



News from **Info-Cult**

Second Generation Former Members

A primary service of Info-Cult's is the direct assistance that we provide. We receive a variety of requests during the course of a year. Besides concerned family members, students wanting information for a project, people checking out a group before joining, the media, religious and community groups, and others, a new category of caller has been on the increase over the last few years.

These are former group members who were born or raised in high demand groups. These Second Generation Former Members in contrast to other former members have no previous non-group identity and the problems they face often vary considerably from other former members. More time is required in providing them with support and assistance in helping them integrate into a world that in most cases is foreign to them. We encourage them to seek professional help in dealing with the emotional, psychological, and financial problems they face. Major obstacles for most former members include: few professionals knowledgeable about their specific predicament, there are costs involved and they have little or no money, they have minimal marketable skills and often no support network.

Web site

Info-Cult has recently added a search engine to our site. Our site has grown over the years and the search engine facilitates finding information on groups or subjects that our site contains.

Reminder: To remain up to date, visit our site on a regular basis.

Info-Cult's Book: *The Cult Phenomenon: How Groups Function*

The English version of Info-Cult's book *Le Phénomène des sectes: L'étude du fonctionnement des groupes* was launched in March and like the French version is available in print format and also at no charge in PDF and HTML formats from our website

Education and Awareness

- ◆ **"Lost Love" in the Controversy surrounding "Big Love"** an article written by Mike Kropveld and Michael Langone that draws on the TV show Big Love (a HBO program about polygamy) and other recent events in the media about polygamy, to highlight both our organizations concerns about the emotional, psychological and other needs that former members of closed high intensity groups face once they leave or are kicked out.
- ◆ **Media appearances:** Info-Cult staff and volunteers are regularly approached by the media for background information or for interviews. Recent ones included:
TV: Canal D – Legendes Urbaines, CBC – National News and Radio-Canada, Tele-Journal.

Print: Le Figaro. L'Express.

Radio: France-Inter, CHQR (Calgary), CJMS (Montreal)

**ICSA (International Cultic Studies Association) in collaboration with Info-Cult,
2007 International Conference in Brussels, Belgium - [Call for Papers](#)**

Info-Cult has for the last few years been involved in assisting in the organizing of ICSA conferences and will be collaborating more closely in the conference that is planned for Brussels, in 2007. Further details about the conference will be forthcoming and will be available on our website.

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