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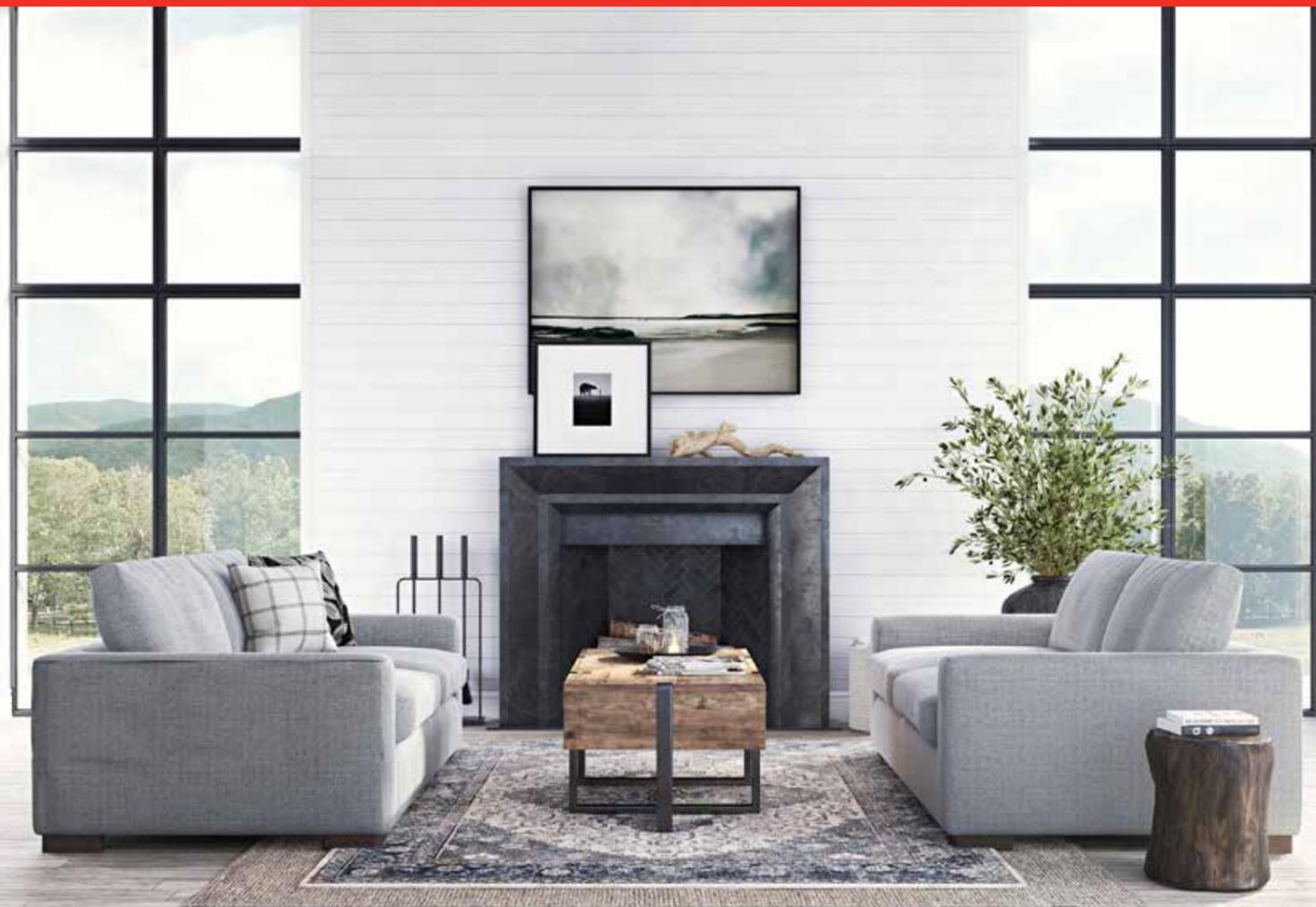


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EMBRACING DIVERSITY: VANCOUVER'S MULTICULTURAL JOURNEY

Vancouver, a city nestled between the majestic mountains and the tranquil ocean, has undergone a remarkable transformation over the years. What was once a homogenous community has evolved into a vibrant tapestry of cultures, making it a truly multicultural and multinational hub. As we navigate through the pages of our city's history, it's heartening to witness the incredible mosaic that Vancouver has become.

Embracing diversity has enriched our city in countless ways. The fusion of various traditions, languages, and cuisines has turned every corner into a gateway to a different part of the world. From the bustling streets of Chinatown to the aromatic stalls of the Punjabi Market, Vancouver offers an invitation to explore the world's cultures right within its boundaries. By engaging with our neighbors from different backgrounds, we open ourselves to a broader understanding of humanity, fostering tolerance, respect, and unity.

