Newsflash 1:

Reporter Ben Carlson covers for childhood friend Chris Harrison; underreports number of civilian deaths during Operation Tough Love, a supposed peacekeeping mission to Central America

Newsflash 2:

PhD announces the Origami Effect, a new theory on wormhole travel across the universe

Newsflash 3:

The NeoGenesis Corporation unveils the plans for a universal highway system using Genesis Gates

Newsflash 4:

NeoGenesis to proceed with plans to build Genesis Gate project after receiving a large sum of money from an unknown source

Newsflash 5:

Public outcry after massive budget of the Genesis Gate project leaked; government to investigate NeoGenesis

Newsflash 6:

Government investigation of the Genesis Gate project by the NeoGenesis Corporation reveals all funds being spent as intended

Newsflash 7:

Massive Ion Storm disrupts Genesis Gate in the Farest system resulting in complete annihilation of that region of space

Newsflash 8:

The newly formed Celestial Preservation Coalition pickets NeoGenesis headquarters and demands regulation of Genesis Gate project

PhD Interview

Ben:

PhD, your theory of the Origami Effect brings about a new chapter in the possibilities of space travel. How did you develop this theory?

PhD:

The theory of folding space time upon itself is not a new concept. However, I have conceptualized a device that will punch through the surface of the universe and draw a distant part to itself. Similar to origami, this can be used multiple times in a row and make it possible to travel to distant locations quite rapidly.

Ben:

That sounds fantastic! Are there any plans in the works to actually test and implement this concept or is this simply a theoretical device.

PhD:

We are already working on creating a corporation to act as the financial support of the project. NeoGenesis will bring new life throughout the universe! Once we secure a few more donors, we will be ready to begin building and distribution of the Genesis Gates as a universal highway system.

Ben:

Genesis Gates? What a name you’re giving it! That’s an awfully high opinion you have of yourself? You think you can play God?

PhD:

We are in no way trying to be God. We are simply creating a system of fast travel across the universe to provide access for everybody, everywhere.

Ben:

There has been some criticism of your devices and project claiming that they could be used as a weapon of sorts. What do you have to say to that line of thinking.

PhD:

The devices are 100% fool-proof. There is no possible way that somebody could modify them in such a way as to be harmful to anybody.

Ben:

Thank you for your time, Dr.

PhD:

It was my pleasure.

Inventor E-Mail Interview Re:Universal Highway Project

Ben:

Dear Ms. Inventor,

Your work on the Genesis Gate project to create a universal highway system is quite remarkable. I am doing a piece on PhD’s Origami Effect theory and I would like to interview you at your earliest convenience. I am willing to work in whatever time works best for you and your schedule. Please let me know if you accept my offer and when would work best for you.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ben Carlson

Independent News Journalist

Inventor:

Mr. Carlson,

I am unfortunately unable to meet with you at this time. With our initial installation date coming up, things are extremely hectic for me. I will, however, give you some brief background on our project. The universal highway system will be an interconnected web of Genesis Gates that will provide for near instantaneous travel from one part of the universe to another. By employing certain facets of the Origami Effect, it will be possible to jump multiple Genesis Gates at once to reach your destination. Our Genesis Gates work on the basis that if you inject enough negative energy and negative pressure through Gate A connected to Gate B and likewise inject enough negative energy and negative pressure through Gate B to Gate A, space time will bend in such a way as to create an anomaly between the two points and create a tunnel, typically referred to as a wormhole, between the two points. This works similarly across multiple Gates if A connects to B connects to C connects to D which bounced back the negative energy and negative pressure to C which sends it to B which directs it back to A to open up the tunnel. As we began to produce our first models, it was deemed that in order to create a large enough negative energy field we needed to increase our energy output. However, the increased energy requirements create a much larger than expected force. While this will allow for even faster response times, the distance between the Gates should be further apart than conceptualized.

Thank you for your interest in our project and I hope this information is useful to you.

Inventor

NeoGenesis Lead Engineer

Ben:

Thank you for your swift response, being as busy as you are.

Ben C.

Inventor E-Mail Interview Re: Ion Storm

Ben:

Ms. Inventor,

I would again like to thank you for the information you sent me previously. I have to follow up with you, know that there has been this catastrophe in the Farest system. As you know, an entire planetary system has been wiped from existence and even the galaxy is suffering from the effects. Was this a failure in that specific Gate or a failure in the design of the Gates as a whole? Are they all vulnerable to ion storms?

Ben C.

Inventor:

Ben,

Both the concept and the implementation were both rigorously tested. We knew about the possible dangers of ion storms and took that into account when designing them. I am absolutely positive that an ion storm could have caused a malfunction of a Genesis Gate. And there could not have been a flaw to that specific gate. Before each Gate is sent out, it is double examined to ensure that it is in the proper condition. Perhaps you should look elsewhere for the cause of this devastation.

