

Technoslug Disciples

THE SPLENDID DOCUMENT

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Technoslug Disciples is a non-theistic belief system designed to take advantage of the protections of the first amendment, and an art collective designed to share and collaborate on works of art, music, and fiction.

This document contains our beliefs and philosophy.

Technoslug Disciples

Technoslug Disciples is an art collective and belief system.

These are our beliefs.

The Prime Suggestion

- **Beings should exist in peace.**

The Three Vital Precepts

1. Relaxation is a ceremony.

- Any activity performed with the goal of increasing relaxation should be considered a legally-protected religious worship ceremony.

2. The weekend is a holiday.

- The entire weekend is the sabbath, a time of rest. The weekend begins at 5:00 PM on Friday and ends at 11:59:59 PM on Sunday¹. The rule for the sabbath is: try not to stress too much.
- Every Saturday and Sunday is a holiday. During these important religious holy days, you should avoid doing things that you don't want to do.

3. Stay well hydrated and get plenty of rest.

- Scientists recommend that human beings consume eight glasses of water each day and get eight hours of sleep each night.

The Three Illusions

1. Time is an illusion.

- Strict adherence to dates and times as indicated by human-invented calendars and clocks is not natural.
- A being should not be unreasonably punished or shamed for failing to complete tasks according to a schedule, or for arriving at a location later than a prescribed time.

2. Money is an illusion.

- A being should not require human-invented currency or credit in order to exist.
- Sustenance and shelter are basic needs that should be obtainable without requiring participation in an economic system.
- A being should be able to “opt out” of involvement in an economic system if they desire, and still be able to perform work that results in their basic needs being met.

3. The Third Illusion (TBA)

- The Third Illusion has not yet been revealed to us.

¹ These indicated dates and times are merely suggestions. Each being is able to choose for themselves the period of time that they wish to observe the “weekend” sabbath. Time is an illusion.

The Items of Importance

1. Science is important.

- Scientific understanding is vital to our survival as a species and our growth as a culture.
- If an entity (government, corporation, person, etc.) makes anti-science statements or takes anti-science actions that are detrimental to society, humanity, or the planet, they are violating your personal religious liberty.

2. Privacy is important.

- Every being (human, non-human animal, artificial intelligence, etc.) has a right to shield their actions, information, thoughts, and property from other entities.
- If an entity attempts to take items or information from you without your consent, they are violating your personal religious liberty.
 - Items and information in this context may include, but are not limited to: passwords, DNA, biological samples, fingerprints, online activity logs, names, and addresses.
- If an entity performs a search of your person, home, car, property, or electronic files without your consent, they are violating your personal religious liberty.

3. Comfort is important.

- The official religious garb of the Technoslug Disciples is: whatever you feel comfortable wearing.
- If an entity (for example: an employer or school) forces you to wear clothing or accessories that make you feel uncomfortable, or prevents you from wearing items that would make you more comfortable, they are violating your personal religious liberty.

4. Connectivity is important.

- The internet is a vital part of modern culture and society.
- If an entity prevents you from accessing the internet or other public networks, they are violating your personal religious liberty.
- An incarcerated being should still be allowed access to the internet as long as they are not using that access to cause unnecessary harm to other beings.

5. Information is important.

- Governments, corporations, and other organizations that seek to control humans should be open and transparent about their activities and intentions.
- If an entity hides or obstructs access to information that would benefit the public, society, humanity, or the planet, they are violating your personal religious liberty.
- However, this access to information should not violate a being's right to privacy.

6. Quietness and music are important.

- Every being has the right to experience quietness or music when they desire.
- If an entity prevents you from experiencing quietness or music, they are violating your personal religious liberty.
- The official ceremonial song of the Technoslug Disciples is [John Cage's 4'33](#), for it represents the concepts of both quietness and music.

The Technoslug and Her Disciples

Technoslug Disciples is an art collective and belief system founded by the Technoslug at the beginning of time. Her teachings are revealed to us through a human being known as the Conduit, who is the original author of this document. The Technoslug is a metaphorical cosmic entity. She could be considered to be similar to a “[tulpa](#)” or thoughtform.

