

INTERVIEW WITH GERARD LOUIS BREISSAN, AUTHOR OF "THE DAY THEY CAME", TO BE LAUNCHED BY PROVERSE HONG KONG ON FRIDAY, 23 March 2012, IN CENTRAL HONG KONG

PROVERSE HONG KONG: Mr Breissan, we would like to interview you about your book, "The Day They Came". I hope you will be willing to answer some questions?



GERARD LOUIS BREISSAN: This is a fictional story combined with true events. However, I say in my introduction that the reader will decide what events really happened and what is fiction. Therefore there are many questions that I cannot answer if you ask me them. I aim to create curiosity on the part of the reader and elicit questions from readers, like "Did he really do that? Who is Eudoxus? Did he really go onto a spacecraft? Why does Eudoxus keep on saving him?" And more... But if you ask me such questions I will reply only vaguely or perhaps I will simply not answer such questions. It is the purpose of the book to raise questions and not necessarily to answer them.

PVHK: Mr Breissan, you say that this is a story of your meetings with an alien, Eudoxus; but it reads very like your real-life autobiography!

GLB: The major core of the story is about UFOs, about Eudoxus the alien saving my life on many occasions, and also saving Valia's life. These interventions were spread over many years, my childhood and teenage years. It therefore made sense to combine both to make an interesting story. The locations are beautiful; they enhance the story. And my very active lifestyle creates action throughout the course of events.

PVHK: I guess you really did attend scout camp as a boy?

GLB: Yes, I was a boy scout as a teenager. Prior to that, I went to summer camp every year with Father Moyon, starting from when I was aged six. We went for three months in the summer to the High Alps. It was rugged but I enjoyed it tremendously.

The Boys Scouts were a great experience for me. I have never forgotten it. I learned a lot of useful things which I still use in my daily life. The spirit of camaraderie was very strong and the leaders were very skilled and reliable.

PVHK: And I suppose you really did see a foal being born?

GLB: I witnessed many births in my lifetime, including that of my daughter, Lauren. I was exposed to nature at an early age, so I watched foals, calves, deer, lambs, puppies and kittens being born.

PVHK: Did you really fight as a mercenary in the Congo?

GLB: I will not discuss the mercenary operations that I participated in during my early years. I have discussed it in my book and perhaps if I write a sequel, I will talk more about it. After all this is a fictional story. The readers will make their own decisions about the real-life basis or otherwise of many chapters of the book. I will say only this to your particular question, mercenaries in many case (NOT ALL) are great fighters. They are not all "rogue warriors". Governments from all over the world hire them because of their courage and ability to handle crises and teach guerilla warfare to inept small army groups. They save lives and never receive praise for it. Many of them are good men.

PVHK: Perhaps you can say something about your army experience?

GLB: I really enjoyed my time in the French Army. Discipline, operations, exercises and manœuvres were very harsh. Conditions were difficult at all times but overall it is good for a young man or woman to perform military service and even to enlist. I am a great believer in national service. It changes a person and gives young people a new outlook on life. The Military has given many young men and women new opportunities. Personally, I wanted to be in the special forces all the way. I am a high achiever who enjoys new challenges, my objectives were strictly physical and to become a commando was the ultimate satisfaction.

PVHK: Did you really hear Etienne tell the story of the terrible storm he experienced?

GLB: I heard many stories from the locals over the years at Le Grau du Roi and other tourist areas, in France and elsewhere. Some are true, others are not. However, I personally witnessed storms at the particular location of the storm I describe in my book and they were frightening. The waves were higher than the two lighthouses at the entrance to the port, and yes, on many occasions that fishing community suffered damage and casualties.

PVHK: In your story, this terrible storm may be seen as revenge for the cruel death of a whale, punishment by nature of some of those who participated in the cruelty.

GLB: I respect all animals including marine life. I was a scuba-diving instructor and I had many opportunities to watch whales, dolphins, sharks and tortoises in their habitat. They are wonderful, peaceful, beings; and we have no right to hurt or kill them.

PVHK: It seems then that you may have a special sympathy for whales. Is it true? If yes, is there any particular explanation for this?

GLB: Whales are beautiful, caring mammals. I had the opportunity to watch them very, very closely in the wild in Canada—Victoria, British Columbia—and even touch them. It was an experience that I cannot forget.

PVHK: When did you begin to take an interest in Aliens and UFOs? Do you really believe in them?

GLB: I have always been fascinated by UFOs and their mysterious sightings. Of course I believe in the existence of other living forms in the galaxy. We are definitely not the only ones in the Universe. Other people like us, more advanced than us, are searching the cosmos and do not want to do us any harm. In my story, Eudoxus is a perfect example of such a one.

PVHK: And ghosts? Do you believe in ghosts?

GLB: Yes, I believe in ghosts. I have seen ghosts on two or three occasions in my life. It was actually not scary, but I would say, "bizarre". I may or not describe these events in the sequel to *The Day They Came*.

PVHK: Why did you write this story, really? When did you begin it? How long did it take?

GLB: I felt compelled to write this story because of some personal life situations around the year two thousand. I then began to gather notes, information and put them down on paper with a lot of memories from my past. I was a very busy executive and a single father, so I did not start to compose my book until 2004. I was not even sure if I should bring my manuscripts with me to China; however I did. It was the right decision to make!

PVHK: And why did you write it in English, not in your native French?

GLB: I wrote this story in English because, frankly speaking, I feel more comfortable writing in English than in French. Since my early 20s, I have been living with English on a daily basis. I have worked, lived, studied and managed organizations in English. So, it was logical to write in English.

PVHK: Thank you very much, Mr Breissan, for your interesting replies to our questions. We hope readers will enjoy reading *The Day They Came* and find their own answers to some of the questions that the book will surely prompt them to ask!

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