

The Greenwood Report

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In my last letter I announced that I've been working on a feature-length documentary based on André Kole's life. This continues to be the major project I've been devoting my time to, and will be for the next several months.

Doing the Math

To date we have interviewed 52 people, yielding over 36 hours of interview footage. If all 52 of those interviewed are included, that would average less than two minutes each - and quite frankly, that is not going to happen. In actuality, several of the interviews will be included only as bonus material, and not in the feature itself.

Whittling

Trimming all this down to a 90 minute production is going to be a rather daunting task. One way of managing all this interview footage is to have it transcribed, then we can script via cut-and-paste without getting mired in the nearly 2 terabytes of video files. So, my job this week is to finish up the transcriptions of our latest interview sessions.

God's Comic

Let me introduce you to the host of the movie - Brad Stine. He was dubbed "God's Comic" by New Yorker magazine because of his focus on Christian faith and conservatism. His material targets liberals, humanists and judgmental Christians and is delivered in an aggressive rat-a-tat style. He is a featured act at Promise Keepers conferences nationwide, and is currently a regular guest on the *Fox and Friends* television



show on Monday mornings. Here is an Internet link to a recent appearance, giving a light-hearted rant over current stories in the news: <http://soc.li/0gyB01T>

Brad will be taking the viewer through the three acts of the movie, helping evaluate claims of the supernatural and encouraging critical thinking as he interacts with the interviewees. He will also add transitional comments, and of course, humor along the way.

Free Sample

Last week we were privileged to interview the award winning, world traveling, comedy magician Michael Finney. Here is a quote from him which may be used:

"There had to be somebody to create all of this. It didn't just happen. In my world - for me it is just a no-brainer. For me it's just something that has been a constant all my life, no matter what I did."

Also, last week, we interviewed Andre's brother, Richard. He is a physicist with over 20 patents, and an agnostic. Here is one thing he had to say:

"I did a lot of study of evolution, biology, biochemistry, biophysics, and so I believe the major tenants of evolution are true... ..Of course, there are lots of things the scientific community doesn't know. And there are a lot of really interesting mysteries that I like studying. Just to name a few: what happened before the big bang, and the origin of life? The theory of evolution doesn't cover how you went from inorganic life to living entities."

Stay tuned. We have a great ride ahead of us.