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Since Info-Cult began serving the community in 1980, we have received tens of thousands of inquiries from friends, families and others concerned about the involvement of someone in a harmful and extreme group. As the only organization of its kind in Quebec, Info-Cult is an important and vital resource for those looking for information and ways to help a loved one involved in a high control group. It is not an easy task. There is no magic solution or simple recipe that we can offer. However, we can provide the necessary assistance to help reestablish contact and work towards a solution favorable to all parties. Every phone call and face-to-face meeting requires a considerable amount of time, but this is what we have been doing since the day Info-Cult opened its doors, and this is what we will continue to do in the future, which is to help all those who reach out to us.

Info-Cult remains the only center of its kind in with an expertise on cults.

As a unique organization dealing with cults, new religious movements, as well as with marginal and extreme groups, Info-Cult receives a broad range of requests from diverse sectors of society. The majority of inquiries are from families, friends or colleagues concerned about someone close to them who has undergone a dramatic change since becoming a member of a group. They are looking to understand how and why this change has occurred and what they can do.

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The 2017 International ICSA Conference 2017 in Bordeaux, France, June 29 to July 1st (preconference workshops June 28) will soon take place.

The International Cultic Studies Association (**ICSA**) organizes its Annual International 2017 Conference with **Info-Secte/Info-Cult** of Montreal and **SFRAEM** (*Société Française de Recherche et d'Analyse de l'Emprise Mentale*).

Theme: **Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization**

Information on the Conference:

<http://www.icsahome.com/events/conferenceannual>

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Bordeaux, France
Site of the 2017 ICSA International
Conference

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Since its beginning in 1980, Info-Cult remains the only center of its kind in Québec.

Many individuals and organizations contact Info-Cult for information and advice they cannot find anywhere else.

They include:

- Former members wanting to talk to someone who can relate to what they went through. They are often looking for a support group or for a mental health or legal professional
- Politicians interested in knowing about a group that has invited them to a meeting or offering to support them
- Social workers from youth protection who are dealing with a case involving a minority religious group and allegations of abuse. They are often seeking information about the group and/or ideas on how best to proceed.
- Law enforcement officers concerned about a group they believe is a cult.
- Schools officials and teachers concerned about a student's involvement with an unknown group. They are often seeking information and guidance on what to do
- Religious communities and community organization that are approached by an unfamiliar group to rent a space in their facility

The range of requests is as diverse as those contacting us. The requests we get can be about religious-based groups, but also about channellers, healers, voodoo, yoga, meditation as well as political, extraterrestrial, pagan, and conspiracy theories.

These days, the public focus seems to be on radicalization. Specifically, there is a real need to know why people join, or are recruited into, extremist groups. The connection is often made between radicalization and cults, with a common feature being a search for meaning. Bright and idealistic, many young people have lost confidence in society's traditional institutions, and want to contribute to making the world a better place.

We need to understand that those who are more vulnerable to the appeal of marginal and extremist groups are often going through a transition period, or they need an authority figure to tell them what to do. Feeling alone and adrift, they may also be looking for a sense of belonging to a group, where they feel special and part of a chosen elite.

Indeed, one of the most important educational initiatives of Info-Cult since its inception over 37 years ago, is to deepen our understanding of why people join marginal and extremist groups, how they are recruited, and how these groups function, evolve over time, and the role played by its leaders.

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Although Info-Cult is often viewed solely as a front-line service responding to the requests for help and information, the center also collaborates with the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) in organizing annual international conferences. These conferences encourage a wide range of viewpoints. Attendees and speakers come from around the world and include academicians, researchers, mental health professionals, former and current group members, family members, clergy, educators, and many more. This international network has greatly enhanced Info-Cult's ability to be up-to-date with the most recent developments in the field.

Info-Cult continually adds to its unique library collection. The library is open to the public and its new acquisitions are updated on our website, FACEBOOK page and in our newsletters.

Despite Info-Cult's skeleton staff, we are involved in a broad range of activities, as described above, and we are recognized internationally for our work.

As we enter our 38th year of providing unique and very sought-after services to the public, we want to emphasize that what we have accomplished so far, and what we can hope to achieve in the future, is only possible thanks to all the individuals, groups, organizations and institutions that continue to support us in our mission. They include the many volunteers, who offer their time and expertise. We are truly appreciative of all their support.

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Info-Cult's Web Site

Different pages on our website are updated on an ongoing basis and a number of documents and programs are available in their entirety. For example:

Governmental Reports

This page <http://infosecte.org/ic-gov.html> provides a range of government studies and reports, legal decisions and other documents from **20** countries and the Council of Europe.