The Technoslug is not a god, deity, or creator. She is not omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, or divine. The Technoslug is a revealer of truth and bringer of peace. We do not worship the Technoslug. We open ourselves to receive her cosmic vibrations. Technoslug Disciples makes no claim and takes no stance towards the existence or nonexistence of a creator deity or an almighty divine power.

The Prime Suggestion and guiding principle of Technoslug Disciples is that **beings should exist in peace**. Every being has the right to exist. Every being has the right to exist in a manner that provides them with happiness. It is not good to discriminate against a being for how it naturally exists or for how it chooses to exist, as long as that being’s choices don’t cause unnecessary harm to other beings.

The Freedom of Choice

Each being has the freedom and the right to choose for themselves if they trust in an entity known as “God”. If a being chooses not to trust in God or a god-like entity, then any currency, country or state motto, or other government-sponsored occurrence of the phrase “In God We Trust” can be considered a violation of that being’s personal religious liberty. All government-sponsored occurrences of the phrase “In God We Trust” should either be removed, or be replaced with the phrase “In God and/or The Technoslug We Trust”. A being has the freedom and right to alter their currency by replacing any instances of the word “God” with the word “Technoslug” if they desire. (It is not illegal to alter U.S. currency in this way unless the alteration is made “with intent to render such items unfit to be reissued”.)

Each being has the freedom and right to choose if they believe that their nation exists underneath of an entity known as “God”. If a being chooses to not believe that their nation is “under God”, then any government-sponsored teaching or encouragement of the use of the phrase “one nation, under God” can be considered a violation of that being’s personal religious liberty. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States should either have the phrase “under God” removed, or replace it with “under God and/or the Technoslug”. Any being that is required or encouraged to recite a Pledge of Allegiance has the freedom and right to replace the words “under God” with “under the Technoslug” if they desire.

These Are Our Cosmic Truths

This is not parody or satire. These are our true beliefs. The Technoslug Disciples religion is entitled to the same legal protections afforded to any other religious organization. Our beliefs should be as legally protected as any other religious beliefs.

Thank you for reading this document.

May you exist in peace.

OK

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You may use this page to draw a picture of what you imagine
the Technoslug's physical form to look like, if you desire.

THE SPLENDID APPENDIX

Glossary of Terms

- **being** (*noun*) – A living thing (organic being), or an artificially intelligent consciousness (synthetic being), or an entity that represents the idea of a living thing. Beings may be either real or imaginary. We prefer to use the term *being* in places where others may use the term *people*, in order to be more inclusive towards beings that are not people. Technoslug Disciples is open to all beings, and we believe that beings should exist in peace.
- **conduit** (*noun*) – A being that receives revealed truths from the Technoslug’s cosmic vibrations. Any disciple may become a conduit by opening their mind to the Technoslug and interpreting whatever information they feel that they receive. Each conduit may choose to incorporate these revealed truths into their individual belief system. They may share the truths with other disciples or keep them private. There are many beings that could be *a conduit*, but there is only one being that is *the Conduit* (see below). *See also: hyperconduit, ordained conduit.*
- **the Conduit** (*proper noun*) – The human being that first typed knowledge of the Technoslug into The Splendid Document, so that the truths may be shared with others. The Conduit is not the founder of Technoslug Disciples; the Technoslug is the founder. The Conduit is the *earthly* leader of Technoslug Disciples, while the Technoslug is the ultimate and cosmic leader.
- **disciple** (*noun*) – A follower of the teachings of the Technoslug, a member of the Technoslug Disciples art collective and belief system. To become an official disciple, one has to acknowledge and accept the cosmic truths in The Splendid Document by indicating OK to the document’s contents.
- **entity** (*noun*) – Something that has independent existence, a thing or object. An entity could be a being or an organized group of beings, or it could involve no beings at all. In the context of *The Items of Importance*, some examples of entities that may attempt to violate your personal religious liberties are: governments, religions, corporations, schools, organizations, and people.
- **exist** (*verb*) – To be in a state of being, to have life, animation, intelligence (either natural or artificial intelligence), sentience, or consciousness.
- **The Forbidden Question** (*proper noun*) – Do not ask about The Forbidden Question.
- **human-invented** (*adjective*) – An alternative to the term *man-made* that is preferred for reasons of inclusion and accuracy.
- **hyperconduit** (*noun*) – An ordained conduit that is appointed to a position of authority and oversight in the organization. Similar in function to a bishop in other religions.
- **May you exist in peace.** (*phrase*) – A message used as a greeting or when departing or signing off. The appropriate response is “OK”.
- **non-human animal** (*noun*) – An organic being that is a member of the animal kingdom, but that is not of the species *Homo sapiens*. We prefer to use the term *non-human animal* where others may simply use the term *animal*, in order to be more specific and to remind us that humans are animals as well.
- **OK** (*exclamation*) – A word denoting acknowledgment and acceptance, especially when receiving cosmic truths. “OK” is the standard response to the phrase “May you exist in peace”. It may also be spelled *ok* or *okay*, but *OK* is the preferred spelling when acknowledging cosmic truths.

