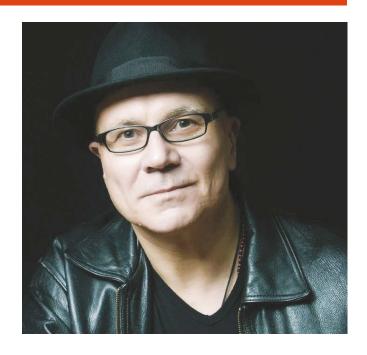


THE SUPPRESSION OF ALTERNATIVE RESEARCHERS & THE WORK OF ANDREW COLLINS

BRETT LOTHIAN: To our great detriment, researchers and writers such as yourself are ignored or belittled by the academic establishment. In your opinion, why is this so?

ANDREW COLLINS: The simple fact is that I am not an academic. My background, like that of my friend and colleague Graham Hancock, is journalism. We go where the evidence points us and are not restricted by boundaries set by specific disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology or palaeogenetics. We simply look for the truth and write about it. Very often that 'truth' turns out to be correct. It is then snatched upon by academics and claimed as their own. The latest instance is the fact that archaeologists are now saying that one of the places our earliest ancestors first encountered Denisovans was in northern Mongolia some 45,000 years ago, at which point they were introduced to blade technology for the first time. This is exactly what I say in *The Cygnus Key*, based on my own evidence and speculations.

This happens very often – too many times to even worry about. It is just the way of things, and an alternative historical writer like myself just has to accept that being vindicated does not necessarily convert to adulation and praise. The world doesn't work that way. Yet confirmation that you are right on one thing means there is every rea-



son to consider the possibility that you are right regarding other things as well. This is what people should take away from the answer I have given to this question.

