to be. Gabriel is fond of saying that either he is what he says he is or he is a madman, a point he made to all of America on the Dateline tape, and a point made to me by Gabriel on several occasions. He claims to be not only the repersonalization of the greatest figures throughout history but also the mandate of the Bright and Morning Star (basically G-d's personal representative on earth). I think that there are two other possibilities that should be considered: that Gabriel is being controlled by a lying and malevolent spirit or that Gabriel is a con-man, using hypnosis and mind control to run a cult for his personal power, money and fame.

I decided to reserve final judgment about all that I had seen until I could know definitively for myself. It was for this reason that I agreed to have a personal transmission, notwithstanding the exorbitant \$1,000 cost. There was still a part of me that was hoping that indeed I was mistaken. Having discussed the entire situation with my wife, we decided that, as the transmission would no doubt advise that I was to pack up everything and come and join in the community in Sedona (which later turned out to be exactly what happened), I had to test Gabriel's authenticity by simply planting a number of false facts about myself, hoping that Gabriel would pick up on them. To be sure, I found this incredibly distasteful. But the salient fact about all of Gabriel's transmissions is that they can never be refuted. He always delivers facts about previous lives that anyone can invent. It became important, therefore, to pin him down with events in this life that he could only know if indeed he was in contact with a true, celestial spirit. And Gabriel himself has taught that it is OK to use deception in order to advance G-d's purpose and that one should always investigate and search out the truth.

I have learned that the surest way to expose a phony psychic or medium is to present false facts, and see if they are identified as false (thereby proving the ability to discern truth) or accepted as true and used by the phony in the "reading". I thought this would be the only way to definitively prove things one way or another. I presented Gabriel with a letter which we both discussed with everyone present (Niann, Santeen, Jeru, BenDameaan, Rafeel, and Marayeh) just prior to the transmission. The letter contained four major fabrications about my life and upbringing, easily verifiable to be false. I further introduced a fifth fabrication, orally, just prior to the transmission. I am sorry to report that not once did "Paladin" pick up on these falsehoods, he went on and interpreted each of them. I even gave the absurd idea that I was adopted and was not born Jewish but was instead born to an Irish Catholic mother. Even this Paladin commented on.

When I told him that Debbie is five months pregnant, he said that we would be having a boy and even said that he was about to divulge the origin of the soul.

Debbie is not pregnant.

Paladin told me that a woman named Ethel Goodman, whom I had said is currently living with us in London, was Debbie's sister in a previous life, which is why she and I do not get along. Yet, no such woman exists. I invented her out of thin air.

I told Gabriel that my friend Jonathan Shapiro died in front of my eyes as a child of twelve. Gabriel proceeded to tell me that his soul had already repersonalized, and he was about to reveal his identity. Yet, no such person ever existed.

And when I finally told Paladin that Debbie and I had lost our first child, a boy, and wanted to know where his soul was today, the response I got was that our little boy Mendy has the same soul. Yet, thank G-d, we have never lost a child and have only ever had one boy. G-d has been immensely kind to us and our children are healthy, for which I offer Him my eternal praise, may His name be blessed.

Finally, I told Paladin that I am haunted by a vision of my grandfather in the Holocaust. He proceeded to comment on my grandfather, who of course, did not die in the Holocaust. One of my grandfathers died in Israel, the other in Miami Beach just before my Bar Mitzvah.

These are just some of the major things which Gabriel did not pick up on, and I urge you to read the full transmission. If you would like to see a copy of the transmission, please ask your elders to view it. Or contact me and I am happy to provide the full text, but please note that it has been somewhat edited by the community from the original experience which was recorded. In fact, I dare Gabriel to play a recording of the transmission for all of you to hear.

The only conclusion to draw is that Gabriel is nothing but a fraud, a common shyster, eager to enslave people to his megalomaniacal will and take their money from them. I am sorry to be so forward, but I have a loathing for people who have the audacity to enslave others and rob them of their families and freedom. My parents divorced when I was eight years old and it caused me immeasurable pain and grief. Who is this evil man who uproots whole families at will? I have read Gabriel's autobiography and I can believe that there might actually have been a time, long ago, when Tony Delevin (Gabriel's real name or is it Delavin -- he has used both spellings) was sincere about doing G-d's work.

Unfortunately, whatever goodness has now apparently been consumed by ego. Like so many others who have made the simple mistake of not being able to distinguish between G-d and themselves, Gabriel has now set himself up as a mini-god. Sure, he justifies controlling all of your lives, having you bow down to him literally, uprooting you from your families, taking your assets into a communal pool (who has the actual access to the bank accounts, do you know?), and having grown men live together in a rotting garage while he lives in an impressive estate, by saying that this is all from Paladin and is the will of G-d. But as I have shown you above, I now know Paladin to be nothing but Gabriel's fabrication created to make you obey him and Niann.

