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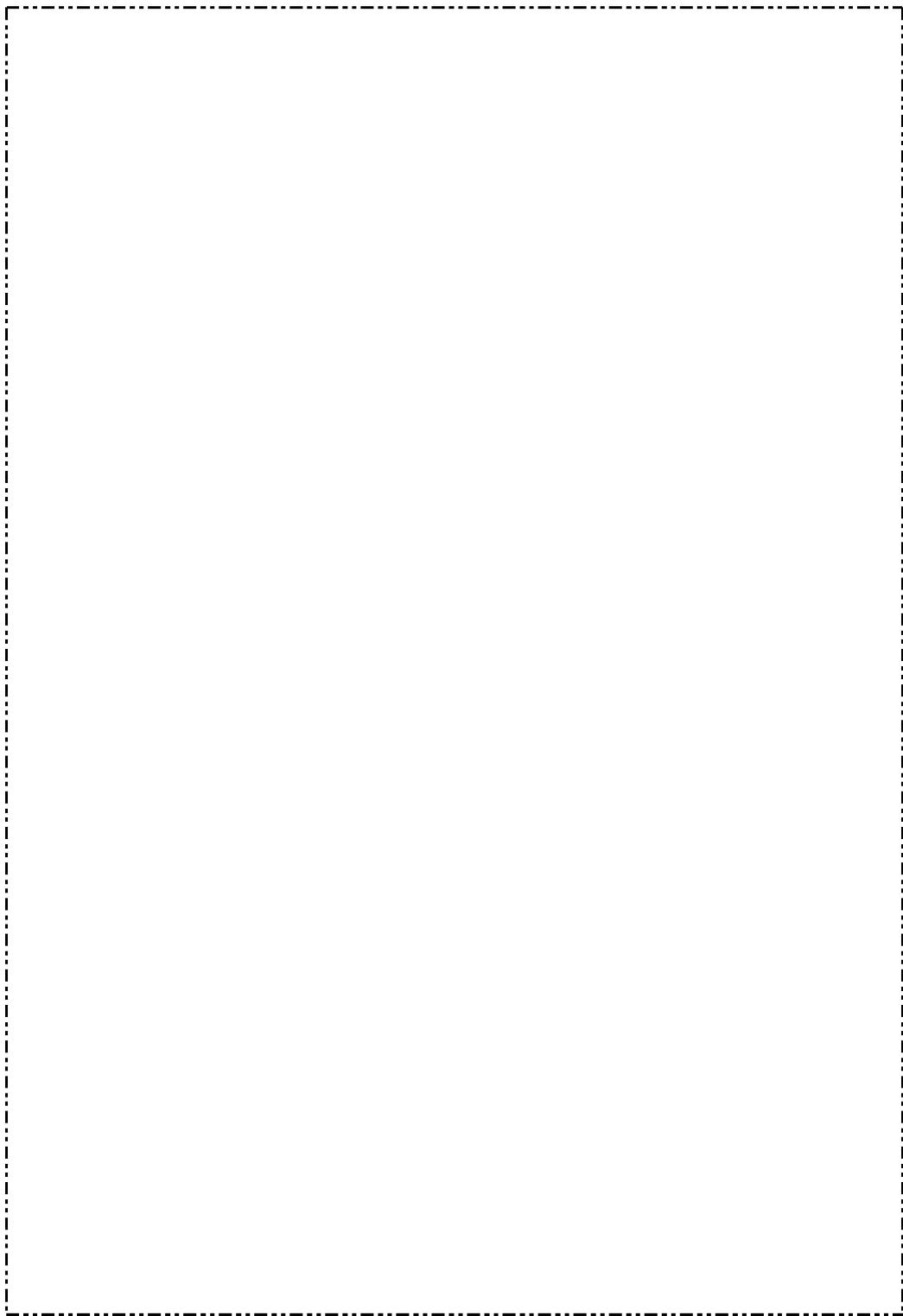


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PARODY OR MOCK RELIGIONS

A parody religion or mock religion is a belief system that challenges spiritual convictions of others, often through humor, satire, or burlesque (literary ridicule). Often created to achieve a specific purpose related to another belief system, a parody religion can be a parody of several religions, sects, gurus, cults, or new religious movements at the same time or even a parody of no particular religion, instead parodying the concept of religious belief itself. In some parody religions, emphasis is on having fun and being a convenient excuse for pleasant social interaction among the like-minded (e.g., the Church of the SubGenius). Other parody religions target a specific religion, sect, cult, or new religious movement.

