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As I gazed in awe at the photo, my body began to shake. I'd never experienced anything like it - it was like an inner earthquake. I wasn't just looking at a picture of an amethyst skull (known today as Ami), I was in the presence and power of this crystal skull. And one of the many abilities these extraordinary things possess is the power of foresight.

That photo from an art gallery alone made me a happy man. I didn't realise then that I had actually experienced a huge turning point on my road to destiny.

Half an hour later, the table the photo stood upon began to shake violently. While 150 miles away, an earthquake shook the foundations of hundreds of houses. I knew in that moment, my life would never be the same again.

That day, I realised the significance of crystal skulls and that I had a mission in life - to help others understand, too.

A fortnight later, I laid eyes upon the skull itself in the art gallery in San Jose, USA.

When I reached out to touch it, I was so excited. Given the effect a mere photo had had on me, what was the real thing going to do?

As my right hand touched it, an energy surged up my arm and stopped on my shoulder where I saw in my mind's eye an image of the skull floating...

I can still see that image as clearly as if it was yesterday, instead of 26 years ago. That experience was to herald something amazing. The beginnings of my life as a crystal skull explorer.

I've become consumed with the need and desire to know everything about these incredible crystal friends. Not just for my own interest, but so I can share my knowledge.

I get many e-mails and calls from people wanting to know where they can see a crystal skull, or how they can interact with the skull they have, or they'll invite myself and colleagues to see a skull in their possession.

My passion has taken me to so many places and given me a lot of amazing

experiences. Last March, I went to Mexico to see five crystal skulls, over 100 years old, which have been unearthed from the ground or were linked to ancient ruins.

I've been to England to see how the energies of a crystal skull can influence the energies of a crop circle.

I've been to several locations within the US and Europe carrying out research which proves crystal skulls are able to enhance spiritual and creative gifts and can help to balance a person emotionally, physically and mentally.

I've seen - and touched - Dr Brown's Atlantean Crystal Ball, which was found in an underwater pyramid on a seabed near Bimini after a terrible storm. I didn't just get to see it on display, I was privileged enough to hold this amazing orb. Months on, I can still feel it in my hand, the energy is that strong.

There's one crystal skull I've continued to search for - and this quest has been a part of my life for nearly two decades. The vision of this crystal skull first came to me in 1990 when I was in

Peru with my second ex-wife, Vera.

Into my head popped an image of the most beautiful skull I'd ever seen, made of sky blue quartz.

For seven years, the blue skull appeared to me, floating in front of me just off to the left side.

Eventually, its pull became something I couldn't ignore.

I had to return to Peru to find the skull.

I had no idea where it was and where my journey would take me. All I had to rely on was intuition and the unshakeable belief that this beautiful artefact was out there.

I have no doubt that I have known this skull in other lifetimes and - as I believe crystal skulls to be living beings - was calling to me. Which

is why I gave up a perfectly good job to go on my journey of faith and understanding.

I travelled around from place to place in Peru, with the invisible force guiding me.

Eventually, with the help of a local guide, I arrived at a sacred lagoon high up in the Andes. And in that very special place, two spiritual visions of the skull came to me.

Twelve years on, the skull eludes me still. But that hasn't dented my

confidence that I will find it. Not one jot.

But for the moment, the blue skull exists in a different plane. And I'll find it when the time is right. The spirits have told me as much.

I certainly don't feel denied - I do have five crystal skulls of my own (I call them my 'crystal kids') and feel very happy with this 'family'. These are newly-carved skulls who over the years have come to life through our travels - they are living beings for

me. They go with me everywhere and meet many amazing people.

Some of the skulls are made by modern carvers, others are over 2,000 years old. Yet even the modern ones have an ancient past, because it takes hundreds of thousands of years for quartz crystal to form.

But all of them are special and individual.

Each skull is loaded with energies and has its own purpose.

Healing is the most common activity which happens around crystal skulls. There are numerous people who have been cured of an ailment with their help.

How does it work? By unblocking or repairing the clogged or damaged energies which cause ill-health as the potent energies pulsing within a crystal

skull overpower these blockages and bring balance.

Where exactly this energy comes from is a matter of debate. But a belief is that the energy 'switch' is often off until someone is in the presence of, or begins to work with, a crystal skull. They're perfect mirrors and when you sit opposite one they'll reflect back your true essence and teach you vital world lessons.

When I was fortunate enough in the spring of 2008 to see first-hand the world-famous Mitchell-Hedges Crystal Skull of Love, discovered hidden within a Mayan city in 1924, my heart chakra became fully opened and activated.

That was the skull showing me that we can never truly love and embrace a fulfilled life if our hearts are closed.

