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BUDDHISTS ACCUSE DALAI LAMA OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF HIS OWN PEOPLE

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**“The world must see that you are a religious dictator.
You have created a religious apartheid and persecution.
You do not practice what you preach. This must stop!”**

**International Shugden Community to stage impassioned demonstrations
at Dalai Lama’s public California events**

This press pack contains articles and references explaining the following points:

Using his political power the Dalai Lama has banned a mainstream religious practice and created a religious apartheid, segregation and persecution in the Tibetan exile community.

This has created:

- ◆ Refusal of basic services, medical access and travel papers to Shugden people
- ◆ Violent attacks on citizens
- ◆ Making 100s of monks homeless
- ◆ Lying and deceiving western media
- ◆ Creating a no free press system
- ◆ Plus more

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INTERNATIONAL SHUGDEN COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND – SAN FRANCISCO

Location: San Francisco at Davies Symphony Hall 201 Van Ness Ave.

Times: 1:00pm – 5:00pm approximately

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD – BERKELEY

Location: Berkeley Community Theater 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94702

Times: 7:30am – 11:00am approximately

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH – SANTA CLARA

Location: Leavey Event Center Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

Times: 8:30am – 12:30pm approximately

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH – LOS ANGELES

Location: The Forum 3900 W. Manchester Blvd Inglewood, CA

Times: 10:30am – 2:30pm approximately

Articulate spokespeople and colorful photo opportunities available at each demonstration

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INTERNATIONAL SHUGDEN COMMUNITY

STATEMENT / HANDOUT

Dalai Lama, the worst dictator in this modern day

By our demonstrating against the Dalai Lama we are telling him to stop lying, stop harming millions of people, stop abusing basic human rights, and stop religious discrimination.

For his own selfish political gain the Dalai Lama has falsely banned the worship of the enlightened deity called Dorje Shugden; he has forcefully removed all Tibetan Shugden practitioners from their own Tibetan communities and he is continually performing various actions to expel all other Shugden practitioners from Buddhist communities throughout the world. The wrong reasons that he has publicly given for these actions are that Shugden:

- 1) Harms his life
- 2) Harms Tibetan people
- 3) Harms Tibetan independence.

He has not given one single valid reason to prove that Shugden harms his life, harms Tibetan people, or harms Tibetan independence. It is clear he is lying. Through checking carefully and honestly everybody can understand that he is lying.

How are people suffering from the crazy actions of this false Dalai Lama?

While the Dalai Lama enjoys a luxurious life for himself, making huge amounts of money through using Buddha's teachings, he causes millions of people to suffer by creating division between them and destroying their harmony and peaceful life. Because of their blind faith or extreme religious views people believe the Dalai Lama's harmful words without investigation, and sincerely follow his misleading guidance. As a result non-Shugden practitioners have become extremely angry with Shugden practitioners. They have forcefully expelled Shugden practitioners from Tibetan society, using public humiliation, provocation, intimidation and threats, including dismissing them from their jobs, refusing them basic services and publicly spreading lies about them.

INTERNATIONAL SHUGDEN COMMUNITY STATEMENT / HANDOUT (CNT'D)

The Dalai Lama is an ordained Buddhist monk. Buddha said that ordained people should never harm a single living being or cause anyone suffering, but the Dalai Lama has harmed and is continuing to harm millions of innocent people by causing them completely unnecessary suffering, fear and danger. He is acting in direct contradiction to Buddha's teachings and is publicly showing great disrespect to Buddha and Buddhism. In one month alone, February 2008, he expelled 900 innocent Shugden monks from the Tibetan community. All of these monks were very poor, and they lost everything, including care and support for their daily lives received from their relatives, friends and community. They had no idea where they should go or who would support and help them, finding themselves refugees for a second time. In truth this kind of suffering pervades Tibetan communities throughout the world, and only the Dalai Lama himself has the power to solve this problem. Through checking carefully and honestly everybody can understand that the actions of this false Dalai Lama go directly against the law of basic human rights.

