

A STATEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC ETHICS

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THE AUTHOR FINDS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO POST FROM TIME TO TIME A STATEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC ETHICS AS SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT, AND SCIENCE CHANGE AND EVOLVE.

AFFIRMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ETHICS:

(1) TO AFFIRM THAT ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO DO SCIENCE HAS THE INALIENABLE AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO PURSUE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, CREED, RELIGION, LANGUAGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANY OTHER ATTRIBUTES WHICH SERVE TO DISTINGUISH HUMAN BEINGS FROM ONE ANOTHER.

(2) TO AFFIRM THAT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS CONDITIONED UPON: (i) THE ABILITY OF THE PERSON TO TALK AND WRITE THE LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE, (ii) THE USE SUCH LANGUAGE TO LOGICALLY PURSUE INVESTIGATIONS, SUCH INVESTIGATIONS BEING BUILT UPON THE SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS AND EXPERIMENTS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT, (iii) THE COMMUNICATION OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS TO ALL OTHER SCIENTISTS BY PUBLISHING.

(3) TO AFFIRM NOT TO IGNORE FACTS WHEN PRESENTED WITH SUCH FACTS.

(4) TO AFFIRM (i) NOT TO PLAGIARIZE THE SCIENTIFIC WORK OF FELLOW SCIENTISTS FOR PURPOSES OF SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT, BUT TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. (ii) TO REJECT *INSTITUTIONALIZED PLAGIARISM* AGAINST THE MUCH SMALLER GROUP OF INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS (NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY INSTITUTION), WHO ARE GENERALLY UNABLE TO DEFEND THEIR DISCOVERIES AGAINST THE LARGER SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, WHERE THE MAJORITY OF SCIENCE IS CARRIED OUT. (iii) NOT TO CREATE ANY ARTIFICE WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO LIMIT THE PUBLISHING OF OR TO CREATE ANY SEGREGATION OF THE WORKS OF INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS. (iv) TO CONDEMN ANY ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT *PLAGIARISTIC SEARCHES* BY PUBLISHING COMPANIES, WHERE SUCH LIMITATIONS ARE BROUGHT ABOUT BY ONE COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER, DUE TO POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, OR MILITARISTIC INTRIGUES, THE PURPOSE OF SUCH LIMITATION BEING TO ELEVATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTISTS OF ONE COUNTRY AND TO REJECT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTISTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

(5) TO AFFIRM TO CONSTANTLY MAINTAIN HIGH MORAL PURPOSE AND INTEGRITY IN THE CONDUCT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; IN OTHER WORDS DON'T FAKE DATA IN ORDER TO SATISFY SOME GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL AGENDA.

(6) TO AFFIRM TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT TO SEEK TRUTH AT ALL TIMES.

(7) TO AFFIRM TO TRY AND MAINTAIN AT ALL TIMES A RECOGNITION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABSOLUTE TRUTH AND RELATIVE TRUTH INsofar AS HOW THESE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF TRUTH ARE RELEVANT TO THE SELF-MANAGEMENT/SELF-INDEPENDENCE OF SCIENCE.

(8) TO AFFIRM THAT SCIENTISTS HAVE THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE ANY AND ALL AVENUES WHICH THEY MAY CONSIDER AS LEADING TO ANY FACET CONCERNED WITH ABSOLUTE TRUTH.