I want you all to know that I do not judge you for having been taken in by Gabriel. In these crazy and confusing times, we all live with so much pain that it is seductive to think we are the "special ones" - that we do not have to face difficult personal and family relationships -- and struggle for clarity for G-d's Will for us personally. There are so many false Messiahs eager for your devotion. But real solutions require great effort and responsibility whereas shortcuts and extreme positions are quick and easy at first -- but are empty and sometimes even potentially dangerous. Just look at the 39 deaths of members in

Heaven's Gate, or the followers of David Koresh, or the sarin gassing in Japan by followers of Shoko Asahara (supposedly Jesus and Buddha rolled up into one).

I have been amazingly impressed with all of you and your true love for G-d and humanity. Everyone, from Kamon to Jeru, has made immense personal sacrifices in pursuing what they were lead to believe is the will of G-d. You are all incredibly special people. But I must advise you to leave the ACC as soon as possible. Return either to your families, or, if that is not possible, find an honest job in a community that has a sincere religious dimension. If you are Jewish, reattach yourself to the Jewish religion. If you were raised Christian, then there are so many beautiful Christian communities where the teachings of Jesus have not been co-opted by godless people like Gabriel for their own personal uses.

If you decide to linger in the ACC, you will be living a lie. In the Bible, there is no greater sin than idolatry. The reason is that whereas other sins involve a spiritual defect or flaw, idolatry involves having one's whole life devoted to a false cause. Whereas other sins are about making detours on the highway of life, idolatry is about being on the wrong highway altogether. Though you have been innocently misled, now that you know about my experience, you will be responsible from this day forward.

For many of you, overcoming your programmed fears will be a challenge that you will be able to overcome. As a member, you have been conditioned to believe that all kinds of bad things will befall you if you leave the community. But recognize these for what they are: irrational fears with no basis in reality. The only thing that will happen if you leave is that you will be free. Many have left before you and they are much, much happier as a result, I am sure. They are now taking responsibility for their own lives and living in G-d's highest will, as free individuals. They bow to no man. So, you must put your trust in G-d and let Him deliver you.

My sincere hope is that all of you have the fortitude and courage to get out, notwithstanding how attached you may have become with the ACC. The G-dly path is usually never easy. Sometimes it requires a complete realignment from what we have grown accustomed to. But I know that all of you can do it. Now is the time, therefore, to leave the ACC and reattach yourself to the true and living G-d in all those places where He can be found.

May I also tell you that you are not alone. There are many people who have left the community, and I have begun to search them out. I have discovered a web site (<http://www.citilink.com/~mjfitz/aquarian.htm>) which has been immensely useful to me in understanding the true nature of the ACC put up by Mark Fitzpatrick dedicated to exposing the ACC out of his sincere desire to reunite with his father, step mother and step brothers who he loves so much. Your loved ones would probably love for you to come to them and start anew. I want you to know that I will be here for you. If any of you wish to contact me, you can reach me in England at 011-44-181-830-5533 or by email on shmuley@lchaim.org. I will handle all of your inquiries confidentially. I will even try and raise funds for those of you who wish to come and meet with me to discuss your future and how you can move forward after your involvement with the ACC.

With all my love,

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The Will to Believe

You can get people to believe in almost anything, especially when the claims are difficult to prove such as in Gabriel of Sedona's case. Most people want proof in most things -- except when it comes to the supernatural and transcendent. People want to believe in Gabriel and others like him because believing makes them happy. Whether whatever is being taught is true or not is almost irrelevant. Some people will continue to believe in spite of overwhelming evidence. We have seen this many times. Uri Geller made magazine covers and all the talk shows showing off his "supernatural talents." He fooled millions and made millions by bending spoons and making worthless predictions. He was finally exposed as a fraud, but even 20 years later still has a large and loyal following. Like all good psychics, he refuses to do things like play the lottery or be tested under conditions which would exclude fraud.

Magician James Randi (who helped expose Geller in his books "Flim Flam" and "The Truth about Uri Geller"), was the perpetrator behind the 'Carlos' channeling hoax. Randi hired an unemployed artist to go on television in Australia and pretend to channel ancient spirits. This was part of an experiment to see how easy it would be to trick people into believing in such things. In short, it was very successful. Within weeks 'Carlos' as he was called had an enormous following and was getting tons of press -- all of it good. They would even conduct seminars where people could ask the spirit questions, and Carlos would give vague nonsensical answers fed to him by radio by James Randi, who would stand offstage. Soon enough Randi and Carlos came forward and exposed the whole thing, describing why they had perpetrated the hoax, and admitting the whole thing was a fake. Still, people would walk up to Carlos and tell him things like "we don't believe all these awful things people are saying about you. We believe you", even though Carlos freely admitted he was just acting. The will to believe was so great, that these folks wouldn't believe Carlos was a fraud even when he told them to their faces. They still believed in Carlos.

