

Interview with the Peoria Times-Observer

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Question: What is your name?

Answer: For my own safety and the safety of my associates, I must remain anonymous.

Question: What town do you live in?

Answer: Somerville, Massachusetts

Question: Are you part of the Creativity Movement? If so, how long have you been a member?

Answer: No, I am not a member of the Creativity Movement.

Question: Do you know Matt Hale personally? If so, how? How long?

Answer: No, I have never met Matthew F. Hale. However, I greatly admire him and the church's founder, Ben Klassen.

Question: Have you been in contact with him since he has been incarcerated? If so, what have you talked about?

Answer: No, I have not been in contact with him. Only Hale's parents are allowed to visit him and write him. Also, Hale is allowed only one 15 minute long telephone call a month.

Question: Is Matt aware of the Free Matt Now group? What does he say about it?

Answer: More than likely, no. Hale is in solitary confinement.

Question: Who thought of the Free Matt Now effort?

Answer: I came up with the idea of this particular campaign. However, people have been campaigning for Hale's release since 2003.

Question: When did this effort start?

Answer: July of 2008.

Question: What does the group intend to do to free him?

Answer: The goal of this campaign is to raise public awareness in regards to Matthew F. Hale's current situation and to petition the federal government of the United States of America for his immediate release.

Question: How many are part of this effort? Who are they?

Answer: We are a growing campaign. Most of our supporters are in the United States of America, but we also have supporters in Greece and New Zealand. As far as their affiliations go, I am not at liberty to disclose such information.

Question: Why do you think it's important to free Matt?

Answer: In the United States of America, our right to freedom of speech is under attack. Matthew F. Hale is currently sitting in a prison cell for simply speaking his mind.