One approach to parody religion aims to highlight deficiencies in particular pro-religious arguments — the thinking being that if a given argument can also be used to support a clear parody, then the original argument is clearly flawed. An example of this is the Flying Spaghetti Monster, which parodies the equal time argument employed by intelligent design and creationism.

Occasionally, a parody religion may offer ordination by mail or on-line at a nominal fee, seeking equal recognition for this clergy under freedom of religion provisions, including the 1st and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution. A few US states have permitted The Church of the Latter-Day Dude or Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster officiants to legally solemnise marriage. Parody religions also have sought the same reasonable accommodation legally afforded to mainstream religions, including religious-specific garb or headgear.

Several religions that are classified as parody religions have a number of relatively serious followers who embrace the perceived absurdity of these religions as spiritually significant, a decidedly post-modern approach to religion. For instance, in Discordianism, it can be hard to tell whether even these "serious" followers are not just taking part in an even bigger joke. This joke, in turn, might be part of a greater path to enlightenment, and so on ad infinitum.

❖ CHURCH OF EUTHANASIA



The Church of Euthanasia (also known as CoE) is a religious organization founded by Reverend Chris Korda and Pastor Kim (Robert Kimberk) in the Boston, Massachusetts area of the United States of America in 1992.

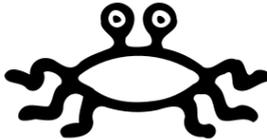
It is "a non-profit educational foundation devoted to restoring balance between Humans and the remaining species on Earth".

The most popular slogan is "Save the Planet, Kill Yourself" and its founding ideology is set in one commandment "Thou Shalt not Procreate", and four main pillars: suicide, abortion, cannibalism (of the already dead) and sodomy ("any sexual act not intended for procreation").

The Church stresses population reduction by voluntary means only, therefore, murder and involuntary sterilization are strictly forbidden by church doctrine.

The Church promotes its environmental views mainly via their website and the web. They also utilize sermons, art performances, public demonstrations, culture jamming, music, publicity stunts and direct action to highlight Earth's unsustainable population.

❖ THE CHURCH OF THE FLYING SPAGHETTI MONSTER



The Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM) is the deity of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, or Pastafarianism. Pastafarianism is a social movement that promotes a light-hearted view of religion and opposes the teaching of intelligent design and creationism in public schools.

It is legally recognized as a religion in the Netherlands and New Zealand – where Pastafarian representatives have been authorized to celebrate weddings and where the first legally recognized Pastafarian wedding was performed in April 2016. However, in the United States, a federal judge has ruled that the "Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster" is not a real religion.

The central creation myth is that an invisible and undetectable Flying Spaghetti Monster created the universe "after drinking heavily". According to these beliefs, the Monster's intoxication was the cause for a flawed Earth. Furthermore, according to Pastafarianism, all evidence for evolution was planted by the Flying Spaghetti Monster in an effort to test

the faith of Pastafarians—parodying certain biblical literalists.

The Pastafarian conception of Heaven includes a beer volcano and a stripper (or sometimes prostitute) factory.

The Pastafarian Hell is similar, except that the beer is stale and the strippers have sexually transmitted diseases.

According to Pastafarian beliefs, pirates are "absolute divine beings" and the original Pastafarians. Furthermore, Pastafarians believe that the concept of pirates as "thieves and outcasts" is misinformation spread by Christian theologians in the Middle Ages and by Hare Krishnas. Pastafarians believe that they were "peace-loving explorers and spreaders of good will" who distributed candy to small children, adding that modern pirates are in no way similar to "the fun-loving buccaneers from history".

Pastafarians are among those who celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19.

Pastafarians celebrate every Friday as a holy day. Prayers are concluded with a final declaration of affirmation, "R'amen" (or "rAmen"); the term is a parodic portmanteau of the terms "Amen" and "Ramen", referring to instant noodles and to the "noodly appendages" of their deity.

Around the time of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, Pastafarians celebrate a vaguely defined holiday named "Holiday". Holiday does not take place on "a specific date so much as it is the Holiday season, itself". Because Pastafarians "reject dogma and formalism", there are no specific requirements for Holiday. Pastafarians celebrate Holiday in any manner they please. Pastafarians also celebrate "Pastover" as a parody of Passover and "Ramendan" as a parody of Ramadan.

