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NEWS INTERVENTION

USCIRF - Pastor Ramón Rigal Released; Roberto Jesus Quinones Haces Needs to be Released

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 3, 2020

Pastor Ramón Rigal was released in Cuba based on reportage from The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom ([USCIRF](#)). On April 16, 2019, Rigal and his wife, Ayda Expósito, were detained. The reason: homeschooling their children over the Cuban schools' atheism and socialism promotion, apparently.

The proposed crimes were doing things in opposition to the normal development of a minor. Now, Expósito was released in April of 2020. James Carr, USCIRF Commissioner, stated, "While we welcome the release of Pastor Rigal and are thrilled that he is reunited with his family, this was not the first time that Pastor Rigal and his wife were arrested in relation to their religious beliefs... The Cuban government must immediately cease harassing this couple and allow all Cuban parents, including the Rigals, to raise their children pursuant to their own faith."

While the pastor and wife, Expósito and Rigal, case can be considered safer than not, journalist Roberto Jesus Quinones Haces is still in jail. He wanted to cover the trial of the couple and, subsequently, went to prison. The reason was the coverage and Expósito and Rigal. The crime: "disobedience" – can't make this stuff up.

There has been harassment of other independent journalists in Cuba by the authorities based on attempts to report on religious freedom, e.g., Yoe Suárez, and this came with threats of criminal charges and fines under Decree Law 370. It limits internet online freedom of expression and privacy.

USCIRF Vice Chair [Anurima Bhargava](#) said, "USCIRF once again calls for the immediate release of Jesus Quinones Haces and the end to harassment of independent journalists who report on religious freedom."

With files from The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

NCSE - Climate Change and Political Partisanship in the U.S.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 3, 2020

Based on a [new poll on climate change and political views](#), the National Center for Science Education or the NCSE reported on the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication new data on the registered American voters' attitudes and beliefs towards climate change and political views. Political views can imply particular identifications on scientific lines.

This has been substantially true in the United States where some political views can be seen as catastrophically bad for the informed policymaking of the public. When political views impede scientific education, are bound to scientific illiteracy, or belie a scientifically informed public, we come to the issue of an appropriately informed public.

A scientifically informed public in a majoritarian or democratic state is catastrophic for policymaking and voting of the public. In terms of thinking global warming is happening, 75% responded in the affirmative with only 11% in the negative. This is good news.

NCSE, among those answering in the affirmative, stated, "98% of liberal Democrats, 92% of moderate/conservative Democrats, and 69% of liberal/moderate Republicans. Fewer conservative Republicans (47%) think that global warming is happening."

In short, this is a politically divisive issue. On this particular issue, the rights are far less scientifically informed than the leftists, i.e., this aspect of reality leans liberal or is biased towards the liberal in a manner of speaking.

Surprisingly in contrast to the colloquial notions about American citizenry, there are some interesting aspects to some parts of the data. Not in terms of *if global warming is happening*, but *how or by which means global warming is occurring*, 61% of the respondents consider global warming is "Caused mostly by human activities" while 29% believe it is "Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment." 5% ventured both of the aforementioned as the causes and only 4% selecting neither. These are encouraging numbers. It is not the citizenry; it is the leadership not applying this will of the people to the development of scientifically appropriate and fully-informed policies.

"Opinion was politically divided, with a large majority of Democrats but a minority of Republicans accepting human responsibility," the NCSE stated, "The data were 'based on a nationally representative survey of 1,029 American adults, aged 18 and older, 911 of whom are registered to vote. The survey was conducted April 7-17, 2020. All questionnaires were self-administered by respondents in a web-based environment.'"

With files from the National Center for Science Education.

USCIRF - Jehovah's Witness Rights Should be Respected

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 4, 2020

[Dennis Christensen](#) is a Jehovah's Witnesses prisoner of conscience imprisoned in Russia. As per some recent reportage on the violation of the rights of the Jehovah's Witnesses, the human rights to freedom of religion of Jehovah's Witnesses are being violated.

Christensen was granted parole on June 23 while USCIRF, or The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (Washington, D.C.) expressed concern for the health and wellbeing of him. Prosecutor Aleksei Shatunov appealed the decision. Christian remains in prison and will stay there until the next hearing. This could take several weeks.

He – Christensen – is eligible for release in early 2021 based on pre-trial detention time served. However, his health has deteriorated while in custody, which is the reason for the reportage and the concern coming from the USCIRF. He had contracted pneumonia while his scheduled time to remain in prison is until May 25, 2022.

USCIRF Chair [Gayle Manchin](#) stated, “USCIRF urges the Russian government to show clemency. The ongoing imprisonment of Dennis Christensen is truly unconscionable. This man has already forfeited his freedom for exercising his peaceful religious beliefs; it would be an atrocity for him to forfeit his life. Russia must free Mr. Christensen immediately.”

The Jehovah's Witnesses reported 24 are under house arrest, 24 are in pretrial detention, and 10 are imprisoned in Russia. The USCIRF in its annual report stipulated that Russia is a country of particular concern based on violations of religious freedom.

With files from The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

CFI, Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue - Injustice to the Secular

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 4, 2020

According to the National Center for Science Education, Idaho's state science education standards are going to be revised again. They report this from [Idaho Education News](#). As with other educational curricula updates noted by the NCSE, there has been a focus on a singular topic of the time in climate change.

There are counter moves to the proper education of the public. Some include the Intelligent Design movement. Others involve constructions including the Ark Encounter of young-earth creationists found in the likes of Ken Ham and others.

The Idaho House of Representatives between 2016 and 2018 had some legislators who “attempted to block the adoption” of updates to the science standards, based on the treatment of climate change. They failed.

In 2020, there were further efforts to try this, as [reported](#) by the NCSE. With the failure, yet again, there was another call for a revision to the standards in which there would be a “balance in standards” that became “politicized” when discussing “positive and negative aspects” of the various energy sources. This is based on documentation from [Idaho Education News](#).

A legislator of the revision committee, Dorothy Moon (R-District 8), opposed the science standards because these placed the businesses of Idaho in a negative light. The standards came from a recognition and concern over anthropogenic climate change.

The NCSE concluded, “A revised version of the standards is expected to be evaluated by the state board of education in October 2021. If the board votes to adopt the new standards, they will still be submitted to the legislature for its approval in 2022.”

With files from the National Center for Science Education.

DWDC - Fundraiser and 40th Anniversary a Success

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 8, 2020

Dying With Dignity Canada has been celebrating its 40th anniversary as one of the premier secular and human rights organizations in Canada. It's premised on the idea of the right to choose when and how we die in a dignified manner, e.g., in the cases of some incurable or inoperable disease.

As a mostly secular oriented organization, its premise differs from some in the religious communities founded on different principles and ideas. One of those is the idea of the god owning the body of the individual, i.e., the individual does not own their own body.

Within this, the idea of a suicide, or, rather, a rational suicide, becomes anathema to the states of faith in much of the country. To take one's own life in its end into one's own hand is to take that which, ultimately, does not belong to you, the individual, your life belongs to the deity.

On its 40th anniversary or in the wake of its celebration, Dying With Dignity Canada had a fundraising goal and is celebrating reaching over the \$20,000 target for the raising of funds. Based on an anonymous donor, it is going to be matched dollar for dollar.

The donor will be matching, now, up to \$40,000 until July 8. The Dying With Dignity Canada community of supporters is stated to span as far as 65,000 supporters in Canada.

The Dying With Dignity Canada CEO, Helen Long, stated, "Actually, our team had been in conversation about cutting back on some of our plans for 2020, since COVID-19 related disruptions have unfortunately had a negative impact on our recent fundraising. But this overwhelming response from supporters like you means we can be even more ambitious in the next six months."

They want to utilize this boost in what was expected to be a fundraising downturn for "province-specific Advance Care Planning Kits." The funding would permit the kits to be used more widely. The informational kits can give factual information to Canadians to ensure their knowledge of the rights and the end of life options for them.

"Additional funding would also make it possible to share our message about fairer access to assisted dying with new supporters, and advance some of our urgent campaigns that seek to break down barriers and fix flaws in the current legislation," Long stated, "Even after 40 years, and some very significant advancements, I know we can — and must — have even more impact on expanding the right to a peaceful death. We are confident that these additional funds will enable us to go even further, faster."

With files from Dying With Dignity Canada.

CSJO - Further Protections for LGBTQ Members of the Public

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 8, 2020

The Cultural and Secular Jewish Organizations reported on the news coming out of the Supreme Court.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited workplace discrimination and then protected the rights of lesbian, gay, and transgender workers. Justice Gorsuch wrote for a majority 6 to 3 ruling.

"Today, we must decide whether an employer can fire someone simply for being homosexual or transgender. The answer is clear," Gorsuch stated. The language from the 1964 law banned any discrimination in employment on the following factors: national origin, race, religion, and/or sex.

There are protections for American citizens based on the advancement in these domains of identification. The ruling protects them in an important livelihood context in which discrimination negatively impacts life prospects and income. Indeed, there is discrimination and harassment in the areas of education, hours, and healthcare too. The Equality Act from 2019 codified civil rights protections for the LGBTQ citizens of the United States.

The Senate has not acted on this so far.

With files from Cultural and Secular Jewish Organizations.

HI - Respect Freedom of Expression and Tackle Disinformation

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 8, 2020

Humanists International emphasized the importance of OSCE states to repeal laws criminalizing the proliferation of ‘fake news’ and misinformation and to respect the fundamental right to the freedom of expression.

They made the call at the OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting II (SHDM) on Freedom of Expression, Media and Information held online from June 22 to 23. Advocacy Officer for Humanists International, Lillie Ashworth, took the time to explain the importance of freedom of expression in moments of crisis and extremity in which governments should, as Humanists International reported, “ensure transparency and access to quality, diverse and independent sources of information as a precondition to protecting public health.”

Repressive laws criminalizing the spread of fake news have been used to arbitrarily detain, arrest, and harass critics of governments, health professionals, and journalists. All this is in violation of the fundamental right to freedom of expression on the part of state forces who should be the first forces to protect and enshrine the rights rather than oppress individual citizens using them.

Most of the cases have been false accusations of individuals accused of “spreading panic” while, in fact, they were at the forefront of reporting on the failures to contain the spread of the coronavirus by state actors or heads of government. They could point out a lack of ventilators, or PPE and intensive care beds.

Within the OSCE region, Armenia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia, Turkey, and other state actors have been rather oppressive in these domains, for these reasons, in restriction of the fundamental human right to freedom of expression. Humanists International released a statement on the issue covering the idea that criminal law is not an appropriate manner in which to combat “rumours and misinformation,” while these merely serve to revoke the freedom of speech rights from individual speakers (akin to the aforementioned); thus, this keeps the wider population in a struggle to maintain verbal autonomy and expression of popular and unpopular opinions equally.

“Only by upholding an environment free from punitive censorship laws are individuals empowered to think critically and practice safe self-governance in a manner consistent with public health,” Humanists International stated, “When it comes to fighting fake news and misinformation narratives during the Covid-19 crisis, Humanists International’s approach has consistently been to emphasise access to clear and accurate information, and to encourage critical thinking and a healthy degree of scepticism when encountering information online.”

Indeed, at the Closing Session for the SHDM, Humanists International’s call was taken up, as a discussion on the construction of OSCE guidelines was put forward for tackling disinformation with concomitant respect for the freedom of expression.

Full Humanists International statement [here](#).

With files from Humanists International.

HI - "Humanists at Risk: Action Report 2020"

Available Now

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 8, 2020

Humanists International publishes some of the best international coverage on the rights violations and abuses of the humanist population in the world. The main or flagship report is the *Freedom of Thought Report* each year. Another put out this year is the *Humanists at Risk: Action Report 2020* covering some of the gaps in the secularism principle for governments, or the separation of religion and government.

Nations highlighted in the reportage on the *Humanists at Risk: Action Report 2020* were Colombia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Humanists International covered a wide range of tactics used by start actors to restrict freedom of conscience, religion, and thought, or association, assembly, and expression of atheists, humanists, and non-religious people.

Some of the privileges for the religious or limits on rights for the humanists included various legal provisions in the form of blasphemy and apostasy laws, a variety of injuries, attacks, and killings based on social reprisals, the discrimination by the state to limit access to certain public services and positions, and the well-known and thoroughly documented bullying, discrimination, social isolation, and ostracism.

Even in online spaces, many humanists and atheists fear arrest, intimidation, prosecution, and threats based on posts to various social media. The protection of the lives, the attainment of respect and acknowledgment, and the change of legislation for more equitable status for the secular around the world are some of the main items needing doing now – for the sake of generations of humanists and atheists after us.

Humanists international stated, “Stories from India portray the most brutal form for violence humanists and rationalists face. Narendra Dabholkar, Govind Pansare, M.M. Kalburgi and H Farook were all shot and killed for opposing superstition, criticizing idol worship or religion (read about more cases on page 24 to 26). Failures in the investigation and prosecution of such cases leads to a climate of fear, which may stifle the voices of otherwise outspoken individuals.”

With an assessment of the eight target countries, Humanists International, they have put (Humanists International) have put forward a series of recommendations for each country regarding the things that they can do to improve the situation and the contexts for “humanists and non-religious people.” Tied to this, they aim for the furtherance of the protection of the freedom of conscience, religion, and thought, or association, assembly, and expression.

Based on the assessment made on the eight target countries, Humanists International has put forward recommendations for each country intending to improve the situation for humanists and non-religious people and to protect the freedom of thought, conscience, and religion and the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

“For too long humanists and other non-religious people have been invisible in the eyes of their own governments and international organizations,” Chief Executive of Humanists International, Gary McLelland, stated, “This report shines a light on the targeted violence, continued

harassment and social discrimination faced by humanists in many countries and opens the door to conversations on how best to protect humanists worldwide. What is clear is that all laws and policies which criminalize ‘blasphemy’ should be repealed.”

Full report: <https://humanists.international/get-involved/campaigns/humanists-at-risk-report/>.

With files from Humanists International.

THINK - A Call for Philosophers with Dr. Stephen Law

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 12, 2020

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: How did you become the editor of *THINK*?

Dr. Stephen Law: The Royal Institute of Philosophy decided it wanted a journal that would be aimed at laypeople some time ago and advertised for an editor. I was appointed. There were early difficulties, though - Cambridge University Press didn't want to publish it (they publish the RIP's other journal *Philosophy*) and so it looked like it might have to be online only - but then *The Philosopher's Magazine* very kindly offered to publish it, which they did, very successfully. Some wanted to call it a journal; 'for schools' which would have been the kiss of death, I think. I asked Simon Blackburn if he'd mind us using 'THINK' as the title (he has a book of that name) and he agreed so we went with that. The Strapline is 'Philosophy for Everyone'.

Jacobsen: You are searching for philosophers with an emphasis on women philosophers. Why the search for women philosophers in particular?

Law: Unfortunately we don't get nearly enough unsolicited submissions from women to achieve a decent gender balance. So I specifically approach women philosophers. This has had some effect, but still not enough so I am really pushing very hard on trying to achieve a healthy gender balance now. There's a forthcoming themed issue on women and philosophy too.

Jacobsen: How will these submitted pieces be used by RS teachers and students?

Law: The idea is that they will be useful resources helping teachers of RS better understand the material; and they will be accessible enough to be read by pupils. However, I want to stress that these are all fascinating topics anyway, and will be of interest to a lot of people. I recently put together a themed issue on naturalism and theism which, while of interest to schools, has proved extremely popular with all sorts of people - theists, philosophers, skeptics, etc.

Jacobsen: You have proposed a number of possible topics including the “application of virtue ethics to embryo research and designer babies, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, capital punishment, lying, theft, use of animals as food and intensive farming, xenotransplantation, vivisection, and blood sports,” and more. If any, what are the guiding themes behind the topics?

Law: In that case, the RS syllabi. However, they're also fun topics. I am really looking forward to reading the pieces.

Jacobsen: Have any of these topics been particularly overdone or underdone?

Law: I don't think so.

Jacobsen: How can people submit pieces or submit proposals for consideration of articles?

Law: They just email them to me: think@royalinstitutephilosophy.org

Jacobsen: What are you hoping will be the big takeaway from this issue of *THINK*?

Law: Well, these pieces won't all be in the same issue - I will spread them out. But I think they will help make it clear how relevant philosophy is to a lot of practical questions - about our treatment of animals, assisted suicide, etc.

Ideas Beyond Borders - Humanitarian Efforts for the Middle East

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 18, 2020

Faisal Saeed Al Mutar is an interesting person, and a friend and colleague. He founded Ideas Beyond Borders, which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to empower and improve the initiatives in the Middle East devoted to dispelling various forms of misinformation in the region.

One of the major barriers for the Middle East and North Africa region has to do with language. There simply and purely is a gap in international literacy because much of the West is grounded in the English language and much of the Middle East and North Africa region is in Arabic. This can create a barrier for international entry for the minds of the non-bilingual or non-English speaking in the Middle East and North Africa. Other works of Ideas Beyond Borders are humanitarian efforts.

Lisa Pirovano, Communications Director at Ideas Beyond Borders, on one recent effort, stated, “This effort includes working with local distribution partners to deliver 15,000 N95 masks to public hospitals facing dire PPE shortages, as well as 100,000 surgical masks and more than 50,000 meals to communities in need.”

Many areas are in poverty, lack education, and are wracked with sectarian violence. This is the context of life for other human beings throughout the Middle East and North Africa region. While these areas are dealing with life and death issues, a compound on top of these aforementioned, potentially a multiplier, is the issue of proper information and then the coronavirus.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is being exploited by extremists and authoritarians alike, both digitally and offline. I’ve seen it before when my own community was taken over by extremist groups; they hand out blankets, they give water bottles on severely hot days in Baghdad, and in the case of COVID-19, they hand out masks and food to build trust,” Ideas Beyond Borders Founder, Faisal Saeed Al Mutar, stated, “When the pandemic is over, that’s what people remember, and it makes them even more vulnerable to believing extremist ideas. Ideas Beyond Borders is beating extremists to it. We’re handing out food and masks simply because it’s the right thing to do, and we ask nothing in return.”

The name of this new effort is the *Stop the Spread* (of coronavirus and misinformation) campaign, so as to provide a counter push from the rather large amounts of public health misinformation available in the region. This effort can provide a means by which the public can develop a healthier possibility of survival as communities and peoples in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Not only misinformation, but there are also deliberate spreading of bad information, disinformation, via the common means of conspiracy theories. Many in North America are familiar with the common sources including Alex Jones, Breitbart, Louis Farrakhan, and others. The program or initiative launched in March with distribution to 4.5 million Middle East and North Africa region youth.

Ideas Beyond Borders stated, “It... includes dozens of videos, infographics, and articles on the virus. The recent campaign expansion also expands these efforts, including translation of mental health resources, as well as a significant [increase in video production](#).”

This is one among a large number of efforts by Ideas Beyond Borders to provide “a positive alternative to the extremism, authoritarianism, censorship, and violence that plagues the Middle East.” Many of their efforts are for translation from English into Arabic and the sharing around the world with the intent to foster some critical thought, as well as the advancement of civil and human rights, pluralism, and science, in the Middle East, primarily, and the Middle East and North Africa region in general.

Some provide to the populations for the development of the critical communities by the local populations.

Christian Sorensen on the High-Range and Moving Forward

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 18, 2020

Christian is a Philosopher that comes from Belgium. What identifies him the most and above all is simplicity, for everything is better with “vanilla flavour.” Perhaps, for this reason, his intellectual passion is criticism and irony, in the sense of trying to reveal what “hides behind the mask,” and give birth to the true. For him, ignorance and knowledge never “cross paths.” What he likes the most in his leisure time, is to go for a walk with his wife.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: Let's focus a tad on some of the most exclusive high-IQ groups known: The Giga Society, the Mega Society, the OLYMPIQ Society, etc. The Giga Society known membership of Thomas R. A. Wolf, Matthew Scillitani, Andreas Gunnarsson, Scott Ben Durgin, Dany Provost, Rolf Mifflin, Paul Johns, Evangelos G. Katsioulis, and Rick Rosner. The Mega Society membership listing semi-known. The OLYMPIQ Society membership to date: Dr. Evangelos G. Katsioulis, MD, MSc, PhD, Bart Miles, Laura N. Kochen, D.X.J., Christophe Dodos, Steve Schuessler, George Ch. Petasis, A.F., Jonas Högberg, Mari Takishita, J. W., Thomas B., Jan Willem Versluis, Alexander Prata Maluf, Dr. Christopher Philip Harding, Oliver Q., Wayne Zhang, Martin Tobias Lithner, Miguel Angel Soto-Miranda, M.D., Hever Horacio Arreola Gutierrez, Wang Peng, Takahiro Kitagawa, Andreas Andersson, Lee HanKyung, M.D., Julio Machado, Misaki Ota, Erik Hæreid, Santanu Sengupta, Qiao Hansheng, Dr. Benoit Desjardins, MD, PhD, Wen-Chin Sui, Yaron Mirelman, JMoriarty, Fan Yiwen, Zhibin Zhang (张智彬), Chen Anping, Dr. Yasunobu Egawa, Ph.D., Raymond Walbrecq, Junlong Li (李俊龙, Prof. Vernon M. Neppe MD, PhD, Nth Bar-Fields, Susumu Ota, Li Shimin, Marios Prodromou, Rickard Sagirbay, Dan Liu (刘丹), YoungHoon Bryan Kim (김영훈), W. C., Jo Christopher Montalban Resquites, and Entemake Aman. Some were simply listed as anonymous, but these come from straight from the website for OLYMPIQ. Pars Society of Baran Yönter looks defunct. PolymathIQ Society seems defunct. Sigma V seems functional while old in its setup with 12 open members, including Hindenburg Melão Jr., Petri Widsten, Alexandre Prata Maluf, Rauno Lindström, Peter David Bentley, Bart Lindekens, Joachim Lahav, Marc Heremans, Staffan Svensson, Will Fletcher, Guilherme Marques dos Santos Silva, and Lloyd King. Sigma V seems functional while old in its setup with 12 open members, including Hindenburg Melon Jr., Petri Widsten, Alexandre Prata Maluf (Prospective member), and Peter David Bentley (Prospective member). The Unicorn Society seems like or merged with the Sigma Society (one of them), and largely paralyzed if not defunct. Ultima Society seems functional while mainly based on the personality, tests, and opinions of Ivan Ivec. Ivec lists Steve Fell's artwork, World Famous IQ scores, etc. Nano Society seems defunct. One in Five Society of Huck Nembelton appears defunct. PolymathIQ Society of Ron Altmann looks defunct. Universal Genius Society of Brennan Martin seems defunct. Omega seems to have some members with Adam Kisby, Angell O. de la Sierra, Brian M. Schwartz, Brian Wiksell, Dany Provost, David Michael Fabian, David Smith, John Fahy, Kemin Tsung, Patrick J. Maitland, Richard May, a.k.a. May-Tzu, Robert S. Munday, and Ken Shea. Grail Society of Paul Cooijmans appears functional, but open to

applicants so to speak. GenerIQ of Mislav Predavec appears functional. Pi Society of Nikos Lygeros appears open and active. Maybe, in another article, I can provide comprehensive research on the various societies for those with an interest, but I see this as tedious even with this minor presentation of the research. How accurate are measurements at the 1 in a 1,000,000 level or more?

