

# **FROM “HOLLYWOD INTERRUPTED: INSANITY CHIC IN BABYLON—THE CASE AGAINST CELEBRITY by Andrew Breitbart & Mark Ebner (written in 2004; published by John Wiley & Sons in Hoboken, New Jersey)**

## **Part 3: The Believers — Chapter 7: Karma Chameleons pages 122-123**

“(In this case,) it’s the recently deceased who are chatting up has-been stars, as opposed to the 5000 year-old warrior Ramtha who so entranced (Shirley) MacLaine, fellow actress Linda Evans, and Evans’s ex paramour, New Age musician Yanni.

“Ramtha, channeled by former cable TV installer J.Z. Knight, was the ruler of Atlantis until the idyllic island’s inhabitants did something bad with technology and blew themselves up, a no so subtle antitech warning that has been floating around the myth of Atlantis since the discovery of the steam engine. Prior to the Scientific Age, Atlantis had supposedly disappeared because of an earthquake or because of the gods’ wrath, depending on the expert. Ramtha began to body hop, appearing with the corporeal help of a German woman. Knight subsequently sued her, claiming she, J.Z., was the only human through whom Ramtha deigned to speak. <sup>1</sup> (note 67 in the book)

“This wasn’t the only drama in which Ramtha and his vehicle Knight were involved. Ramtha urged followers to move to Yelm, Washington, and to invest in Knight’s horse-breeding farm. The investments were not very surefooted, and Ramtha’s reason for the mass move—impending natural disaster—failed to manifest, leading to disgruntled, poorer, and very vocal ex-believers. While many of the shorn sheep left Ramtha’s teaching, the facial machine touting Evans has remained touchingly faithful. <sup>2</sup>(68)

“Ramtha was also involved in a child sex abuse case; voice instructor Wayne Allen Geis and his common-law wife, Ruth Beverly Martin, allegedly confessed to statutory rape of a 15 year-old girl after being questioned by Ramtha before 800 astonished students at The Ramtha School of Enlightenment. The couple were subsequently arraigned on 10 counts each of sexual misconduct with a minor. <sup>3</sup>(69) At the time, Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Toynbee said he didn’t think Knight would be called to testify. <sup>4</sup>(70) While Ramtha was present in J.Z. Knight’s body, J.Z. herself was in a trance and did not recall the revelation. Apparently it’s difficult to astrally serve a subpoena on a 35,000 year-old Atlantean warrior.”

## NOTES

1. (note 67 in book) *The Guardian*, June 9, 1997.
2. (note 68 in book) *Los Angeles Times*, December 5, 1986, and *Cosmopolitan*, August, 1991
3. (note 69 in book) *Seattle Post*, October 4, 2000
4. (note 70 in book) Associated Press, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, October 10, 2000