
From: Lisa New [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2014 2:21 AM
To: Jeffrey Epstein
Subject: Big Questions

Dear Jeffrey,

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Well I've cleared the first hurdle at Templeton. If you help= in any way, thank you so much.

And, =I'll be preparing a more formal statement for you and your colleague on=my Modernism proposal in the next few weeks. My daughter is getting marrie= in our house a week from today, and so things slow between now and then. =ut I'm back on it soon after that. .

W=rm best,

Lisa

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November 5, 2014

Dear E=isa New,

On behalf of my father, Sir John Templeton, who establishe= the John Templeton Foundation, I want to thank you for taking the time to=submit an "Online Funding Inquiry" (OFI) to the John Templ=ton Foundation.

We have carefully reviewed the initial =roject you submitted entitled: Poetry in America: The Poetry of Character =evelopment (#58234). We now wish to invite you to submit a Full Prop=sal to us by 3/2/201=, or sooner.

As the relevant JTF staff review your Fu=l Proposal, they will carefully study both the Big Questions you provide t= have greater clarity about the project; and the plausible (albeit not gua=anteed) Outcomes that you will be proposing.

Throughout Sir John =80 s entire professional life, and especially beginning with the incepti=n of the Foundation in 1987, "Big Questions"- =94such as, "Have we begun to realize we are here for a purpose? =80 — were prominent and significant tools for orienting thinking=about projects proposed by applicants for review by Foundation staff and T=ustees. Relevant Big Questions also serve to advance the clarity and=objectivity in the overall research design of proposed projects. In =act, Sir John utilized Big Questions whether the application was for rigor=us academic research or to engage youth from some 30 countries in an essay=contest titled the "Laws of Life."

Likewise, the relevant JTF staff will be assessing with critical attention the logically related hypotheses concerning the Big Questions you are asking, and the research methodologies you propose to pursue.

Sir John felt that he (and so many others) could always learn more from those who are asking interesting, pertinent questions and are prompted to pursue innovative projects. Although the Foundation cannot fund every proposal, we are grateful for all of the work you will undertake in developing an outstanding proposal. We look forward, therefore, to reviewing your fully developed project in comprehensive detail.

You will soon be receiving a second email notification from the Foundation department head who will be overseeing the submission and review process for your proposal. This second email will provide additional information and instruction for accessing and completing your Full Proposal.

In Sir John's gratitude,
John M. Templeton, Jr., M.D.
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