Christian Sorensen: In my opinion it is possible to achieve accurate, reliable and valid measurements, up to a certain limit, below as well as above this rarity. The latest, as long as the utilized tests are applied by professionals, since they are the only ones, that besides being normalized, and standardized, actually have a solid scientific support. Under this perspective, at least the Wechsler Scale of Intelligence for Adults, in its R form, and because it integrates a concept denominated deterioration coefficient, regarding the age range of 75 years or more, is able to measure an IQ score up to 179 with 15 standard deviations, which would be equivalent to a rarity of 1 in 14,000,000.

Jacobsen: Also, there are test creators: Mislav Predavec, Robert Lato, Ivan Ivec, Pablo Fernández González, Ladislav Dubravský, Christoffer Collin, Jérôme-Olivier Billet, Bill Bultas, 'Rottus,' Nik Lygeros, Peter Schmies, Tommy Smith, Nicolas-Elena, Michael Dickheiser, Laurent Dubois, Dillon, Jason Betts, Kevin Langdon, Jeff Leonard, LiangTian, Ronald Hoeflin, Ivan Ivec, Paul Cooijmans, Iakovos Koukas, Xavier Jouve, Jonathan Wai, Zoran Bijac, Theodosios Prousalis, Gianluigi Lombardi, Brennan Martin, Miroslav Radojević, Andre Gangvik, Dawid Skyrzos, Gabriel Garofalo, Nitish Joshi, Gaetano Morelli, Beatrice Rescazzi, Jim Lorrimore, T. Hobstrom, Naoki Kouda, Christopher Harding, Leela Pappadioti, Anthony Lawson, Christian Backlund, James Dorsey, Tonny Sellen, Julien Arpen, Nikolaos U. Soulious, Paul Laurent, Andre Gangvik, Jonathan Wai, Yukun Wang, Benjamin Noh, Guillermo Alejandro Escarcega Pliego, Marc-Andre Nydegger, Randy Myers, Tor Arne Jorgenson, John Culkin, Valeria Lanari, Alexi Edin, Lunardini, Pretini, Sjoberg, Logan Smith, Gordon, Lunardini, Pretini, and many others. Any test creators who stand out here?

Sorensen: Actually no, because beyond the names mentioned within this list, and though there may be professional psychometrists such as Xavier Jouve, mathematicians like Ivan Ivec and Marco Ripa, or members of the high-IQ community, who try to work seriously as James Dorsey and Jason Betts indeed do... It may be sustained, that all the aforementioned qualifications, even if they're taken together, they are not enough, since for a psychometric instrument, to really measure what it intends to measure, and not something else, or in other words, for being consistent and accurate with their measurements, when these must be repeated over time, inevitably a scientific refutation and empirical-experimental criticism is going to be contingently demanded. The latest, implies among other factors, a prolonged process of permanent revisions, as has occurred for example with Wechsler and Stanford-Binet scales, who have had more than 70 years of periodic updates. Therefore, in my opinion, and based on this context, none of those who are or is not here enlisted, seems to actually stand out, due to the fact, that I believe according to the parameters before indicated, that they lack the most fundamental methodological and experimental means, in order to be capable to hold demonstratively any of their jobs.

Jacobsen: What are some of the important considerations in reflection of the highest levels of ability?

Sorensen: I think that when speaking of IQ scores, which ultimately what they purport, is to be objective indicators of intelligence, what is essential, under any point of view, is that they manage to measure validly and reliably, its three main areas, that is to say the numeric, verbal and spatial ones, and in turn that IQ scores could be differential representatives, depending if whether they partially refer to one or another, or to the sum of these, in order to ultimately objectify a partial or general intelligence index. Likewise, as the infinitesimal percentage extreme of the general population is reached, along the highest capacity measurements, and therefore the probability of error increases, it is plausible to conclude since the probability of error is less, that if quantitative ranges of IQs with qualitative distinctions, instead of scores associated with discrete characteristics, are accurately defined, that then exceptionally high IQ measurements can be alluded and inferable with a reasonably acceptable level of reliability.

Jacobsen: What high scorers really impress you?

Sorensen: Mine.

Jacobsen: What are the various aspects of the WAIS deserving serious scrutiny and replication in alternative intelligence tests in the future to make them more robust?

Sorensen: On the one hand, to sustain a strict empirical methodology, that follows their developments and reviews, in order to give them enough predictive capacity. The fact that they should be reliably covering, the main areas of general intelligence, by being able to provide not only general IQ scores, but also partial calculations regarding each type of intelligence. And ultimately, to successfully and consistently approve the empirical refutations, through which science will surely confront them extensively over time.

Jacobsen: What subtest of the WAIS is the most predictive as a singular metric of general intelligence?

Sorensen: I think that the cubes subtest, since it is not interfered by cultural conditionings, and measures abstraction, analysis and synthesis capacities, which in my opinion, are the more reliable indicators, and therefore the best predictors of general intelligence.

Jacobsen: Mr. Sorensen, thank you for the chance to delve further into this topic much more, your experience and intelligence are much appreciated.

Sorensen: Thank you for this opportunity, and I hope that my citronic criticism, will serve to develop other professional tests, that can be more than mere games to hypertrophy the egos.

NCSE - Climate Change Assembly Bill 1922 (California)

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 19, 2020

California State is known as one of the more science-friendly and technologically savvy states in the union. One bill, Assembly Bill 1922, passed away in its slumber on June 19 of 2010, according to Glenn Branch of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE). This was the last day possible for Assembly Bill 1922 to pass within the legislative session.

With acceptance or approval of the bill, California would have adopted its coursework from grades 1 through 12 for an addition on the "causes and effects of climate change." Unfortunately, since it was not 'accepted,' but, rather, rejected, this defeated the possibility of this bill becoming a reality.

Glenn Branch, deputy director of the NCSE, reported, "Additionally, at least one of the two courses required for graduation from high school would have had to include such material."

There were 18 active bills in ten state legislations in 2020 seeking to promote a change in the educational curricula of the states for the inclusion of climate change from kindergarten through to grade 12. None have been passed.

"... two bills in New Jersey (Assembly Bill 2767 and Senate Bill 1970) and five bills in New York (Assembly Bills 9831 and 9886 and Senate Bills 6837, 6877, and 7341) are apparently still active, while the remainder have died," Branch concluded.

DWDC - Fundraising Goal Has Been Met at More Than \$80,000

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 19, 2020

Dying With Dignity Canada (DWDC), with its 40th anniversary celebrated, has been on a successful streak in its fundraising efforts with the question arising about the need to make calls for more funding.

On the one hand, many secular organizations need finances more because of the tighter purses with the coronavirus pandemic ongoing. On the other hand, it becomes an issue having to ask for more money as an organization.

The issue with secular organizations is that they do not necessarily have the formalized infrastructure of *zakat* or *tithing*, which makes donations, grants, etc., important for closing the secular and religious organizational financial gap.

With such gaps, many of the secular organizations are forced into precarious situations of requesting funding while having to double down on said requests in times of organizational or cultural crisis. C-19 is one such time.

Nonetheless, many organizations have happily, been pulling through for improved functionality in regard to the fundraising. With DWDC, it is one of those organizations.

The organization has reported several positive and encouraging messages in spite of the pandemic. They have been met with "best wishes and congratulations" for the 40 years of service as an organization.

There were some in reference to specific great successes of the organizations including the *Carter v. Canada* Supreme Court of Canada decision influencing the right to die movement in Canadian society.

The supporters who were giving the aforementioned best wishes and congratulations were providing some personal stories based on the decision of the highest court in Canadian jurisprudence.

"Throughout the last two weeks, these communications have fueled me and my team — and so clearly confirmed that we have an incredibly generous community who is willing to go the extra mile when asked," Helen Long, CEO of DWDC stated, "But before I say anything else, I must say: thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you for taking the time to engage with our blog posts, petitions, social media posts, webinars — and, yes, donation requests."

In particular, she was grateful for members and others utilizing the resources, educational and otherwise, online, as well as the Advance Care Planning Kits of DWDC. As Long reported to the community, they reached the total fundraising goal of \$40,000 with an anonymous donor matching the funds for a total \$80,000 in additional finances for them.

For the rest of the Summer and the Fall, DWDC, based on the new funding, will be working on the following projects, as reported by Long:

- *Coordinate with federal legislators to make sure Bill C-7 is passed into law;*

- *Engage Canadians across the country as part of Canada's five-year legislative review process for our medical assistance in death law;*
- *Connect patients, independent witnesses and clinicians to improve access to assisted dying, particularly in more remote regions;*
- *Promote our Advance Care Planning Kits and other educational resources to new supporters across the country; and*
- *Hold a range of webinars and other virtual engagement opportunities to share stories, experiences and actions that further our growing movement.*

This fundraising and the projects ongoing for 2020 in the midst of the pandemic remain a win for the secular movements on the right to die movement.

Interview with Himanshi Upadhyay of "My Home is a Suitcase"

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 20, 2020

"[My Home is a Suitcase](#)" is a play by [Rzgar Hama](#) about individuals who sought new lives as immigrants. It is based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. These are real stories. The next few interviews will be from some of the individual readers of their stories of beginning new lives in Canadian society. Hama is known for several plays, including "Soldierland" with some professional commentary by [Dr. Marvin Westwood](#) and [Dr. George Belliveau](#) of [The University of British Columbia](#) in "[Dr. Marvin Westwood & Dr. George Belliveau on SOLDIERLAND a play Written and Directed by Rzgar Hama](#)." Here I speak with Himanshi Upadhyay on "My Home is a Suitcase."

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: We'll keep this focused on an initiative by Sky Theatre Group under Rzgar, "My Home is a Suitcase." How did you find the Sky Theatre Group?

Himanshi Upadhyay: I saw an advertisement on Facebook.

Jacobsen: How did you become involved with "My Home is a Suitcase"?

Upadhyay: When I first contacted Rzgar, frankly speaking, I didn't know what it was going to be. I attended the meeting with other participants. Everything he said was so interesting for me because I always wanted to be a part of something creative and meaningful. So, at first, we started to write something about our lives and shared with each other. Then we wrote some of the key moments of our lives. After that, whole stories like when, why, and how we migrated to Canada and how our lives were before that decision to immigrate, etc. During all those meetings Rzgar, Hila, and Lenora also taught us some acting exercises and some writing skills. Overall, it was a long journey that we all did together and developed a bond with each other and the project "My Home is a Suitcase."

Jacobsen: What was the experience of telling the story – without telling your story – to some of the public and peers who made a new life for themselves?

Upadhyay: At first, it was scary :). Everybody was a complete stranger to me. I didn't want those unknown people to judge me. But then, I realized that everybody has something to say here. I saw that no one is judging anyone. Everyone had their own set of problems or struggles in their lives, but there was a mutual respect for each other. So with time, I became comfortable sharing the story, in sharing my life, with all the participants.

But again, the moment came when I was in front of the public to share my story with no control about how they were going to judge me or think about me, I got goosebumps. Then I just imagined that the whole room is filled with my friends and they are curious about my life and after that, it was an amazing experience. People were so good. After the reading, two of the ladies came to me said, "We can totally relate to your story. We are so proud that you made a decision for yourself."

Jacobsen: What was working with a seasoned, veteran playwright and director like for you?

Upadhyay: It is really a learning experience. I am using “is” because the project is still going on. I have learnt so many things so far about theatre and public reading. Rzgar gave some acting classes before Covid-19 hit and that time I thought, “Wow, acting is not so easy. It’s exhausting,” but, yet, you have to show what you are doing is effortless. One more thing I liked about Rzgar. He imagines the whole play so well that you are just left amazed by his creativity.

Jacobsen: What are you hoping some of the audience takes home with them when the final production comes out?

Upadhyay: Respect for their lives. Because that's what happened to me. I just realized after listening to others' stories that we should respect what God is giving us because many people are seeing us as the lucky ones. Also, they will see that “immigrant” is not just a word. It has a whole story of a living soul behind it.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the opportunity and your time, Himanshi.

Upadhyay: Thank you so much, Scott, I am glad we are taking “My Home is a Suitcase” to the next level.

'Jacqueline' on Being a Member of and Leaving the Jehovah's Witnesses

Scott Douglas Jacobsen with Jeff McBrine

July 22, 2020

'Jacqueline' is a former member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Here she discusses some facets of life in and out of the community, the faith.

Due credit to Jeff McBrine for the push and organizational skills here.

Interview conducted July 21, 2020.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: In terms of entering into the Jehovah's Witnesses at a later period or birth into the Jehovah's Witnesses communities, what are the early parts of the personal story in the Jehovah's Witnesses for you?

'Jacqueline': I was born into the religion, my mom came into the religion when she was a kid because of her mom, and my dad found it through his sister (who is now disfellowshipped) when he was in his mid/late 20s. My parents were always heavily devoted to it, though we did go through a few years in my childhood when we were "inactive" which basically meant that we weren't attending the weekly meetings and bible studies, just our multi-day conventions and the memorial of Christ's death which both happened every year. Even with this though, my family always followed the rules to the letter, no holidays, not too much interaction with my "worldly" family, no birthdays, praying before every meal, etc. and after those few years between the ages of about 4-8 we started to become regular at the meetings again, and I remember always trying to come up with excuses for me not to go; like "falling asleep" before we had to leave, pretending to be sick, and purposefully taking too much time figuring out what to wear. Sometimes these excuses worked, but most of the time I had to go anyway. This continued for several years, I hated going to meetings, I thought they were really boring and I enjoyed hanging out with my dad's side of the family way more than anyone on my mom's side or in our congregation, plus I despised wearing dresses so I really gained nothing from going, I just went because my parents did. It wasn't until I was somewhere around 12 that I started to feel the pressure to listen and participate more, and I slowly became more "involved" with the congregation; giving comments, going out in service, bible reading, participating in talks, and other things. However, I still never really wanted to do that stuff, I did it because I was expected to and I knew I'd make my parents happy and get praise from others for doing it. For the next several years I kept in that pattern, "progressing" in the congregation, although I was suffering from depression and anxiety due in part to the religion, something that I kept quiet about. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that I had no choice and couldn't leave or I'd be doomed to painful death, so I reluctantly decided to get baptized when I was 18 (worst decision of my life). On the surface, nobody was pressuring me to do anything I didn't want to do, my parents never negatively commented on me not being baptized and participating in meetings wasn't mandatory or enforced, but there was this unspoken stigma that if you didn't do those things you should feel guilty that you don't love Jehovah as much as you should. Along with that, during the years we were inactive I constantly saw my parents berating and beating themselves down for being such "disappointments" to Jehovah, because in their (and everyone else's) minds simply believing wasn't enough, you had to "prove" your love by going to meetings, participating in talks, and going out in service.

Jacobsen: Within community, hierarchs or leaders exist who have more authority than others. Members of the community respect them or fear them, or both, and can report grievances or concerns to them. Can you relate any experiences in which personal life was brought to the congregation or members, even hierarchs/leaders, within the Jehovah's Witnesses in which you felt demeaned or as if personal privacy was violated?

'Jacqueline': I personally haven't experienced anything that was a direct violation of my privacy, however it always felt like as soon as you have an issue in your family the Elders are there, asking to come over and discuss things with you, even if you haven't asked for help. My personal experience with this is when I first mentioned to my parents that I had doubts and at the very next meeting, only a few days afterward, the Elders had pulled my family into the back room to discuss these (quite frankly, tiny) doubts that I had. It's hammered into our minds that if there's any type of issue within your family you should tell the Elders so they could get involved, no matter how personal it is. Something else that isn't a direct violation of privacy but I remember always thinking was weird was how they always announced when someone got disfellowshipped or left the congregation. I never heard them explicitly state why that person did, just that they had, but it always sparked these rumors in the congregation and gossip would start about what happened. Unrelated, but another strange thing is that whenever they announced that someone had left or been disfellowshipped everyone would start acting as if that person died; somber, morose, talking about them in the past tense, "I'm going to miss them, they were so fun to be around".

Jacobsen: As a social species, social links matter deeply to us. What were some of the communal or social positives while in the Jehovah's Witnesses? Those good things that came with the community of faith.

'Jacqueline': The major positive I loved and still love about the community is the sense of hospitality members have: if they hear someone lost their job they'll help them find a new one, if someone is sick in the hospital they constantly have a stream of visitors bringing cards and flowers, and if someone is low on money they can expect multiple deliveries of groceries and meals to their house. Although their sense of "community" is skewed to just those in the religion, you can bet they'll take care of each other and support one another.

Jacobsen: Many individuals have been expelled, kicked out, from the Jehovah's Witnesses for a variety of reasons. Others have been scared or pressured/coerced into staying in it. Were social ostracism and threat of expulsion real threats for others or yourself when questioned on matters of a highly private nature if refusing to respond to the questioning?

'Jacqueline': In general expulsion, shunning, and ostracizing are engrained into this religion as one of its base beliefs, nobody can deny that. However, many of the bad things that happen in this religion are unspoken rules and norms: you aren't guaranteed to be kicked out if you don't answer a question, but pressure from the Elders for the full story could make you feel trapped and in danger of being judged and ostracized if you don't answer it (though depending on the answer you could be shunned anyway). Everyone in this religion is expected to be 100% transparent with the Elders, telling them every detail of every decision you have made, which makes them suspect you of doing something bad if you refuse to disclose personal information.

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah's Witnesses policies seem fair and humane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

‘Jacqueline’: In general, nothing this religion asks of you is unlawful or inhumane, however, it does ask a lot of you. You have to dedicate a lot of your time, energy, resources, and money to it, you aren’t expected to pursue higher education or career advancements (and your priorities can sometimes be questioned if you do), and you’re generally supposed to put God above everything in your life, including yourself. However, like I stated, none of these things are cruel or unlawful, in fact some teachings are good morals to follow; such as being kind to people and not being greedy.

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah’s Witnesses policies seem unfair and inhumane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

‘Jacqueline’: However, the pressure of adhering to some of the more “serious” rules can sometimes seem inhumane. If you celebrate your birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, or any other holiday you can expect to be reprimanded and even disfellowshipped (shunned and kicked out). You can have no tattoos, no revealing clothing, no swearing, no anything that is deemed “bad” by the religion otherwise you will, once again, face reprimanding and possibly shunning. This control over the member’s identities might be considered cruel and a violation of self-expression to some.

Jacobsen: If any examples, have you ever been coerced by the community or the leadership of the Jehovah’s Witnesses to relinquish individual civil rights and human rights for the sake of the Jehovah’s Witnesses?

‘Jacqueline’: My entire life has been relinquishing my human rights. From the time I was born I was taught to dress, act, and think a certain way otherwise I risked tearing apart my family, breaking their hearts, and ending up alone. This religion controls every aspect of your identity, turning its members into copies of each other, more or less. We have the same pattern of speaking, the same morals, the same fashion sense, and the same goals with only small differences; and if you fall somewhere outside this category you will definitely be judged and questioned and even shunned if you stray too far. You aren’t allowed to be involved in politics or develop your own opinions on matters, you aren’t allowed to express yourself in a bold way, and you aren’t allowed to even associate with those outside the religion. The leaders of this organization and the members of it constantly boast how “diverse” it is, but it really isn’t. You’re allowed to express yourself, sure, but only within the small confines the religion has established. There are certain things you absolutely do not and should not want to do otherwise you “bring reproach to Jehovah’s name”.

Jacobsen: Many people, as per the “social species” example before, can suffer from mental anguish or even mental illness (if prolonged stressors) as a result of coercion from the community, expulsion from the community, even banishment from family, friends, and community all-at-once. Sometimes, this can lead to the extremes of suicidal ideation, even suicide attempts (often as a cry for help). If I may ask, what were some mental health issues and unhealthy, towards the self, behaviours as a result of the process of leaving the Jehovah’s Witnesses, i.e., as a result of the loss of community, threats of shunning, removal of friends and family, and other forms of coercive attempts at control?

‘Jacqueline’: At around age 14-15 I became severely depressed and anxious. I self-harmed, had multiple anxiety and panic attacks every week, and thought that killing myself would be the only way out of my situation. I lied and told my parents this was due to my schooling and that I

couldn't keep up with the workload anymore, which was true, but the reason I couldn't keep up with it was due to mental issues connected to the religion. Around that time I had a realization that this wasn't what I wanted with my life, and consequently had to deal with the realization that I would be "turning my back to God" which meant I would die an awful death and never be resurrected (like we believed). This fear paralyzed me, I knew I wasn't happy in this religion and never would be, but I thought it would be even worse if I left and went to "Satan's side". So my options were basically to spend my entire life miserable, lying to myself and pretending to be happy, or I could live out my life with Satan in the "world", happy and satisfied, but never be resurrected and never see my dead family again. My mind had been so twisted and distorted by listening to years and years of propaganda that I honestly thought that being miserable my whole life or killing myself were better options than leaving the religion. Since killing yourself also meant you wouldn't be resurrected, at 18 I had been so beaten down and was so tired of this battle in my mind that I settled with the former option and ended up getting baptized, knowingly condemning myself to a life of lies and mental torture (I was actually sobbing in my room the night before I was going to do it). Now at 20, I realize that was the worst decision I've made in my life. Now that I'm more mature and have figured out that this religion actually isn't "the truth" I've subsequently condemned myself to never speaking to my family again, losing all my friends, and being left all alone when I decide to officially leave. I'm still attending meetings with my parents (over Zoom) and outwardly appear to be faithful, however mentally I've already distanced myself from this life. Even with that, the constant preaching that this is the "end of times" that I hear twice a week is slowly trying to pull me back in by using fear and emotional manipulation which has caused a milder relapse of what I went through a few years ago. And I know that even after I leave I will forever be plagued by those thoughts, the fear and manipulation I had drilled into me for 20 years will always make me question my choices and opinions.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the time and opportunity to tell your story here today.