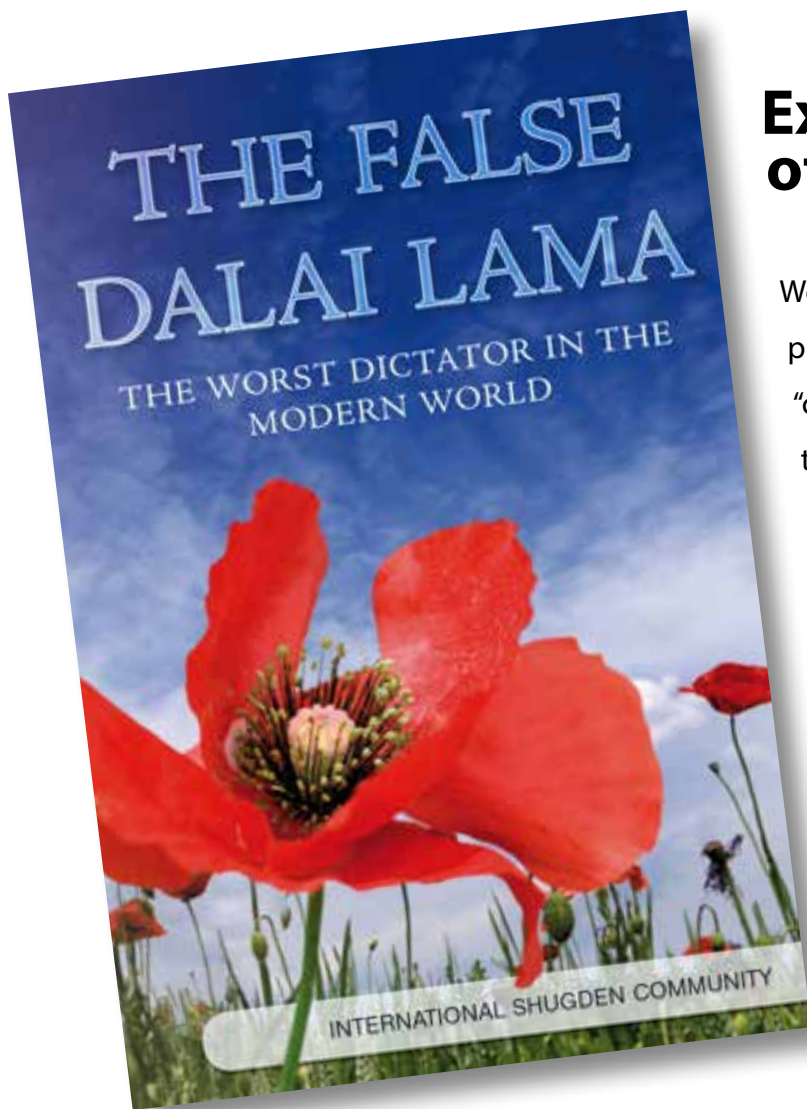
To liberate millions of innocent people from this endless suffering we request everyone throughout the world, including world leaders, to ask the Dalai Lama to accept the following four points:

- 1) To allow anyone who wishes to practice Dorje Shugden the freedom to do so
- 2) To stop completely the discrimination against Shugden practitioners
- 3) To allow all Shugden monks and nuns who have been expelled to return to their monasteries and nunneries, and to receive the same material and spiritual rights as non-Shugden practitioners
- 4) To write to Tibetan communities throughout the world telling them that they should apply practically the above three points.

*International Shugden Community
February 2014*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

eBOOK DOWNLOAD



Exposing the dark side of the Dalai Lama

Welcome to The False Dalai Lama – a new book exploring the hidden, dark side of everyone’s favorite “celebrity monk”. This explosive book overturns the myth of the Dalai Lama, revealing the scheming political mind behind the media-friendly smiles and soundbites. Admired by many as one of the world’s leading advocates of peace and harmony, this thorough investigation exposes how the Dalai Lama is, in fact, lying. Prepare to meet the worst dictator in the modern world.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (PAGE 1 OF 4)

Dalai Lama - Creating religious apartheid while the West rewards him; shouldn't we check?

