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Venus Project donations? for what purpose?

I was thinking recently about the venus project and its website. it is clearly ridiculous that they have a unified store/donate page that encourages people to give money or buy dvd's. but then i was thinking more about the whole issue and a very interesting question came to mind.

when you donate to a charity you do it because you feel that you are helping people. its the same with most NPO's. you see an NPO that helps feed homeless people. so you think well that looks like something i would want to help with. and so

you promptly donate some money if you can and you feel like you've done at least one small thing. you also have financial transparency so you know where your money is going. you can see what the expenses were and how much money went on what and where. so its all well and good.

but then i thought to myself, hold on a second here, what does the venus project actually do. what reason is there for there to be this not for profit organisation. thats a term typically associated with charities and the like. so what do the venus project do. isnt what they do just a form of begging or scamming? if you donate money to the venus project what is this money used for. on their website it states that:

Donations are used to help promote the direction of Future By Design, the nonprofit sector of The Venus Project. www.TheVenusProject.com Supporters can make a quick and easy gift of cash. Donate online over our secure website. Future By Design is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Contributions to Future By Design are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

so am i the only one who's a little bit miffed by this. the donations are going towards supporting an advertising campaign? what is the reason for such a campaign to warrant free donations. its not as if they are putting food in peoples mouths! they are simply using the money to fund lecture tours from what i can tell! so how is this worthy in any way of being an NPO or making you feel like you should donate. when i donate to a charity i do it because i feel that suffering is wrong, and so i try and do what i can to help people who are doing a great job, out there every day worldwide, helping people. what reason is there for me to feel so emotional about the venus project that i need to buy a couple of plane tickets for Jacque fresco and his cohorts?

Am i the only one who simply does not understand what the purpose of this NPO actually is?

I know that they have a couple of for profit companies (information which is not easy to come accross for zeitgeisters) so why dont they fund their campaign with those profits. are we to believe that fresco is so deserving that he can make a profit to live

comfortably and furnish his lifestyle in sunny florida, and yet he also needs an NPO just to fund his advertising and lectures because he doesnt want to do it out of his own pocket?

who is going to take someone seriously who has no qualifications, wants to go around charging people for lectures around the world, but feels that he needs an NPO to fund the whole project rather than using his own profits!

This is simply outrageous!

~ by finaldrive163 on January 19, 2010.

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12 Responses to "Venus Project donations? for what purpose?"

1. It appears that most of these supporters dont want to address the fact Jacque Fresco is making a profit every year off his for profit business [Venus Project inc/global cybervisions], which is all his and roxannes to do with as they wish.

And in fact the supporters also don't mind working for free promoting his not for profit side [Future by Design npo] which I believe is just the modelling and video projects. Whose earnings give him tax free income to play with his models and make his movies with.

He doesn't have to spend any earnings of his profit side should he choose not to, because he has the not for profit monies to cover this.

Also it is worth considering the fact he now has free labour [volunteers] in his design team doing 3D modelling and artwork. Then he has all his fan club promoting and fundraising for his materials everywhere on the internet.

He has basically got the perfect business set up:

Free labour/Volunteers

Free promotion/Fundraising

An advertsing man in Peter Joseph who is targetting a market

Tax free income for the npo [\$28000 in 2008, will increase in 2009]

Other earnings from his private business [estimated \$120,000 annually]

A nice minimum priced \$650,000 patch of land complete with 9 buildings and lakes in a beautiful scluded area of Florida.

That sounds to me like a very sharp business man, and the followers of Jacque think its perfectly reasonable because he is a "humanitarian".

If this was any other person running an unproven theory, lets say like Rael & the Raelians for example, people would probably call it a cult or a scam. That is just how people would see it and generally do in public realms.

So the question is, what is being done that is humanitarian?

Is making movies, doing lectures, and telling stories about how things could be in the future now a humanitarian act?

anticultist said this on January 19, 2010 at 9:38 pm | Reply

2. Good blog, you should add more information about Peter Joseph as well as Fresco.

anon said this on February 10, 2010 at 7:37 am | Reply

3. Very true but we have to remember Peter Joseph is merely the Public Relations officer for the 'cult', Jacque Fresco is their guru.

But all information about both of them is useful in finding out more about their BS.

I guess we could also get more on Roxanne as well.

anticultist said this on February 10, 2010 at 3:25 pm | Reply

• I see Fresco as more of a figurehead kind of Guru.

anon said this on February 10, 2010 at 10:13 pm | Reply

4. http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f3949a.pdf

Print, fill out and mail to:

Internal Revenue Service Fresno, CA 93888

Anon said this on February 13, 2010 at 7:11 am | Reply

5. Because one of the companies does have the NPO label I would think sending in http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f3949a.pdf would be taken seriously.

Stonegoal said this on February 13, 2010 at 8:09 pm | Reply

6. The IRS is a nightmare these guys never dreamed of.

Anon said this on February 14, 2010 at 1:39 am | Reply

• When you live in a dreamland, I guess its innevitable that some day you will have a nightmare?

As far as this IRS matter goes, TVP have had years of appealing from members to deal with transparency, and they have refused and ignored every opportunity given to them.

If people decide they have had enough and deal with it in this way [IRS], then I for one would not think they were out of order for doing so.

At present I am suggesting recomending to everyone you know to boycott donating to them, boycott any free promotion of their materials, boycotting buying any of their materials, boycotting free labour, and mass emailing them to deal with the issues of their webpage and transparency.

Thats at least a step in the right direction.

anticultist said this on February 14, 2010 at 1:49 am | Reply

o I plan on it.

One of the costs of living in a civilized society is paying taxes. If an organization is presenting themselves as nonprofit when they really aren't, they are stealing from society.

Anon said this on February 14, 2010 at 2:09 am

7. I wanna add something. Everyone who leaves in the USA and donates the Venus project gets a beautiful tax exemption!:) Actually I believe that the monetary system works like the zeitgeist movies say but everything about the venus project is a scam for me. They remind me those people who lecture in the America about poverty and war orphans and they open their hands like they hug all the world's children but they just wanna steal your money..... And they say on zeitgeist: As far as money exist, corruption will exist! So why we should trust any NPO? Why we should trust the venus project? Who can tell us for sure that our money go where we want them to go?

karg said this on June 10, 2010 at 9:17 pm | Reply

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