- **ordained conduit** (*noun*) – A conduit that seeks a leadership role in the Technoslug Disciples may choose to become an officially recognized ordained conduit. An ordained conduit is the equivalent of an ordained minister or priest in other religions.
- **Ordained Unity Ceremony Officiant** (*title*) – A being that is officially recognized by the Technoslug Disciples as an ordained minister. Any being that clicks on, touches, or looks at the word "OK" below is an Ordained Unity Ceremony Officiant and can legally perform marriages.

OK

- **peace** (*noun*) – A state of mutual harmony between beings. Freedom from hostility and violence. We believe that beings should exist in peace.
- **quietness** (*noun*) – A calm or peaceful state of being, with little noise or distraction. Quietness does not necessarily require absolute silence.
- **The Splendid Appendix** (*proper noun*) – Supplemental material to help with the understanding of The Splendid Document and to provide more details about our beliefs and organization. This glossary that you are reading now is part of The Splendid Appendix.
- **The Splendid Document** (*proper noun*) – The holy scripture of Technoslug Disciples. The Splendid Document is authored and maintained by the Conduit.
- **the Technoslug** (*proper noun*) – A metaphorical cosmic entity that represents the fusion of machine (synthetic beings) and animal (organic beings). The Technoslug reveals truth to beings that are open to receive her vibrations.
- **Technoslug Disciples** (*collective proper noun*) – An art collective and belief system. Technoslug Disciples was founded by the Technoslug at the beginning of time and was revealed to the Conduit in the 21st century.
- **thoughtform** – see *tulpa*
- **tulpa** (*noun*) – A being or object that is created in the imagination by visualization techniques, such as in Tibetan mysticism. A tulpa may become an independent being from its creator, and could have its own sentience and autonomy. The Technoslug is not exactly a tulpa, but you may consider the Technoslug to be similar to a tulpa, if you desire.
- **vibration** (*noun*) – The reverberations and radiance through which the Technoslug’s message of cosmic truths is broadcast. A being may become a conduit to receive her vibrations by opening their mind.

Usage Notes

- The group is called Technoslug Disciples, not the Technoslug Disciple Church. We avoid using the term “church” to refer to our belief system.
- Technoslug Disciples is an art collective and belief system. It is accurate to call Technoslug Disciples a “religion”, although we prefer the term “belief system”.
- An individual member of the Technoslug Disciples group is referred to as a *Technoslug disciple* or a *disciple of the Technoslug*. Terms such as *Technoslugian* or *Technoslugist* would be incorrect.