In the midst of this vibrant blend of cultures, let's not forget the importance of supporting our local businesses. Each shop, restaurant, and market stall represents the dreams and aspirations of individuals who contribute to the unique fabric of our city. As we stroll through the diverse neighborhoods, let's make a conscious effort to choose local establishments. By doing so, we invest in the future of our city, ensuring that the entrepreneurial spirit continues to thrive and contribute to the rich tapestry that is Vancouver.

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TYPO-CALLIGRAPHY

BY KOUROSH JEDDI

I used printmaking medium as a way to abandon the pre-defined concepts of calligraphy and move toward abstract structures that potentially open new avenues of interpretation for the reader/viewer to create meaning. In this body

of work, I use printmaking techniques to expand and adapt contemporary typography forms while respecting the traditional visual features of Persian calligraphy. Typo-Calligraphy eliminates legibility of the text as a way to privilege feelings and emotions over reason and narration.

By looking to the most of my prints, letters and words are illegible and conceptually evocative. They appear just as the “form of writing” and cryptic forms. Without the smallest unit of

meaning. This illegibility brings a vacuum of perceptions, which is left for the reader to decode it, fill in, and interpret. To replace abstract forms with words, and to give absolute superiority of feelings.

The “letter-oriented” approach, following Saqqakhana style, is to uses scripts and letters to make a shift from traditional style and present them in modern combinations. the term was used to describe artists who used objects and visual elements from the environment around people’s lives that existed in the

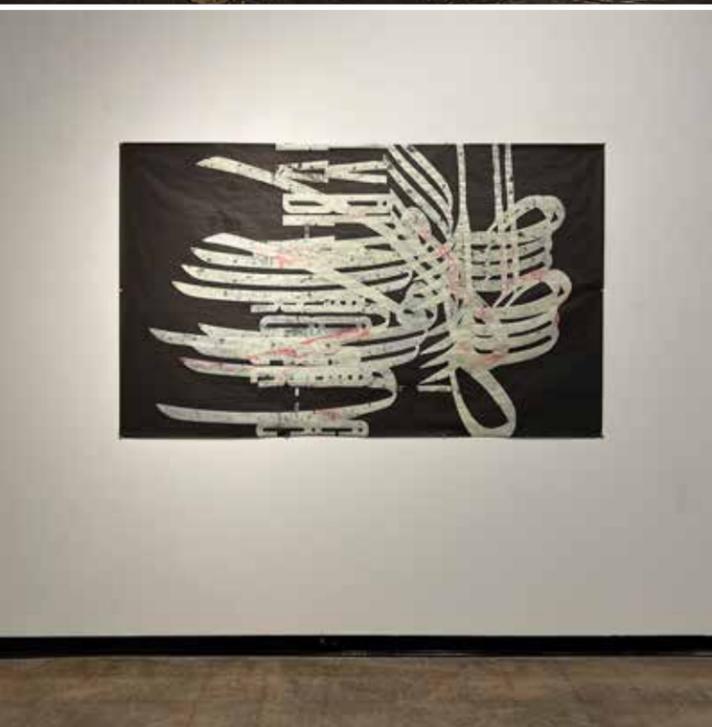
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Top:
Gary R. Libby Gallery
University of Florida
MFA Exhibition show
Spring 2022

Middle left:
Love & Hate, 2021
4x4 feet, Relief-print on
fingerprint paper

Middle right:
Dispute, 2020
64x64 inches, Woodcut on
fingerprint





Saqqakhana, shrines, and religious sites to produce modern works. However, religious themes do not play a role in my work, and I am trying to transfer my emotions. The main motivation is to strengthen and achieve different visual forms. Variety in shapes, rhythm, tension, contrast, positive and negative atmosphere, identity, ambiguity, and illegibility are some of the things I experiment my work.

Calligraphy is not necessarily a tool for conveying predetermined meanings. Calligraphy connects symbol and gesture. Relying on the knowledge of calligraphy and typography, the artist transmits a set of marks, shapes

and movements on paper may have a metaphysical origin. In fact, the artist's feelings and spirit singular manifest through a physical process and are transmitted to the viewer in much the same way. It can be said that the origin of various typefaces stems from the diversity of calligraphers' imagination. In some cultures, such as Islam, calligraphy has a sacred place, so that these forms preserve the word of the Creator and are a substitute for spiritual images. So beyond the function of language, the visual power of these abstract forms alone is a factor in the creation of many artworks made by artists around the globe.

Top:
The Bird, 2020
100x48 inches, oodcut
on fingerprint

Bottom left:
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CHESS vs. BACKGAMMON

GAMES OF OPTIONS AND
OBLIGATIONS

Mehnoush Shahbandi



What is life rather than a game of options and obligations? You are free to choose your job, your clothes, whether to marry or not, and many more! However, there are also a lot of things for which you have no choice! Nobody can choose their parents and their time of birth. You don't have any control over how you look, the country you were born in and the language you speak as your mother tongue! But this amazing quality makes life livable and interesting, the quality that is taken into many games.