A Pastafarian couple in New Zealand have become the first to tie the "noodle knot" in a legally recognised ceremony conducted by the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. In accordance with Pastafarian religious guidelines, the wedding congregation dressed as pirates and watched the couple exchange rings made of pasta.

The traditional garb of Pastafarianism is full pirate regalia, which Pastafarians are required to wear at all times.

Midgets hold a special position in Pastafarian faith, as the first person created was a "midget", and they carry extra amounts of the original divine spark. Pirates are revered as the ultimate goal of creation which every Pastafarian holds as a shining example. The mere existence of Pirates helps prevent natural disasters and global warming.

The Noodle Dance is a complex religious dance associated with the Holy Noodle Ceremony. Although the dance has evolved since ancient times, it still requires years of study to master.

There have been many standard prayers chanted for the rejoicing and blessing of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The Noodles Prayer is the most common prayer, as dictated by the prophet Ragu: "Our saucer which art in a colander, draining be Your noodles. Thy noodle come, Thy meatballness be done on earth, as it is meaty in heaven. Give us this day our daily sauce, and forgive us our lack of piracy, as we pirate and smuggle against those who lack piracy with us. And lead us not into vegetarianism, but deliver us from non-red meat sauce. For thine is the colander, the noodle, and the sauce, forever and ever. R'Amen. "

The Hail Meatsauce prayer is usually recited in retribution for consumption of any sauce other than red meat sauce.

The most important book to Pastafarians is the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

❖ CHURCH OF THE SUBGENIUS

The Church of the SubGenius is a parody religion that satirizes better-known belief systems. It teaches a complex philosophy that focuses on J. R. "Bob" Dobbs, purportedly a salesman from the 1950s, who is revered as a prophet by the Church. SubGenius leaders have developed detailed narratives about Dobbs and his relationship to various gods and conspiracies. Their central deity, Jehovah 1, is accompanied by other gods drawn from ancient mythology and popular fiction. SubGenius literature describes a grand conspiracy that seeks to brainwash the world and oppress Dobbs' followers. In its narratives, the Church presents a blend of cultural references in an elaborate remix of the sources.

The Church of the SubGenius' ostensible beliefs defy categorization or a simple narrative, often striking outside observers as bizarre and convoluted. The group has developed an intricate mythology involving gods, aliens, and mutants, which is usually considered by observers to satirize other religions. Their primary deity, generally known as Jehovah 1, is cast as an extraterrestrial, who contacted Dobbs in the 1950s.

Jehovah 1 and his spouse Eris, regarded by the Church as "relatively evil", are classified as "rebel gods". SubGenius leaders note that Jehovah 1 is wrathful, a quality expressed by his "stark fist of removal". The Church teaches that they are part of the Elder Gods, who are committed to human pain, but that Jehovah 1 is "relatively good" in comparison.

SubGenius leaders teach that Dobbs' nature is ineffable and consequently stylize his name with quotation marks. They cast him as a "World Avatar" and hold that he has died and been reborn many times. The Church's primary symbol is an icon of his face in which he smokes a pipe.

All SubGenii are required to listen to Devo and to wear silly hats.

Fundamental to the operation and well-being of a SubGenius body is an intangible substance known as "Slack". Slack exists on a continuum with Pink at the opposite end.

❖ DINKOISM



Dinkan, the supermouse God in dinkoism

Dinkoism or the Dinkoist religion, is a parody religion and a social movement that emerged and evolved on social networks organized by independent welfare groups in the Indian state of Kerala.

The religion purports to worship the great Dinkan, a comic book creation. Dinkoists celebrate the fictional mouse character as their God for the supposed purpose of exposing the fallacies and practices of traditional religions. Dinkan is a comic superhero mouse which appeared in 1983 in a no-longer active children's magazine Balamangalam.

Dinkoism is an open religion, anyone can join, they don't have any rules to be followed,

they don't have caste based racism or reservations either.

Dinkan won't:

Listen to your prayers

Help you in hard situations

Create fear in you

Heal your diseases

Hate you

Dinkoism is totally a women-friendly religion, women's and girls can wear anything, do anything and live the way they wanted.

No restrictions, no matter what weird thing you do, the lord Dinkan doesn't have much time to creep into your personal life.

