

## News from Info-Cult

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On July 9th, the Quebec *Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse* made public their report on how the system handled child protection issues regarding Lev Tahor, the ultra-Orthodox Jewish group.

The report which can be found here:

([http://www.cdpdj.qc.ca/Publications/Lev\\_Tahor\\_rapport.pdf](http://www.cdpdj.qc.ca/Publications/Lev_Tahor_rapport.pdf)) noted several failures in how the system handled the case. In the report's recommendations it mentioned Info-Cult and that we should be involved in training those who would be involved in cultic situations, and that our organization receive the resources needed to carry out its mandate (Recommendation 2, p. 29)

Following the publication of the Commission's report, Info-Cult distributed the following press release.

#### Report on Lev Tahor

The recommendations in the report on how youth protection handled the case against Lev Tahor indicate government awareness of the necessity and urgency to act in this area. Info-Cult is the only organization of its kind in Quebec that provides information, analysis and assistance concerning high control and extremist groups and related subjects.

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#### Education

### 2016 Annual International ICSA Conference, Dallas, United States, June 30-July 2 (Pre-Conference workshops June 29th).

The [International Cultic Studies Association](http://www.icsahome.com) (ICSA) is conducting its 2016 Annual International Conference with [Info-Secte/Info-Cult](http://www.infosecte.org) of Montreal.

This year's theme is **Recovery From Cults and High-Control Groups**. There will be a track on the conference theme as well as tracks addressing the needs of mental health professionals, former members, researchers, families, and others.

**The deadline for the Call for Papers is on October 15, 2015.**

<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/2016CallForPapers.pdf>

For more information: <http://www.icsahome.com/events/conferenceannual>



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**International ICSA  
Conference 2016  
Dallas, Texas**

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Lev Tahor is not the first group nor sadly will it be the last where children will suffer at the hands of an authoritarian leadership and who will see their fundamental human rights ignored or denied.

In its 35 years of operation it, has dealt with similar problems where the well-being of children were involved.

Carolle Tremblay, Info-Cult's president and a lawyer in family law, has in her legal career dealt with families with children in high-control groups including Lev Tahor. She had this to say, "Lev Tahor is not the first group nor sadly will it be the last where children will suffer at the hands of an authoritarian leadership and who will see their fundamental human rights ignored or denied. It is time now to implement the recommendations in this report and to do it in a comprehensive manner that includes all relevant expertise from those in diverse fields".

Mike Kropveld, the founder and executive director of Info-Cult and court recognized expert, acknowledges that "cultic phenomena is ever-changing and it is not realistic nor reasonable to assume that those in youth protection and other related agencies will be at the forefront of knowledge in that area

Youth protection workers are experts in the area of child abuse and how to intervene when situations of that nature occur". The cult phenomenon is where Info-Cult has developed a unique expertise and has proven its vital role as a resource to all sectors of our society. Info-Cult has garnered a world-wide reputation and possesses the most recent knowledge in this field. Info-Cult is committed to take an active role in working collaboratively to prevent future human tragedies

Note: Original version of the press release in French can be found here:

<http://www.newswire.ca/fr/story/1569599/rapport-sur-lev-tahor>

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## Education

### 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://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-gov.html> provides a range of government studies and reports, legal decisions and other documents from 19 countries and the Council of Europe.

#### Publications and Documents by Info-Cult and Colleagues

Recent additions are available in their entirety at:  
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### New Acquisitions:

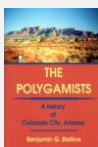
The combined list which includes the library acquisitions since 1999 can be found here: <http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-selacq.html>. If you would like to know about the rest of our collection (journals, newsletters, file, videos, etc...) please contact us. Additional information on these acquisitions can be found on our web site at: [www.infosecte.org](http://www.infosecte.org) See: Info-Cult's Library Collection.

## September 2015

### BOOKS



Anatrella, Tony  
[\*Développer la vie communautaire dans l'Église: L'exemple des Communautés nouvelles\*](#)  
L'Échelle de Jacob  
C2014, Dijon



Bistline, Benjamin  
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Ben Bistline & Associates  
C1998, Colorado City



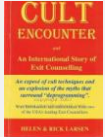
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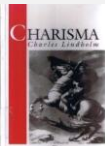
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[\*The Book Changer: The Life and Teachings of His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami\*](#)  
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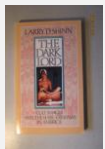
Larsen, Helen & Rick  
[\*Cult Encounter and An International Story of Exit Counselling: An exposé of cult techniques and an explosion of the myths that surround "deprogramming"\*](#)  
 Expo document Copy Center  
 C1997, Leederville, Western Australia



Lindholm, Charles  
[\*Charisma\*](#)  
 Blackwell  
 C1990, Oxford & Cambridge



Reed, David A.  
[\*How to Rescue Your Loved Ones from the Watch Tower\*](#)  
 Baker Book House  
 C1989, Grand Rapids



Shinn, Larry D.  
[\*The Dark Lord: Cult Images and the Hare Krishnas in America\*](#)  
 The Westminster Press  
 C1987, Philadelphia

### REPORTS



C.I.A.O.S.N (Centre d'information et d'avis sur les organisations sectaires nuisibles) -  
[\*Rapport d'activités 2013-2014\*](#) /  
 IACSSO (Informatie en adviescentrum inzake de schadelijke sektarische organisaties)

[\*ACTIVITEITENVERSLAG 2013-2014\*](#)  
 Bruxelles

### ACTS

China Anti-Cult Association & American Family foundation,  
***China-US Forum on Cults Issue***  
 March 2004

### BOOKLETS

ISKCON  
[\*ISKCON and Interfaith: ISKCON in Relation to People of Faith in God\*](#)  
 ISKCON Communications  
 C2004, 2014, Oxford

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/infosecte>



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