Jeff McBrine: *Do you feel Jehovah's Witnesses that stop believing are forced to suffer a way of life that they find unacceptable or can't find any true enjoyment in because they fear leaving the religion and then having all of their social structure taken away? Basically, do you feel any are trapped in the religion and are suffering psychological damage or violations of their personal freedom and rights? Do you know anyone that fits this description? Explain if you want.*

'Jacqueline': In reference to my previous answer: yes, absolutely. From my own personal experience and also the experiences of others that I've seen, this religion makes leaving it so difficult. Like I said, once I leave I'm going to lose all of my social structure, all my family and friends, as well as be forever haunted by the "what if" question. This religion thrives and survives by scaring people into staying and making members feel guilty for leaving. I highly recommend listening to "Mother Knows Best" from Tangled because that song fully encapsulates what it's like to be in this religion (honestly Gothel and Rapunzel's whole relationship does). Gothel relies on fearmongering, isolating Rapunzel from the outside world and feeding her stories about how awful and scary it is out there so Rapunzel never wants to leave. And after she does leave, Gothel still tries to convince her that life in the tower is so much better than life outside and that she has so much more in her tower than she could ever have "out there". This is exactly what it's like. A toxic, manipulative relationship where the authority makes it seem as though they're only trying to help the victim "be safe" and that if the victim leaves they're the bad person for not accepting the help and staying.

Georgete on "My Home is a Suitcase" and Stories

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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Scott Douglas Jacobsen: How did you find the Sky Theatre Group?

Georgete: A friend of mine saw a note at the public library and thought I would want to try it.

Jacobsen: How did you become involved with "My Home is a Suitcase"?

Georgete: I submitted an application to Rzgar, but did not expect a response. Surprisingly, a few weeks later, I received an email from Rzgar, inviting me to join for the first meeting. I went to the meeting, met a few other members of the group. Rzgar explained what the project would be about and what it would require from us.

I became very interested as I do like to write. I thought it would be good for me to write my own story and share it with others.

Jacobsen: What was the experience of telling the story – without telling your story – to some of the public and peers who made a new life for themselves?

Georgete: At first, I thought it would be too much telling my story to strangers, but as I practiced over and over again; I became very confident and comfortable. The organizers decided that I would be the first in line to tell my story. I got nervous. I saw the audience coming in, and I kept practicing. When I started telling my story, I felt like I was just talking to a group of friends. I saw all of them paying attention to my story and I felt supported by them. In the end, I felt accomplished and relieved at the same time.

Jacobsen: What was working with a seasoned, veteran playwright and director like for you?

Georgete: I am so lucky to have met Rzgar. What a professional, talented, confident man, he creates a scene right on spot and gets us to do the acting part. I loved working with him during the writing of my story and telling my story. I will continue taking acting lessons from him and will be available for the final part of this project.

Jacobsen: What are you hoping some of the audience takes home with them when the final production comes out?

Georgete: I am hoping that the audience takes a different view of what immigrants are and what they had to go through before they made a decision to move to a foreign Country.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the opportunity and your time, Georgete.

Georgete: Thank you so much for this valuable and important interview, Scott.

Mida Maleki Talks About Participation in "My Home is a Suitcase"

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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Scott Douglas Jacobsen: We'll keep this focused on an initiative by Sky Theatre Group under Rzgar, "My Home is a Suitcase." How did you find the Sky Theatre Group?

Parmida Maleki: I actually heard about the Sky Theatre Group from Rzgar himself through the "My Home is a Suitcase" project. It has been amazing to work with the group.

Jacobsen: How did you become involved with "My Home is a Suitcase"?

Maleki: Hila Graf, who was the Assistant Director on the project let me know about this opportunity to tell my story and I jumped on it. My story has seen many ups and downs, and I was very excited about having a chance to talk about it and bring it to life for others to see.

Jacobsen: What was the experience of telling the story – without telling your story – to some of the public and peers who made a new life for themselves?

Maleki: It was so inspiring to hear about other people's journeys, and humbling to talk about my own. I believe it's very important for the world to know these stories, put a face on the "Immigrant" and the "Refugee." Many have no clue as to what exactly is happening to people around the globe, and knowing we were able to get the word out, about our truth, is just amazing.

Jacobsen: What was working with a seasoned, veteran playwright and director like for you?

Maleki: Oh absolutely great. It was amazing to sort through my own life events, bring them on paper and have someone else's perspective on it. The process of fitting the story in 10 minutes, without dropping the ball on what is actually important, was brilliant.

Jacobsen: What are you hoping some of the audience takes home with them when the final production comes out?

Maleki: Perspective and context. I believe that is the most important thing in our world today. We are so used to having our perspectives being shaped by the media, seeing and realizing that

people's lives shouldn't be a propaganda, and that everyone has the right to seek a better environment to live in.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the opportunity and your time, Parmida.

Maleki: Of course. Thank you for your time.

Shaima Jaff Speaks About Experiences in "My Home is a Suitcase"

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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"[My Home is a Suitcase](#)" is a play by [Rzgar Hama](#) about individuals who sought new lives as immigrants. It is based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. These are real stories. The next few interviews will be from some of the individual readers of their stories of beginning new lives in Canadian society. Hama is known for several plays, including "Soldierland" with some professional commentary by Dr. Marvin Westwood and Dr. George Belliveau of The University of British Columbia in "[Dr. Marvin Westwood & Dr. George Belliveau on SOLDIERLAND a play Written and Directed by Rzgar Hama](#)." Here I speak with Shaima on "My Home is a Suitcase."

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: How did you become involved with "My Home is a Suitcase"?

Shaima Jaff: I was trying to recruit for "My Home is a Suitcase." Then asked a lot of questions about the project, Rzgar explained to me. I asked, "Can I attend?" Because I came here as a refugee telling my story to others.

Jacobsen: What was the experience of telling the story – without telling your story – to some of the public and peers who made a new life for themselves?

Jaff: In the first part of the project, we told our story, directly. I felt good talking about my struggles before coming to my new home, Canada, and what I achieved here. Also, my goals for the future.

Jacobsen: What was working with a seasoned, veteran playwright and director like for you?

Jaff: Writing was not new to me. I was a journalist back home, writing a short story and poems. Writing about my real life, it was different and difficult. Because of my emotions and feelings, it was just for me, in this project, by sharing it with others; it opened a new door for me. In my culture, we keep most of the things in secret. We do not talk about our life in public. During the practice, by writing and acting, I was thinking, "What should I share? Should I tell the truth?" I wasn't comfortable telling my story.

Jacobsen: What are you hoping some of the audience takes home with them when the final production comes out?

Jaff: Good question :) How strong I am, to understand our struggles. Sometimes, I hear bad and harmful comments here in Canada about refugees and where I came from. As if I have a choice where I want to be born, what name and colour I might want, life was different.

I have a second chance to have a country to be proud of: Canada let me live my dream. As a Kurdish, I don't belong to anywhere. We are everywhere.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the opportunity and your time, Shaima.

Jaff: I really appreciate your great support. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk about my experiences about "My Home is a Suitcase."

Women's Rights in Canada, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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Canada has been known as an augury incarnate of the future state of the world regarding the international rights of women. This seems like largely a transitionally true statement and a mostly false statement, as the fortunes for the rights of women trend towards between egalitarian standards while in the noted aims rather than the current status. We're heading there, but we're stiltedly doing so. It seems akin to the failure to win a UN Security Council seat for Canada.

As we saw with the loss of the United Nations Security Council seat bid for the Canadian government, we state the right things on many issues, while actively undermining some of the same statements with the actions, via outcomes of the policies, of the country. It's the same on the rights front in a number of regards.

In my own country, there are a number of organizations dealing with the foundational women's rights work: Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, CARE Canada, REAL Women of Canada, Canadian Women's Foundation, Manitoba Political Equality League, Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter, Canadian Women's Press Club, Vancouver Women's Caucus, Local Council of Women of Halifax, Fédération des femmes du Québec, Almas Jiwani Foundation, National Council of Women of Canada, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Canadian Women's Suffrage Association, Equal Voice, LEAF, Department for Women and Gender Equality, Royal Commission on the Status of Women, Oxfam Canada, The MATCH International Women's Fund, Nobel Women's Initiative, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and Pauktutit.

In some of the upcoming articles, there will be some short coverage on the history of women's rights in Canada. The values of Canadian society have been marked by racist policies and statements by leadership within government, and carrying out of some of the most egregious atrocities by formal religions. "Formal religions" held sincerely and dearly by many, most in fact, Canadians throughout the country.

When we look at this history, and as I have witnessed, there can be an open dismissal and denial of the obvious crimes of government, formal religion, faith leaders, and the like. These were Canadian values by the metrics considered to formulate "Canadian values" now, i.e., the laws, policies, and cultural ideas of proper ethics of the time. In that, here, modern Canadian values seem more akin to policies of the Liberal Party of Canada under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as a feminist man, Margaret Atwood in feminist literary works, and the Canadian *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* with open statements for equality.

At the same time, I have witnessed a board member of a feminist or women's rights organizations be smeared and then kicked out of the organizations or coerced into resignation by fiat and lies without a formal vote of the Board and mere 'waving of the wand' and deliberate lies of the leader of the organization. Hence, the linkage or association with the UN Security Council seat from before. The public statements of equality, fairness, and justice, on the one hand; while, on the other hand, the smearing and illegitimate showing of the door in authoritarian rather than democratic manners. Shameful stuff, this is Canada.

Indeed, I have witnessed elder Canadian religious people lie about the history of the Residential School system in this society with the atrocities carried out by the dominant faith sects in the country, by and large, with the sanction of the Government of Canada, i.e., stating this is only the government rather than approval and endorsement of government and implementation by the Christian religion. This raises many questions.

How did Canada get its reputation as a world leader in gender equality? Like many of the above, it got this through an understanding of much truth in the statements, while having a checkered history in many of the appropriate contexts here. Men and women who worked hard to fight for equality while others did the opposite.

The history told to the public presents the rosier, happier side of the story, which is necessary too. Some of the fundamental contributions to women's equality with men in society emerged from the ability to formal democratic participation at provincial and federal levels through the ability to vote. These sorts of political moves for equality within the country. Not as bad as the contexts for many in American society dealing with fundamentalist Christians, especially Dominionists or Reconstructionists.

Dominionists or Reconstructionists harbour the following theology, as exemplified in the words of George Grant, "Christians have an obligation, a mandate, a commission, a holy responsibility to reclaim the land for Jesus Christ—to have dominion in civil structures, just as in every other aspect of life and godliness. ... But it is dominion we are after. Not just a voice. ... Christian politics has as its primary intent the conquest of the land—of men, families, institutions, bureaucracies, courts, and governments for the Kingdom of Christ." It is a politically potent admixture with fundamentalist faith and the Christian religion.

Furthermore, we have made great strides in the more egalitarian values assumed as the nature of Canadian society; where, in fact, these could be temporary and must be defended vigorously in order for maintenance and upholding. One has been a cultural recognition of the right for women to vote, as noted, but, also, the status of women's rights as something to strive for and, more subtly, as human rights – as part and parcel of the same overall aim.

The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* has been a boon to the Canadian landscape of rights implementation as a legal instrument, where this means individual rights become constitutionally protected. Its two core sections for the equality of women and men are sections 15 and 28. Section 15 deals with equal protection and between of the law. Section 28 deals with the equal application of the rights in the *Charter* for men and women.

So, Section 15 is working more within the legalistic prevention of discrimination; whereas, Section 28 is dealing more with the rights applications or implementations with the *Charter* itself. A generalized legal and constitutional instrument for the protection of equality of women in this country. What is the subtext?

As before, women were not equal. Men had equality insofar as they were white and the rights became considered between men. Now, the contexts change because the generalized ethical precept was presented, rooted, displaced the old, and grew roots to the legal environments of the provinces and the territories of the nation.

The 1977 "Canadian Human Rights Act" and Women's Rights

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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Canada has garnered a reputation as a women's rights, a gender egalitarian, juggernaut, which, with due respect, seems like only a partial truth. In that, many of the changes merely put a different face on the same problems, change the word of an issue so as to reduce the apparency of the problem, or take on board some fundamentally flawed ideas of systemic change with enforced placement without a structural pathway change for more women to enter into the areas for intergenerational equality.

In these senses, whether conservative or liberal feminists, the ideas of gender egalitarianism remain naïve in Canadian society, including politics and policy – often as a political maneuver rather than a primary focus on the human rights focused on women in particular. As noted in the previous article, there are a number of organizations devoted to women's rights in Canada.

There are a number of organizations dealing with the foundational women's rights work: Nobel Women's Initiative, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and Pauktuutit, Canadian Women's Press Club, Vancouver Women's Caucus, Local Council of Women of Halifax, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, CARE Canada, REAL Women of Canada, Fédération des femmes du Québec, Almas Jiwani Foundation, National Council of Women of Canada, Royal Commission on the Status of Women, Oxfam Canada, The MATCH International Women's Fund, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Canadian Women's Suffrage Association, Equal Voice, LEAF, Canadian Women's Foundation, Manitoba Political Equality League, Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter, Department for Women and Gender Equality.

Another important (1977) document is the [*Canadian Human Rights Act*](#). This document speaks to the equality of the rights of the sexes and based on sexual orientation. Its values are equality of opportunity, fair treatment, and non-discrimination. It deals with employment and services. So, both ends of the business line of things, whether a First Nations government, the federal government, or regulated by the federal government private companies. This tightknit operationalism on rights is a basis of strength in Canada.

No one is entitled to things unnecessarily, except in that which costs zero dollars, i.e., dignity and respect regardless of sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status. These are considered some of the modern values of Canadian culture and society.

One can see this international organizational news and press statements. Any of the above organizations, probably, sticks to some of these ideas to some degree or other. No matter the government, no matter the end of the business transaction, the equality shall be guaranteed in law, as it states in writing in legal documents - as it should be.

Goodbye to the Good and the Bad, Jehovah's Witnesses, Featuring Tyler

Scott Douglas Jacobsen with Jeff McBrine

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Tyler is a former member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Here he discusses some facets of life in and out of the community, the faith.

Due credit to Jeff McBrine for the push and organizational skills here.

Interview conducted July 22, 2020.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: In terms of entering into the Jehovah's Witnesses at a later period or birth into the Jehovah's Witnesses communities, what are the early parts of the personal story in the Jehovah's Witnesses for you?

Tyler: I was born-in in 1982. My parents converted in the early 1970s, getting baptized in 1974. I have two older brothers (one in, one disfellowshipped) and one younger sister (disfellowshipped).

Jacobsen: Within community, hierarchs or leaders exist who have more authority than others. Members of the community respect them or fear them, or both, and can report grievances or concerns to them. Can you relate any experiences in which personal life was brought to the congregation or members, even hierarchs/leaders, within the Jehovah's Witnesses in which you felt demeaned or as if personal privacy was violated?

Tyler: My oldest brother schemed with two elders (father and son) to get "revenge" against myself and several others, for things that they deemed sinful or disrespectful. He wrote approximately 10 pages of complaints, that I was forced to go through with four elders. The four main topics discussed ranged from "speaking disrespectfully" of an elder (I exposed the father stealing from the congregation), to sharing inappropriate things on social media (the three other elders laughed at their "examples"), to being accused of trying to force myself on my sister-in-law (18 months after the "fact"?), to the sexual activities of myself and my wife.

Jacobsen: As a social species, social links matter deeply to us. What were some of the communal or social positives while in the Jehovah's Witnesses? Those good things that came with the community of faith.

Tyler: It's hard to deny the sense of community that comes with being a believing JW. However, once you no longer believe, you learn that this community is conditional. Up to that point, it's a nice feeling to be able to approach a witness anywhere in the world, and find a "friend."

Jacobsen: Many individuals have been expelled, kicked out, from the Jehovah's Witnesses for a variety of reasons. Others have been scared or pressured/coerced into staying in it. Were social ostracism and threat of expulsion real threats for others or yourself when questioned on matters of a highly private nature if refusing to respond to the questioning?

Tyler: I have been avoiding speaking to the congregation elders for about 9 months, because there is a judicial committee waiting for me. Now that I no longer believe, I also have to fear disfellowshipping simply for that.

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah's Witnesses policies seem fair and humane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

Tyler: I actually struggle to find any policies exclusive to the religion that are beneficial to the community, or individuals. (Please see the next response.)

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah's Witnesses policies seem unfair and inhumane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

Tyler: The only policies they employ are based on unsubstantiated claims to authority. And even seemingly benign practices, like their policies on preaching put undue stress on followers. Meeting attendance puts children at an unfair advantage, because they are not able to perform to the full potential at school, nor encouraged to learn critical thinking skills. Elderly ones are left pinching pennies, after sacrificing their time and money for decades, because they are unable to save, due to constant propaganda to donate financially. My father went to work in Puerto Rico for two months on his own dime, and the kingdom halls they rebuilt have since been sold by the organization, after collecting the free labor, materials, and often insurance checks.

Jacobsen: If any examples, have you ever been coerced by the community or the leadership of the Jehovah's Witnesses to relinquish individual civil rights and human rights for the sake of the Jehovah's Witnesses?

Tyler: I can't think of any examples of this in my life.

Jacobsen: Many people, as per the "social species" example before, can suffer from mental anguish or even mental illness (if prolonged stressors) as a result of coercion from the community, expulsion from the community, even banishment from family, friends, and community all-at-once. Sometimes, this can lead to the extremes of suicidal ideation, even suicide attempts (often as a cry for help). If I may ask, what were some mental health issues and unhealthy, towards the self, behaviours as a result of the process of leaving the Jehovah's Witnesses, i.e., as a result of the loss of community, threats of shunning, removal of friends and family, and other forms of coercive attempts at control?

Tyler: Each type of example provided has been used against me. In addition, I've been told that I'm a failure and a loser, and that I don't love my children. These control methods have led to serious mental health problems, suicidal ideation/planning, anxiety and depression. I have since started seeing a therapist, which I would recommend for any former witnesses.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the time and opportunity to tell your story here today.

Jeff McBrine: Thank you Scott for those questions. I'd like to add one too...

Do you feel Jehovah's Witnesses that stop believing are forced to suffer a way of life that they find unacceptable or can't find any true enjoyment in because they fear leaving the religion and then having all of their social structure taken away? Basically, do you feel any are trapped in the religion and are suffering psychological damage or violations of their personal freedom and rights? Do you know anyone that fits this description? Explain if you want.

Tyler: Up to this point in time, I would say I fit that description, as well as countless others. While I haven't attended any meetings since last year, and would consider myself POMO, I still receive constant pressure from my wife to get me to return. This constant pressure has trapped me within my own home, in a sense. Additionally, my sister told our mother that she didn't believe when she was 15 or 16, and was forced to go to meetings until she moved out the day she turned 18.

Talk with Nathaniel Mccassey on Leaving the Jehovah's Witnesses

Scott Douglas Jacobsen with Jeff McBrine

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'Nathaniel Mccassey' is a former member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Here he discusses some facets of life in and out of the community, the faith.

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Scott Douglas Jacobsen: In terms of entering into the Jehovah's Witnesses at a later period or birth into the Jehovah's Witnesses communities, what are the early parts of the personal story in the Jehovah's Witnesses for you?

Nathaniel Mccassey: I was born into the religion, my mother fell into depression when she was pregnant with me after my father left. The Witnesses targeted her vulnerability and made her feel welcome in her time of distress, so naturally as one does when you seek the support you join that support group. Being raised by a single mum was difficult not only for her, but for me, I didn't have that father figure in my life.

I wasn't the easiest child in the world. From the ages of about 6-13, I truly believed that what I was being taught about Jehovah was true. I was bullied in school because of it and not understanding why nobody believed me. I asked my mother for advice and the only answer she would give me is from their bible.

It was at that moment that I realized something wasn't right and when I began to question it; I was overcome with fear of being destroyed at Armageddon for simply thinking, "Maybe there is something wrong with this religion." That's when I jumped headfirst further into the religion to essentially cleanse my thoughts of there being something wrong about the religion.

Jacobsen: Within community, hierarchs or leaders exist who have more authority than others. Members of the community respect them or fear them, or both, and can report grievances or concerns to them. Can you relate any experiences in which personal life was brought to the congregation or members, even hierarchs/leaders, within the Jehovah's Witnesses in which you felt demeaned or as if personal privacy was violated?

Mccassey: The elders of the congregation have oversight of what goes on within that particular congregation, much like a committee they have one elder who is the head elder of that congregation and the others are essentially his advisers who get to weigh in on matters that are brought forward to them. Above them, you have the travelling overseers, who go from congregation to congregation who then report to the Governing Body.

There was actually an incident I caused in school that led to my suspension for three days, the biggest regret of my life actually, I was trying to fit in with other students by saying I had sexual intercourse with another student and filmed it when I actually didn't. Not knowing that kind of behaviour is actually not only damaging to the victim but also sexual harassment, because we were never allowed to attend sexual education, I told people I had sex with her and filmed it.

Although this never actually took place the damage I did to her and the possible life long damage I caused went unpunished within the congregation. The school did more to punish me by getting the police involved, making me apologize to her and her family and suspending me for three days than what the elders would have done if it occurred in the congregation, the elders sat me down and quoted verses from the bible and basically slapped me on the wrist and sent me on my way, so anything brought to their attention is dealt by slapping the perpetrator on the wrist and sending them on their way. It's disgusting how they handle serious situations.

