

# Herr Von Daniken

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It is obviously better if I say less about Erich Von Daniken.

Only a few months ago, I prepared a [short write-up on Daniken](#). Though not elaborative, it contained his controversial biography including his past and present activities. Alongside with his farrago career what is going well now is the Mystery Park, a huge entertainment park at Interlaken in Switzerland.

On the way to Jungfrau from Zurich, we made a halt at Interlaken. Maintaining very low profile for more than a decade, only two years ago, Daniken had been reappeared by opening up a so-called Mystery Park. The very Park is Daniken's brainchild. He claims that this unique theme park was one his greatest dreams.

Interlaken is a picturesque city. Tourists in thousands flock in at Interlaken every year. Mystery Park attracts a portion of the transit tourists and cash in on hard currency. I was curious to see what this park offers in lieu of a sizable entry fee.



*A bird's eye view of Mystery Park at Interlaken, Switzerland [The picture is taken from a website]*

I was neither mystified nor overwhelmed with astonishment. The overall design that resembles a spaceport with a central sphere is not to be overlooked. Interestingly Daniken does not agree with the idea that the park looks like a spaceport. You can expect anything from a guy who loves to be illusive. Anyway a project of US\$ 85 M cannot be wrong with the design and it perfectly commensurates with Daniken's childish ideas of alien influences on early civilizations. This great Swiss venture is financed by some world-famous companies such as Swatch, Coca-Cola, Sony, TV companies and Swiss brewery giants, etc.

At the entrance, I jokingly enquired an administrative lady of her middle age.

"Where does Daniken live?"

"On the top of a nearby hill !" The lady answered appropriately.

"Cannot I see him?"

"Why not? You need an appointment" The lady smiled.

"Daniken is a rich man" I told.

"No, no. He spends money anyway" The lady carried on.

"Is not that of his childhood habit?"

"Yes .... Not .... etc."

The smiling lady probably appreciated my banter on Daniken's career.

A photograph of a bookshelf filled with various books. The books are arranged in two rows. The top row includes 'DÄNIKEN Malloja varuudesta', a book with a circular diagram, 'Bohové byli astronauti!', 'Věda naprosto jasná', 'Věda naprosto jasná', 'Věda naprosto jasná', and 'Věda naprosto jasná'. The bottom row includes 'Däniken Gudsriket', 'Däniken', 'Däniken', 'Däniken', 'Däniken', and 'Däniken'. The books are in various colors and sizes, and the shelf is made of dark wood.

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