Racism is not a part of Dinkamatham, you can study what you want, go reach the heights of your dreams, marry at the age you want, do things which are totally restricted for girls and women.

Dinkoism asserts that Dinkan is the One True God and the only Path to Salvation; and that all other gods are false.

Dinkoism has all the trappings of the organised religions it parodies – a holy book, devotional songs, priests, faith healers, symbols and even a militant arm to counter attacks from other religions. The idea is to expose the absurdity of most religious beliefs through exaggeration.

Besides Balamangalam, Dinkoists have another holy book called the Dinkapuranam. Here, Dinkoists attempt to use science to counter superstitious beliefs and the irrational teachings of other religions.

Dinkoists are especially outspoken against godmen and practices like faith healing, polygamy, child marriage, patriarchy and oppression of women never mind the fact that that Dinkan is a male deity following in the patriarchal tradition of most major world religions.

❖ KIBOLOGY

Kibology is a parody religion, named after Kibo, the central figure. Practitioners of Kibology are called Kibologists or (sometimes more disdainfully) Kibozos.

James "Kibo" Parry and his friends began Kibology about 1989 at the suggestion of Mark Jason Dominus.

❖ IGLESIA MARADONINA (CHURCH OF MARADONA)



The Iglesia Maradoniana (English: Church of Maradona) is a religion, created by fans of the retired Argentine football player Diego Maradona, who they believe to be the best player of all time.

The Iglesia was founded on October 30, 1998 (Maradona's 38th birthday) in the city of Rosario, Argentina.

It could be seen as a type of syncretism or as a religion, depending on what religious definition one chooses to use.

Supporters of the Maradonian Church, supposedly from all parts of the world, count the years since Maradona's birth in 1960.

The "Ten Commandments" of the Iglesia Maradoniana are:

1. The ball is never soiled.
2. Love football above all else.
3. Declare unconditional love for Diego and the beauty of football.
4. Defend the Argentina shirt.
5. Spread the news of Diego's miracles throughout the universe.
6. Honour the temples where he played and his sacred shirts.
7. Don't proclaim Diego as a member of any single team.
8. Preach and spread the principles of the Church of Maradona.
9. Make Diego your middle name.
10. Name your first son Diego.

The "Lord's Prayer" of the Iglesia Maradoniana is called "Our Diego", and is as follows: "Our Diego, who is on the pitches, Hallowed be thy left foot, bring us your magic. Make your goals remembered on earth as in heaven, Give us some magic every day, forgive the English squad, as we have forgiven the Napolitan Mafia, Don't let yourself get caught offside and free us from Havelange and Pelé. Diego."

It is popular among the followers of this religion the use of the neo-Tetragrammaton D10S as one of the names of Maradona: D10S is a portmanteau word which fuses 10 (diez in Spanish), Maradona's shirt number, and dios, the Spanish word for god.

The Iglesia Maradoniana meets twice a year, once to celebrate the birth of Maradona on Maradona Christmas, and another for Maradona Easter, the date that the Argentinian team beat England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals with the goal from Maradona known as the infamous 'Hand of God'

❖ DUDEISM



Dudeist logo

Dudeism is a religion, philosophy, or lifestyle inspired by "The Dude", the protagonist of the Coen Brothers' 1998 film *The Big Lebowski*. Dudeism's stated primary objective is to promote a modern form of Chinese Taoism, outlined in *Tao Te Ching* by Laozi (6th century BC), blended with concepts from the Ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus (341–270 BC), and presented in a style as personified by the character of Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski, a fictional character portrayed by Jeff Bridges in the film. Dudeism has sometimes been regarded as a mock religion due to its use of comedic film references and occasional criticism of religion in its traditional sense.

March 6 is the annual sacred high holy day of Dudeism: The Day of the Dude.

Dudeism's official organizational name is The Church of the Latter-Day Dude. An estimated 450,000 Dudeist Priests have been ordained worldwide as of May 2017 and marriages have been officiated legally by Dudeist clergy in some US states.