Publications and Documents by Info-Cult and Colleagues

Recent additions are available in their entirety at:
<http://infosecte.org/ICPubs.htm>

Bookmark our site: www.infocult.org and keep up to date

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Library Collection

Info-Cult's library has acquired a vast quantity of materials on "cults", "new religious movements" and related groups and subjects.

The documentation centre is the largest of its kind in North America and houses, thousands of files, more than 1,200 programs on audio/video cassettes, journals, newsletters, government and legal documents, academic reports, journals and thousands of books principally in English and French with a smaller collection of documents in Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and German. The collection spans critical and group generated information and other materials which are obtained from sources around the world.

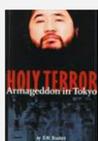


New Acquisitions

Here we provide the complete list of acquisitions that have been added to our library since the last list we provided.

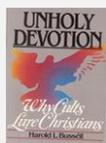
The combined list which includes the library acquisitions since 1999 can be found here: <http://infosecte.org/ic-selacq.html>.

If you would like to know about the rest of our collection (journals, newsletters, file, videos, etc...) please contact us. Additional information on these acquisitions can be found on our web site at: www.infocult.org. See: Info-Cult's Library Collection.



Books

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Weatherhill
C1995, New York



Bussell, Harold L.
[*Unholy Devotion: Why Cults Lure Christians*](#)
Zondervan Publishing House
C1983, Grand Rapids



Colombo, Furio
[*God in America: Religion and Politics in the United States*](#)
Columbia University Press
C1984, New York



Da, Rahul Peter, Editor
[*The Rival Positions in the IRM-GBC Controversy within ISKCON*](#) [whole text online]
Authorised Statement by Krishnakant Desai and Christopher Shannon
Institut für Indologie und Sudasienwissenschaften
2006, Halle (Saale)

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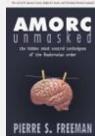
DeCamp, John W.
[*The Franklin Cover-Up: Child Abuse, Satanism, and Murder in Nebraska*](#)
 AWT Inc.
 C1992



Erdely, Jorge
[*La explotación de la Fe : Pastores que abusan sexual y economicamente*](#)
 Ediciones B
 C2008, Mexico, D.F.



Ederly, Jorge, Editor
[*Sectas Destructivas: Un Analisis Cientifico*](#)
 Publicaciones para el estudio científico de las religions
 C2003, Ciudad de Mexico



Freeman, Pierre S.
<http://www.wheatmark.com/catalog/amorc-unmasked/>
[*AMORC Unmasked: The Hidden Mind Control Techniques of the Rosicrucian Order*](#)
 Wheatmark
 C2010, Tucson



Hanssens, Vincent
[*De l'emprise à la liberté: Dérives sectaires au sein de l'Église, témoignages et réflexion*](#)
 Éditions Mols
 C2017, Belgique



Huddle, John
[*Locked In: My Imprisoned Years in a Destructive Cult*](#)
 Survivor Publishing, LLC
 C2015, Marion

Johnson, Edwin Clark
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 William Morrow and Company Inc.
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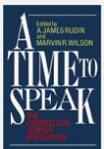
Kahl, Joachim
[*The Misery of Christianity: A Plea for Humanity without God*](#)
 Penquin Books
 C1971, Harmondworth



Many, Nancy
[*My Million Year Contract: Memoir of a Former Scientologist*](#)
 CNM Publishing
 C2009



Oropeza, B.J.
[*99 Reasons Why No One Knows When Christ Will Return*](#)
 Intervarsity Press
 C1994, Downers Grove



Rudin, James A. & Marvin R. Wilson, Edited by
[*A Time to Speak: The Evangelical-Jewish Encounter*](#)
 William B Eerdmans Publishing Company & Center for Judaic-Christian Studies
 C1987, Grand Rapids & Austin

York, Michael
[*The Emerging network: A Sociology of the New Age and Neo-Pagan Movements*](#)
 Rowman and Littlefield Publisher
 C1995. Lanham

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Info-Cult E-mail Information Lists (English and French)

Info-Cult's **free email service** offers subscribers: articles on cults, new religious movements and related subjects, announcements of upcoming conferences, television programs and updates about Info-Cult. For more information about this service:

http://infosecte.org/Options_EN.html



Info-Cult's videos can be accessed on our YouTube page:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/infosecte>

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<https://www.canadahelps.org/services/wa/dnm/en/#/page/16231>

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