Gabriel, by the way, could easily solve all of the ACC's financial problems, if he were only willing to prove his claims by taking the James Randi Million Dollar Paranormal Challenge. This would be a perfect opportunity not only for Gabriel to establish the reality of his claims in a very public setting and give himself enormous credibility, but it could also keep the ACC from going bankrupt building that new youth center. They could maybe even provide real food for ACC members. Wouldn't that be amazing.

The Aquarian Concepts Community members response to the Rabbi's letter, and all the other mountains of evidence that Gabriel is a fraud, has been much the same. It's a shame, because any truly open-minded person

still has to accept facts, even if they don't like them. But instead, most ACC members seem to react to the Rabbi's letter with an "it takes all kinds" attitude of indifference. I say most, because I know for a fact there are some ACC members who do have doubts and are considering leaving -- but they don't out of fear and hopelessness. This is also a shame.

I think as much as the evidence of the letter itself, the response of Aquarian Concepts leadership proves the validity of the Rabbi's claims. The attempts by Santeen and Niann to censor the letter so no one could see it, only being forced to provide copies later (after ACC members had been briefed) when censoring proved impossible. Then of course there was the rabid response of the ACC's attorney Mariah. I have been publishing negative commentary on Aquarian Concepts for a year with not so much as an acknowledgement from the ACC. The minute I published the Rabbi's letter though she was on me like a fly on shit. If this letter is so false, so harmless, why such a heavy handed response? Unfortunately years of indoctrination and group pressure have ensured that most rank and file community members don't see it that way.

ACC members could not be allowed to have free access to this document. People who want to control others need to use information control -- you find this in any dictatorship. Dictatorships do everything within their power to destroy "other points of view". When they cannot hide information from their people, they try to attack the source. In America, we have the freedom to read whatever we want and the freedom of believe what we want. Yet groups like the ACC act like a total dictatorship. The system of the ACC is designed to make members completely dependent and unable to trust their own experience and judgment. Tony does not want anyone to see this letter, for he knows he cannot stand up to its truth.

No doubt, soon after the letter was delivered, a meeting of the entire Aquarian Concepts Community was called so that Tony could reinforce his hold after the letters' delivery. It is probably safe to say a lot of fear and intimidation was used, and many attacks were made on the Rabbi in order to keep people from thinking about the content of the Rabbi's letter (attack the messenger, not the message). Tony probably claimed the Rabbi was an agent of Caligastia, and that this was a test of everyone's faith. Certainly no attempt was made to refute the allegations of a fraudulent Transmission contained in the letter. I suspect also that a carrot was held out, probably concerning Tony's predicted arrival of the mothership to carry them all away sometime in the next six months, with everyone encouraged to stay on to await the big payoff (or at least until this all blows over).

Ed Note: Gabriel has used this particular carrot before. Wasn't there a spaceship supposed to be landing near Flagstaff last December? What happened with that? And what day exactly is this next spaceship supposed to arrive. I'm curious to know myself. Certainly Tony should know exactly when it is arriving. Most cult leaders who make such predictions though never give exact dates. It gets them into trouble when the predictions inevitably don't come true. The Jehovah's Witnesses last end of the world prediction (which said it would occur in 1975) led to a huge increase in membership by 1974, but a serious decline when the end failed to materialize. When Tony's rescue ship fails to materialize later this year, I suspect he will just rationalize it by saying something like, "It is because of your faith that evacuation was not required and the world was spared," or similar such nonsense. Alternatively, he might say something like, "you weren't dedicated enough, so the time has been pushed back." Given Tony's character, my money is on the latter. In six months time we will see whose prediction is more accurate, Tony's or mine.

As long as I'm on the subject of prophecy, I also predict that after this sort of barrage from Tony that I described above, many will decide to stay in the community, swayed by the paranoia and fear which pervades the community, and by Tony's rationalizations. But I further predict that the longer a person is in the group, and the more failed predictions, hypocrisies, temper tantrums from leadership, fear, and loss of personal control build up, people will become fed up, and they will leave the Aquarian Concepts Community. I'm going to make one more prediction while I'm at it. Judging from Tony's pathetic appearance on VH-1, I predict he will never in a million years become the famous musician he has always believed himself to be.

