

Jesus meets Jefferson, Talk About Talent

AUBURN, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, November 11, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Throughout history there have been iconic characters who appeared larger than life. What would happen if twelve of them were to meet? Stuart Rawlings used this device to develop his novel, *Delusions*. Twelve great individuals, including Jesus, Buddha, Hitler and Thomas Jefferson, are patients at Rosewood, a mental health institution. Rawlings creates a world of "what if" wherein Eleanor Roosevelt makes suggestions to Barak Obama about how he should run the world, and Hitler puts himself on trial for genocide.

As a logical next step in the creation process, Rawlings and the rest of the folks at Sierra Dreams Press are teaming up with American River Films to create a series of animated videos based on the book. (CUT next sentence.) In the 3-minute teaser published on the [Jesus Meets Jefferson Kickstarter Crowdfunding Campaign](#), Jefferson asks Jesus, "Do you believe that you are the Son of God?" Jesus' answer to this and other such provocative questions will be given in the full video project scheduled for completion in June of 2015.

Reviews of the book *Delusions* indicate that the dialogue is often funny, and definitely provocative. If you thought Jesus cut a swath through the money lenders in the New Testament, you'll be amazed at what happens when he goes

to an American mall during the holiday shopping season! Freud meets Hitler in another episode. Like many other works of its kind, *Delusions* makes pointed comments about the way human beings interact and how they behave in the modern world. Since the book is a work of fiction and most of the characters are long dead, they can voice thought-provoking statements without offense.



[The animations](#) are bright, with cartoon style characters. The voices are done by Rawlings himself, and he also plays guitar for the background. The animator is David Anastasiou, a multi-talented videographer.

According to the production notes on the crowdfunding website, the first three minutes of this Jesus meets Jefferson video is already finished. Now the video needs to add twelve more minutes of Jesus-Jefferson dialogue. The voices have already been recorded, and the animator now needs a better computer with a quad-core processor to streamline the graphics and mixing in order to complete the production process in a timely fashion.

Sierra Dreams Press is a small company, but one that is steadily producing creative work. It offers eighteen books and four musical CDs on its web site. In addition to the video teaser on the Kickstarter website, contributors can find three of Stuart Rawlings' musical videos on YouTube: I Like Junk Food, Austin's Dream (The Billionaire) and Lucky Man.

[Rewards for contributing](#) to this crowdfunding campaign include signed copies of Delusions (the novel on which this and future videos will be based), Another Messiah (the prequel to Delusions), and various books by Rawlings and audio CDs featuring Rawlings and the Auburnaires. Contributors will receive project updates, and those who contribute \$500 or more will be added to the animation credits at the end of the video. Contributors who give more than \$1,000 can become part of the creative process.

About: Sierra Dreams Press (www.sierradreamspress.com) was founded in June 2005 by Stuart Rawlings and Jane Roach. They were later joined by David Anastasiou, a multi-talented videographer. He and Jane with Manuel and Lisa Perella make up the quartet, the Auburnaires. Stuart plays guitar, and the group does barbershop style harmony. Stuart's guitar playing is used in the up-coming video, Jesus Meets Jefferson.

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