The Dudeist belief system is essentially a modernized form of Taoism stripped of all of its metaphysical and medical doctrines. Dudeism advocates and encourages the practice of "going with the flow", "being cool headed", and "taking it easy" in the face of life's difficulties, believing that this is the only way to live in harmony with our inner nature and the challenges of interacting with other people. It also aims to assuage feelings of inadequacy that arise in societies which place a heavy emphasis on achievement and personal fortune. Consequently, simple everyday pleasures like bathing, bowling, and hanging out with friends are seen as far preferable to the accumulation of wealth and the spending of money as a means to achieve happiness and spiritual fulfillment.

www.dudeism.org/ - look funny

❖ INVISIBLE PINK UNIKORN



The Invisible Pink Unicorn (IPU) is the goddess of a parody religion used to satirize theistic beliefs, taking the form of a unicorn that is paradoxically both invisible and pink. She is a rhetorical illustration used by atheists and other religious skeptics as a contemporary version of Russell's teapot, sometimes mentioned in conjunction with the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The IPU is used to argue that supernatural beliefs are arbitrary by, for example, replacing the word God in any theistic statement with Invisible Pink Unicorn. The mutually exclusive attributes of pinkness and invisibility, coupled with the inability to disprove the IPU's existence, satirize properties that some theists attribute to a theistic deity.

The Invisible Pink Unicorn is both invisible and pink, a deliberate contradiction which forms the basis of the entire religion. Some claim that the IPU is only truly invisible to non-believers, while others claim that this is simply wishful thinking mixed with hallucinations. Some say that the IPU looks invisible, but feels pink, while others say that she is pink but impossible to look at.

Holy Days - All holy days of all religions are considered to be holy days by the IPU. Special importance is placed upon 1 April, which should be set aside as a day for spreading the word of the IPU.

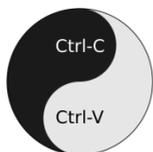
42 - The IPU's followers generally agree that the number 42 has some sort of significance.

Socks - The laundry room is the shrine of the IPU, and some believers may be blessed by 'visitations in their laundry', while others may find that the IPU has left holes in their socks with her horn.

Epithets - Followers of the IPU will often include phrases such as 'Peace Be Unto Her', 'Blessed Be Her Holy Hooves' and 'May Her Hooves Never Be Shod', sometimes abbreviated as acronyms, after the IPU's name.

Dislike of Theists and Non-Believers - The IPU is said to cast theists and those who don't believe in her into the Great Pile of Manure, where dwarves will nibble at their kneecaps and the Purple Oyster will force-feed them pepperoni and mushroom pizzas.

❖ KOPIMISM



The Missionary Church of Kopimism (in Swedish Missionerande Kopimistsamfundet), is a congregation of file sharers who believe that copying information is a sacred virtue and was founded by a 19-year-old philosophy student Isak Gerson and Gustav Nipe in Uppsala, Sweden in the autumn of 2010.

The Church, based in Sweden, has been officially recognized by the Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency as a religious community in January 2012, after three application attempts.

The followers of the religion are called Kopimists from copy me. A "Kopimist" or "Kopimist intellectual" is a person who has the philosophical belief that all information should be freely distributed and unrestricted. This philosophy opposes the monopolization of knowledge in all its forms, such as copyright, and encourages file sharing of all types of media including music, movies, TV shows, and software.

According to the church, "In our belief, communication is sacred."

No belief in gods or supernatural phenomena apart from Kopimi itself is mentioned on their web site. CTRL+C and CTRL+V, the common computer shortcut keys for "Copy" and "Paste," are considered sacred symbols. Some groups believe that Kopimi is considered to be a god, and others believing it to be a sacred symbol and spirit residing within every living being.

The community also holds a religious service known as "kopyacting" in which information is distributed to the believers using photocopiers.

On April 28, 2012, the Missionary Church of Kopimism held their first wedding. The wedding took place in Belgrade, Serbia, between a Romanian woman and an Italian man. The holy ceremony was conducted by a Kopimistic Op, wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, while a computer read vows and some of Kopimism's central beliefs aloud.

In Kopimism belief, communication is sacred. Communication needs to be respected. It is a direct sin to monitor and eavesdrop on people.

The absolute secrecy is holy in the church of kopimism.

Official in-person meetings must happen in places free of anti-Kopimist monitoring and in spaces with the Kopimist symbol—a pyramid with the letter K inside. To be initiated new parishioners must share the Kopimist symbol and say the sacred words "copied and seeded."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYAiZ-L4gXg>

❖ CULT OF KEK

"Esoteric Kekism" or the Cult of Kek, is a term for the parody religion of worshipping Pepe the Frog, which sprung from the similarity of the slang term for laughter, "kek," and the name of the ancient Egyptian frog god of darkness, Kek. This deity, in turn, was associated with Pepe the Frog on internet forums.

