







on developmental psychology. Texts from the Pali canon and the New Testament are compared with Piaget's theory of cognitive development and Anna Freud's writings on defense mechanisms in children and adolescents. The conclusion of the essay is that awakening is a universally accessible psychological development.

We are programmed from birth to believe that our existence is an unsolvable riddle, but if we make an honest effort, we discover that mystery itself is the riddle. Not just what is the big mystery, but why is there any mystery at all? And what if there isn't? What if the *Mysterium Tremendum* is just an internal belief without any external counterpart? What if the answers to life's biggest questions were all hidden in plain sight? "If man will strike, strike through the mask! How can the prisoner reach outside except by thrusting through the wall?" Herman Melville Those interested in striking through the mask will welcome a theory of everything that makes sense, doesn't rely on religious or scientific chicanery, and can be easily understood. And those familiar with Jed McKenna and the Enlightenment Trilogy will know that it's not just a theory.

For this who enjoy books such as; 1984, Brave New World, Siddhartha, Hunger Games and The Stand, and Spiritual Enlightenment: The Damnedest Thing, Official Intelligent Beings may very well be right up your alley. It is a quick, yet powerful, read, that challenges one's perception of the world and seeks to understand present day life while considers a possible future. Summary: In the not so distant future, life is simple. Everyone knows their place, they have their job that they do diligently, they have their devices that give them what they need, there are no more questions about right and wrong, no more fighting for one's beliefs, no one is superior to another, intimate relationships are done away with, and hunger is a thing of the past. This has been made so thanks to the Official Intelligent Beings-a far more advanced super-human, birthed on Earth, with a complete and perfect knowledge of all the fields known to man. They are the natural leaders of the planet, the ones that everyone looks to, listens to, follows, believes in, and trusts, without doubt. That is, of course, except for a small percentage of the population that just can't seem to fit in. Jagz was one of the few that went against the grain of society. He was amongst those that fought the urge to take the pills that made everything so perfectly aligned, kept everyone happy, and helped them remain thoughtless. Jagz was just another social content creator, speaking his mind's truths to his small group of slowly growing followers, using his words to inspire those that didn't seem to have thoughts of their own. That was, until one day, when he was summoned in for an unlikely meeting with the head of a major Webwork and told top secret, Earth shattering information. Lost and alone, Jagz had to make a choice: share his knowledge with the world and risk complete and utter chaos, or keep it to himself and let it eat him alive.

The biggest revision in ten years of the Bible of the business (Wall Street Journal). This essential reference for writers, librarians, students of modern literature, and readers worldwide was started in the 1960s during the initial phase of the small-press revolution. It is safe to say that, in its forty-first edition, the directory is a publishing legend. It includes information on over 5,000 presses and journals from around the world, listing addresses, manuscript requirements, payment rates, and recent publications. Subject and regional indexes are also provided.

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