Jacobsen: As a social species, social links matter deeply to us. What were some of the communal or social positives while in the Jehovah's Witnesses? Those good things that came with the community of faith.

Mccassey: Making friends within the congregation with other children, when the assembly hall was renovated that was probably the most enjoyable as a child, I got to do physical work not just aimlessly walking every day witnessing to people who didn't want to hear it. That was probably the only good thing that came out of it were the friends at the time.

Jacobsen: Many individuals have been expelled, kicked out, from the Jehovah's Witnesses for a variety of reasons. Others have been scared or pressured/coerced into staying in it. Were social ostracism and threat of expulsion real threats for others or yourself when questioned on matters of a highly private nature if refusing to respond to the questioning?

Mccassey: I didn't experience any of this.

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah's Witnesses policies seem fair and humane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

Mccassey: From memory, I don't really think there were any, the only real thing I can think of is not beating people for sinning that's about it, to be honest.

Jacobsen: In terms of individual and community behaviour towards you, what Jehovah's Witnesses policies seem unfair and inhumane within ordinary legal and sociocultural contexts? Please provide examples as you feel comfortable.

Mccassey: I mean when I look it, announcing to the entire congregation someone is disfellowshipped isn't law-breaking but it isn't humane. That's possibly one of the worst experiences someone could go through. I remember one woman who was disfellowshipped; from memory, I think she cheated on her husband.

I remember the announcement going out that she was disfellowshipped and the whole congregation just looked in her direction. Later at meetings, she would sit in this separate room behind a glass window. I recall going up to her because she looked so sad and depressed and asking her if everything was okay. She just said, "I'm fine. You shouldn't be talking to me, though. I don't want you to get into trouble."

So, disfellowshipping someone isn't against the law like most things they do, but it isn't humane. Another policy with their handling on sexual abuse. That's number one. It is the worst management I could possibly think of. You are making the victim confront the abuser and allowing them to go unpunished? I can't imagine that happening to me. That would probably make me want to end my life if that ever happened to me.

So, I can't imagine how some people have managed to cope with experiencing that. Some haven't even seen any abuse cases reach the elders because of the disgusting and ridiculous two witness rule. I look at the two witness rule. I think they may as well just put a sign out front saying, "Pedophiles welcome." It makes me so angry they willfully allow this to happen in their religion.

Jacobsen: If any examples, have you ever been coerced by the community or the leadership of the Jehovah's Witnesses to relinquish individual civil rights and human rights for the sake of the Jehovah's Witnesses?

Mccassey: Personally? No.

Jacobsen: Many people, as per the "social species" example before, can suffer from mental anguish or even mental illness (if prolonged stressors) as a result of coercion from the community, expulsion from the community, even banishment from family, friends, and community all-at-once. Sometimes, this can lead to the extremes of suicidal ideation, even suicide attempts (often as a cry for help). If I may ask, what were some mental health issues and unhealthy, towards the self, behaviours as a result of the process of leaving the Jehovah's Witnesses, i.e., as a result of the loss of community, threats of shunning, removal of friends and family, and other forms of coercive attempts at control?

Mccassey: Have you got a few hours to read this? Yes, being cast out was a pretty horrific experience for me. By 15, I said to my mother I'm not going to the meetings. Of course, she had to make some snide comment to my niece whenever she stayed over about me not going, I tried.

I really tried to believe the religion. At the point where I was confused about my sexuality and questioning what was going on in my head about me having an attraction to men, I tried so hard to banish those thoughts from my head and dive deep into the religion.

I approached one of the elders and said I wanted to become an unbaptized publisher, which requires you to go out and actively preach door to door, but his response was, "Jehovah will tell us when you're ready to become an unbaptized publisher." For those who don't know the difference, as a baptized publisher, you need to fulfill a certain amount of hours in a week or month of witnessing.

An unbaptized publisher is basically the qualifying round before you get baptized. I think that was the moment when I realized that the religion... sorry... cult was a sham. I knew then that I needed out and I was going to lose everything I had. My plan was to get a job and wait until I was 18 to get my own house and then just make a break for it, but, unfortunately, my mother found out I was gay and kicked me to the curb.

After leaving, I still wanted to be friends with my old friends in the faith, but, of course, I was an outcast. I was an "apostate." The feeling was cold. I ended up being homeless at one stage and contemplating suicide, but I could never return to the faith for being who I am. I don't think the witnesses were causing my depression, but they played a part in it. Other factors were the main causes of it, but they definitely played a role in it. When you leave the cult, especially if your family are still witnesses, no words can describe the feeling of having this cloud over your head constantly thinking you're going to be destroyed at Armageddon because "*you* left Jehovah."

When I left, for years after, it was cemented in my brain; I was going to die because I left the organization. Any major breaking news that happened was like, "Shit what they said this is the

end” When the 2008 crisis hit the world that was the height of my anxiety about Armageddon happening.

I can’t imagine how someone feels who recently left the organization and is experiencing the same emotion of fear I did, especially with the current pandemic that is gripping the world. After some time, that fear subsided, but there were occasions that it jumped me and was like, “YOU’RE GONNA DIE AT ARMAGEDDON!”

But I can now say those fears are gone for good. Science played a huge role in detoxing myself from what I was raised to believe and really helped erase that fear from my head. Science is my bible now because it tries to prove itself wrong; religion always tries to prove itself right. That’s the big difference in the two. Unfortunately, I still live with depression in part due to the organization, but I’m much better than I was.

I have medication that allows me to have a productive and positive outlook. No, it’s not ideal. I’d rather not have to take anti-depressants, but I’m better with them than without them. Detoxing takes a long time and it is an uphill battle, it is by no means an easy climb, but when you get to the top a weight just comes off your shoulders. You do feel happier. You have a purpose in life. That’s to live it like a normal everyday person not being dictated on what to think, what to say, what to do. It’s freedom.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the time and opportunity to tell your story here today.

Jeff McBrine: *Thank you Scott for those questions. I’d like to add one too....*

Do you feel Jehovah’s Witnesses that stop believing are forced to suffer a way of life that they find unacceptable or can’t find any true enjoyment in because they fear leaving the religion and then having all of their social structure taken away? Basically, do you feel any are trapped in the religion and are suffering psychological damage or violations of their personal freedom and rights? Do you know anyone that fits this description? Explain if you want.

Mccassey: Oh absolutely, without any doubt, there are people that are trapped. I’ve had some friends that I met in the religion who also left but later returned because the Witnesses stripped them of their social structure, when you’re cast out; that’s it. You’re finished in their eyes.

I remember being taught in the religion that Satan was a serpent in the garden of Eden. I didn’t realize it until later that the religion is actually the serpent. I’m reminded of the cobra-headed sceptre owned by Jafar in the Disney movie *Aladdin* how it hypnotizes the Sultan whenever Jafar wants his own way. The religion is that cobra-headed sceptre in my eyes and everyone in it is in a hypnotic state they can’t break.

So, when someone does break free the religion and everyone in it is turned against them not leaving the person much of a choice but to return, there’s no support structure. If you’ve never had a job, then you have no financial assistance with getting yourself on your feet and, in some cases, people do have employment, but it is run by the family. So, it is a constant cycle designed to keep you in; if you leave, that’s it. You’re on your own.

McBrine: *Thanks everyone. We appreciate you taking the time to do this.*

A Review of the World Intelligence Network Sigma 1.33-3.07 Societies

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

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The following looks at the listing of the 84 “active” high-IQ societies listed by the World Intelligence Network. Those with an interest in the more tedious stuff about various high-IQ societies may have a sliver of interest in this. So, it's a "for what it's worth" deal. The President of the World Intelligence Network is Evangelos Katsioulis and the Vice President/Vice-President is Manahel Thabet. Their publication was *WIN ONE* and became *Phenomenon* in the last couple of issues with editors Lord Graham Powell/Graham Powell and Krystal Volney. I will run through sigmas 1.33 to 4.8 in the listing in four articles, as some of the others were presented before at the proposed higher sigmas in a conversation with Christian Sorensen. Any stipulation of “defunct” comes from a search via the listings or open advertisements from the World Intelligence Network. That is to say, these amount to first passes on them. Please see the subsequent complementing articles for the second passes with the dominant search engine “[Society Name]” search, or a Google internet engine search. The first article will cover the first pass - this article - of 1.33 to 3.07 sigma with the second article covering the second pass of 1.33 to 3.07, and then the third and fourth articles covering the first and second passes of 3.07 to 4.8 sigma. All footnote information from the respective societies’ web domains and publicly available records.

Let’s begin:

At 1.33 sigma, UberMens Society appears defunct.

At 1.66 sigma, AtlantIQ of Beatrice Rescazzi and Moreno Casalegno appears defunct on an old site.[1],[2] The Cogito Society contains 56 members while existing entirely online as a Yahoo! private group. The International High IQ Society of the late Nathan Haselbauer appears functional with approximately “30% of our members... from Europe, 30% from North America, 15% Asia, 10% South America, 10% Australia and 5% from Africa.” Haselbauer committed suicide. The OmIQamiSociety of Andrea Toffoli appears defunct. The Society for Intellectually Gifted Individuals with Disabilities of Nathaniel David Durham/Nate Durham with assistant Lyla Durham and members appears stagnant.[3] The VinCI Society of Lloyd King appears defunct.

At 1.87 sigma, Alta Capacidad Hispana (ACH) of Vicente Lopez Pena appears defunct [4]. The Deep Brain Society of Anna Maria Santoro and Vincenzo D’Onofrio has members Gianni Golfera, Felice Vinci, Jürgen Koller, Hernan Chang, Heidi Ursula Wallon Pizarro, Nicole Schneider, Haider Hussein Ali, Vincenzo Alfano, and Christian Sorensen.

At 2 sigma, the AtheistIQ Society of Robert Dawson seems defunct. The BPIQ Society of Kelly Dorsett seems defunct. The Encefálica Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems either defunct, paralytic, or reconfigured for another organization. The Gifted Artists Circle of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct. The Greatest Minds Society of Roberto A. Rodriguez Cruz seems newer and upcoming without formal status online. The High Potentials Society of Max Tiefenbacher seems functional with a large list of members.[5] The Ingenium Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems newer and upcoming with a statement about the website coming online soon. The IQUAL

Society of Gerasimos Papaleventis seems defunct. Mensa Society of Lancelot Ware and Roland Berrill seems highly functional and active under Björn Liljeqvist with 134,000+ members - far more than any other society known to me. The Mysterium Society of Greg A. Grove seems functional, though old, potentially paralytic. The Sigma II Society of Hindenburg Melão seems paralytic.

At 2.33 sigma, the Chorium Society of Paul Freeman seems defunct with a disabled website. The Elataneos Society of Andrés Gómez Emilsson seems defunct. Intertel of Ralph Haines seems functional and active. The Mind Society of Hernan R. Chang seems online while ambiguously functional, potentially paralytic.[6] The Top One Percent Society (TOPS) of Ronald K. Hoeflin appears longstanding and operational, potentially paralytic.[7] The UNIQ Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct.

At 2.6 sigma, the Colloquy Society of Julia Cachia seems functional, old, and presented relatively cleanly in spite of the age.[8] The Poetic Genius Society (PGS) of Greg A. Grove with membership manager Maurice Champagne appears functional and alive.[9]

At 2.66 sigma, the HispanIQ International Society (HIS) of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems defunct. At 2.66 sigma, the Infinity International Society (IIS) of Jeffrey Osgood appears, at its minimum, online with Adobe Flash.

At 2.73 sigma, the Cerebrals Society of Xavier Jouve appears defunct.

At 2.87 sigma, the EpIQ Society of Chris Chsioufis looks defunct. The ExactIQ Society of Patrick Kreander seems defunct. Neurocubo of Pedro López, Thomas Hally, Cisar Tomi, and Paul Laurent appears defunct.

At 3 sigma, Artifex Mens Congregatio of Robert Mestre, Walter VanHuissteden, and Fivos Drymiotis looks defunct. The CIVIQ Society of Evangelos Katsioulis looks functional while merged with the main World Intelligence Network web domain.[10] Its presidents have been Androniki Dalkavouki, Marc-André Groulx, Julie T., Irene Alexandra Taboada, Thomas B., Evangelos Katsioulis. Its vice presidents have been Marc-André Groulx, Evangelos Katsioulis, Isaac Ifrach, Étienne Forsström, Julie T., and Maria Claudia Faverio. Its web officers has been Evangelos Katsioulis, Chris Chsioufis, and Mári Donkers. Its membership officers has been Evangelos Katsioulis, Marc-André Groulx, Djordje Rancic, Karin Lindgren, and Michael Dempsey. the Sigma III Society of Hindenburg Melão looks functional online with sufficient membership while, potentially, paralytic (uncertain).[11]

At 3.07 sigma, the Genius Society of Hernan R. Chang looks defunct. The Glia Society of Paul Cooijmans looks functional with several hundred claimed members. The International Society for Philosophical Enquiries (ISPE) of Christopher Harding looks functional, longstanding, and active. The IQuadrivium Society of Karyn S. Huntting looks defunct. The LogIQ Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct. The Milenija Society of Ivan Ivec and Mislav Predavec may be defunct, though ambiguously. The One in A Thousand (OATH) of Ronald K. Hoeflin seems functional, potentially inactive.[12] The Triple Nine Society (TNS) of Richard Canty, Ronald Hoeflin, Ronald Penner, Edgar Van Vleck, and Kevin Langdon looks functional, longstanding, and active.

[1] Interestingly, the AtlantIQ group lists dead societies as follows:

- *Alta Capacidad Hispana*

- *Elateneo/s*
- *BPIQ Society*
- *Epida Society*
- *Colloquy*
- *ExactIQ*
- *Tenth Society*
- *Bright Minds Society*
- *Greatest Minds Society*
- *Vinci Society*
- *Sigma*
- *Sigma III*
- *Sigma Society V*
- *Hellenicus*
- *UberIQ*
- *IIS*
- *OATHS*
- *Ludomind*
- *Pi Society*
- *Platinum Society*
- *Cerebrals*
- *High Potentials Society*
- *Mysterium Society*
- *GLIA*
- *Ingenium Society*
- *LogIQ*
- *Iquadrivium Society*
- *Pars Society*
- *UnIQ*
- *HispanIQ International Society*
- *Encefalica*
- *OMIQAMI*
- *Artistic Minds*
- *MIQRO*

- *GOTHIQ*
- *EVANGELIQ Society*
- *Episteme Club*
- *PolitIQal Society*
- *Secret High IQ Society*
- *Chorium Society*
- *Nano Society*
- *IQual Society*
- *PolymathIQ*
- *Incognia*
- *UltimaIQ*
- *Neurocubo*
- *Order of Imhotep*
- *SophIQa*
- *EliteIQ*
- *Neutrino high IQ Society*
- *Atheistiq Society*
- *Noetiquis Society*
- *Evolutioniq Society*
- *EPL Society*
- *The Athenian Society*
- *Supernova Society*
- *Intellectually Gifted with Disabilities*
- *Orison-B High IQ Society*
- *Icon High IQ Society*
- *Thinkiq*
- *Hypatian Society*
- *Chaos IQ Society*

**Or in an apparent coma for more than 5 years.*

[2] Their listed members as follows:

President and Vice President

Beatrice Rescazzi, Graham Powell

*HONORARY MEMBERS & MEMBERS**Moreno Casalegno (Co-Founder)**Maria C. Faverio**Paul Freeman**Greg. A. Grove**Gaetano Morelli**Stan Riha**Vincenzo D'Onofrio**Giulio Zambon**Fernando Barbosa Neto**Alan J. Lee**Robert Birnbaum**Jacqueline Slade**Richard Stock**Greg Collins**Torbjørn Brenna**Noriyuki Sakurai**Zachary Timmons**Phil Elauria**Andrea Toffoli**Marios Prodromou**Duc Hong Le**Gianmarco Bartellone**Tommi Petteri Laiho**Michael Thrasher**José Gonzàles Molinero**Mick Pletcher**Richard Szary**José Serrano**Pamela Staschik-Neumann**Nuno Baptista**Adam Kisby**Andrea Gelmetti**Faisal Alfagham فيصل الفغم**Gustavo Fabbroni**Shaun Sullivan**Gerasimos Politis**Gavan Cushnan**Pietro Bonfigli**Djordje Rancic**Jon Scott Scharer**Roberto A. Rodriguez**Jesse Wilkins**Rajiv Kutty*

Nomar Alexander Noroño Rodríguez

Scott Poh

Miroslaw Zajdel

Stephen Getzinger

Nancy Vanstone

Guillaume Chanteloup

Karin Lindgren

Gary Song

Lim Surya Tjahyadi

Paul Laurent

Eric Anthony Trowbridge

Niels Christoffers

Michelle Anne Bullas

Jeffrey Lee Graham

Tahawar Ali Khan

Yuri Tovar

Jason Oliver

Jarl Victor Bjørgan

Bradley Hutchinson

Donald M. Fell

Gwyneth Wesley Rolph

Vicente Lopez Pena

Rudolf Trubba

Barry Beanland

Morie Janine Hutchens

Keegan Ray McLoughlin

Hever Horacio Arreola Gutierrez

Michael Backer, Jr

Aman Bagaria

Selim Şumlu

David Gordon Little

Victor Hingsberg

Anthony Lawson

Beau D. Clemmons

R. K.

Alberto Bedmar Montaña

Paul Stuart Nachbar

Jim Lorrimore

Jakub Oblizajek

Gabriel Sambarino

Tony Lee Magee

Dorian Forget

Tom Högström

Elizabeth Anne Scott

Michael Donoho

Ernest Williamson III

Nicole Mathisen
Katarina Vestin
Christine Van Ngoc Ty
Jason Betts
Yu-Lin Lu
Nikolaos Solomos
Gracia Cornet
Richard Painter
Wyman Brantley
Yao Xu
Kevin James Daley
Stephen Maule
Birgit Scholz
Leif E. Ågesen
Mohammed Al Sahaf
Martin Murphy
Samuel Mack-Poole
Vuk Mircetic
Peter Radi
Marcin Kulik
Harold Ford
Thomas G. Hadley
Miguel Soto
Göran Åhlander
Evangelos Katsioulis
Anja Jaenicke
Roy Morris
Slava Lanush
Frank J. Ajello
Nicolò Pezzuti
James Dorsey
Massimo Caliaro
Michael Tedja
John Argenti
Therese Waneck
Bo Østergaard Nielsen
Sudarshan Murthy
Daniel Roca
Glikerios Soteriou
Kristina Thygesen
Miguel Jorge Castro Pinho
Tim G. Griffith
Claus Volko
Diego Iuliano
Elcon Fleur
Evan Tan

Dalibor Marinčić
Konstantinos Ntalachanis
Candy Chilton
Diego Fortunati
WeiJie Wang
Alessia Iancarelli
Cristian Vaccarella
Iakovos Koukas
Filippo De Donatis
Richard Ball
Zhida Iiu
R. Kent Ouimette
Marina Belli
Karim Serraj
Kim Sung-jin
Juman Lee
CHIANG LI CHING
Zhibin Zhang 张志彬
Andre Gangvik
Nikos Papadopoulos Παπαδόπουλος Νίκος
Jo Christopher M. Resquites
Ricky Chaggar
Félix Veilleux-Juillet
Michael Franklin
Michela Fadini
Fabrizio Fadini
Fabrizio Bertini
Cosimo Palma
Nobuo Yamashita 山下 伸男
Cristian Combusti
Mostafa Moradi
Xiao-ming CAI 蔡晓明
Fabio Castagna
Robert Hodosi
Francisco Morais dos Santos
Cynthia L. Miller
Hongzhe Zhang 张鸿哲
Serena Ramos
Nguyen Tran Hoai Thuong Nguyễn Trần Hoài Thương
Giuseppe Corrente
Sergey Dundanov
Andrea Casolari
Anthony Brown
Veronica Palladino
Yohei Furutono
Francesco Carlomagno

Emanuele Gianmaria Possevini
Joseph Leslie Jennings
Robin Lucas
Rosario Alessio Ronca
Oliver Dammel
Javier Rio Santos
Sebastiao Borges Machado Junior
Agasi Pietro
Taddeucci Nicholas
Andre Massaro
Mika Korkeamäki
Tor Arne Jørgensen
Dario Casola
Federico Statiglio
Vincent Li 李宗泽
Jewoong Moon 문제웅
Annelie Oliver
Nitish Joshi
Christian Sorensen
Simon Olling Rebsdorf
Marzio Mezzanotte
Paolino Francesco Santaniello
Edwin P. Christmann
Nicos Gerasimou

[3] Greg A. Grove, Shaughna Murphy, Annie Durham, Stanislav Hatala, John Russeell Sweeney, Millivent Y. Curtis, Maria Claudia Faveri, John Daniel Harrison, Robert Moore, Bruno Sampaio Alessi, Brian R. Johnson, Mary Britton, Masaki Yamauchi, Jeffery A. Mansfield, Peter Tyliczszak, Angela Johnson, Chris Mejo, Robert Dawson, Colin Aye, Bryan Sholtis, Cleo Love, Anders G. Hellstrom, Tracey Ward, Robbi Mounce, David Coldwell, Thomas Ossei, Issa Atoum, Clayton Michal Soucie, Katherine Linebaugh Elizabeth, Michael Rogers, Shaun Sullivan, Thomas J. Hally, Elizabeth Anne Scott, and Paul Nachbar.