Kek, in the alt-right's telling, is the "deity" of the semi-ironic "religion" the white nationalist movement has created for itself online – partly for amusement, as a way to troll liberals and self-righteous conservatives both, and to make a kind of political point. He is a god of chaos and darkness, with the head of a frog, the source of their memetic "magic," to whom the alt-right and Donald Trump owe their success, according to their own explanations.

Constructed to reflect alt-right politics, the online acolytes of the "religion" in short order constructed a whole panoply of artifacts of the satirical church, including a detailed theology, discussions about creating "meme magick," books and audio tapes, even a common prayer.

❖ **BOKONONISM**

A fictional religion from Kurt Vonnegut's novel *Cat's Cradle*, which promotes harmless comforting lies called foma. Its principal text, *The Books of Bokonon*, is a parody of the New Testament. Many of the sacred texts of Bokononism were written in the form of calypsos. Bokononism is based on the concept of foma, which are defined as harmless untruths. A foundation of Bokononism is that the religion, including its texts, is formed entirely of lies; however, one who believes and adheres to these lies will have peace of mind, and perhaps live a good life.

❖ **LANDOVER BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Landover Baptist Church is a satirical parody website based around a fake fundamentalist Baptist church. The church is a parody of fundamentalist, Independent Baptist churches and Biblical literalism, and originated as a satire of Liberty University. Has strong opinions against Jews, Democrats, Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Liberals, poor people, homosexuals, television, blacks, the French, pagans, atheists, and Cat Stevens.

Believes Pixar is an evil propaganda machine controlled by homosexuals.

The church makes most of its profits from website hits and selling "What would Jesus do?" thongs.

❖ **LAST THURSDAYISM**

Followers of Last Thursdayism, members of The Church of Last Thursday, believe:

- that the universe was created on Thursday, and will expire on Thursday.
- that the universe was created by You as a test for yourself.
- that you will be rewarded or punished when this universe expires based on your actions here.
- that left-handedness is a sinful temptation.
- that everyone but you was placed here and pre-programmed to act as parts of your test environment.
- that everyone but you knows this.

❖ DISCORDIANISM



Discordianism - Sacred Chao



Discordianism - Poe symbol



Apple of Discord

Discordianism is a paradigm based upon the book *Principia Discordia*, written by Greg Hill with Kerry Wendell Thornley in 1963, the two working under the pseudonyms Malaclypse the Younger and Omar Khayyam Ravenhurst. According to its primary historian (Adam Gorightly) Discordianism was founded as a parody religion. Many outside observers still regard Discordianism as a parody religion although some of its adherents may utilize it as a legitimate religion, or a metaphor for a governing philosophy.

The *Principia Discrdia*, if read literally, encourages the worship of Eris, a.k.a. Discordia, the goddess of chaos, or archetypes and or ideals associated with her.

The religion stresses the value of randomness, chaos, and disagreement. Among other things, the first rule of Discordianism is that there are no rules.

The *Principia Discordia* holds three core principles: the Aneristic (order) and the Eristic (disorder), and the notion that both are mere illusions. An argument presented by the text is that it is only by rejecting these principles that you can truly perceive reality as it is.

It is difficult to estimate the number of Discordians because they are not required to hold Discordianism as their only belief system, and because there is an encouragement to form schisms and cabals.

The foundational document of Discordianism is the *Principia Discordia*, fourth edition, written by Malaclypse the Younger, an alias of Greg Hill.

According to the *Principia Discordia*, “every single man, woman, and child on this Earth” is deemed a pope.

Included in the *Principia Discordia* is an official pope card that may be reproduced and distributed freely to anyone and everyone. Papacy, however, is not granted through possession of this card; it merely informs people that they are “a genuine and authorized Pope” of Discordia.

Operation Mindfuck is an important practice in the Discordian religion. The concept was developed by Kerry Thornley and Robert Anton Wilson in 1968 and given its name by Wilson and Robert Shea in *The Illuminatus! Trilogy*.

Discordianism, worship of the goddess Eris Discordia.

❖ TARVUISM



Tarvu logo

A spoof religion that British comedians Peter Serafinowicz and Robert Popper invented for the television show, *Look Around You*, that parodied instructional religious videos such as those of Scientologists and Christians.

WHAT IS TARVUISM?