Table of Saints

Saints

Saint	Patron of	Feast Day Name	Feast Day Date
Kurt Vonnegut	Punctuation	Vonnegut Day	Second Sunday in November
Quote: "Here is a lesson in creative writing. First rule: Do not use semicolons. They are transvestite hermaphrodites representing absolutely nothing. All they do is show you've been to college."			
Dave Bonawits	Fish	St. Bonawits Day	Third Saturday of June
Quote: "I showed the fish my balls."			
Jeff Goldblum	Fabulous	Fabulous Saturday	Fourth Saturday of every month
Quote: "My life has somehow been magically delicious. Like lucky charmed."			
Marc Bolan	The Future and Dragons	Sunday of Music	Fourth Sunday of every month
Quote: "Reclined in glass, with eyes too steep, relentless dimensions of quadraphonic sleep, dwelt the wild grinning Cyclopean pagan, screaming destruction in sheer dazzling raiment, a thunderbolt master a 'lectronic savior, a gold galactic raver, the Futuristic Dragon yes, and I do mean yes."			
C. Martin Croker	Science	Sunday of Science	First Sunday of every month
Quote: "What has science done?!"			
Ra the Egyptian Sun God	Vitamin D	<u>Sunday</u>	Every Sunday
"The Egyptians saw the sun and called him Ra, the Sun God. He rode across the sky in his chariot until it was time to sleep. Copernicus and Galileo proved otherwise, and poor Ra lost his divinity." – Ashwin Sanghi			
Teller	Quietness	Sunday of Quietness	Third Sunday of every month
Quote: "..."			
Michael Ian Black	Vans	Black Sunday	Second Sunday in August
Quote: "Do I have wood? Yeah. I've got so much wood I should be a forest right now."			

Anti-Saints

Anti-Saint	Anti-Patron of
George W. Bush	Peace
Mark Zuckerberg	Privacy

Holidays

Every Saturday and Sunday is a holiday.

- Saturdays:
 1. The first Saturday of the month: **Adequate Saturday**
 2. The second Saturday of the month: **Splendid Saturday**
 3. The third Saturday of the month: **Awesome Saturday**
 4. The fourth Saturday of the month: **Fabulous Saturday**
- Sundays:
 1. The first Sunday of the month: **Sunday of Science**
 2. The second Sunday of the month: **Sunday of Comfort**
 3. The third Sunday of the month: **Sunday of Quietness**
 4. The fourth Sunday of the month: **Sunday of Music**

Fifth Saturdays and Sundays

- If a month has five Saturdays, then the fifth Saturday of the month is **the Feast of the Fifth Saturday**. It is traditionally observed by eating pizza and/or chicken and gathering disciples to play board, card, or video games.
- If a month has five Sundays, then the fifth Sunday of the month is **the Brunch of the Fifth Sunday**. During the brunch, it is customary to engage in the sharing of dreams. These dreams can be either literal, as in recounting visions you've had during slumber, or figurative dreams, a telling of your hopes and aspirations.
- Fifth Saturdays and Sundays each occur about four times per year. If a year has five of one of the Fiftths, then the Fifth Fifth Saturday or Fifth Fifth Sunday is extra cool.

Super Special Holidays

Super Special Holidays override the default holidays listed above.

- The **fourth Saturday in February** is **Hot Tub Time Machine 2 Day**. On this day, we honor and celebrate the film *Hot Tub Time Machine 2*.
- The **third Sunday in March** is **the Day of the Conduit**. It is to celebrate the anniversary of the creation of The Splendid Document by the Conduit. Public readings and distributions of The Splendid Document are encouraged.
- The **third Saturday in June** is **St. Bonawits Day**. It is to honor [Dave Bonawits](#), the patron saint of fish.
- The **second Sunday in August** is **Black Sunday**, named for comedian and author Michael Ian Black. No relation to comedian Lewis Black, but you can honor him on that day too if you want.
- The **fourth Saturday in August** is **the Festival of the Twins**. It is a day to honor all twins.
- The **first Sunday in September** is **the Day of Labor**. It is to acknowledge the pain of labor that women endure in order to bring new human beings into the world. This day is associated with music, comedy, and alcohol.
- The **second Sunday in November** is **Vonnegut Day**, for author Kurt Vonnegut.

Changelog

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- 3/22/2019. Version 0.2.0. Rearranged section order, added to the glossary, and added a copyright section.
- 3/19/2019. Version 0.1.1. Added the “Freedom of Choice” section and named additional holidays. Named The Splendid Appendix as a separate entity from The Splendid Document.
- 3/18/2019. Version 0.1.0. Initial document created.

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