

# The Understanding

Formerly referred to as “the Claustrum Agreement” or “the Agreement”, this contract outlines the Vanderstank Family’s core set of beliefs that must be agreed to in order for further progress to be made on both the personal and Family levels. Without this agreement in place, the foundations of further details are likely to be misunderstood or mischaracterized. It is forbidden to proceed without first fully understanding and accepting this core set of beliefs. This copy of the agreement is dated **November 2019**. The contents of this document have changed significantly as the Church’s understanding of life has evolved, and the contents of older versions of this document may not align with the Church’s current beliefs. For your own spiritual safety and purity, it is **strictly forbidden** to read or agree to any earlier versions of this agreement, and **strictly forbidden** to read or use this agreement if a newer one exists.

- I. **The End.** The human race has a beginning and an end, and we are approaching that end. The end of the human race is not the end of life; it is the end of the physical form and the beginning of the nonphysical form. The Mission is not to prevent the end of the physical End; rather, the Mission is to be ready for the nonphysical form when such time arrives. Achieving true readiness for this transcendence whilst still occupying our mortal forms both is and requires Enlightenment
- II. **Paradigm Shift.** The end of the physical form and the beginning of the nonphysical form can only take place with a significant paradigm shift in commonly accepted patterns of human consciousness. Any tool that can free the mind from existing thought pathways should be used liberally to decrease the prevalence of common thought processes and return all minds to a more open, original state with which the Many Different Parts of One Truth can be accepted and integrated with minimum interference.
- III. **Laws and morals.** The laws and morals commonly accepted by mankind, while well-intentioned, can at times restrict or prevent the success of the research and methodologies crucial to the Mission, and may need to be adjusted if necessary for Enlightenment.
- IV. **Meaning.** Nothing has any intrinsic meaning. Meaning, purpose, value, and other related concepts are assigned by humankind, both voluntarily as individuals and involuntarily as a populace. This is not to say that meaning, purpose, and value are not “real” for the purposes of everyday life; rather, it is to clarify that they are finite, manmade, and extrinsic, and thus, like everything finite and manmade, we should recognize the limits of their usefulness and accept that these concepts may be put aside or overlooked on the rare occasions that there is sufficient reason to do so. Thus, humans, or the bodies and/or consciousnesses thereof, not having any intrinsic meaning, purpose, and value, may in certain circumstances be damaged or altered if the importance of such research supersedes the relative importance of whatever morals or laws it clashes with and may result in progress towards Enlightenment.
- V. **Accountability.** Each of us agrees to hold ourselves and each other accountable for the decisions we make in the course of satisfying this Mission, and not to willfully disturb the process of others in their quest to satisfy this Mission, and to sacrifice ourselves in this way if the Mission calls for it.
- VI. **Safety.** Because of its unorthodox nature, I agree to keep this agreement and all activities taking place in accordance with it in the strictest confidence, so as not to confuse or mislead those who may not yet share these beliefs, and to protect the sacred nature of these activities. Furthermore, I agree that my own spiritual safety is now governed in accordance with this agreement.

*Agreement to these terms is expressly given upon joining the Vanderstank Family.*