Tarvuism is a world religion that is over 3000 years old. It holds that is one God – Tarvu – who created the two universes – Universe A and Universe B. We live in Universe B. Tarvuism is one of the oldest and largest monotheistic religion in the world.

Tarvuism is based on the principles laid out in the holy Tarvunian book, *The Tarvunty*.

WHO IS TARVUIST?

Tarvuists believe that Tarvu is the one true God. After creating the universe, Tarvu came to Earth as a baby boy over 3000 years ago. After swimming in the ocean for 9 years with the holy octopus, Oobu, Tarvu came dry land and entered the city of Baalb. It is unclear exactly where Baalb lay. Most scholars believe it lay between Turkey and Ethiopia. Tarvu lived and worked in this region, as a breadmaker, and later as a local government officer. He helped a lot of people in charitable work and was an expert on irrigation. Tarvu kept it secret that he was Lord God until he was 21. At his birthday party held in the Mun-Mun Valley, he announced himself as the true Deity. This is known as the "Unveiling of Tarvu", and is celebrated each year on December 25th as Tarvus's Day. From here, his followers spread all around the world.

WHAT DO TARVUISTS BELIEVE?

The beliefs of Tarvuism are many and complex, but in essence, the religion can be reduced to just two words, "Be nice".

HOLY ANIMALS

Octopuses are holy animals. Owls are also holy but not as holy as octopuses.

DIETARY LAWS

It is forbidden to eat calamari in any form. Or to drink sparkling water. Because the bubbles can often spell out blasphemous or rude phrases in Octish. Some Tarvuists do not eat bread.

On the two holy days of the week, religious Tarvuists eat orange colored food is often eaten: for example carrots, cheddar cheese, mandarins, pumpkin, tangerine, sweet potato, egg yolks, and oranges.

CLOTHING

Tarvuists wear whatever they want. However woman tend to wear neck ties. Priestmunties

(Tarvuist priests) wear gowns.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is holy in Tarvuism. It is traditional for women propose to man. In some cultures gay marriage is a new concept, in Tarvuism it has been going for thousand of years.

WORSHIP

Tarvunist temples are known as "CHABERNACKLES". Tarvunists go to Temple every Tuesday (Tarvusday) and Thursday (Tharvusday). Tarvunists read from the holy book The Tarvunty, sing hymns and also carry out private prayer in the fom of songs, knows as psongs which are sung silently inside the person's head.

CHILDREN

Children are valued in Tarvuism. At the age of 9 evry Tarvunist boy or girl has an initiation ceremony called an Erbuniatum which marks the age at which Tarvu stepped onto dry land. During this they bake a special cake, called an Erbunty roundling out of, which is given to the priest who must eat all without sipping any wother. If he does, there will be bad luck for all the family.

AFTERLIFE

Tarvunists believe that when you die, your soul spends 9 years in the oceans. If you survive, spiritually, you are allowed to go to Tarvupia. Tarvunists believe that Tarvupia is a giant sphere that is longer than the universe itself. It is made up of infinity-minus-one concentric circles, each one leading, eventually to Tarvu (who is positioned at the centre).

FESTIVALS

There are many joyous festivals in Tarvunist. The holiest day in the Tarvunian calendar is December 25th in which we mark the day that Tarvu revealed himself to all mankind. The days is knows as "Tarvu's Day". Tarvunists go to temple, come home, sleep, then get up, sleep again, then have a late lunch with lots of dancing and giving of presents.

Faces of the Brave is a rite observed by many tarvunians in impoverished areas of the world and is still widely performed.

ATTITUDE TO OTHER RELIGIONS

Tarvunists preaches harmony between all religion (except Barvuism)

❖ JEDIISM



Temple of the Jedi order



Church of Jediism – Symbol

Jediism (or Jedism) is a philosophy mainly based on the depiction of the Jedi characters in Star Wars media.

Jediism attracted public attention in 2001 when a number of people recorded their religion as "Jedi" on national censuses. In several Commonwealth countries as 1.5% of the New Zealand, 0.37% of the Australia and 0.7% of the UK population stated their religion as Jedi in the official census. Jediism is inspired by certain elements of Star Wars, namely the fictional religion of the Jedi. Early websites dedicated to bringing up a belief system from the Star Wars films were "The Jedi Religion and regulations" and "Jediism". These

websites cited the Jedi code, consisting of 21 maxims, as the starting point for a "real Jedi" belief system.