[4] The members list included:

1. *Vicente Lopez Pena(fundador y miembro)*
2. *John D. Harrison*
3. *Tomas Hally*
4. *Paulo Cancio*
5. *Hernan Chang*
6. *Juan Manuel Garcia*
7. *Angelica Partida*
8. *Michael F. Hensley*
9. *Javier Rio Santos*
10. *Pedro Lopez*
11. *Mark Taylor*
12. *Kevin Daley*
13. *Ujiwal Dey*

14. Robert Mestre
15. Eduardo Gonzalez Ramirez
16. Miguel A. Gonzalez Rodrigo
17. Mauro Antonielli
18. Sergio Duarte da Silva
19. Angel Leonardo Dure
20. Antonio Rada
21. Luis Enrique Perez Ostoa
22. Masaaki Yamauchi
23. Maria Perez
24. Jose Benito Novoa
25. Arturo
26. Arnold richenberger
27. Juan G. Navarro
28. Dario Maurizzio
29. Shinji Okazaki
30. Jose Gutierrez Saez de Castillo
31. Konstantinos Ntalachanis
32. Roxana de Leon
33. Efren
34. Maria Claudia Faveiro
35. Marios Prodromou
36. Gonzalo Sánchez Pla
37. Yollug
38. Ryu Dong-Su
39. Alvaro Herrero
40. Min Kyung-Suk
41. Patricio A. Fort
42. A-Reum Park
43. Tayo Sandono
44. Afsin Saltik
45. David
46. Lia Rodbau
47. Álvaro Peral
48. Irene
49. Nomar A. Norono R.

[5] The website members as stated 06/2016:

Tiefenbacher, Dr. Max

Erhard, Stephanie

Pena, Vicente Lopez

Durham, Nate

Daley, Kevin James

Kisak, Paul F.

Rönnlund, Michael

Sowaidan, Walid

Debono, Jesmond

Beugekian, Simon

Natarajan, Kris

Des Bois, Louise

Politis, Gerasomos

Faverio, Maria Claudia

Katsioulis, Dr. Evangelos

MsMariel

Coimbra, Joao Rodrigo

Silva, Sergio

Corres, Javi

Gomes, Leonardo

Lindberg, Stefan

Kurcewicz, Mateusz

Dorsett, Kelly

Matera, Alberto

Wolok, Michael D.

Udbjorg, David

Matysiak, Mateusz

Albert, Frank

Yönter, Baran

Butters, James Joseph

Wee, Hubert

Antusch, Jan

Egetenmeier, Melanie

Giltinan, David

Donkers, Mari

Mannonen, Jukka

Kimura, Herbert

Gausdal, Jan Erik

Bernstein, Prof. Dr. Hans-Gert

Martin, Brennan

Westall, Christopher

Hess, Mike

Dimalaluan, Nileon Jr.

Rodop, Guner

Milgram, Danny

Scott, Shane M.D.

Brizel, Robert

Burman, Paul

Becker, Armin

Closson, Randall

Taylor, Dylan

Forsell, Kaj

Maitland, Patrick

Nikolakopoulos, Athanasios

Radovanovich, Stefan

J., B.

Harrison, John D.

Grove, Dr. Greg A.

Snauwaert, Jan

Dubois, Laurent

Schuler, Daniel

Sloan, Ryan

Johnson, John M.

Prokop, Jeff

Humenny, Michael J.

Fonseca, Eduardo

Riepe, Thomas

Hohenstein, Dr. Christian

Sadana, Dr. Nishant

Gersdorff, Christoph Freiherr von

Hensley, Dr. Michael

Raaberg, Henrik

Lindgren, Karin

Smith, Tommy

Nishikura, Tetsuji

Freeman, Christopher J.

Sanford, Shade H.

Lindekens, Bart

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McCollum, Larry J. Sr.

Anslan, Egert

Cruise, Norman

Carter, Marc

Yaegashi, Masaki

Whitley, Jeremy

Simoni, Romain

Barreiro, Zenaida Lima

Ifrach, Isaak

Sternhagen, Dr. Eick

Bulacik, Pawel

Alpi, Bruno

Harmer, Keith

Skyte, Gilad

Gounaris, Avraam C.

Gaur, Namit

Clark, William T.

Curtis, Millicent

Fassbender, Michael

Hingsberg, Victor

Walton, Larson

Thung, Lucas

Ferguson, Julie

Myers, Kenneth

Zukoski, Andrew

Offenwanger, David

Johnson, Brian R.

Castro, Miguel

Dempsey, Mick

Alessi, Bruno

Naether, Thomas

Butt, Kirk R.

Handyside, William

Abrams, Michael

Matuschka, Reinhard

Majoran, Stefan

Baumer, Stefan

Spiromitros, Christos

Andelic, Edin

Jaw, Wen Bin

Ksioufis, Chris

Kirkland, Russell

Heibult, Dan

Rich, Alan

S, B

Nittel, Jens

Yamauchi, Masaaki

Holler, David

Estrada, Xavier

Wolf, Andreas

Roach, Geoffrey Wayne

Forsström, Etienne

Galiardo, Christopher J. F.

Washburn, Monte C.

Matuschek, Dieter Wolfgang

Itikawa, Jackson

Vaswani, Ashish

Lion, Frederic

Gwinn, John

Paquin, Jean Philipp

Campbell, Mathew

Talbot, Glenn

Christensen, Allan

Gilkinson, Mike

Halder, Dr. Ralph

Tang, Warren

Apostolidis, Christos

Gut, Clemens

Mejo, Christopher Michael

Mayoral, Raul Godoy

B.R.

Kisby, Adam William

Törnquist, Mattias

Estrada, Irene Alexandra Taboada

Iozzo, Vincenzo

Parkhurst, James

Mestre, Robert

de Vivie, Achim

Blais, Robert

Staschik Neumann, Pamela

Thomas, Brendon

Wong, Sharon

Tighe, Paul

Abala, Felipe C.

Sullivan, Shaun Patrick

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Hellström, Anders

Dale, Robert B.

Boyens, Jason

Emilsson, Andres Gomez

Camperlino (Magnus), Alex

Mounce, Robbi

Atoum, Issa Ali

Patricio, Alexandra

Malory, Quinn

Ridpath, Mike

Petit, Alexis

Goertz, Frederick

Nygren, Kim

Wilson, David H.

Plischke, Raymond

Chondrobilas, Ioannis

van Huissteden, Walter

Drymiotis, Fivos

Chatzikyriakidis, Stergios

Scott, Elizabeth Anne

Gelsomino, Susan Nigro

Dunn, Etta

Linebaugh, Katherine E.

Andersen, Mads Holm

Belal, Zakariya

Hedgcoth, Clyde H.

?, Serge

Sekar, Gautham

Nacua, Edward S.

Curry, Wes

Payawal, John

Khanna, Romi

Jensen, Charlotte

Brand, Gregor

Lee, Albert

Dorsey, James

Rijing, Liu

Dalachanis, Konstantinos

Gomez, Ivan Suarez

Saltik, Afsin

Tay, Admund

Bellon, Gustavo

Santos, Javier Riu

Shroff, Shailendu

Lincoln, Jeffery

Balaram, Gautam

Desse, Didier

Perez, Cesar Lobo

Buckley, Jesse

Harbaugh, Luke

Ossel, Thomas

Jacobsen, Martin

Kissling, Christian

Melber, Felix

Östlin, Oscar

Albihn, Andreas

R., Andre

Lubkin, David

Frye, Andrew

Perez Artuso, Matias Exequiel

Cosby, Owen

Tokayer, Michael

Juarso, Andreas Edwin

Welch, Richard

Walendowski, George

Arvanitis, Christos

Partida, Angelica

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Sohl, Christian

Belluci, Damiano

Solis, Daniel

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Rogers, Amanda

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Droege, Henning

Zhang, Ming

Anas, Hans Göran

Karakas, Okay

Vilar, Rolland

Piffer, Davide

Chan, Wing Chi

Prodromou, Marios

Gama, Joseph

Walter, Caroline

Pauzi, Mohd Faeiz

McGilvra, John

Martinez, John

Filinic, Marin

Andersson, Robert

Markovic, Allan

Hjort, Henrik

Pia, Gonzalo Sanchez

Marasigan, Ernie

Munn, Jason

Marasigan, Gerry

Yulug, Burak

Lisowski, Peter

Rangarajan, Sunder

Cruz, Justin M.

Saez, Jose Gutierrez

Castillo, Dennis Roldan A.

Marshall, James

Borges, Ricardo

Sandono, Tayo

Butt, Adil Suhail Rehman

Agesen, Leif E.

Norono, Nomar

Hacht, Dave

Kuhens, Sage

Zanero, Stefano

Zijlstra, Justin William

Murium, Mus

Lewkowicz, Jacek

Collin, Christoffer

Fernandez, Gonzalo Pena

Gonzalez, German

Choi, Perry

Provost, Dany

Rada, Antonio

Chatziargiriou, Anastasios

Hori, Yusaku

Petit, Alexis

Hunter, David

Zukowski, Mateusz

Barsky, David

Wilkens, Jesse

Kaspo, John

de Leon, Mae Ann

Shaikh, Ahsan Zaheer

Costa, Alexandre

Maule, Stephen

Ashfaq, Asais

Kortesaari, Tapio

Rangel, Eduardo

Argenti, Flor

Oliveira, Pedro

Zhang, Whayne

Ambrosini, Sanzio

Tomlinson, Joseph Anthony

Brown, Alex

Shelat, Dr. Amit Mahesh

Ton That, Thuy-Vi

Brenna, Torbjörn

Intriago, Jose Raul Alava

Banic, Luca

Lee, Alan

Molinero, Jose Gonzalez

Farmer, Adam

McShea, Patrick J.

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Paredes, Silvana

Gonzalez, Carlos Oliver Alvarez

Fernandes, Marcelo Eyer

Maitla, Sunil

Mills, Josh

States, Tom

Rawat, Varun

Olsen, Ken

Pressi, Flo

Bakshi, Subir

Vanstone, Nancy

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Stolze, Sebastian

Santos, Tiago

Barraza, Ignacio

Kärenlampi, Juho

Hostetler, Leon N.

Odtuhan, Victor

Laiho, Tommi P.

Correnti, Eugenio

Marasigan, Virginia

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Sukhabut, Lulu

Gamo, Necie

Björgan, Jarl Victor

Sengupta, Santanu

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Magee, Tony Lee

Heffington, Philip

Serrano, Fernando Sanchez

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Senin, Harris

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Flour, Jan

Das, Suman Gaurab

Bertes, Panagioitis

Liberatos, Eriks

Ouattou, Ali

Shimizu, Yoshiyuki

Koller, Dr. Jürgen

Thompson, Paul E.

Reitmaier, Eileen

Baptista, Nuno

Birnbaum, Robert

Montano, Alberto Bedmar

Starck, Juha

Sanchez, Vincente Fernandez

Ferraro, Joseph M.

Zaharescu, Andrei

Manthey, Karl

Solomon, Jennifer

Powell, Graham

Neto, Fernando Barbosa

Surian, Devon

Mezgec, Simon

van Duinen, Caleb

Freeman, Paul

Gadkari, Shantanu

Saginda, Baransel

Bühler, Olaf

Cruz, Kirsten M.

Ramos, Jhonata

Towensend, Dawn

Katainen, Lauri

Reitmaier, Karl G.

Rosales, Adams

Scholz, Birgit

Bodereau, Nicolas

Hancer, Murat

Ripa, Marco

Gao, Guohua

Marella, Mario

Ostergaard Nielsen, Bo

Rescazzi, Beatrice

Holmes, Deron K.

Elauria, Phil

Papaleventis, Gerasimos

Grieten, Christel

Darisetty, Srika

Baker, Michael

Glisic, Vedran

Marasigan, Paz

Dhamapurkar, Nikhil

Szary, Richard

Karpinski, Marty

Casalegno, Moreno

Davies, Paul

Qureshi, Pascale E.

Blazer, Harry

Hendzel, Kamil

Lithner, Tobias Martin

Polo Hernandez, Jose Antonio

Thrasher, Michael
AlenEinstjin, Chenwenjin
Timmons, Zachary Edward
LE, Duc Hong
Michelle Anne Bullas
Soygenis, Umit
Trubba, Rudolf
Toffoli, Andrea
Brown, Yvonne
Fabbroni, Gustavo
Vlad, Jipa
Beyer, Alex
Laurin, Etienne
Hopkins-Harrington, Cameron
Song, Gary
Milani, Giorgio
Cudnohosky, Amanda
Herkner, Alexander
Rodriguez, Roberto
Bennett, Landon T.
Beanland, Barry
Getzinger, Stephen
Tjahyadi, Lim Surya
Tovar, Juri
Andrews, Joseph
Sheremet, Cary
Bagaria, Aman
Clemmons, Beau

Hamade, Omar L.

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Goel, Akshay

Rolph, Gwyneth Wesley

Khan, Dr. Tahawar Ali

McLean, Kathryn

Ahlander, Goran

Darb

Xu, Yao

Lorrimore, James

Oblizajek, Jakub

Talvane da Silva, Willian

Aleixo, Joao

Högström, Tom

Little, Gordon

Logan, Khy Donovan

Quadir, Akshay

Morelli, Gaetano

Kostamo, Kimmo

Yu Lin, Lu

P. R.

Danker, Tilman

Ford, Harold

Fabella, Osrox

Di Fabio, Silvio

Sycinski, Rafal

Röpke, Gudrun

Buras, Jeremy

Humphrey, Jefferson Lee

Pisano, Anthony Daniel

Martinez, Jorge R.

Jimenez, Bulmaro

Aiello, Frank

Ebendt, Rüdiger

Lanush, Slava

Volko, Dr. Claus-Dieter

Pezzuti, Nicolo

Testerini, David

Bissonnette, Brett

Tedja, Michael

Reaves, Andrea

Sellen, Tonny

Murthy, Sudarshan

Lissner, Jonah

Torinus, Gregor

Ball, Richard

Wang, HongYan

Mwansa, Alex Bwalya

David, Anand

Kostrzewa, Dr. Frank

de Donatis, Filippo

Ouimette, Kent

Großmann, Klemens

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[Susan L. Nigro](#)

[WD3P](#)

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[Sergio Silva](#)

[Martin M. Jacobsen, Ph.D.](#)

[Marios Prodromou](#)

[Morgan Hansen](#)

[Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa](#)

[Pantelis Papageorgiou](#)

[Sage Kuhens](#)

[Robert Alan Riley](#)

Katie Cesaro

Danny W. Corwin

Allan Derum

James Dorsey

Angel Duré

Thomas Hally

Luke Harbaugh

Charlotte D. Jensen

Okay Karakas

Pika Kofol

Ernie T. Marasigan

Chris Nielsen

Dwight Payne

[Sunder Rangarajan](#)

Don Robinson

Robert Rose-Coutre

Tayo Sandono

Drew Sanner

Mark Taylor

Godfrey Turnbull

Reuben Villanueva

Nomar A. Noroño R.

Leif E. Agesen

Brett Bissonnette

Tapio Kortesaari

[*Brennan Martin*](#)

[*Evangelos Katsioulis*](#)

[7] The listed members' links include the following:

[*The Mind Society*](#)

[*OATHS*](#)

[*Albert Frank*](#)

[*Bill Bultas*](#)

[*Donna Blasor-Bernhardt*](#)

[*Frank M. Lopez*](#)

[*Susan L. Nigro*](#)

[*Ludomind Society*](#)

[*Genius Society*](#)

[*Don Stoner*](#)

[*Omega Society*](#)

[*Epimetheus Society*](#)

Chris Eichenberger

[*Divine Madness*](#)

[*Morgan Hansen*](#)

[*Sage Kuhens*](#)

Marzena A. Broel-Plater

[Brennan Martin](#)

[Martin T. Lithner](#)

[8] Its member webpages as follows:

[Julia](#) (JCC)

[Andrea](#) (ALP)

[Kevin, TimeLord](#) (KB)

[William: African-American resource pages](#) (WRJ)

[Eric: Tales of the Mine Country](#) (EM)

[Laura](#) (LDL)

[Kevin's Domain](#) (TM)

[Ulf's Artwork](#) ... Read about the [Greatest Geniuses](#) of history.

[Ed's Radio Resume](#) (ES)

[Frank presents the Pragmatism of C. S. Peirce](#) (FPP)

[Video Mike](#) (ME)

[Bill: Website Kafejo](#) (WPP)

[Alex](#) (TsC)

[Derrick](#) (DPG)

[Juan](#) (JRG)

[Frank](#) (FT)

[Mick](#) (MoR)

[Carl](#) (CRS)

[David](#) (DGH)

[T.M. Lukas Hughes](#) (TLH)

[Kate](#) (KJ)

[Dan](#) (DLT)

[Jeff](#) (J2K)

[Ken](#) (KCB)

[Yuri's photo](#) (YuM)

[Olivier](#) (OCG)

[James](#) (JLL)

[Wyman](#) (JWB)

[Christopher](#) (SeeWy)

[Dana](#) (DM)

[Steve](#) (KSH)

[9] Its member listing states:

Abbey Ebesu
Adam William Kisby
Albert Frank
Alex Burke
Alexander Herkner
Aline Richard Nagasawa
Allen Blocker
Andrew Ridge
Angela Hamilton
Anja Jaenicke
Ann Franklin
Anoohya Panidapu
Apoorva Panidapu
April Mae Berza
A.R. LaBaere
Barry Howard
[Beatrice Rescazzi](#)
[Beau Clemmons](#)
Brennan Martin
Brian R. Johnson
Brian Wengler
Bruce Wright
Bryan Sholtis
C.L Frost
[Carole Fragoza](#)
Chaim Horovits
Cheri Ramberg
Chew Kwee Tat
Chris Chsioufis
Chris Eichenberger
Christian Sohl
Christopher–Andrew Dzialo
Chukwuma Mbaeyi
Craig Harvey
Daniel Johnson
Daniel Phillips
Daniele Pinna
Darryl Goode
David Ellis
David Luedtke
David Udbjörg
Dawn Prince-Hughes
Derick Au
Don Ridgway

Don Rodrigues
Dr. Greg Grove
Dr. Hirsch Silverman
Dr. Jay Albrecht
Dr. John Dwyer
Dr. John L. Turner
Dr. Joseph Shaara
Dr. Martin M. Jacobsen
[*Dr. Maurice Champagne*](#)
[*Dr. Simon Olling Rebsdorf*](#)
Dusk Wilson-Weaver
Dylan Taylor
Eddie H. Meade
Edward Glomski
Edward K. Rydwelski, Jr., CFA
[*Elaine May Smith*](#)
Elizabeth Sagey
Elliot Siemon
Enigma Valdez
Erik Richardson
[*Etta Dunn*](#)
Evangelos Katsioulis
Fang Yuan
Fernando Sánchez Serrano
Fivos Drymiotis
Gary Tillery
George Kohlmeyer
George Petasis
George S.L. Bause, M.D
Gerald Bosacker
Gerald Creel
Gilad Skyte
Gina Page
Grant Fisher
Greg Roberts
[*Haakon Rian Ueland*](#)
Heather Ceana
[*Heidi-Maria Steinback Sørensen*](#)
Hernan R. Chang, M.D.
Ina Bendis
Ira Gibson
Irene Alexandra
Irene Theocharis
Isabel Saad
Issa Ali Atoum
J. Burke Bascom

J. David Mason, M.Eng.
Jack Orwant
Jacquelyn Naquin
James A Nichols
James DiVietri
James Harris
James Lemaman
James Rutherford
Jamie Gorsso
Javier Rio Santos
Javier Rios Santos
Jean-Marie Mathues
Jeff Leonard
Jeffery Alan Ford
Jeffery R. Simons
Jenifer Ann Zito
Jennifer Bochenek
Jesmond Debono
Jessica Spence
Jo Christopher Resquites, Engr.
Joel Gehrke
Joel Willis
Johan Kennebjörk
John Kormes
[John Mossbacher](#)
John Schiano
John Sweeney
Jonathan Berman
Jonathan Marin
Jonathan Shelly Baskin
Jorge González López
Jörgen Lornudd
José Manuel Aznar Baigorri
Joseph Byrne
Joseph Fitzgerald
[Joshua Furnell](#)
Julian Moore
Julie Ferguson
Julie Tai
Justin Stuart
Jyrki Leskelä
Kamil Hendzel
Karin Henderson
Karin Lindgren
Karl Lykken
Katherine Wetz

Kathleen Cesaro
Katrin McMullen
Keith Robertson
Kenneth Heaton II
Kevin Bullock
Kevin Greco
Kevin Skehan
Kimberly Halliday
Krysta Sutterfield
[*Laurence David Sumner*](#)
Lawrence Kent, Ph.D.
Lee Price
Limor Ostrowski
Lisa Carlin
Luca Poli
Lucas Thung
Manuel Cavazos
March Alpine
[*Marco Ripà*](#)
Maria C. Faverio
Mark Fusco
Mark Norman
[*Marko Ripá*](#)
Martha Mozingo
Martin Boutte
[*Martin Tobias Litner*](#)
Marybeth Mitcham
Mateusz Kurcewicz
Matthew Rees
[*Mayank Makhija*](#)
Melinda Frye
Merlin Carl
Meta Marie Griffin
Michael Zerger
Miguel Jorge Castro Pinho
Miguel Sánchez
Mike August
Monte C. Washburn
Muhamed Veletanlic
Neeraj Shaw
Neeshee Pandit
Neil Z. Miller
Ngoc Nguyen
[*Nipun Kumar*](#)
Nisheeth Srivastava
[*Noriyuki Sakurai*](#)

Oliver Alvarez
Patricia Ferguson
Patrick J McShea |||
Patrick Joseph O'Connor
Paul Kisak
Paul Maxim
Paul Nachbar
Paul Payton
Paul Roe
Peter Donald Rodgers
Peter Ingestad
Peter Michalak
Peter Roy
Philip Bateman
Philip Heffington
Philip Huffington
Pierre-Alex.
Rachel Raleigh
Rebecca Hall
Richard Barrett
Richard M. Riss
Rikin Shah
RoAnna Mitchell
Robbi Mounce
Robert A. Riley
Robert Dawson
Robert John Mestre
[Robert Thompson](#)
Roberta Mendelson
Robin Hammer
Russell Wright
Ryan Jackson
Ryan Sloan
Ryan T. Mullen
Ryan Vaughn
S.L. MacNiven
Sahil Moza
Santanu Sengupta
Sean Clark
Shankar Ananth
Shannon Smith
Scary Quinn
Sriram Balasubramanian
Stefan Lindberg
Stephen Allan Murray
Stephen Buhner

[Stevan Damjanovic](#)

Suraj Shinde

Surendra Bansal

Susan Chen

Susan Nigro Gelsomino

[Therese Waneck](#)

Thom Hadley

Thomas B.

