

A STATEMENT TO THE UFO COMMUNITY FROM PHILLIP H. KRAPF

It has been said that I am one of the most prominent persons to claim contact with ETs aboard an alien spaceship. Be that as it may, it is true that, previous to my first “abduction” in 1997, I had shared in a Pulitzer prize as a member of the Metro team at the *LA Times*, and had enjoyed a long career as a mainstream news journalist and editor.

My book *Contact Has Begun* (Hay House, 1998) introduced the story of my first encounter with an extremely advanced ET race known as the Verdants. I was asked to report on a coalition of humans and aliens who were engaged in extensive interplanetary diplomacy—with a goal of open contact leading to an interspecies summit. This “Contact Project” was at the time under lengthy discussion between 870 prominent human contactees known as *ambassadors*, and this extraterrestrial race along with a federation of affiliated planets.

Please note that the new book *Meetings with Paul* fully updates the Contact Project in its Postscript. In addition, the guardian angel “Paul” had somehow been a part of the Verdant project, making a brief but profound appearance as reported in *The Challenge of Contact*, my second book (Origin Press, 2002), where I recount my later contacts with the alien visitors.

This book also explains the controversy surrounding my own performance as the initial spokesperson for the contact, and updates the activities of the diverse group of human ambassadors who had long been acting in secret. It describes the debate and controversy—on both sides—as to the readiness of Earth for the proposed interplanetary summitry that would lead to our induction into the so-called International Federation of Sovereign Planets.

It seems that the negative side in this debate was right: On the evening of September 11, 2001, I had a dramatic new encounter with the Verdants, and this required that my second book be quickly superseded by an updated edition. This revised edition added the tragic news of *the interruption of the Contact Project that had resulted from the terrorist events of 9/11*. Before that day, I believe that our world was only months away from the dream of interspecies contact; the truth of the matter was that a decision had indeed been made by mid-2001 that the 870 ambassadors would begin to go public, and I had been scheduled to announce this decision in a keynote speech to be given at the UFO Expo in San Jose on September 16, 2001. Tragically, this decision to go public was for obvious reasons rescinded on the evening of 9/11. Even so I went ahead with the San Jose speech under very sad circumstances.

Thousands of my readers have since wondered what the status of the Verdant contact may now be as well as my own relationship to the Contact Project, and after four years, I finally offer answers in this long-awaited new book. It narrates for the first time that a mysterious teacher, my guardian angel, was sent to console and provide me with teachings and real companionship during the dark days after 9/11. Again, note the update in the Postscript. And thanks for your interest in this unusual story.

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