Inventor

Ben:

Inventor,

Are you saying that somebody sabotaged that particular gate? Do you any idea who if may be and proof that it happened?

Ben

Inventor:

Ben,

I never once said it was sabotaged. I simply had to point out that we are not at fault so perhaps there is another cause to what happened.

Inventor

Ben:

Inventor,

Thanks as always for your insight. I hope to keep in touch with you about any more developments.

Ben

Strategist E-mail Interview Re: Large budgetary concerns

Ben:

Dear Mr. Strategist,

Congratulations on the success of your new corporation, NeoGenesis. What a great achievement to have secured the funding for such a groundbreaking project. The Genesis Gate system appears like it will have great and lasting effects on our ability to travel and explore the universe. However, because of the sudden, single, large donation, maybe people are saying your project is a farce and NeoGenesis is simply a scan to give yourselves a “new life” as you say. How do you respond to these claims?

Ben Carlson

Independent News Journalist

Strategist(not seeing government investigation clip):

Mr. Carlson,

Thank you for your question. I was always a fan of your work before your unfortunate incident with Mr. Harrison. I could see through the, let me be frank with you, bullshit, that happened and you had to deal with. I am fully on your side and will give whatever help I can so you can report the truth here. As you know, the government is investigating these bogus claims by those who would see our project never be completed. I am positive the results of the investigation will lead to all of those claims being completely unfounded and that all of the money is accounted for. Of course, due to the large sum of money, our benefactor wishes to remain anonymous and we will definitely respect those wishes. And I will give you another piece of information. The cost of this project is so large due to the fact that in order to create a network that will get you to any destination you desire, we had to keep the Genesis Gates at the distance that has always been conceptualized which leads to needing a large number of Gates. I hope this information is useful to you and will help you in your endeavor to regain your journalistic honor.

Best regards,

Mr. Strategist

Strategist(already seeing government investigation clip:

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Thank you for your question. I was always a fan of your work before your unfortunate incident with Mr. Harrison. I could see through the, let me be frank with you, bullshit, that happened and you had to deal with. I am fully on your side and will give whatever help I can so you can report the truth here. As has been reported already, the government investigation found no wrong doing on our part. Of course, due to the large sum of money, our benefactor wishes to remain anonymous and we will definitely respect those wishes. And I will give you another piece of information. The cost of this project is so large due to the fact that in order to create a network that will get you to any destination you desire, we had to keep the Genesis Gates at the distance that has always been conceptualized which leads to needing a large number of Gates. I hope this information is useful to you and will help you in your endeavor to regain your journalistic honor.

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Mr. Strategist

Environmentalist Interview

Ben:

Mr. Environmentalist, your group, the Celestial Preservation Coalition, recently began picketing at the NeoGenesis headquarters. What sparked these protests?

Environmentalist:

Well Ben, if I may call you Ben, thanks for coming to speak to me. I’m glad that somebody will listen to our side. Due to the recent actions of the NeoGenesis Corporation, their so-called universal highway system and the Genesis Gates that power them, have proven to be dangerous not only to individual systems and galaxies but the entire universe.

Ben:

I can hardly begin to imagine that anything could threaten the entire universe. What made you come to that conclusion?

Environmentalist:

We have performed an investigation on our own and our facts will prove themselves. Here, let me get you set up with our Vice President who oversaw the investigation.

Ben(if player chooses to ask):

Sir, there have been rumors that the Genesis Gate in the Farest system was sabotaged. What do you think about that possibility.

Environmentalist:

No comment. And I have a meeting set up between you and Mrs. Traitor, our Vice President. Please return here tomorrow to meet with her. And with that, I must bid you fare well.

Traitor Inteview

Ben:

Mrs. Traitor, Mr. Environmentalist informed me that you led an investigation on the universal highway project and the Genesis Gates. He says your investigation shows clear proof that the Gates can in fact be used as a weapon. What is this proof?

Traitor:

Mr. Carlson, you were once a well respected journalist but have since lost that respect. Despite this, and the advice of my media relations team, I can share with you that our evidence does lead to directly that not only are the Gates able to be weapons, they are already weaponized in their current form. The “accident” in the Farest system was clearly a premature misfire of their weapons system.

Ben:

I would like to see this proof before I report further on this case. Can you show it to me?

Traitor:

Alas, I can not show it to you right now. However, if I can get your e-mail I can send you the full file shortly. In the meantime, I do have some folders here containing information pertaining to some of the more…discreet…lives of many of the NeoGenesis leaders. It is a token of my appreciation for reporting our side of the story. What you do with it is up to you. And unfortunately, that is all the time I have, I must depart.

Ben:

Thank you for your time.