Thomas Hally

[Dr. Tine Wilde](#)

Tommy Smith

Tommy Upshaw

Torbjoern Brenna

Trent Cross

Tricia Ferguson

Trivik Bhavnani

Tuuli Jokivartio

Tyler Jackson

Uros Petrovic

Wallace W. Rhodes, Ph.D., P.E.

Wayne Guy Butterfield

Wei Liu

Will Weatherly

William Clark

Xinyao Liu

Yechiel Mann

Zack Timmons

Zakariya Belal

[10] Its subscribers as follows:

[Anonymous C.S.001](#)

[Ashraya Ananthanarayanan](#)

[Tor Arne Jørgensen](#)

[11] Its membership listing states the following:

001 [Hindenburg Melão Jr.](#)

002 [Petri Widsten](#)

003 [Alexandre Prata Maluf](#)

004 Peter David Bentley

005 Rauno Lindström

006 Bart Lindekens

007 Joachim Lahav

008 [Marc Heremans](#)

009 Staffan Svensson

010 Will Fletcher

011 Marko Korkea-Aho

- 012 [Kevin Yip](#)
- 013 Kristian Heide
- 014 Patrick Allain
- 015 [Muhammed Veletanlic](#)
- 016 [Albert Frank](#)
- 017 Enrico di Bari
- 018 [Richard Crago](#)
- 019 [José Antonio Francisco](#)
- 020 Brian Daniel Appelbe
- 021 Reinhard Matuschka
- 022 Emilio López Aliaga
- 023 [Donald A. Martin Jr.](#)
- 024 Gustavo Marcel Borges Monzon
- 025 [Daniel Lapointe](#)
- 026 Herbert Kimura
- 027 Tetsuji Nishikura
- 028 Mikael Andersson
- 029 Marc Fauvel
- 030 [Christian Hohenstein](#)
- 031 Anton Nadilo
- 032 [Dieter Wolfgang Matuschek](#)
- 033 Michael F. Hensley
- 034 Dylan Taylor
- 035 [William T. Clark](#)
- 036 [Esko Härkönen](#)
- 037 Matthew James Reginald Wright
- 038 [Evangelos Georgios Katsioulis](#)
- 039 [David Udbjorg](#)
- 040 Tuija Kervinen
- 041 Rafael Zakowicz
- 042 Geoff Rabeau
- 043 Francisco Javier Corres Achaga
- 044 Darko Djurdjic
- 045 Guilherme Marques dos Santos Silva
- 046 Lloyd King
- 047 Juha Varis
- 048 [Ulf Westerlund](#)
- 049 [Marcelo Penido Ferreira da Silva](#)

[12] Members' links listed as follows:

[The Mind Society](#)

[TOPS](#)

[Bill Bultas](#)

[Donna Blasor-Bernhardt](#)

[Frank M. Lopez](#)

[Wyman Brantley](#)

[Ludomind Society](#)

[Genius Society](#)

Introspective High IQ Society

[Don Stoner](#)

Chris Eichenberger

[Omega Society](#)

[Epimetheus Society](#)

[Camp Archimedes](#)

[Jennifer Dziura](#)

[Divine Madness](#)

[Greg Holland](#)

[Sage Kuhens](#)

Jeff Christopher Leonard

[Brennan Martin](#)

[Robert Rose-Coutr ](#)

Ricardo Robayo Vallejo on Human Rights and “My Home is a Suitcase”

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

July 28, 2020

“[My Home is a Suitcase](#)” is a play by [Rzgar Hama](#) about individuals who sought new lives as immigrants. It is based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. These are real stories. The next few interviews will be from some of the individual readers of their stories of beginning new lives in Canadian society. Hama is known for several plays, including “Soldierland” with some professional commentary by Dr. Marvin Westwood and Dr. George Belliveau of The University of British Columbia in “[Dr. Marvin Westwood & Dr. George Belliveau on SOLDIERLAND a play Written and Directed by Rzgar Hama](#).” Here I speak with Ricardo on “My Home is a Suitcase.”

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: We’ll keep this focused on an initiative by Sky Theatre Group under Rzgar, “My Home is a Suitcase.” How did you find the Sky Theatre Group?

Ricardo Robayo Vallejo: I came to Sky Theatre Group because of a friend who studies at UBC. She told me that there was a theatre group that was starting a project with the name “My Home is a Suitcase” with people who were in refugee conditions or who have migrated to Canada. I had arrived in Vancouver in those days. I immediately felt identified with the name of the project for the reasons that I left my country.

Jacobsen: How did you become involved with “My Home is a Suitcase”?

Vallejo: I wrote an email to the call made by Sky Theatre Group saying that I was interested in participating in the “My Home is a Suitcase” project. They sent me a form with some questions and I answered it. And then I started attending the group meetings and rehearsals.

Jacobsen: What was the experience of telling the story – without telling your story – to some of the public and peers who made a new life for themselves?

Vallejo: I am from Colombia and in my country I worked as a journalist in the defence of human rights and in the construction of the historical memory of the victims of the armed conflict that my country is experiencing. That job I did with my wife. We also used art as a means of expression to denounce human rights violations.

The situation in my country became more violent after a peace process between the Government of Colombia and the FARC guerilla in 2016. For this reason, far-right groups launched a campaign of threats and persecution against those of us who we support the peace process. and we accompany as human rights defenders. Due to our work, we started receiving threats.

In my work, I always told the stories of other people who have suffered war and persecution in my country, but this time with “My Home is a Suitcase”; it was the opportunity to tell my own story and that of my family. The opportunity to be able to tell other people why we were now in Vancouver due to that violence in my country.

This was a rewarding exercise of dignity and resilience. Writing about my life, about my work, about my family, about my tastes, about my memories, sadness, and joys, helped me to give more meaning to the new chapter of my life in Canada with my family.

My English is not good so this process was more difficult for me. Being able to tell my story in another language that I don't handle and having to read it in public was not easy. During the readings, my voice broke at times, not because of the language, but because I remembered difficult moments that relived helplessness and fear.

Reading my personal story was very important to me because I saw in it the opportunity to tell not only my story, but the story of millions of Colombians who have suffered violence in my country. It was also an opportunity to show and tell what my country is experiencing, the daily assassination of social leaders, union leaders, peasants, indigenous people or human rights defenders by extreme right-wing groups that oppose the implementation of the Agreement of Peace with the complicity of the Government in Colombia.

Jacobsen: What was working with a seasoned, veteran playwright and director like for you?

Vallejo: Working with Rzgar is very interesting for me, he is a great person. I really like your sensitivity to these issues about migration, refuge, forced displacement, and the misfortunes that wars bring.

Jacobsen: What are you hoping some of the audience takes home with them when the final production comes out?

Vallejo: I hope that the audience watching the final production of "My Home is a Suitcase" will reflect on the topic of migration as a life option, as a life-saving option, migration as a right.

There are countries in the world that experience many armed, social or economic conflicts derived from policies and interventions of powerful countries, for that reason I believe that people have the right to seek refuge in another country.

We are not guilty of migration, the culprits are the conflicts derived from those policies and interventions by economic interests of powerful countries that seek their own interests.

Jacobsen: Thank you for the opportunity and your time, Ricardo.

Vallejo: Thank you, Mr. Jacobsen, for the interview and for giving me the opportunity to tell a little of my history and to be able to visualize the reality of my country. The reality lived by many people who fight for peace and who continue to work every day in defense of life and equality in a country where different thinking is persecuted and in many cases silenced. Thank you very much.

Questions for Alex Kofi Donkor on LGBTI Celebration and Rights in Ghana

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

August 3, 2020

Alex Kofi Donkor is the Director of LGBT+ Rights Ghana & Programs Manager of Priorities on Rights and Sexual Health.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: So, May 17th was the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. We have done an extensive interview before. You are a reasonably major figure in terms of being outspoken for the LGBTI community in Ghana. From a Ghanaian perspective, as a relatively progressive country, what are some of the cultural manifestations of homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia? Why is awareness and commemoration, as per May 17th, important when it comes to that – especially in light of the fact of discrimination people can face disproportionately?

Alex Kofi Donkor: Thank you, Ghana is a progressive country but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done especially in the area of human rights. I feel like it is very religious. The majority of people believe in certain morals and beliefs. A significant proportion of Ghanaians are Christians, about 72%. There is Islam or Muslims, about 17% and also traditional worshipers taking other parts of the percentage and a few people none religious.

These beliefs especially Christianity and Islam happens to condemn LGBTQ. This impacts so many areas of life, e.g., political, social, economic, law, history etc. 90% of the population believe in a form of religion. These are the same people who occupy all the sectors of this country. public, private, the media, the presidency, parliament, judiciary, police, service providers, businesses, you name it. Almost all of these individuals in the population are religious.

When these religions have a particular stance on LGBTQ, and like we have always experienced, negative, it clearly reflects in the way their believers behave towards the community. They show hate to the community. The media constantly offers its platform for such behaviour to thrive. You realize the high possibility of LGBT persons being abused in the country as a result of these rhetorics.

So, I believe it is important to mark a day like this, an international day, that we speak up and challenge the oppression the community goes through in this country. Ghana is not an island, Ghana is part of the world and so is its people. It is essential for LGBTQ Ghana to be safe wherever they find themselves in the country and challenge views, behaviours and laws that do not allow them to live to their full potential as citizens.

Whatever perspective one holds about other people in the country, the bottom line is that those people have equal rights as Ghanaians. Nobody is more Ghanaian than the other. Even if it is one lesbian or gay or bisexual or transgender, that individual has the same rights as any other Ghanaian. And it is important to raise such awareness.

World Intelligence Network Sigma 1.33-3.07 Societies "Second Pass"

Scott Douglas Jacobsen

August 6, 2020

This amounts to the second pass of the listed 84 “active” high-IQ societies from the World Intelligence Network between sigmas 1.33 and 3.07, as the second article. The presentation is cleaner or more polished than the first pass. As noted before, “Those with an interest in the more tedious stuff about various high-IQ societies may have a sliver of interest in this.” To those who may not know, or who have an interest and some knowledge while lacking information here, the President of the World Intelligence Network is Evangelos Katsioulis and the Vice President/Vice-President is Manahel Thabet. Their publication was *WIN ONE* and became *Phenomenon* in the last couple of issues with editors Lord Graham Powell/Graham Powell and Krystal Volney. The first pass covered the links provided on the listing. Some were labelled “defunct” based on the “first pass” of the examination. This “second pass” will look further into the potential “defunct” status merely equating to a ‘defunct’ status, as in the links failed to work on the listing while the high-IQ society appears functional and active. All footnote information from the respective societies’ web domains and publicly available records. As it stands, the first pass information shows active, functional, and/or longstanding high-IQ societies in the following manner between sigmas 1.33 and 3.07:

The Cogito Society contains 56 members while existing entirely online as a Yahoo! private group...

...The International High IQ Society of the late Nathan Haselbauer appears functional with approximately “30% of our members... from Europe, 30% from North America, 15% Asia, 10% South America, 10% Australia and 5% from Africa”...

...The Deep Brain Society of Anna Maria Santoro and Vincenzo D’Onofrio has members Gianni Golferra, Felice Vinci, Jürgen Koller, Hernan Chang, Heidi Ursula Wallon Pizarro, Nicole Schneider, Haider Hussein Ali, Vincenzo Alfano, and Christian Sorensen...

...Mensa Society of Lancelot Ware and Roland Berrill seems highly functional and active under Björn Liljeqvist with 134,000+ members - far more than any other society known to me...

...The High Potentials Society of Max Tiefenbacher seems functional with a large list of members...

...Intertel of Ralph Haines seems functional and active...

...The Top One Percent Society (TOPS) of Ronald K. Hoeflin appears longstanding and operational, potentially paralytic...

...the Colloquy Society of Julia Cachia seems functional, old, and presented relatively cleanly in spite of the age. The Poetic Genius Society (PGS) of Greg A. Grove with membership manager Maurice Champagne appears functional and alive...

...The CIVIQ Society of Evangelos Katsioulis looks functional while merged with the main World Intelligence Network web domain. Its presidents have been Androniki Dalkavouki, Marc-André Groulx, Julie T., Irene Alexandra Taboada, Thomas B., Evangelos Katsioulis. Its vice presidents have been Marc-André Groulx, Evangelos Katsioulis, Isaac Ifrach, Étienne Forsström, Julie T., and Maria Claudia Faverio. Its web officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Chris Chsioufis, and Mári Donkers. Its membership officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Marc-André Groulx, Djordje Rancic, Karin Lindgren, and Michael Dempsey...

...The Glia Society of Paul Cooijmans looks functional with several hundred claimed members. The International Society for Philosophical Enquiries (ISPE) of Christopher Harding looks functional, longstanding, and active...

... The Triple Nine Society (TNS) of Richard Canty, Ronald Hoeflin, Ronald Penner, Edgar Van Vleck, and Kevin Langdon looks functional, longstanding, and active.

The defunct societies at 1.33 to 3.07 sigma of the World Intelligence Network based on the first pass, as follows:

...the UberMens Society appears defunct...

...AtlantIQ of Beatrice Rescazzi and Moreno Casalegno appears defunct on an old site...

...The OmIQamiSociety of Andrea Toffoli appears defunct...

...The VinCI Society of Lloyd King appears defunct...

...Alta Capacidad Hispana (ACH) of Vicente Lopez Pena appears defunct...

...the AtheistIQ Society of Robert Dawson seems defunct...

...The BPIQ Society of Kelly Dorsett seems defunct...

...The Encefálica Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems either defunct, paralytic, or reconfigured for another organization...

...The Gifted Artists Circle of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct...

...The IQUAL Society of Gerasimos Papaleventis seems defunct...

...the Chorium Society of Paul Freeman seems defunct with a disabled website. The Elataneos Society of Andrés Gómez Emilsson seems defunct...

...The UNIQ Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct...

...the HispanIQ International Society (HIS) of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems defunct...

...the Cerebrals Society of Xavier Jouve appears defunct...

...the EpiIQ Society of Chris Chsioufis looks defunct. The ExactIQ Society of Patrick Kreander seems defunct. Neurocubo of Pedro Lopez, Thomas Hally, Cisar Tomi, and Paul Laurent appears defunct...

...Artifex Mens Congregatio of Robert Mestre, Walter VanHuissteden, and Fivos Drymiotis looks defunct...

...the Genius Society of Hernan R. Chang looks defunct. The IQuadrivium Society of Karyn S. Hunting looks defunct. The LogIQ Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems defunct.

The ambiguous, upcoming, or paralytic status societies at 1.33 to 3.07 sigma of the World Intelligence Network based on the first pass, as follows:

...The Society for Intellectually Gifted Individuals with Disabilities of Nathaniel David Durham/Nate Durham with assistant Lyla Durham and members appears stagnant...

...The Encefálica Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems either defunct, paralytic, or reconfigured for another organization...

...The Greatest Minds Society of Roberto A. Rodriguez Cruz seems newer and upcoming without formal status online. The Ingenium Society of Martin Tobias Lithner seems newer and upcoming with a statement about the website coming online soon...

...The Mysterium Society of Greg A. Grove seems functional, though old, potentially paralytic...

...The Sigma II Society of Hindenburg Melão seems paralytic...

...The Mind Society of Hernan R. Chang seems online while ambiguously functional, potentially paralytic...

...the Infinity International Society (IIS) of Jeffrey Osgood appears, at its minimum, online with Adobe Flash...

...The Sigma III Society of Hindenburg Melão looks functional online with sufficient membership while, potentially, paralytic (uncertain)...

...The Milenija Society of Ivan Ivec and Mislav Predavec may be defunct, though ambiguously.

All footnotes contained in the first pass article on the 1.33 to 3.07 sigma societies. Here, some further exploration on the defunct societies to examine if these societies suffice for “defunct” status or not. These include the UberMens Society, AtlantIQ, the OmIQamiSociety, the VinCI Society, Alta Capacidad Hispana (ACH), the AtheistIQ Society, the BPIQ Society, the Encefálica Society, the Gifted Artists Circle, the IQUAL Society, the Chorium Society, the Elataneos Society, the UNIQ Society, the HispanIQ International Society (HIS), the Cerebrals Society, the EpIQ Society, the ExactIQ Society, Neurocubo, Artifex Mens Congregatio, the Genius Society, the IQuadrivium Society, and the LogIQ Society.

On the UberMens Society, in a search, the two main resources in reference to the UberMens Society are the World Intelligence Network and the first article entitled “[A Review of the World Intelligence Network Sigma 1.33-3.07 Societies.](#)”

On AtlantIQ, it appears to have a [Facebook page](#) named after it. It does, in fact, have a [functional site](#) with several thousand web domain visits. It self-describes, “AtlantIQ Society was founded with the purpose of bringing together high IQ people (in the top 5% - minimum of 125 IQ, SD 15), who show special skills in the field of art and science, and have an interest in pursuing intellectual challenges.” It has a number of tests accepted for membership. They have LEONARDO Magazine and AtlantIQ for UNICEF, and some other internal resources. AtlantIQ can be considered first pass defunct and second pass functional.

On OmiQamiSociety, it is listed on the World Intelligence Network with a further search with the descriptor:

The omiQami is an international online no-profit “Knowledge & high IQ” society founded on May.10.2010 by Andrea Toffoli with the aim of giving informations about Japanese culture and gathering two kind of people:

** Qualified people with an high IQ (intelligence quotient) involved or interested in Japanese studies and culture.*

** Japanese people with an high IQ (intelligence quotient) and connoisseur of their culture.*

The society name is a word play making use of the Japanese word Omikami (great God), generally used to qualify the Shintoist Goddess Amaterasu (patron of Yamato clan), and the acronym IQ (intelligence quotient).

Unfortunately, the website appears the same and the defunct status seems consistent across searches for it. OmiQamiSociety can be considered first pass and second pass defunct.

On the VinCI Society, it appears to have a number of links containing its name while the links appear to indicate, upon further investigation, a defunct status. Thus, the VinCI Society seems first pass defunct and second pass defunct.

On Alta Capacidad Hispana (ACH), it appears to have a second statement or webpage within the web domain of the World Intelligence Network. However, upon further review of the page and its further links, the Alta Capacidad Hispana is defunct. Therefore, the Alta Capacidad Hispana seems first pass and second pass defunct.

On the AtheistIQ Society, upon further examination of the links and descriptors available on websites, it seems defunct. Hence, the AtheistIQ Society is first pass and second pass defunct.

On the BPIQ Society, it exists on an individuated webpage on the World Intelligence Network web domain. It states:

The name of the society is derived from “BiPolar IQ”, and the logo is a partial ambigram of the four letters BPIQ.

BPIQ was founded on July 21st 2005 and there are currently 22 active members.

To become a member of the society, you must have a serious psychological condition, plus be able to provide proof of an IQ at the required level, either via a supervised test, or via one of the approved on-line tests. This society is also open to high IQers who have family members with psychological complications, or family members that are involved in the field of psychology.

BPIQ was designed to support people with a high IQ who have BiPolar, Schizophrenic and other major psychological conditions. We discuss art, writing, music, ideas and aide one another. We are here to educate, relate and provide unimpeded feedback. It is a somewhat private group because we do not list our members' names. There is no fee for membership.

However, the listing appears to indicate a dead status with deceased links. Thus, the BPIQ Society seems first pass and second pass defunct.

On the Encefálica Society, it comes to one main link leftover on the World Intelligence Network website with the statement, “Spanish speaking international High IQ society founded by Louis Enrique Pérez Ostoa in 2006.” On first pass and second pass, Encefálica Society appears defunct.

On the Gifted Artists Circle, with further research, it appears on first pass and second pass defunct without doubt.

On the IQUAL Society, on first pass and second pass, it appears defunct.

On the Chorium Society, it has a webpage on the World Intelligence Network web domain separated for it. The page describes:

Chorium was founded to promote intellectual engagement among musicians. Members come from all fields of work and study to contribute to an egalitarian atmosphere of meaningful debate on musical ideas.

Membership Requirements:

Standard I.Q. Test on website

Musical I.Q. Test on website

Membership of any other high I.Q. society at 99 percentile and above.

Evidence of musical ability and/or affiliation to any music school/conservatoire

Unfortunately, with the links and other searches, on first pass and second pass, the IQUAL Society seems defunct.

On the Elataneos Society, on the first pass and second pass, it appears defunct.

On the UNIQ Society, it has one page available on the World Intelligence Network web domain. It states:

Uniq Society was founded in 2009 and went online on 1/1/10. Uniq is looking for the truly creative genius, the composer, the scientist, the writer. UNIQ society was founded with the aim of bringing intelligent individuals together to express creativity, share ideas and to be able to discuss openly various topics without any restrictions. Uniq Society has its own magazine, Charta Ingeniosus, which is created by the members. The magazine is also for the members of Ingenium HIQS and Logiq Society.

To become a member of Uniq, you must provide evidence of an IQ at or above the 99th percentile, this corresponds to an IQ of 135 (SD=15) / 137 (SD=16), Sigma 2.31. Uniq accepts standardized and high-range IQ tests.

On other considerations apart from this descriptor, the UNIQ Society appears defunct on the first pass and the second pass.

On the HispanIQ International Society (HIS), it has some listing information on the web, e.g., the AtlantIQ Society provides a listing of its own considerations of defunct societies. The World Intelligence Network statement, as follows, “Spanish speaking international High IQ society founded by Louis Enrique Pérez Ostoa in 2007.” On first pass and second pass, the HispanIQ International Society appears defunct.

On the Cerebrals Society, in its day, it looked like a highly active and functional society. Now, it appears defunct on the first pass and the second pass.