Why are we demonstrating?

We are demonstrating to bring the attention of fair-minded people to the Dalai Lama's hidden, unlawful and hypocritical persecution of a large section of mainstream Tibetan Buddhists – those who pray to the protecting deity named Dorje Shugden. The Dalai Lama abandoned the 400 year-old spiritual practice himself in the 1970's, and then in 1996 officially banned these prayers within the Tibetan community worldwide. His methods to enforce the ban, which have intensified since January 2008, include a campaign of public humiliation, harassment, forced segregation, and orchestrated intimidation.

And yes, there is an irrefutable wealth of hard evidence and first-hand testimony.

What is Shugden practice?

Shugden practice involves making prayers to Wisdom Buddha Dorje Shugden – one of hundreds of protecting deities within the Buddhist religion. In these prayers, practitioners request help to develop and sustain love, compassion and wisdom in their hearts and in the world. These prayers have been made for centuries by many of the highest and most esteemed Buddhist Teachers, including the Dalai Lama's own Teachers. The Dalai Lama himself relied upon Dorje Shugden until he was 50 years old.

Why is the Dalai Lama repressing religious freedom?

Contrary to Western belief, the Dalai Lama is not actually the head of Tibetan Buddhism; his role is self-appointed. This is problematic for someone who wants to increase his political, economic and spiritual clout with governments and to speak for Tibetans worldwide. His ban on Dorje Shugden practice is part of a plan to meld together the four great traditions of Tibetan Buddhism – the Gelug, Nyingma, Sakya, and Kagyu schools – and position himself at the head of this religious movement, called 'ri-me.' By demonizing and banning one of the main Gelug practices as part of a deal with some leaders of the other traditions, the resultant disharmony and division within this largest school is intended to enable him to gain power and control over it.

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What does the ban on Dorje Shugden involve?

By proclamation in January 2008, the Dalai Lama has required all Tibetans worldwide to sign a personal declaration: 1) forsaking prayers to Dorje Shugden forever; and, 2) promising not to associate in any way – spiritually, financially, socially or materially – with anyone who does not make this promise. Once this oath is taken, an official identity card is issued that allows basic privileges. Monks, nuns, men, women and children who continue to maintain their faith in Dorje Shugden and refuse to take the oath are summarily expelled from monasteries and schools, lose their government jobs, cannot buy food and other necessities in certain stores, cannot get travel papers, and risk assault to their home, business, person or loved ones. Thousands who have experienced such treatment can testify to this.

What is the Dalai Lama lying about?

He is lying by acting as if he is the head of Buddhism. (He is not even the head of Tibetan Buddhism.) He is lying by presenting himself as a champion of human rights and religious freedom. He is lying by accusing the 4 million Buddhists worldwide who engage in prayers to Dorje Shugden of worshiping a deity who is 'evil,' and therefore of not being Buddhist. He is lying about the ban, denying that – with help from his family members and appointed ministers – he is propagating a sinister campaign to eradicate Shugden prayers for political aim. He is lying by denying his own recorded virulent speeches against Dorje Shugden practitioners. He is lying about the true nature of the (mock) elections held in Indian monasteries around the Shugden issue. He is lying on his official website by linking Shugden practitioners to three murders that occurred in 1996 (including graphic photos), although this accusation has been proven completely unfounded by the Indian police. He is lying by decreeing that this pure practice passed to practitioners by their beloved Teachers is cultish, divisively 'sectarian,' and 'detrimental to the welfare of beings in general and the Tibetan government headed by the Dalai Lamas.' He is lying by giving teachings from esteemed Gelug Teachers he now slanders and whose spiritual lineage he is attempting to destroy.

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Is there proof?

