

ANNOTATION OF FAKE DIPLOMA THAT WALTER FRITZ SUBMITTED TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY (FL) SCHOOLS

[Annotation (in red) by Ariel Sabar for use with his book VERITAS: A Harvard Professor, a Con Man and the Gospel of Jesus's Wife]

TRANSCRIPTS - FOREIGN/CRED for FRITZ, WALTER (Page 169 of 171)

^ "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" owner Walter Fritz submitted this forged diploma to the Sarasota County (Florida) public schools with his applications for jobs there in 2012-2013. VERITAS author Ariel Sabar discovered it in records obtained through the Florida Public Records Law. Fritz, who previously acknowledged dropping out of the university, has declined comment on the fake diploma.

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

< Fritz attended the Freie Universität, or Free University, in Berlin, Germany, from 1987 to about 1992, but never graduated and earned no such degree.

UNTER DEM PRÄSIDENTEN PROF.DR. JOHANN W. GERLACH

VERLEIHT DER FACHBEREICH ALTERTUMSWISSENSCHAFTEN

^ The Fachbereich Altertumswissenschaften, or Faculty of Ancient Studies, housed the university's Egyptology Institute.

Herrn Walter Fritz

^ Walter Fritz is named here as the supposed diploma recipient. "Herrn" is German for "Mr."

GEB. AM 25.12.1964

^ Fritz was born on Christmas 1964

IN Sigmaringen

^ Fritz's birthplace was Sigmaringen, a city in southern Germany.

DEN GRAD

MAGISTER ARTIUM (M. A.)

< A Magister Artium was the first degree a German could earn in university, equal to a U.S. bachelor's degree plus a master's.

DIE PRÜFUNG WURDE NACH DER MAGISTERPRÜFUNGSORDNUNG VOM 10. FEBRUAR 1978

MIT DER GESAMTNOTE

This faint, vertically oriented stamp appears to show the date —February 5, 2013—on which Fritz submitted this document with his job applications to the Sarasota County Schools. >

The text claims Fritz passed his M.A. exams with a cumulative grade of "gut," or good, the German equivalent of a B. >

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ABGELEGT.

DIE MAGISTERARBEIT MIT DEM THEMA

Fritz's supposed master's thesis is titled "Remarks on the Date Inscription on Amarna Tablet 27." Fritz did write something with this title, but it was not a master's thesis. It was an eight-page article in 1991 for a German Egyptology journal. v

» BEMERKUNGEN ZUM DATIERUNGSVERMERK AUF DER AMARNATAFEL KN 27 «

The text below calls the grade for this (bogus) master's thesis a "gut," or B. In fact, Fritz's short journal article with this title angered the Egyptology Institute chairman, Dr. Jürgen Osing, who accused Fritz of stealing his ideas. Professors say Fritz vanished from campus shortly thereafter, earning no degree and no diploma. v

Egyptology professor Peter Munro's name also appears on the fake provenance papers that Fritz gave Harvard professor Karen King, along with a papyrus fragment known as the Gospel of Jesus's Wife that scholars say is a modern forgery. A classmate said Fritz showed jealousy when Munro praised other students.

WURDE MIT DER NOTE

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BEWERTET.

The text claims Fritz earned a "gut," or B, on exams in his primary subject of Egyptology. >

PRÜFUNGSFÄCHER

BEURTEILUNG

PRÜFER

Ägyptologie

- gut -

Prof.Dr. Munro <

It also claims he earned a "gut" in a secondary subject, Library Science. >

Bibliothekswissenschaft

- gut -

Prof.Dr. Milde

BERLIN, DEN 12. Juli 1993 < The text calls the date of the diploma July 12, 1993.

"Forgery" ("Fälschung"), Dr. Herwig Roggemann said of the diploma when VERITAS author Ariel Sabar's German interpreter showed it to the now retired professor. >

Prof. Dr. Roggemann
DER ~~AM~~ VORSITZENDE
DES INSTITUTSRATS

^ Dr. Roggemann's name does not belong on a Faculty of Ancient Studies diploma. He is an expert on modern European law who led the university's Institute for Eastern European Studies.



^ This official-looking stamp contains an odd typo: "FREIE" is misspelled "FRRIE"

Prof. Dr. Seemann
DER ~~AM~~ VORSITZENDE
DES PRÜFUNGS-AUSSCHUSSES

^ This professor's name also does not belong on a Faculty of Ancient Studies diploma. Dr. Klaus-Dieter Seemann studied Russian literature. Like Roggemann, he worked in the Institute for Eastern European Studies.

Fritz's forged diploma appears to use the same M.O. as his Gospel of Jesus's Wife papyrus, Gospel of John papyrus, and the purported provenance papers: it's a cut and paste of text from other documents.