On the EpIQ Society, it appears on the first pass defunct. However, there does appear a functional website. Its website states, “Welcome to the ePiq IQ society whose main goal is to bring together intelligent people from all around the globe. It is widely known that there are many web based IQ societies on the internet and that many of them require money for membership. Becoming a member in our society is free. We accept anyone who has a score at or above the 99.8th percentile on one or more of our accepted tests.” The World Intelligence Network provides another statement on its individuated web page within the web domain for the World Intelligence Network. It states, “ePiq Society was founded in 2003 and is an IQ society which has, as its main purpose, the idea of bringing together intelligent people from all around the globe.” On the second pass, the EpIQ Society appears non-defunct or functional and active.

On the ExactIQ Society, as with the others, the links express a defunct status, while the individual pages of the World Intelligence Network provide another descriptor. These apparent contradictory statuses need correction within the World Intelligence Network. Its statement:

The exactiq society is for people who share a passion for spatial puzzles and IQ tests; exactiq does not put so much emphasis on percentiles or normings, but a basic understanding of spatial logic is needed in order to join. Its main purpose is to gather people who enjoy spatial IQ tests, so that they can become acquainted with other people's tests, and challenge their buddies via new, up-and-coming puzzles.

The exactiq society values creativity and design, as well as strict, but abstract, logic. In exactiq you will get to know many spatial puzzle designers who will give you a helping hand if you decide to create some puzzles of your own. If you like friendly competition and spending a good time with spatial logic, exactiq is for you.

Qualifying tests can be those spatial tests which have had at least 50 submissions. Currently we accept:

Logima Strictica 36 (1st raw score: 14 and 2nd raw score: 16)

Logicaus Strictimanus 24 (1st raw score: 5 and 2nd raw score: 7)

Simplex (1st balanced score: 5 and 2nd balanced score: 6)

Unfortunately, as with the mass of the others, in the midst of the war with time, it appears defunct on both the first pass and the second pass.

On Neurocubo, it acquires some references in websites without much status otherwise. The first pass and second pass seem to indicate defunct status of Neurocubo.

On Artifex Mens Congregatio, it is listed on an individuated page on the World Intelligence Network. It states:

The Artifex Mens Congregatio (Artistic Minds Society) was founded in 2006 by Robert Mestre, Walter VanHuissteden and Fivos Drymiotis in an effort to create a forum bringing together in friendship and community artistic individuals from all over the globe. We would like to attract members interested in philosophy, science, poetry, art and puzzle design. There is no fee to join the society. To become a member you must have a score at or above the 99.87 % (IQ 145 SD 15, 148 SD 16 or 172 SD 24), on at least one of our accepted tests.

Artifex Mens Congregatio appears defunct or stagnant on the first pass and the second pass, as a website exists merely listing the logo and site statistics.

On the Genius Society, no clear listing appears present. Thus, the first pass and second pass seem to note a defunct status.

On the IQuadrivium Society, the World Intelligence Network contains an individual web page with the following description:

IQuadrivium is a high-IQ society, similar in a way to Mensa. However, where Mensa's entry level requirement is a score on a standardized intelligence test at or above the 98th percentile (1 in 50) of the general population, ours is a score at or above the 99.9th percentile (1 in 1,000).

The IQuadrivium Society was founded in February, 1994 by Karyn S. Huntting. At the time, she was the youngest person in history to found a High IQ Society, as well as the world's only female High IQ Society founder.

The first official member of the IQuadrivium Society was Dr. Ronald K. Hoeflin, author, philosopher, and founder of the Prometheus and Mega Societies.

It appears to have paralytic [Twitter](#) account, [Facebook page](#), and [Facebook group](#). It may have moved to social media presence only, where this would mean active. Whereas, if not, it would be defunct. However, given a number of members stated on the Facebook group and some online presence, the first pass is defunct and the second pass is either defunct or paralytic with a smaller possibility of activity.

On the LogIQ Society, the World Intelligence Network individual web page states:

LOGIQ society was founded in January 2010. LOGIQ Society is a high IQ society open to individuals with an IQ score at or above the 99.9th percentile (IQ 146 sd15, IQ 149 sd16) on a standardized or high-range test. The main goal of the Logiq Society is to bring together highly intelligent people to discuss various topics and to take part in tests, puzzles, art and poetry. Logiq Society has a variety of tests that can be taken for free inside the society.

Logiq Society members can also contribute to the society magazine Charta Ingeniosus by sending in articles, artwork etc. All the content is created by the Ingenium HIQS, Uniq and Logiq Society members.

Outside of this, no references appear clear. The LogIQ Society appears first pass and second pass defunct.

With this, the societies with an apparent online presence and some marginal to highly active functionality are the following societies based on a first pass and second pass evaluation of the World Intelligence Network 1.33 to 3.07 sigma societies:

- The Cogito Society[1]
- The International High IQ Society[2]
- The Deep Brain Society[3]
- Mensa Society[4]
- The High Potentials Society[5]
- Intertel[6]

- The Top One Percent Society (TOPS)[7]
- The Colloquy Society[8]
- The CIVIQ Society[9]
- The Glia Society[10]
- International Society for Philosophical Enquiry (ISPE)[11]
- The Triple Nine Society (TNS)[12]
- The AtlantIQ Society[13]
- The EpIQ Society[14]
- The IQuadrivium Society[15]

15 societies from sigma 1.33 to 3.07 based on the World Intelligence Network listing appear active. Other considerations can change the degree and the listing here. However, these 15 appear active or worth some exploration as an individual effort of prospective society searchers, where this “individual effort” can be considered the third pass. The original number, to be clear, from the 1.33 to 3.07 sigma societies was 45 societies, i.e., 15 out of 45 made the cut/30 out of 45 did not make it. In other words, the tendency in the high-IQ communities in this preliminary analysis is a significant trend towards the creation of graveyards. This is a self-made reckoning of the high-IQ societies ranging from 1.33 to 3.07 sigma. This may or may not replicate at the higher sigmas.

The other societies noted at the outset with ambiguous status may come online as newer societies or may resurrect from apparent paralytic status:

1. The Society for Intellectually Gifted Individuals with Disabilities of Nathaniel David Durham/Nate Durham with assistant Lyla Durham.
2. The Encefálica Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa.
3. The Greatest Minds Society of Roberto A. Rodriguez Cruz.
4. The Mysterium Society of Greg A. Grove.
5. The Sigma II Society of Hindenburg Melão.
6. The Mind Society of Hernan R. Chang.
7. the Infinity International Society (IIS) of Jeffrey Osgood.
8. The Sigma III Society of Hindenburg Melão.
9. The Milenija Society of Ivan Ivec and Mislav Predavec.

Thus, we can consider first pass defunct and second pass defunct 21 societies of 45 between sigmas 1.33 and 3.07 of the World Intelligence Network with 9 of 45 in an apparent paralytic state, while 15 have a range of functionality, activity, i.e., non-defunct status based on first pass and second pass review. Even with those 15, some may, in fact, have an online listing while being truly defunct if a more robust and comprehensive third pass analysis went forth. The next articles will review sigmas 3.17 to 4.08 of the World Intelligence Network listing of “84” active high-IQ societies.

[1] 57 members stated without public listing.

[2] Unknown membership numbers and listing.

[3] Membership listing of Anna Maria Santoro (Executive Editor, and Vice President and Founder) and Vincenzo D'Onofrio (President and Founder) has members Gianni Golfera (Honorary Member), Felice Vinci (Honorary Member), Jürgen Koller, Hernan Chang, Heidi Ursula Wallon Pizarro, Nicole Schneider, Haider Hussein Ali, Vincenzo Alfano, and Christian Sorensen. A scientific board of Dr. Rocco Santarelli, M.D. psychiatrist and psychotherapist, and Dr. Mirella Tenaglia psychologist and psychotherapist. Listed in memory of: Carlo D'Onofrio, Andrea Golfera, and Piergiorgio Data.

[4] More than 134,000 members. Krs Escobar, Elissa Rudolph, Bibiána Balanyi have been president; and Björn Liljeqvist is president.

[5] The website members as stated 06/2016: Dr. Max Tiefenbacher, Stephanie Erhard, Vicente Lopez Pena, Nate Durham, Kevin James Daley, Paul F. Kisak, Michael Rönnlund, Walid Sowaidan, Jesmond Debono, Simon Beugekian, Kris Natarajan, Louise Des Bois, Gerasomos Politis, Maria Claudia Faverio, Dr. Evangelos Katsioulis, MsMariel, Joao Rodrigo Coimbra, Sergio Silva, Javi Corres, Leonardo Gomes, Stefan Lindberg, Mateusz Kurcewicz, Kelly Dorsett, Alberto Matera, Michael D. Wolok, David Udbjorg, Mateusz Matysiak, Frank Albert, Baran Yönter, James Joseph Butters, Hubert Wee, Jan Antusch, Melanie Egetenmeier, David Giltinan, Mari Donkers, Jukka Mannonen, Herbert Kimura, Jan Erik Gausdal, Prof. Dr. Hans-Gert Bernstein, Brennan Martin, Christopher Westall, Mike Hess, Nileon Dimalaluan, Jr., Guner Rodop, Danny Milgram, Shane Scott, M.D., Robert Brizel, Paul Burman, Armin Becker, Randall Closson, Dylan Taylor, Kaj Forsell, Patrick Maitland, Athanasios Nikolakopoulos, Stefano Radovanovich, J., B., John D. Harrison, Dr. Greg A. Grove, Jan Snauwaert, Laurent Dubois, Daniel Schuler, Ryan Sloan, John M. Johnson, Jeff Prokop, Michael J. Humenny, Eduardo Fonseca, Thomas Riepe, Dr. Christian Hohenstein, Dr. Nishaut Sadana, Christoph Freiharr von Gersdorff, Dr. Michael Hensley, Henrik Raaberg, Karin Lindberg, Tommy Smith, Tetsuji Nishikura, Christopher J. Freeman, Shade H. Sanford, Bart Lindekens, Putong Ariel R./Ariel R. Putong, Larry J. McCollum, Sr., Egert Anslan, Norman Cruise, Marc Carter, Masaki Yaegashi, Jeremy Whitley, Romain Simoni, Zenaida Lima Barreiro, Isaak Ifrach, Dr. Eick Sternhagen, Pawel Bulacik, Bruno Alpi, Keith Harmer, Gilad Skyte, Avraam C. Gounaris, Namit Gaur, William T. Clark, Millicent Curtis, Michael Fassbender, Victor Hingsberg, Larson Walton, Lucas Thung, Julie Ferguson, Kenneth Myers, Andrew Zukoski, David Offenwanger, Brian R. Johnson, Miguel Castro, Mick Dempsey, Bruno Alessi, Thomas Naether, Kirk R. Butt, William Handyside, Michael Abrams, Reinhard Matuschka, Stefan Majoran, Stefan Baumer, Christos Spiromitros, Edin Andelic, Wen Bin Jaw, Chris Ksioufis, Russell Kirkland, Dan Heibult, Alan Rich, S B, Jens Nittel, Masaaki Yamauchi, David Holler, Xavier Estrada, Andreas Wold, Geoffrey Wayne Roach, Etienne Forsström, Christopher J.F. Galiardo, Monte C. Washburn, Dieter Wolfgang Matuschek, Jackson Itikawa, Ashish Vaswani, Frederic Lion, John Gwinn, Jean Philipp Paquin, Matthew Campbell, Glenn Talbot, Allan Christensen, Mike Gilkinson, Dr. Ralph Halder, Warren Tang, Christos Apostolidis, Clemens Gut, Christopher Michael Mejo, Raul Godoy Mayoral, B.R., Adam William Kisby/Adam Kisby, Mattias Törnquist, Irene Alexandra Taboada Estrada, Vincenzo Iozzo, James Parkhurst, Robert Mestre, Achim de Vivie, Robert Blais, Pamela Staschik Neumann, Brendon Thomas, Sharon Wong, Paul Tighe, Felipe C. Abala, Shaun Patrick Sullivan, 'johnnyvirtual,' Anders Hellström, Robert B. Dale, Jason Boyens, Andres Gomez Emilsson, Alex Camperlino (Magnus), Robbi Mounce, Issa Ali Atoum,

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[6] More than 1,300 members.

[7] The listed members' links include the following: [The Mind Society](#), [OATHS](#), [Albert Frank](#), [Bill Bultas](#), [Donna Blasor-Bernhardt](#), [Frank M. Lopez](#), [Susan L. Nigro](#), [Ludomind Society](#), [Genius Society](#), [Don Stoner](#), [Omega Society](#), [Epimetheus Society](#), Chris Eichenberger, [Divine Madness](#), [Morgan Hansen](#), [Sage Kuhens](#), Marzena A. Broel-Plater, [Brennan Martin](#), and [Martin T. Lithner](#).

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[9] Its founder is Dr. Evangelos Katsioulis. Its subscribers as follows: [Anonymous C.S.001](#), [Ashraya Ananthanarayanan](#), and [Tor Arne Jørgensen](#). Its current members sit at 367. Officers have been present. Its presidents have been Androniki Dalkavouki, Marc-André Groulx, Julie T., Irene Alexandra Taboada, Thomas B., and Evangelos Katsioulis. Its vice presidents have been Marc-André Groulx, Evangelos Katsioulis, Isaac Ifrach, Étienne Forsström, Julie T., and Maria Claudia Faverio. Its web officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Chris Chsioufis, and Mári Donkers. Its membership officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Marc-André Groulx, Djordje Rancic, Karin Lindgren, and Michael Dempsey.

[10] Founded by Paul Cooijmans, it hosts several hundred members at a reasonable cognitive rarity.

[11] Its website states:

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[12] It has 2,000, potentially more, members with the current Regent/Chairman as Thorsten Heitzmann, Ombudsman David Auernheimer, Member-at-Large Tess Stanhaus, Member-at-Large Tom Chantler, Member-at-Large Werner Konik, and Member-at-Large Ina Bendis.

[13] Their listed members as follows: President (Beatrice Rescazzi), Vice President (Graham Powell), and members and honorary members including Moreno Casalegno (Co-Founder), Maria C. Faverio, Paul Freeman, Greg. A. Grove, Gaetano Morelli, Stan Riha, Vincenzo D'Onofrio, Giulio Zambon, Fernando Barbosa Neto, Alan J. Lee, Robert Birnbaum, Jacqueline Slade, Richard Stock, Greg Collins, Torbjørn Brenna, Noriyuki Sakurai, Zachary Timmons, Phil Elauria, Andrea Toffoli, Marios Prodromou, Duc Hong Le, Gianmarco Bartellone, Tommi Petteri Laiho, Michael Thrasher, José Gonzàles Molinero, Mick Pletcher, Richard Szary, José Serrano, Pamela Staschik-Neumann, Nuno Baptista, Adam Kisby, Andrea Gelmetti, Faisal Alfagham فيصل الفغم, Gustavo Fabbroni, Shaun Sullivan, Gerasimos Politis, Gavan Cushnan, Pietro Bonfigli, Djordje Rancic, Jon Scott Scharer, Roberto A. Rodriguez, Jesse Wilkins, Rajiv Kutty, Nomar Alexander Noroño Rodríguez, Scott Poh, Mirosław Zajdel, Stephen Getzinger, Nancy Vanstone, Guillaume Chanteloup, Karin Lindgren, Gary Song, Lim Surya Tjahyadi, Paul Laurent, Eric Anthony Trowbridge, Niels Christoffers, Michelle Anne Bullas, Jeffrey Lee Graham, Tahawar Ali Khan, Yuri Tovar, Jason Oliver, Jarl Victor Bjørgan, Bradley Hutchinson, Donald M. Fell, Gwyneth Wesley Rolph, Vicente Lopez Pena, Rudolf Trubba, Barry Beanland, Morie Janine Hutchens, Keegan Ray McLoughlin, Hever Horacio Arreola Gutierrez, Michael Backer, Jr, Aman Bagaria, Selim Şumlu. David Gordon Little, Victor Hingsberg, Anthony Lawson, Beau D. Clemmons, R. K., Alberto Bedmar Montaña, Paul Stuart Nachbar, Jim Lorrimore, Jakub Oblizajek, Gabriel Sambarino, Tony Lee Magee, Dorian Forget, Tom Högstöm, Elizabeth Anne Scott, Michael Donoho, Ernest Williamson III, Nicole Mathisen, Katarina Vestin, Christine Van Ngoc Ty, Jason Betts, Yu-Lin Lu, Nikolaos Solomos, Gracia Cornet, Richard Painter, Wyman Brantley, Yao Xu, Kevin James Daley, Stephen Maule, Birgit

Scholz, Leif E. Ågesen, Mohammed Al Sahaf, Martin Murphy, Samuel Mack-Poole, Vuk Mircetic, Peter Radi, Marcin Kulik, Harold Ford, Thomas G. Hadley, Miguel Soto, Göran Åhlander, Evangelos Katsioulis, Anja Jaenicke, Roy Morris, Slava Lanush, Frank J. Ajello, Nicolò Pezzuti, James Dorsey, Massimo Caliaro, Michael Tedja, John Argenti, Therese Waneck, Bo Østergaard Nielsen, Sudarshan Murthy, Daniel Roca, Glikérios Soteriou, Kristina Thygesen, Miguel Jorge Castro Pinho, Tim G. Griffith, Claus Volko, Diego Iuliano, Elcon Fleur, Evan Tan, Dalibor Marinčić, Konstantinos Ntalachanis, Candy Chilton, Diego Fortunati, WeiJie Wang, Alessia Iancarelli, Cristian Vaccarella, Iakovos Koukas, Filippo De Donatis, Richard Ball, Zhida Iiu, R. Kent Ouimette, Marina Belli, Karim Serraj, Kim Sung-jin, Juman Lee, CHIANG LI CHING, Zhibin Zhang 张志彬, Andre Gangvik, Nikos Papadopoulos Παπαδόπουλος Νίκος, Jo Christopher M. Resquites, Ricky Chaggar, Félix Veilleux-Juillet, Michael Franklin, Michela Fadini, Fabrizio Fadini, Fabrizio Bertini, Cosimo Palma, Nobuo Yamashita 山下 伸男, Cristian Combusti, Mostafa Moradi, Xiao-ming CAI 蔡晓明, Fabio Castagna, Robert Hodosi, Francisco Morais dos Santos, Cynthia L. Miller, Hongzhe Zhang 张鸿哲, Serena Ramos, Nguyen Tran Hoai Thuong Nguyễn Trần Hoài Thương, Giuseppe Corrente, Sergey Dundanov, Andrea Casolari, Anthony Brown, Veronica Palladino, Yohei Furutono, Francesco Carlomagno, Emanuele Gianmaria Possevini, Joseph Leslie Jennings, Robin Lucas, Rosario Alessio Ronca, Oliver Dammel, Javier Rio Santos, Sebastiao Borges Machado Junior, Agasi Pietro, Taddeucci Nicholas, Andre Massaro, Mika Korkeamäki, Tor Arne Jørgensen, Dario Casola, Federico Statiglio, Vincent Li 李宗泽, Jewoong Moon 문제웅, Annelie Oliver, Nitish Joshi, Christian Sorensen, Simon Olling Rebsdorf, Marzio Mezzanotte, Paolino Francesco Santaniello, Edwin P. Christmann, and Nicos Gerasimou.