The following websites and the booklet “The Tibetan Situation Today” (available as a download) extensively document the ban and forced signature campaign:

www.westernshugdensociety.org and www.shugdensociety.info

Ironically, given its criticism of Chinese policy, the Tibetan government-in-exile forbids any free press in the Tibetan settlements. We are hopeful that the information presented along with our demonstrations will result in independent investigation and action by Western journalists and organizations dedicated to human rights so that religious freedom – a basic human right afforded by the civilized world – may become a reality for Buddhists everywhere.

Who is affected?

Millions of people worldwide pray to Dorje Shugden and now face religious and social discrimination, even in the West. By the Dalai Lama’s pronouncement their ‘heart practice’ is made invalid, their deity is denounced as evil, their Spiritual Guide dismissed as wrong, and all adherents who dare speak out – including Western practitioners in the United States and Europe – are accused of being Chinese collaborators, spies and murderers. The Dalai Lama’s illegal ban on these prayers (contravening the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the Indian Constitution and the constitution of the Tibet-in-exile government) has created an unprecedented division throughout the Tibetan Buddhist community and caused immense pain and suffering. In New York City, for instance, we are witnessing boycotts of businesses owned by Shugden practitioners, fear tactics directed at students of Shugden Buddhist Centers, Shugden family members being expelled from their homes, and many vivid examples of the Dalai Lama’s active, virulent campaign of religious persecution.

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Have we tried talking to him directly?

Shugden practitioners have tried by every reasonable method to solve this problem, especially since 1996. They have submitted many written appeals to the Dalai Lama and every influential religious and political dignitary, petitioning simply to be allowed to continue this religious practice as their Teachers and predecessors have done, without discrimination. All attempts at dialogue have been dismissed harshly. Instead, pressure and restrictions imposed by the Dalai Lama have been amplified. We are left with no option but to protest publically, in accordance with the rights and privileges of free societies. We request that the Dalai Lama give religious freedom. We pray our message is heard.

Who is the International Shugden Community?

The International Shugden Community is collection of individual Dorje Shugden practitioners who have coalesced around this issue to disseminate information about this unfortunate situation and pursue the desired outcome – religious freedom. The Society has no legal structure, management or office, and all organizing work is done by volunteers.

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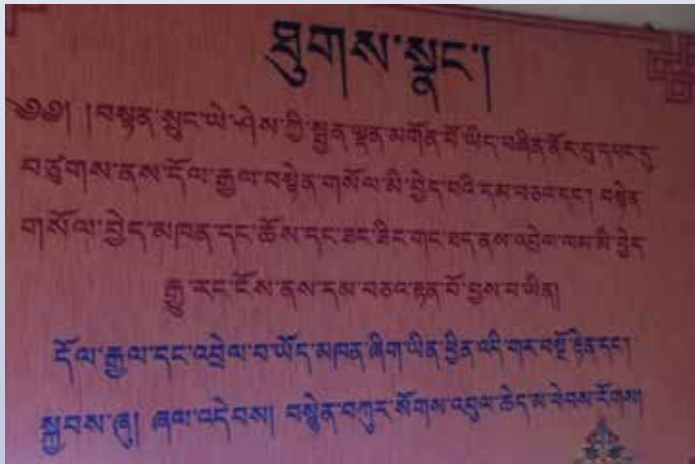
PICTURES OF RELIGIOUS APARTHEID AND PERSECUTION (PAGE 1 OF 2)

Signs of Segregation and Religious Discrimination



Sign reads: "Do not enter this restaurant anyone who practices Dorje Shugden." -- Bylakuppe, South India

Sign reads: "Do not enter this shop anyone who practices Dorje Shugden." -- Sera Monastery, Bylakuppe, South India



