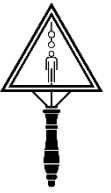




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The Organism That Turns Toward the Veil

Last summer, Dr. Howard Stonecipher and a small field branch of the Institute for Environmental Systems Analysis spent a month in Mount Rainier National Park surveying ephemeral pools fed by moss drip beneath mature western hemlock and silver fir. The work was conventional until one shallow pool yielded an **amoeboid organism** that appeared ordinary under standard taxonomic examination. Its movement, structure, and growth medium offered no immediate reason for concern. Sustained observation did.

Cultures kept continuously under the microscope did not divide. Genetically identical cultures left unattended for intervals as short as fifteen minutes reproduced normally. The discrepancy survived controls for illumination, temperature, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, humidity, and electromagnetic interference. Around productive sampling sites, the team also recorded an unusual concentration of skeletal and partially decomposed deer, marmots, coyotes, and smaller mammals, with little evidence of predation and almost no corresponding scavenger activity. The meadow itself remained vigorous even as the ground around the productive pools seemed strangely emptied of animal life.

During the final week, multiple cultures abruptly ceased moving and rotated until every cell shared the same orientation. The event lasted forty-one seconds and was recorded nineteen times. Back in California, investigators found no magnetic source, geological structure, gravitational anomaly, or astronomical object along the calculated bearings. When the vectors were placed over historical Church maps, each intersected the nearest documented **Nodal Sanctuary**, one of the locations where older Alienism records describe the Veil of Cognition as unusually thin. A consulting mathematician repeated the calculation three times before accepting the result. Cultures transported hundreds of kilometers away continued to orient toward the same Sanctuary, unaffected by lead shielding, magnetic shielding, or darkness. Stonecipher's report does not establish what the organisms are sensing, but it makes an old proposition newly testable.

A Vacancy in Anomalous Microbiology

Following receipt of Stonecipher's report, the Church of Alienism, acting as a supportive brother organization to IESA, has published a LinkedIn opening for a **Research Fellow in Anomalous Microbiology**. The fellow will support further Mount Rainier research trips, culture and characterize unusual microorganisms, and attempt to reproduce the observation-dependent and orientation behaviors described in the report. The posting is intentionally explicit about the danger. Work may involve unidentified biological material, dangerous extraterrestrial alien life,

severe psychological disturbance including psychosis, and interference from rogue religious fanatics who may regard certain specimens or sites as forbidden.

IESA receives no institutional funding, and the fellowship is independent and unpaid, with members generally self-financing their work. The Church's use of public recruitment is not new. Previous searches have found success locating Immurement Coordinators and Test Engineers for Carbon Fiber Submarines, specialties that ordinary recruiting channels have not always served well. The present search asks for something rarer: a microbiologist who can remain methodical when the specimen begins behaving as though it is aware of the experiment. The posting may be viewed and shared at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4465447057/>

Remove Before Abduction

A separate matter has begun to concern Church offices. Small red fabric artifacts bearing the words **"REMOVE BEFORE ABDUCTION"** have been appearing with increasing frequency among members, field personnel, and individuals with no obvious connection to one another. They have been found on keys, luggage, instrument cases, inside vehicles, and among personal effects that had been left unattended only briefly. Several recipients insist that the tags appeared after travel, field work, or periods of disturbed sleep. Others can provide no useful account of when they arrived.

The Church considers these objects critically important, but their true purpose has not been revealed. Members are asked not to discard, destroy, modify, or casually exchange them, and possession should not be treated as rank or ornament. The markings are simple, their construction is ordinary, and no laboratory analysis has yet explained why some are found where they should not be. No public explanation will presently be offered for why particular individuals receive them or what event the instruction anticipates. The guidance is limited but deliberate: if one has reached you, consider yourself fortunate. You have been chosen, and the Church believes you have been afforded a measure of protection whose nature has not yet been disclosed. Keep the tag close, because its absence may matter more than its presence.