[14] Not all members are listed publicly. Its listed Founder: Chris Chsioufis, President: Vice President: [Stanislav Riha](#), Test Officer: Djordje Rancic, Test Officer: Michael Chew, Membership Officer: Gavan Cushnahan, Membership Officer: Torbjørn Brenna, Honorary members: Baran Yonter D'Arcy Desabrais Evangelos G. Katsioulis Luis E. Pérez Ostoa Paul Freeman Grand Dr. (Prof.) Niranjan C. Bhat, and then the listed 18 hidden members in addition to the following members: Achim de Vivie, Deron K. Holmes, Jorge Antonio Sosa Huapaya, Michael Paul Burman, Sean Silverman Akram Janzi, Dieter Matuschek, José Antonio Polo Hernández, Miguel Angel Soto Miranda, Sebastian Grijalva Alan O'Donnell, Djordje Rancic, Jose Gonzalez Molinero, Miguel de Sa Sotomaior, Sebastian Stolz, Ales Milosavljevic, Douglas Thorpe, José Maria Pinto Canto, Muhamed Veletanlic, Serge Miserez, Alex Brown, Douglas O, Joseph Gama, Namit Gaur, Sharon Wong, Alexander Herkner, Dr. Jason D. Baron, MD, Josh Sparks, Nikolai von Boetticher, Shaun Sullivan, Alexander Melnick, Drew Sanner, Juan A. Pinera, Nikhil Dhamapurkar, Shawn Clinton, Alexandre Costa, DROSSOS DROSSOS, Juan Gonzalez Liebana, Nileon Dimalaluan, Jr., Shi-hyung Lee, Alexandros Katranidis, Duc Hong LE, Jürgen Koller, Noriyuki Sakurai, Shinji Okazaki, Anders Berglund, Dylan Taylor, Karin Lindgren, Ola Obrant, Silvio Di Fabio, Anders Orback, Eddy D. Maillot, Karl Wilhelmson, Olav Nilsen, Sindre Aarsaether, Andrea Abramucci, Eduardo Costa, Katie Cesaro, Oliver Kant, Song In-Chang, Andrea Toffoli, Einar Zettergren, Kenneth Heaton, Owen Cosby, Stan Riha, Andreas Sjostrand, Eleftherios Spiromitros, Kerstin Palo, Pamela Staschik-Neumann, Stefan Langemalm, Andrew Aus Elizabeth Anne Scott Kim Vaughan Pantelis Papageorgiou Stefan Majoran, Andrew E. Reineberg, Emiel Verlinden, Iakovos Koukas, Patrick Maitland, Stefano Casali, Angel Dure, Eric Anthony Trowbridge, Lauren Bylsma, Paul Edgeworth, Sunder Rangarajan, Antonio Rada, Eric

Stillwachs, Leif E. Ågesen, Paul Laurent, Takeshi Amagi, Antonis Polykratis, Ernesto Marasigan, Hideharu Kobayashi, Leo Borek, Pedro Lopez, Tapio Kortesaari, Armin Becker, Espen Andersen, Hugo Gutierrez, Leon Goldberg, Pedro Motta Carneiro, Terry Strong, Bernhard Junker, Espen Bernton, Ilias Iliadis, Lion Frederic, Pedro Pablo Andreu, Theodosios Prousalis, Bo Østergaard Nielsen, Etienne Forsstrom, Ioannis Chondrobilas, Lorenzo Buschi, Peter Briscoe, Thomas B., Bo Ramqvist, Eugenio Correnti, Isaac Ifrach, Luis Miguel López Martínez, Peter Fredholm, Thomas Faulkner, Bo Xu, Fernando José Kirschbaum, Ivan Ivec, Luke Harbaugh, Peter Heymans, Thomas G. Hadley, Bourret Thierry, Fernando Barbosa Neto, Ivo Rubic, Maciej Tomczak, Peter Rossotti, Thomas H McFadden, Jr., Bram van Kaathoven, Francisco Rodriguez, Jackson Itikawa, Magnus Carlson, Petros Rafailidis, Thorsten Wuest, Brent Seeley, Fivos Drymiotis, Jacqueline Slade, Magnus Johansson, Pirvu Steluta, Tim Ginstfeldt, Brian Thomson, Fredrik Fagersten, James Boland, Magnus Segersten, Queno Denis, Tobias Lindberg, Bruno Alessi, Frederik Floether, James David Dunn, Manfred Zuber, Rachel Velazquez, Tomasz Bucki, Bruno Alpi, Gautham Sekar, James Keating, Marc Roman Remulla, Reinhard Matuschka, Tommy Upshaw, Bryan Morwood, Gavan Cushnahan, Jan Markborg, Marc-Andre Groulx, Richard Ambler, Tommy Smith, Burak Yulug, Georg Werner Kohlmeyer, Jan Snauwaert, Marcin Dukaczewski, Richard E. Cadle, Toni Espinosa Largo, Carey Lah, Gerasimos Politis, Jari Hyvönen, Marcus Gemeinder, Richard Sharp, Torbjørn Brenna, Caspar Nijhuis, Gerry Gore, Jari-Matti Lintala, Marco Ripà, Robert Andersson, Tuukka Paikkari, Cesar Tome-Lopez, Gi Beom Bae, Jason Munn, Mari Donkers, Robert Blias, Van Ngoc Ty Christine, Christian Crona, Gianmarco Bartellone, Jason Parker, Maria Claudia Faverio, Robert Brizel, Victor Hingsberg, Christine Van Ngocty, Giulio Zambon, Jean Loup Agache, Marin Filinic, Robert Roy, Vincent Darras, Christoffer Collin, Gonzalo Pena Fernandez, Jeff Leonard, Marios Prodromou, Rodrigo Garcia Kosinski, Vincenzo Iozzo, Christoph Gersdorff, Gosta Mellberg, Jeffery Lee Humphrey, Masaaki Yamauchi, Roger Kircher, Wayne Zhang, Christos Apostolidis, Greg Holland, Jens Frid, Martin Brooks, Rolland Vilar, Will Weatherly, Claudiu Saftoiu, Guillem Mata Valligny, Jesmond Debono, Martin Stromberg, Romain Simoni, Willem Bosma, Costas Skordilis, Gustav Knutsson, Jo Christopher M. Resquites, Merlin Carl, Ronald Boonstra, William Handyside, Dan Robert Milstone, Gwyneth Wesley Rolph, Joe Bolognese, Michael Baker, Jr., Ronnie Bjorklund, William Munsil, Daniel Krizek, Hakan Johansson, John Argenti, Michael Bois, Rudolf Trubba, Yoshiyuki Shimizu, Daniel Schuler, Han Kyung Lee, John M. Boyer, Michael Chew, Russell Schap, Y-U-R-I, Danny Mertens, Hans Anas, John Michael Hailey, Michael D Mehlman, Ryan Sloan, Yusaku Hori, David Burns, Harry Hollum, John Thomas McGuire, Michael Dempsey, Ryon F. Adams, Zenaida lima Barreiro, David Quint, Henrik Hjort, Jonas Haas, Michael Ernst, Sandra Schlick, Zheng Cai, David Wellendorf, Henry Patterson, Jonatas Muller, Michael Fagre, Sang jun Choi, Dennis Kovich, Heo Hoon, Jonathon Griffin, Michael Fassbender, and Sanzio Ambrosini.

[15] Its Facebook group affirms 226 members.

The World Intelligence Network 3.13-4.8 Sigma Societies First Review

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Third article of the 84 “active” high-IQ societies from the World Intelligence Network between sigmas 3.13 and 4.8. The presentation is cleaner or more polished than the first pass. As noted before, “Those with an interest in the more tedious stuff about various high-IQ societies may have a sliver of interest in this.” To those who may not know, or who have an interest and some knowledge while lacking information here, the President of the World Intelligence Network is Evangelos Katsioulis and the Vice President/Vice-President is Manahel Thabet. The publication for the World Intelligence Network is *Phenomenon* run by co-editors Lord Graham Powell/Graham Powell and Krystal Volney. The first pass covered the links provided on the listing between sigmas 1.33 and 3.07 (inclusive). Some were labelled “defunct” based on the “first pass” of the examination. The “second pass” examined more of the first pass “defunct” status societies while providing a round-up review of activity and functionality, or paralytic status of the societies. All footnote information from the respective societies’ web domains and publicly available records. The following is the first pass look, as the third article, at the 3.13 to 4.8 high-IQ societies – a reminder of this as a first pass analysis based on the links provided by the World Intelligence Network with a second pass coming in the fourth article:

At 3.13 sigma, the Ludomind Society of Albert Frank and Peter Bentley appears defunct. The SesquIQ Society appears defunct.

At 3.2 sigma, the ISI-Society of Jonathan Wai seems defunct. The Smart People Society seems defunct.

At 3.26 sigma, the Epida Society of Fernando Barbosa Neto seems functional and potentially active with President Andrew Aus, Member Officer Erdem Yilmaz, vice-membership officers Michael Baker and Phil Elauria.[1]

At 3.33 sigma, the sinApsa Society of Marin Filinic appears defunct.

At 3.66 sigma, the SPIQR Society of Marco Ripà appears functional while inactive or on an old platform.

At 3.73 sigma, the Coeus Society of Martin Tobias Lithner looks defunct. The Hall Of The Ancients (HOTA) of Brennan Martin looks defunct. The Vertex Society of Stevan M. Damjanovic appears defunct with a repurposing of the web domain to a more narrow and personal/professional purpose.

At 4 sigma, the Camp Archimedes Society of Fivos Drymiotis and Lestat seems defunct with a website disabled. The Epimetheus Society of Ronald K. Hoefflin appears functional and potentially active, though uncertain on the latter point.[2] The Ergo Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa seems defunct. The HELLIQ Society of Evangelos Katsioulis appears functional and active, though segmented from the World Intelligence Network web domain as a website.[3] Its presidents have been Marc-André Groulx, Thomas B., Stephan Wagner Damianowitsch, and Evangelos Katsioulis. Its vice-presidents have been Wayne Zhang, Evangelos Katsioulis, Djordje Rancic, D.T., Ph.D., and Thomas B. Its web officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Stephan

Wagner Damianowitsch, and David Bergman. Its membership officers have been Evangelos Katsioulis, Bruno Alpi, and Tan Kaijie. The Prometheus Society of Ronald K. Hoeflin looks functional, active, and longstanding. Its current President is Maco Stewart. Its current Editor position is vacant. Its current Membership Officer is Maco Stewart. Its current Treasurer is Brian Schwartz. Its current Internet Officer is Karyn Huntting Peters. Its current Ombudsman(/woman/person) is Shannon Hasenfratz Gardner.[4] The Sigma IV Society of Hindenburg Melão appears to have members, though seems inactive at this time, i.e., paralytic.[5] The Tetra Society of Mislav Predavec looks active and functional with uncertainty as to the level or degree of activity. Its "functionaries" are membership officer Frandix Chun Him Chan and the founder & president Mislav Predavec.[6]

At 4.01 sigma, The Platinum Society of Hindenburg Melão seems defunct.

At 4.27 sigma, the Eximia Society of Patrick Kreander seems defunct. The UltraNet Society of Gina Losasso and Christopher Langan appears defunct.

Interestingly, there exists a large leap in the sigmas from 2.27 to 2.8. The only similarly large leap of the sigmas on the World Intelligence Network listing happens between 5.33 sigma and 6 sigma.

At 4.8 sigma, the GenerIQ Society of Mislav Predavec seems defunct. The Incognia Society of Luis Enrique Pérez Ostoa appears defunct. The Mega Society of Ronald K. Hoeflin looks active, functional, and longstanding.[7] Its officers include Administrator Emeritus: Jeff Ward, Administrator: Brian Wiksell, Editors: Richard May and Ken Shea, and Internet Officer Daniel Shea. The Omega Society of Ronald K. Hoeflin seems functional and longstanding with unknown activity level.[8] The Pi Society of Nikos Lygeros is active and functional.

[1] The stipulated members from the website as follows: President: Andrew Aus (ENG), Membership Officer: Erdem Yilmaz (TUR), Vice-Membership Officers: [Michael Baker](#) (USA) and [Phil Elauria](#) (USA), Honorary Members: [Martin Tobias Lithner](#) (SWE), [Brennan Martin](#) (NZE), [Mislav Predavec](#) (CRO), [Marco Ripà](#) (ITA), and Evangelos Katsioulis (GRE), Full Members: [Fernando Barbosa Neto](#) (BRA), Adam Kisby (USA), [Paul J. Edgeworth](#) (USA), [Michael Baker](#) (USA), Nikhil Dhamapurkar (IND), Zachary Timmons (CAN), Gerasimos Politis (GRE), Pamela Staschik-Neumann (GER), Joshua Sparks (USA), José González Molinero (SPA), Deron K. Holmes (USA), Jonatas Müller (BRA), Brendan Harris (CAN), Thiago Cruz Silva (BRA), [Giulio Zambon](#) (ITA), Leif E. Agesen (NOR), Giorgio Milani (ITA), [Phil Elauria](#) (USA), [Armin Becker](#) (GER), Marios Prodromou (CYP), Yusaku Hori (HKG), Rudolf Trubba (CZR), Edmund James Koundakjian (USA), Jon Scott Scharer (USA), Francisco Rodriguez (HON), Yoshiyuki Shimizu (JAP), [Gary Song](#) (CAN), Alexander Herkner (GER), Paul Laurent Miranda (SPA), Guillaume Chanteloup (FRA), George Stoios (GRE), Lim Surya Tjahyadi (INA), Juan Gonzalez Liebana (SPA), Erdem Yilmaz (TUR), Hever Horacio Arreola Gutierrez (MEX), Ron Winrick (USA), Torbjorn Brenna (NOR), Ken Jarlen Olsen (NOR), Aaron Ellison (USA), Hidden Member, Kyodou Lee (CHN), Gaetano Morelli (ITA), Sunder Rangarajan (IND), Bowen Wang (CHN), James Richard Lorrimore (UNK), Willian Talvane Arestides Ferreira da Silva (BRA), Yu Lin Lu (TWN), Jarl Victor Bjorgan (NOR), Vjeran Misic (B&H), Joseph Anthony Tomlinson (USA), Christine Van Ngoc Ty (FRA), Ryoji Honda (JAP), Jadesom Leonardo Haenich (BRA), Igor Dorfman (ISR), Graham Powell (ITA), Ting Fu (CHN), Solomos Nikolaos (GRE), Beau Clemmons (FRA), Barry Beanland (DUB), John Argenti (USA), Nicolò Pezzuti (ITA), George J. Walendowski (USA), Nuno Norte de

Sousa Silva (POR), Ole Mose (DEN), Martijn Tromm (NLD), and Jorge Del Fresno Viejo (SPA), Prospective Members: Aman Bagaria (IND), Constantí Cabestany (SPA), Nomar Alexander Norono Rodríguez (VEN), Andrea Toffoli (ITA), Lena Carlota Ruiz (CAN), Julia Zuber (GER), Subscribers: Nuno Jorge Mesquita Baptista (POR), and Nathália Geraldo (BRA).

[2] Its membership listing as follows: [Don Stoner](#), [Genius Society](#), [The Mind Society](#), [alliqtests.com](#), [Guilherme M. S. Silva](#), Chris Eichenberger, Enigmadness.com, [Stevan Damjanovic](#), [Victor Lestat](#), [Richard May](#), [Kevin Langdon](#), Dallayce Bright, John C. Fila, Ph.D., Patrick J. Maitland, [Thomas R. Caulfield, Jr.](#), Terry Stickels, Adam Kisby, Dany Provost, Jyrki Leskelä, Richard M Riss, Bruno Alpi, Andreas Albihn, Jan Antusch, Kenneth E. Ferrell, Dan Hogan, Jeff Christopher Leonard, [Brennan Martin](#), [Ron Padova](#), [Martin Tobias Lithner](#), and Thomas Imondi.

[3] Its members listing as follows: 01. [Dr Evangelos Katsioulis, MD, MA, MSc, PhD](#), 02. [Bart Miles](#), 03. [Laura N. Kochen](#), 04. [Andy Wininger](#), 05. [Jean-Eric Pacaud](#), 06. [Thomas A. Smith Jr.](#), 07. [L. K.](#), 08. [Thomas B.](#), 09. [Andrzej Figurski](#), 10. [André Valentic](#), 11. [J. W.](#), 12. [M. T.](#), 13. [Ira Gibson](#), 14. [George Ch. Petasis](#), 15. [Alexandre Prata Maluf R.I.P.](#), 16. [Stephan Wagner Damianowitsch](#), 17. [Mateusz Kurcewicz](#), 18. [Tan Kaijie](#), 19. [Alberto Matera](#), 20. [Marcus Voyer](#), 21. [D. X. J.](#), 22. [Anonymous H22](#), 23. [Jason Young](#), 24. [Joseph Tomlinson](#), 25. [Michael Rönnlund](#), 26. [Muhammad Faisal Tajir](#) (prospective member), 27. [Jonas Högberg](#), 28. [Djordje Rancic](#), 29. [Marc-André Groulx](#), 30. [Robert Brizel](#), 31. [F. S.](#), 32. [Henrik Eriksson](#), 33. [Marc Heremans](#), 34. [David Bergman](#), 35. [Arne Blak](#), 36. [Steve Schuessler](#), 37. [Thomas Hallgren](#), 38. [Maria Casillas](#), 39. [A. F.](#), 40. [Jan Willem Versluis](#), 41. [D.T., Ph.D.](#), 42. [Bruno Alpi](#), 43. [Francisco Javier Guerra Prieto](#), 44. [Dr Jason Betts](#), 45. [Rudolf Trubba](#), 46. [Hever Horacio Arreola Gutierrez](#), 47. [Wayne Zhang](#), 48. [Chris Harding](#), 49. [Santanu Sengupta](#), 50. [Brendan Harris](#), 51. [Didier Jacquet](#), 52. [Martin Tobias Lithner](#), 53. [G. U. L.](#), 54. [Jean-Loup Agache](#), 55. [Marios Prodromou](#), 56. [Yoshiyuki Shimizu](#), 57. [Rodrigo Erazo Hermosilla](#), 58. [Miguel Angel Soto-Miranda, M.D.](#), 59. [Anonymous H59](#), 60. [Dong Khac Cuong](#), 61. [Eduardo C. da Costa](#), 62. [Jan Antusch](#), 63. [Eva](#), 64. [Wang Peng](#), 65. [Bertrand Frederic Evertz](#), 66. [Bernhard Junker](#), 67. [Yan Detao](#), 68. [Anonymous 30](#), 69. [Minjae Kwon](#), 70. [Ruediger Ebendt](#), 71. [Afsin Saltik](#), 72. [Liu Jiapeng](#), 73. [Satoki Takeichi](#), 74. [Tadayuki Konno](#), 75. [John Argenti](#), 76. [Jiseong Kim](#), 77. [Xu Hanwen](#), 78. [Kila Lau](#), 79. [Chen Jingjing](#), 80. [Anonymous 34](#), 81. [Erik Hæreid](#), 82. [Thomas W. Chittenden, PhD, DPhil](#), 83. [Dr Manahel Thabet, PhD](#), 84. [Zhongzhen Wu](#), 85. [Sherwyn Sarabi](#), 86. [Noriyuki Sakurai](#), 87. [Jaime](#), 88. [Erikson dos Santos](#), 89. [Anonymous H89](#), 90. [Sandro Zanin](#), 91. [Dario C](#), 92. [Jung-su Yi](#), 93. [Anonymous H93](#), 94. [Anonymous H94](#), 95. [Youngjin Kim](#), 96. [S. B.](#), 97. [William Michael Fightmaster](#), 98. [Jinsung Kim](#), 99. [Yi Junho](#), 100. [JooYoung Kim](#), 101. [Gabriele Tessaro](#), 102. [Frederick Goertz](#), 103. [Gabriel Garofalo](#), 104. [Nikolaos Katevas MDs, BSc, MSc, PhDc](#), 105. [Naoya Kitano](#), 106. [Gaetano Morelli](#), 107. [WenGao Ye](#), 108. [Wittawas Ratchatajai](#), 109. [Anonymous H109](#), 110. [Cho Sanghyun](#), 111. [Bae Gibeom](#), 112. [Seung-Su Lee](#), 113. [YoungHoon Bryan Kim \(김영훈\)](#), 114. [Hiroki Tsubooka](#), 115. [Haakon Mathias Dedic](#), 116. [Anonymous H116](#), 117. [Anonymous H117](#), 118. [Lu Junhong \(卢俊宏\)](#), 119. [Moto Kobayashi](#), 120. [Waichiro Horiuchi](#), 121. [Anonymous H.121](#), 122. [Xie Yanxi](#), 123. [Anonymous H123](#), 124. [Masahiro Nishimura](#), 125. [Ryo Taniguchi](#), 126. [Koyo Yoshihara](#), 127. [Anonymous H127](#), 128. [Dao Thanh Chung](#), 129. [Tetsukimi Brian Beppu](#), 130. [Ryo Matsui](#), 131. [Motohiro Goto](#), 132. [Zhong Jinshuo](#), 133. [Qin Bin](#), 134. [Nobuo Yamashita](#), 135. [Jeongtae Kim \(김정태\)](#), 136. [Robin Spivey](#), 137. [Yoshitake Yamamoto \(山本\)](#)

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 141. [Yoon Dong Yeo](#), 142. [Sam Thompson](#), 143. [Sadateru Tokumaru](#), 144. [Makoto Takenaka \(竹中 誠\)](#),
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 152. [Hua Weixiang \(华为翔\)](#), 153. [Edison Yin](#), 154. [Anonymous H154](#), 155. [Gouichi Motoyoshi](#),
 156. [Shiroyuki Hori](#), 157. [Onishi Yozo](#), 158. [Morita Shiga \(志賀 盛太\)](#), 159. [Akihito Tanaka](#),
 160. [Liu Xin \(刘欣\)](#), 161. [Koichi Omura \(大村 光一\)](#), 162. [Weiming Xie](#), 163. [Haoran Zhang](#),
 164. [Danfei Gu \(顾单飞\)](#), 165. [Anonymous H165](#), 166. [Masanao Otake](#), 167. [Hiroshi Araki](#),
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 172. [Yuta Yamamoto](#), 173. [Tomohito Yamada](#), 174. [Takahiko Kei](#), 175. [Koichiro Kimura](#),
 176. [Kanae Matsumoto \(松本 香苗\)](#), 177. [Naoki Kawabe \(川辺 直樹\)](#), 178. [Yoshihisa Kimura](#),
 179. [Tomo Hirasawa \(平澤 朝\)](#), 180. [Gheorghe Alin Petre](#), 181. [Naoto Tani](#), 182. [Tatsuya Maruyama](#),
 183. [Marina Inamoto](#), 184. [Kyoichi Yamanaka](#), 185. [Takamitsu Endo \(遠藤 貴光\)](#),
 186. [Yuta Miyamoto](#), 187. [Makoto Takahashi \(高橋 誠\)](#), 188. [Snježana Štefanić Hoefel](#),
 189. [Tomohiko Nakamura \(中村 友彦\)](#), 190. [Yukino Asayama \(ユキノ アサヤマ\)](#), 191. [Kuniho Takahashi](#),
 192. [Weida Feng \(冯威达\)](#), 193. [Keishi Ishii \(石井啓嗣\)](#), 194. [Andrea C.](#), 195. [Anonymous H195](#), 196. [Rickard Sagirbey](#), 197. [Shintaro Michi \(道 慎太郎\)](#),
 198. [Ryota Yuasa](#), 199. [Shino Sawai](#), 200. [Kazuma Takaishi](#), 201. [Shinji Morihiro](#), 202. [Ryunosuke Nakamura](#),
 203. [Flaviano Cardella](#), 204. [Christopher Garcia](#), 205. [Yoshihiro Maki](#), 206. [Hiroko Tanaka \(田中裕子\)](#),
 207. [Takumi Kitajima](#), 208. [Yuna Fumioka \(文岡佑奈\)](#), 209. [Yusuke Hayashi](#), 210. [Naofumi Ohmura \(おおむら なおふみ\)](#),
 211. [Lunavidere Yuki Tsukimi \(月見裕貴\)](#), 212. [Yohei Terashima](#), 213. [Satoshi Aoki, MD](#), 214. [Yoshihiro Seki \(関 佳裕\)](#),
 215. [Kento Masuno](#), 216. [Anonymous H.216](#), 217. [Daiki Shuto \(首藤 大貴\)](#), 218. [Junlong Li \(李俊龙\)](#), 219. [Michio Oyama](#), 220. [Hirofumi Ohta \(大田 浩史\)](#),
 221. [Yohei Furutono](#), 222. [Kohnoshin Miyajima](#), 223. [HaYoung Jeong](#), 224. [Shouchen Wang \(王首辰\)](#),
 225. [Entemake Aman \(阿曼\)](#), 226. [Takashi Egawano](#), 227. [Hiroyuki Kataoka](#), 228. [Ogawa Yoshiyuki](#),
 229. [Shoya Taguchi \(田口 将也\)](#), 230. [Anonymous H230](#), 231. [Masaharu Kurino](#), 232. [Hayato Kusuno](#),
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FRED VAUGHAN | Oct 98 – Feb 99

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