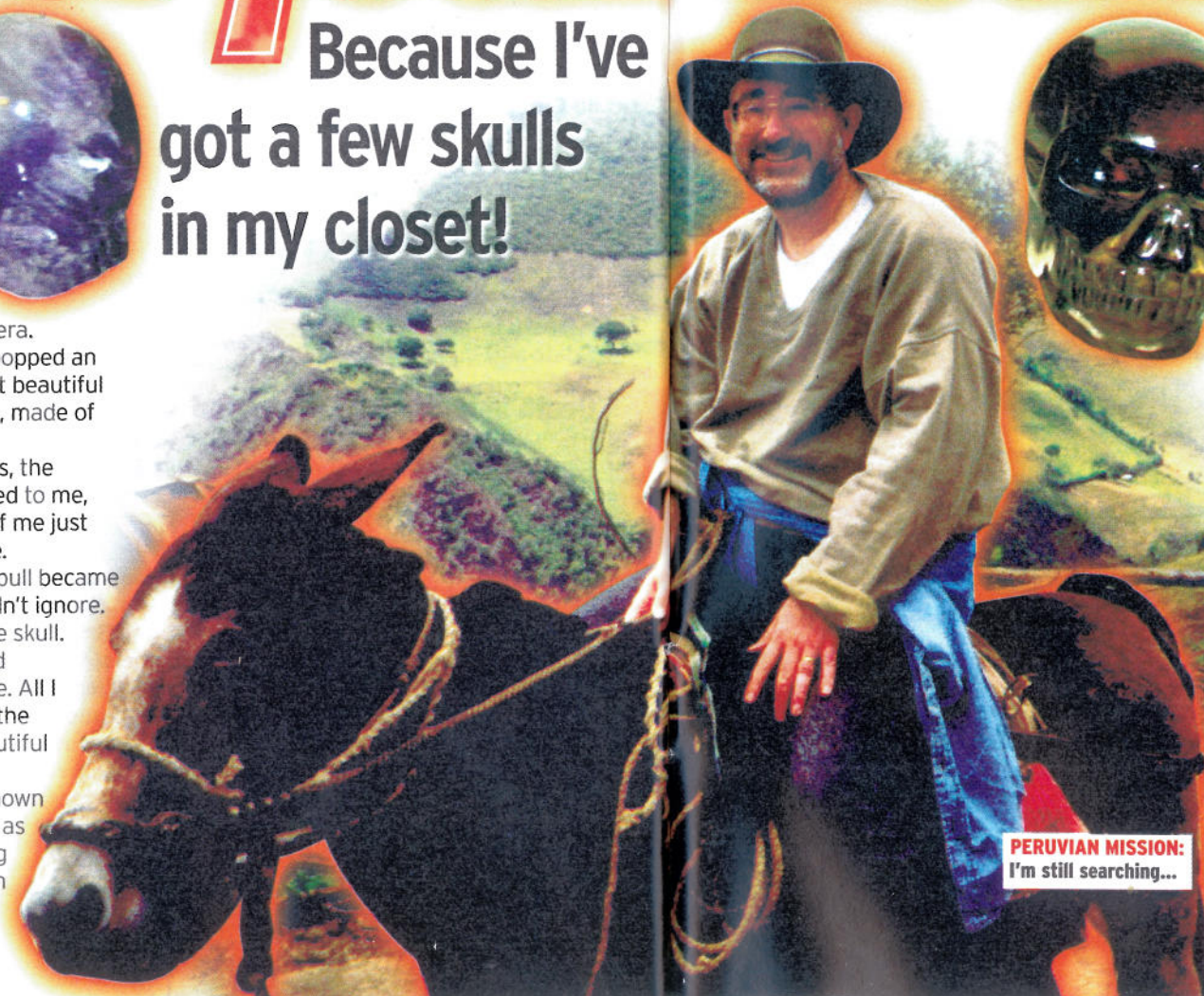
I believe the very old crystal skulls are ancient computers which have stored inside them incredible knowledge and wisdom that will help us to create a peaceful world.

My 'crystal kids' are my partners for the private sessions I offer - in the last decade I've given more than a thousand of these. My skulls offer special energies to those who come for a session. Sometimes they pass messages on, giving positive advice and suggestions

The future's crystal clear...

Because I've got a few skulls in my closet!

I've skulls of my own - my crystal kids



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I'm still searching...

of changes of lifestyle which will bring about happiness in a client's life or this information comes through the intuitive readings I also give.

I place the skulls on a table facing the client and they will intuitively be drawn to a particular skull which they'll hold on their lap while the skull works its magic...

I also give public lectures and workshops, have been a consultant for documentaries, appeared on TV and radio, written several books and organised international Crystal Skull festivals - I'm hoping to hold one in the UK soon.

We have a new book, *Journeys of the Crystal Skull Explorers*, that has been published in three different

languages in Europe, but we're still looking for an English publisher.

And, if funding is secured, our film *The Crystal Skull Chronicles* will make it onto the big screen soon. It tells the story of how humanity finally reaches a time

when there is no conflict and the key role crystal skulls play in achieving this world of peace.

My belief - and it's one shared by Native American and Mayan cultures - is that there is an undiscovered set of 13 crystal skulls. In my mind's eye, I see all of these 13 coming together to prevent a cataclysmic event that will change our world forever. It will shift us into a time of peace and harmony.

Within the next few years, it is my feeling that more and more of the old and ancient skulls will be brought to the public's attention.

I'm going to continue to do my best to share what I know about the crystal skulls with everyone and to enable people to meet the skulls directly.

Times they are a-changing...and I'm sure the future will be a golden age.

● If you'd like to know more about crystal skulls or to contact Joshua Shapiro, log onto www.v-j-enterprises.com/cs.html or e-mail: crystalskullexplorers@gmail.com Joshua is in the process of creating a base of operations for his World Mystery Research Centre within England. So if there are any readers who might be interested to assist with this project, please feel free to contact Joshua directly.



A crystal skull explorer's job is never done...