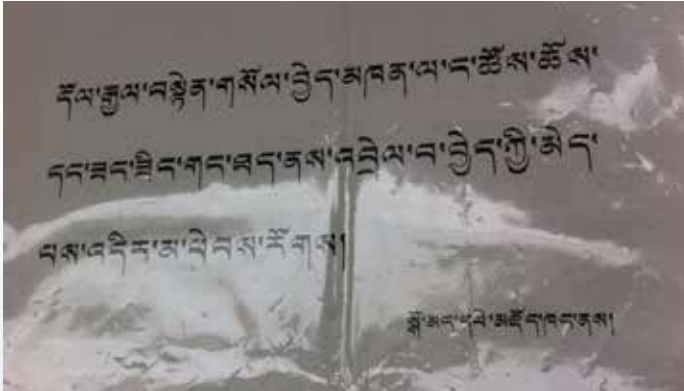
Sign reads: "Notice to everyone we a strong pledge to our precious deity Mahakala that we will disassociate ourselves from any individual or organization practicing Dorje Shugden or any having any association with Shugden worshippers. If anyone has anything to do with Shugden do not enter we are not going to allow your offerings or even a donation." -- Goman Monastery, Mundgod, South India



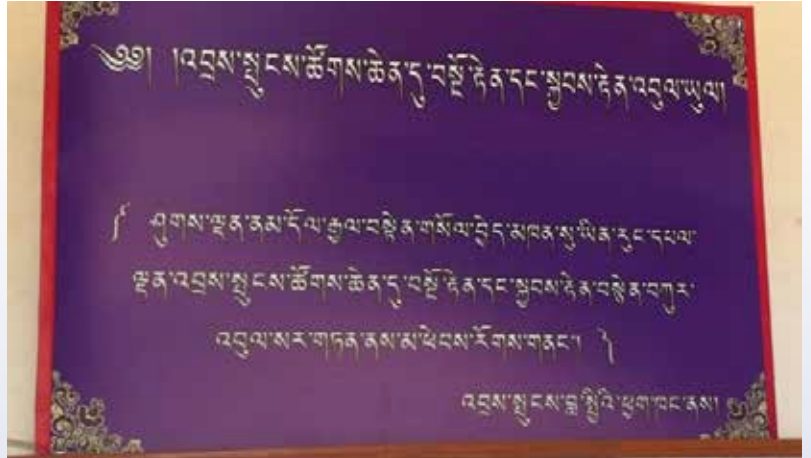
Sign reads: "Anyone who practices Dorje Shugden do not enter this shop." -- South India

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Signs of Segregation and Religious Discrimination



Sign reads: "We disassociate religiously and materially with anyone who practices Dorje Shugden. Do not enter this library anyone who practices Shugden." -- Dripung Gomang Library in Mundgod, South India



Sign reads: "Anyone who has any association with Shugden never enter this office for any reason. Signed by Drepung Headquarters." -- Drepung Monastery in Mundgod, South India



Sign reads: "VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT This monastery does not allow entrance to or receive any offerings from Shugden people." -- Signed with the seal of Ganden Jangtse Monastery and dated January 14, 2008. Mundgod, South India



Sign reads: "Public Notice: This monastery is under pledge to disassociate itself from any individual or organization practicing Dorje Shugden or having any association with Shugden worshippers. Therefore, they are requested not to visit this unit of the monastery for any reason. Thank you for your cooperation." -- At a medical clinic at Drepung Monastery in Mundgod, South India

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Signs of Segregation and Religious Discrimination



Anti-Dorje Shugden sign at Loseling Clinic, Drepung Loseling Monastery

By: Mar Nee 'The Loseling Altruistic Medical Association (LAMA) is a charitable medical association registered with the government of Karnataka, India. This medical association runs Loseling Clinic at Drepung Loseling Monastery which is supposed to provide health-care to all Tibetans, both ordained and lay. It also conducts free medical camps in remote villages and aims to offer more extensive medical social services in the future.

For all the good work they are doing it is therefore shocking that this sign is so prominently displayed at Loseling Clinic (which is supposed to be a charitable medical centre) forbidding Dorje Shugden practitioners from visiting these premises. Freedom of religion in India is a fundamental right guaranteed by the country's constitution so how can a clinic registered with the Indian government so blatantly contradict the constitution of India and be allowed to get away with it?

