

## Should micronations give up?

*Should micronations give up to the power of Official World governments? Are micronations being naive? Is censorship inevitable by the powers that be? Well, this is what I answered to another micronationalist with a completely cynical stance.*

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The books of René Descartes were put on the Index of Prohibited Books (*Index librorum prohibitorum*) in 1663, a deliberate act of censorship by the Catholic Church. The Index was itself indexed only in April 1966, roughly 303 years later.

The Cartesian philosophy of René Descartes was condemned at the University of Utrecht, bastion of Calvinist thought. This was another act of censorship, and the university only lifted the ban on 23 March 2005, a good 363 years after it had been instituted.

Not only the Cesidian Church did not ban the books of René Descartes, but on 13 December 2007 he was made the *first*, and so far the *only Saint* of the Cesidian Church, and we even named a university after the Saint.

On 8 August 2009, the book *The Fifth World: Micronationalism on Steroids* was published. No Official World lackey publisher would have published this book because of its contents, yet the Micronational Professional Registry (MPR) succeeded in having the book published, had the book granted an ISBN number (which makes it available through Amazon.com and other popular booksellers), and protected the rights of the book through its own Print Monopoly (PM) intellectual property instrument. This prevented the censorship of novel political ideas.

On 17 October 2009, the Micronational Professional Registry (MPR) did the same with the book *All Religions Are Cults: And What a Few Good Priests, Monks, Rabbis and Mullahs Can Do About It*. This prevented the censorship of novel religious ideas.

On 8 October 2010, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said that Liu Xiaobo is a criminal, who was sentenced by the Chinese judicial authorities for violating Chinese law. As Norway braced for damage to its relations with China for giving the Nobel Peace Prize to human rights activist Liu Xiaobo, the Micronational Professional Registry (MPR) did the very opposite. Despite the fact that no Norwegian has ever signed up for membership in the organisation, the MPR made an exception to the general rules, and added Norway to its list of recognised sovereign states on 9 October 2010.

On 8 November 2010, Saint René Descartes University granted Rev. Luigi Orazio Ferlauto, the President and Founder of the remarkable [Oasi Città Aperta](#), an honorary Scholar's Degree (SD) in Public Administration, the highest honorary degree offered by the institution.

It is interesting to note that Father Ferlauto has been considered for an honorary *Laurea* (Bachelor's) in Political Science from the University of Catania since June 2007, but the old

priest, who was born in 1922, still has to be granted this degree after over 3 years of deliberation. The honorary SD degree, on the other hand, was also personally handed to Father Ferlauto by our Ambassador to Italy.

On 2 December 2010, at 10:00 PM EST, after several days of DDOS attacks, apparently from hackers friendly to the point of view of the US government, EveryDNS.net, a US-based DNS services provider, cut its service to the Wikileaks.org domain.

On 6 December 2010, the Cesidian Root restored resolution of the Wikileaks.org domain on two of its resolvers/root servers. On 7 December 2010, the entire Cesidian Root was resolving the Wikileaks.org domain, effectively ending US-sponsored (and global) censorship at least for those who choose not to use the default global root.

Are the people in charge of

- the Cesidian Church;
- the Micronational Professional Registry (MPR);
- Saint René Descartes University; and
- the Cesidian Root

idealists, and woefully inept administrators? Idealists perhaps, but not inept administrators of either their rights, or the rights of others.

I believe we do our very best to uphold our values, instead of letting other governments intimidate us, or tyrannise over us, and we also directly control

- the persons we consider Saints;
- the rights to the books we publish;
- the Official World governments we recognise (or refuse to recognise);
- the university degrees we grant and/or fully recognise; and
- our native DNS resources

so other organisations, universities, churches or governments cannot do so in our place.

Are we capable of, or interested in, reversing all kinds of censorship? No. Do we exercise jurisdiction over even one square metre of the earth's crust? No, but we are doing our best, and constantly making progress in new areas.

As Irish political philosopher Edmund Burke once put it, “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”

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