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Founded in 1980, Info-Cult is a non-profit charitable organization that helps people concerned or interested about cults, new religious movements and related phenomena.

Our services include :

an information and assistance phone line, consultation, research, conferences, documentation centre and an internet site.

News from Info-Cult

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In the past Info-Cult sent out a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to encourage people who are considering donating to a cause to Give but Give Wisely. Since we continue to get calls concerning organizations soliciting the public and their members for donations and other forms of support we thought it timely to reinstitute this idea.

This PSA has been sent out as a press release to the media throughout Canada in English and French and has been posted on our website. If you are outside the country please feel free to pass it on or use it for your organization. A PDF version of this announcement can be found on our website at:

http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/GIVE_BUT_GIVE_WISELY.pdf

GIVE BUT GIVE WISELY

These days there are numerous appeals for money from people representing all kinds of seemingly worthy causes. You may be approached for a donation at home or on the street, by phone, mail or email. Whether or not the organization seems familiar to you, we encourage you to take the time to ensure that the cause you are contributing to exists and is carrying out the activities they are publicizing.

Also, if you are a member of a religious, social or other community organization, you may be asked by the leaders to donate or invest your money. As a member, it is very likely that you have faith in your organization and its leadership, otherwise you wouldn't be involved. However, groups are like people - they can change over time so don't be afraid about asking questions.

If you feel uncertain about a decision you have to make, put it off until you have enough information and time to think about it. Don't hesitate to call your local authorities or well known groups to make sure the people asking you for money are authorized to do so by the group they claim to be representing.

You'll feel better knowing that your commitment and generosity is directed to those who deserve it. This Public Service Announcement is sponsored by **Info-Cult**.

If you have any questions we can be reached at:

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International Conference 2011

July 7 – 9, 2011 ~ Barcelona, Spain, International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) Annual International Conference

Sessions will be held in English and Spanish

This conference is organized jointly with Atención e Investigación de Socioadicciones (AIS) of Barcelona in collaboration with Info-Cult/Info-Secte and the **University of Barcelona**

Conference Information can be found here:

http://www.icsahome.com/infoserv_respond/event_conferences_workshops.asp

Info-Cult E-mail information lists (English and French)

Info-Cult's **free** email service allows those interested to receive articles on cults, new religious movements and related subjects, announcements of upcoming conferences, television programs and updates about Info-Cult.

To subscribe **to either or both language lists**, email us at infosecte@qc.aibn.com

NOTE : The information sent on the English and French lists are mostly different



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