Ed Note: My predictions are not based on any supernatural power, clairvoyance or extraterrestrial insight. They are based solely on logic, common sense, and knowing what the hell I'm talking about. If any of my predictions come true, it does not in any way imply access to any special knowledge on my part. Nuff said.

Those who do leave the ACC will probably be very confused, distraught, even devastated that the thing for which they have worked so hard and sacrificed so much turned out to be a sham. The self-doubts they have been filled with since they first came into contact with Tony and the Community will become even more pronounced. This will be a difficult time for many of them. Some of them may find this web site. If they do, I hope they find some of the answers they are looking for.

I want any Aquarian Concepts member or former member who reads this to know that there are people out there who care about you and can help you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Rabbi. You can contact me by phone at 612-721-9050 or by email at mark.fitzpatrick@damarkcom. I will do everything I can to help you in any way I can. There are others as well who are willing to help.

I should also point out to any recent ACC defectors that just because Tony is a fraud, does not mean you must abandon everything you have worked for. There are positive aspects of the ACC to be sure, otherwise nobody would be there. You can still take those positive things and build on them. Only now, without the shackles of Tony's control, you can really become something, whatever you want to be. Tony wants you to associate your belief in God with your belief in him, but the two are not one and the same. You can still retain your faith in God, while at the same time recognizing Tony for what he is.

Questions you should be asking yourselves

For those who decide to stay, even after reading this letter, in my view you should not simply dismiss the letter as "one man's opinion." You need to ask yourself important questions like:

1. The Rabbi paid a lot of money -- \$1,000 -- to get the highest spiritual truth on the planet. Do you think he got his money's worth?
2. Why was Paladin so incapable of detecting the falsehoods the Rabbi used?

And

3. If Paladin was so wrong in this case, how many other things has Paladin been wrong about? Does Paladin exist at all?

A human being would be expected to be fooled in this way, but certainly not Paladin of Celestial Overcontrol!

4. Is the Rabbi really an agent of Caligastia like Tony almost certainly claims, or is he a truth seeker just like you? Many of you in the community have come to know and respect the Rabbi. Just because he found out something Tony did not want you to know, does not make him an agent of Caligastia.

5. Is there really too much emphasis on money in the community?

6. How do you really feel about the control Tony has over your life and your family? Are you really happy; do you really feel this control is for the best? Much of that control is supposedly derived from Paladin's direction. We have seen how easily Paladin can get things wrong. What if Paladin is also wrong about decisions he has made affecting your life and family?

7. How do you feel about not being allowed to visit loved ones outside the community? Even if they are sick or dying? What right does Gabriel have to say you cannot visit those who truly love and care about you? God would never deny you the right to see your own flesh and blood.

8. If the Rabbi is really an agent of Caligastia as Gabriel no doubt claims, then why did Santeen make such great efforts to keep any of you from seeing the letter? Certainly if Gabriel is who he claims, this letter could do him no harm, and there is no reason to keep this information from you. What other important information has Gabriel kept from you?

9. Does Gabriel practice a double standard? Does he expect sacrifices from you while making none himself? Does he live better? Does he eat better? Does he have more privileges? Why is that? Jesus lived the same existence as his apostles; he lived by the same rules and suffered the same hardships. Jesus didn't live in a nice house with a personal cook and multiple girlfriends while forcibly separating the families of his apostles and making them live in tents and run-down garages. Does Gabriel think himself superior to Jesus?

10. Have you ever put Gabriel to the test the way the Rabbi did? If not, how can you say the Rabbi is not correct? Just because you want to believe something is so does not make it so. You must test your truth from time to time the way the Rabbi did, then make up your own mind.

I hope to have a transcript of the Rabbi's transmission posted soon for those of you outside the Aquarian Concepts Community who do not have access to it. For those of you in the community, if you have not seen or heard the Rabbi's transmission for yourself, why don't you do so? Prove to yourself if the man who calls himself Gabriel of Sedona is for real. Don't wait another six months to see if his prophecies about the mothership come true to decide. You don't need to wait that long to determine the truth. Think of all the dozens of other predictions Gabriel has made that never came true, and how he either rationalized them (and you believed him), or he just plain pretended they didn't exist anymore.

You already have all the information you need to determine the truth about Gabriel of Sedona. Now it is up to you to decide. What truly marks an open-minded person is the willingness to follow where evidence leads. The open-minded person is willing to defer to impartial investigations rather than to his or her own predilections. The evidence is here: the false transmission given to the Rabbi, the many, many failed predictions made by Tony Paladin and the Bright and Morning Star over the years, the evidence of deception, manipulation and control used to keep you from being open minded – it's all there. Follow the evidence. The evidence against Gabriel of Sedona is overwhelming; an open-minded person must reject him.