A BRIEF CHRONICLE OF EVENTS (PAGE 1 OF 2)

Ostracism and discrimination of Shugden Practitioners by the Dalai Lama

March 30, 1996

On 30 March 1996, a letter was sent from the private office of the Dalai Lama to the Abbots of various monasteries in India. It warned of:

'a danger to the health of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, as well as to the cause of Tibet, due to the worship of Shugden.'

The letter declared that:

'Banning this is also the conclusion reached by His Holiness after years of observation.'

And went on to demand:

'In implementing this policy, if there is anyone who continues to practise Dolgyal [a derogatory term for Dorje Shugden], make a list of their names, house name, birth place, class in the case of students, and the date of arrival in case of new arrivals from Tibet. Keep the original and send us a copy of the list. Please share this responsibility and submit a clear report on the implementation of this circular.'

April 5, 1996

On 5 April 1996, The Dalai Lama addresses the Tibetan Youth Congress and the Tibetan Women's Association to encourage them to take up the cause of the ban and enforce it actively.

The extremely emotive accusations made against Shugden practitioners – that their prayers somehow were a danger to the life of the Dalai Lama and an obstacle to a free Tibet – led to widespread intimidation.

Over the next ten years, the Dalai Lama continued to use virtually every speaking engagement to stoke the persecution of Shugden practitioners. As a result non-Shugden practitioners became extremely angry with Shugden practitioners. They forcefully expelled Shugden people from Tibetan society, using public humiliation, provocation, intimidation threats and violence, including dismissing them from their jobs, refusing them basic services, including medical services and travel papers, and publicly spread lies and slander about them.

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January 9, 2008

On 9 January 2008, not satisfied with the extent of the ostracism and segregation this ten year purge had caused, the Dalai Lama insisted that Shugden worshipping monks be expelled from their monasteries.

In February 2008, as a direct result of the Dalai Lama's demands, 900 Buddhist monks were made homeless. A signature campaign began throughout all the Tibetan settlements in India, throughout the world and even inside Tibet, requiring Tibetans to pledge their allegiance to the Dalai Lama by vowing to completely ostracise Shugden practitioners. As a result parents became estranged from their children, shops would refuse to serve people, hospitals would refuse to treat patients. This ostracism and persecution continues to the present day and has often spilled over into violent attacks on Shugden practitioners.

Some instances of the harassment experienced by Shugden practitioners during the Dalai Lama's campaign against them:

Throughout 1996 death-threats are issued against eminent Dorje Shugden practitioners:

Swiss Documentary (part 2): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aboblx-0zAs> 0:05 – 0:40

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An Interview with Jamphel Yeshe: <http://wisdombuddhadorjeshugden.org/interview4.php>

During the same period a huge mob attacked a monastery in South India leaving 30 Dorje Shugden monks requiring medical treatment: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu8B7kPzY40>

November 1996: The Thubten family home is attacked by a mob and fire bombed:

Swiss Documentary (part 2): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aboblx-0zAs> 0:25 – 1:27

An Interview with Mrs Pema: <http://wisdombuddhadorjeshugden.org/interview5.php>

In July 2008, a mob of Tibetans attacked a peaceful protest by Shugden practitioners in New York City. They hurled abuse, threw coins, spat, and presented such a threat that the NYPD rushed in heavily-armed riot police to protect and evacuate the Shugden practitioners: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Zm44E1V4Ao>

Later in 2008, Dalai Lama supporters bombed the home of a Shugden practitioner in Tibet:

<http://wisdombuddhadorjeshugden.blogspot.hk/2008/10/newsflash-tibetan-terrorists-bomb.html>

December 2013: An 84 year old Dorje Shugden monk is attacked and beaten in his temple by 5 masked men:

<http://www.dorjeshugden.com/all-articles/the-controversy/cta-creates-violence-again>

For a more comprehensive chronology of the effects of this persecution see here:

<http://www.westernshugdensociety.org/chronicle/>

