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Julien Arpin, World Genius Directory: 2017 Genius of the Year - America

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Famous For:

Proactive participation in multiple High IQ societies - including the World Genius Directory - pursuing IQ testing as a means of monitoring mental health after a brain injury at age 17, achieving very high IQ scores, publishing and performing lyrical poetry, winning multiple lyrical competitions, winning various academic competitions, and designing the VAULT high-range IQ test.

Organisations/Memberships:

World Genius Directory, Global Genius Generation Group, Triple4, Zen Society, UberIQ, Callidus High IQ Society, GothIQ, TenIQ, Canadian High IQ Society, Leviathan 160.

Occupation/Professional Goals:

I am currently studying software development and network engineering in Canada. My professional aspirations are diverse and extensive. Outside of the technological sphere I am a published poet and lyricist. I also design IQ tests and work to strengthen the high IQ community and its symbiosis with society, both locally and via the internet.

Why work with IQ:

Intelligence and the characteristics of genius have always fascinated me. Being interested in these concepts, IQ testing offers me a unique glimpse into an intriguing aspect of human ability. After suffering a traumatic brain injury at 17, I became concerned with my cognitive health and began my IQ campaign shortly thereafter. I am proud of my inclusion in the high IQ community and of the opportunity it has given me to connect with many truly amazing individuals from around the world. I am constantly astounded and inspired.

Goal for IQ as a WGD Ambassador Genius of the Year:

To extend the reach and influence of the IQ community by promoting its potential to the world and encouraging its growth. I hope to foster unique perspectives for the cognitive benefit of mankind and to make enlightening and unifying contributions to the world through the application and propagation of logic, creativity, wisdom, understanding, philosophy and intelligent compassion.

Statement for the World:

We exist as sentient beings that are capable of making independent decisions. This oftentimes leads us to believe that we are vastly different from one another, that our free will renders us undeniably separate, and that our inconsistent beliefs are indicators of our incompatibility and inability to coexist. The notion that our beliefs can truly separate us is a shallow one, because every healthy human being has the same basic evolutionary desires regardless of the form their beliefs may take. We all seek affirmation, companionship, security, significance, happiness... and we all resist change to those foundational comforts. Realizing this pattern, it becomes clear that all conflicts, battles and wars haven't been fought because of substantial differences between the individuals themselves, but because of their shared human psychology forming different beliefs according to the environments that they have developed within. This means we are all much more similar than we may assume, and that we may very well have made the same decisions that we chastise others for had we also been faced with the circumstances that cultivated their necessity. On a human level, we need to realize that those around us are much like ourselves; merely trying to make their way through the world while making sense of it. Learn to see past these shallow differences in belief and reach the core human values that constitute the beliefs to the individuals! One doesn't have to agree with a person's conclusion to accept that we are equal in our attempt to reach a conclusion, and respect their journey, as we respect our own.