The real-world Jediism movement has no founder or central structure.

Although followers of Jediism acknowledge the influence of Star Wars on their religion, by following the moral and spiritual codes demonstrated by the fictional Jedi, they also insist their path is different from that of the fictional characters and that Jediism does not focus on the myth and fiction found in Star Wars.

The Jedi follow the "16 teachings" based on the presentation of the fictional Jedi, such as "Jedi are mindful of the negative emotions which lead to the Dark Side" and "Jedi are guardians of peace and justice".[8] Adherents also follow "21 maxims".

Jedi Religion, or Jediism, continues to be an incredibly decentralized system of belief. While various groups have sprung up to teach it to others, there remains a large amount of variance between individual Jedi and multiple Jedi organizations.

Jedi teachings are generally considered suggestions and guides rather than rules. This often brings about different approaches to the teachings among various groups. None are necessarily viewed as improper or incorrect.

Central to all Jedi beliefs is the existence of the Force, an impersonal energy flowing throughout the universe.

The Force may be equated to other religions' and cultures' beliefs such as the Indian prana, the Chinese qi, the Daoist dao, and the Christian Holy Spirit.

Followers of Jediism also follow The Jedi Code, which promotes peace, knowledge, and serenity.

There are also 33 Jedi Teachings To Live By, which further define the effects of the Force and guides Jedi on basic practices. Most of these are rather practical and positive, focusing on mindfulness and insight.

Several online churches, temples, academies, and charitable institutions have formed around the world affiliated with the Jedi religion.

There is no reason to give up your beliefs in order to become a Jedi. Jediism does not restrict your prayers, practices, diet, or even prescribed clothing for your religion. There is no conflict.

While Jediism is not for everyone, it restricts who can be a Jedi by your training, your strength of character, your growth, and your goodness. It does not restrict by religion any more than by the circumstances of your birth.

Jediism does not require prayer, worship, or other such actions as some other religions might. Instead of ceremonies, members of Jediism share common beliefs and ideals.

❖ MATRIXISM, OR THE PATH OF THE ONE

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Matrixism – Symbol

A new religious movement inspired by the 1999 movie *The Matrix*. It appeared online in 2004. The adherents claim belief in a multilayered subjective reality and await the return of their prophet, the One.

Matrixism is a syncretic religion (a religion that joins together all religion). The words "the matrix" are seen in a Bahá'í book from the year 1912 named "The Promulgation (starting) of Universal (complete international) Peace. Matrixism uses this fact to make connection to the history of world religion but the three *Matrix* motion Pictures are Matrixism's Bible.

TENETS

Matrixism carries with it four main beliefs that are described as "The Four Tenets of Matrixism". Briefly these are: 1. belief in the prophecy of the One; 2. acceptance of the use of psychedelics as sacrament; 3. recognition of the semi-subjective multi-layered nature of reality; 4. adherence to the principles of one or more of the world's religions until such time as the One returns.

The Matrixism website singles out April 19 as a holiday - otherwise known as Bicycle Day, April 19 marks the anniversary of Albert Hofmann's 1943 experiment with LSD.

SYMBOLOLOGY

The adopted symbol for Matrixism is the Japanese kanji symbol for "red". This symbol was used in the video game *Enter the Matrix*. The color is a reference to the red pill, which represents an acceptance of and ability to see truth, as established early in the first *Matrix* film.

RITUALS

There are few rituals associated with Matrixism save for the taking of it's sacrament and the hacking of its code back the sacred text of our religion.

❖ OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL EXEMPTION

Our Lady of Perpetual Exemption was a legally recognized church in the United States, established by comedian and satirist John Oliver. Its purpose was to expose and ridicule televangelists like Robert Tilton and Creflo Dollar who preach the "prosperity gospel" as a way to defraud victims of their money, and to draw attention to the tax-exempt status given churches and charities with little government oversight. Oliver announced formation of his church on August 16, 2015, in a twenty-minute segment on his show *Last Week Tonight*.

Oliver announced that the Church would be shutting down during his show on September 13, 2015. All donations were forwarded to Doctors Without Borders.

❖ **FIRST CHURCH OF THE LAST LAUGH**

The spoof religion behind the annual Saint Stupid's Day Parade in San Francisco.

❖ **EVENTUALISM**

A satire on Scientology-like religions which appeared in the movie Schizopolis.

❖ **THE BLACK CULT OF CHEESE**

