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## The Self-Hypnosis of David Jacobs

I've been trying to locate exactly where the hypnotic education of David Jacobs occurred. (For those new to paranormal feuds, Jacobs is the UFO Abduction Researcher who has had the whistle blown on him by Miss Emma Woods.) I've looked in the two books of his I have access to and at his website. I am unable to locate one iota of a mention that he was formally trained in hypnosis.

He states in *Secret Life* that he observed Budd Hopkins and went to a Hypnosis Convention. I don't see where he obtained a certification or license from any licensing or certifying authority.

Well, you say so what? Right? I mean, the Net is pregnant to overflowing with sites dedicated to teaching you hypnosis. You can obtain CDs and download YouTube videos. You can go to conferences.

You, too, can learn hypnosis! You can be a stage hypnotist and humiliate thousands of unsuspecting college students for exorbitant rates at fine higher educational institutions everywhere. You can also learn how to make boo-boo bucks inflicting your art on unsuspecting suckas! And, more power to you, but...

If you are going to hold out the results of your hypnotic sessions as scholarly work, wouldn't it be to your advantage to obtain such certifications and licenses and subject yourself to such codes of conduct as are promulgated by relevant issuing authorities?

Jacobs, apparently, doesn't need no stinking badges. All he has to do is include his PhD title on his books. He does this even though his degree grants him privileges and recognition in the field of HISTORY and not Hypnosis. He applies a little misinformation on his book covers which implies authority and scholarship in an area in which he, in actuality, is not an authority.

The National Council for Hypnotherapy in the UK actually includes a paragraph in their code of ethics that addresses this practice (yes, hypnotists with a code of ethics):

"Misuse of the Title 'Doctor'. Hypnotherapists must at all times avoid misleading the public in any way by using the title "PhD", "Dr" or "Doctor" in a manner which might convey a false impression of their qualifications or professional status. This includes, among other things, falsely creating the impression that: (a) they hold a medical qualification, (b) that the qualification is in an area relevant to hypnotherapy, or (c) that the qualification is of a similar nature or standard to degrees issued by accredited UK universities, if this is not actually the case. Any use of the titles "Doctor" or "PhD" must be accompanied by a defining statement which clearly explains the awarding body and subject of the qualification, e.g., in a footnote."

### Code of Ethics and Conduct, Paragraph 7.

See? I'm not making it up. There are professional hypnotists out there who take ethics seriously. If anyone, therefore, can provide a reference as to Jacobs' licensing or certification in hypnosis, please provide it. There should be a code of conduct or ethics and penalties for their violation in the granting authority's bylaws. In the Emma Woods case, surely the review board of such an entity would assess Jacobs a fine.

It is ironic almost to the point of side-splitting ridiculousness to read Jacobs' rants about competent hypnotists in *The Threat* when he isn't even certified or licensed or subject to any code of conduct by a review board or licensing authority. If he was, given his ego, he would have included the title on his book covers. And he lives in a state where apparently no licensing or certifying authority exists.

It is basically hypnotic open season on schmucks everywhere.

There seems to be gathering momentum, because of controversial use of hypnosis in

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false memories and its use for forensic purposes by law enforcement, for the creation of new regulatory laws and review boards. For now, Jacobs can work his magic, and claim it to be scholarly sampling, without fear of monetary penalty. This will hopefully be remedied in Court.

And hopefully there will be a court order directing the removal of the title of PhD from Jacobs' books about Alien Abduction. He can legitimately use that title in books about D-Day. He shouldn't be allowed to use that title in books which purport to be scholarly works with regard to hypnosis.

If Jacobs had heeded J. Allen Hynek's warning to him to stay out of the field of Alien Abduction, he wouldn't be in this mess. He had done a huge amount of conventional research in the UFO field and he is certainly qualified to hold court on his conventional research. But if you go back to *The Threat* and read his criticisms of incompetent hypnotists it is as if the book were a post-hypnotic suggestion his unconscious bought into that resulted in his carrying out the precise incompetencies he accused others of.

It is laughably sad.

Posted by Gary Haden at 7:41 AM 

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