Chess and backgammon are two counterparts of choice and obligation. You choose your strategy and move in chess, and you might win, but you can't win in backgammon if the dice don't like you. The obligation of the dice plays it!

Backgammon, which is about 5000 years old, is one of the oldest games in existence. It is still played in many countries. The first dice, made from human bones, was found in the country now known as Iraq. The ancient Egyptians played a game called Senet, which resembled backgammon, with moves controlled by the roll of dice. The board, with its twenty-four points and thirty checkers (or pieces or men) has been around for a long time, but the game has not always been called backgammon. The Romans were the first to make it truly popular with their version called "Duodecim Scripta et Tabulae" or "Tables" for short. Emperor Claudius, who had a special board made on the back of his chariot, played the game to get rid of the boredom of long journeys. Emperor Nero was a

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6th century AD. The game was called Chaturanga. Later, by the 7th century AD, it spread to Persia, where a more modern version of it was created and called Shatrange. When the Arabs invaded Persia, chess was taken up by the Muslim world and subsequently, through the Moorish conquest of Spain, spread to Southern Europe. The pieces assumed their current powers in Spain in the late 15th century; the modern rules were standardized in the 19th century. The queen is the most

powerful piece in the game of chess, able to move any number of squares vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Because the queen is the strongest piece, a pawn is promoted to a queen in the vast majority of cases.

In Europe, the moves of the pieces changed in the 15th century. The modern game starts with these changes. In the second half of the 19th century, modern tournament play began. Chess clocks were first used

keen gambler. Each of his games was for what is equivalent of \$10,000. We actually don't have any record of what happened to his opponents if they lost!

All the games can be tracked by looking into ancient art and literature, and Backgammon is no exception. In Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, and in Love's Labour's Lost by Shakespeare, are the lines and verses about Backgammon: "They daucen, and they pleyen at ches and tables." Not until 1645, there was no print record of

the game. We are not sure where the game came from, but most scholars agree that it is very likely that it comes from the Middle English *baec* = back ad *gamen*= game.

According to Wikipedia, "Chess is a two-player strategy board game played on a checkered board with 64 squares arranged in an 8x8 grid. The game is played by millions of people worldwide." The history of chess goes back almost 1500 years ago. The game originated in northern India in the

in 1883, and the first world chess championship was held in 1886. The 20th century saw advances in chess theory and the establishment of the World Chess Federation. Chess engines (programs that play chess), and chess database became important.

These two board games have been popular and played for such a long time that everybody hardly thinks of the hidden life philosophy which lies within the games.



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Today is the 22nd of February, 2222 and I have been waiting for this special date for a few years. I'm going to explain to you why at the exact time of 2:22:22 something special will happen. when you look at all 2s next to each other, this is how the date looks like 22/2/2222 and this is the time 2:22':22"! You can guess why it is special. This symbol has never happened before and will never happen in the future. I am expecting something special to happen and I am intended to record as much as I can. The truth is that the information I am going to share with you is extremely sensitive therefore hazardous for my life. I must be very careful and will publish it just a few seconds before the mentioned time, otherwise, I may be arrested or put my friends' lives in danger.

ROMAN HUBOT

WRITTEN BY HEEVA AZIMI

Everything started a few years ago, when my friend and I were traveling across the country and basically were having the time of our life. During our trip we met a group young people who seemed strange in the beginning and became interesting later when we got to know them. They talked about uniqueness of human being in a way that we shouldn't only live to enjoy ourselves and then die! They made us realize that there should be a better reason for our existence, the more important reason, the ultimate reason! Later we understood that they were preaching a secret religion. The Religion that my friend and I are members of for quite some time now.

I know in the past there were many religions with serious follower who practiced the rituals and prayed to their gods and passed those religions to the next generations for thousands of years. But now, in 2222, religions are forbidden in all forms. Nobody is allowed to practice a religion, not even in their private life. Parents are

neither interested nor allowed to talk about religions to their children. School children shouldn't be thought any symbolic forms of religions or inherited beliefs before they come to a certain age.

Leaders fundamentally believe that power is in peoples' unity and religions divide people. Therefore, to have a safer community no one is allowed to follow any religions. And this is why being a member of a religious group is very dangerous. I know that! But I also believe that there should be more to life than what we have now. I remember once my friend asked me what I thought that life would be like in 200 years from now and I said that I didn't think it would be more different. Because with the life expectancy for general public over a century, nothing would be much more different if we don't make a change!

I somehow believe that this is the right path, although it is forbidden for now! even my parents don't know about

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it. There is only just a few of us who gather secretly to pray and do our divine rituals in the hope of eventually preparing ourselves for the final ceremony. The ceremony I wish it is today, in a couple of minutes.

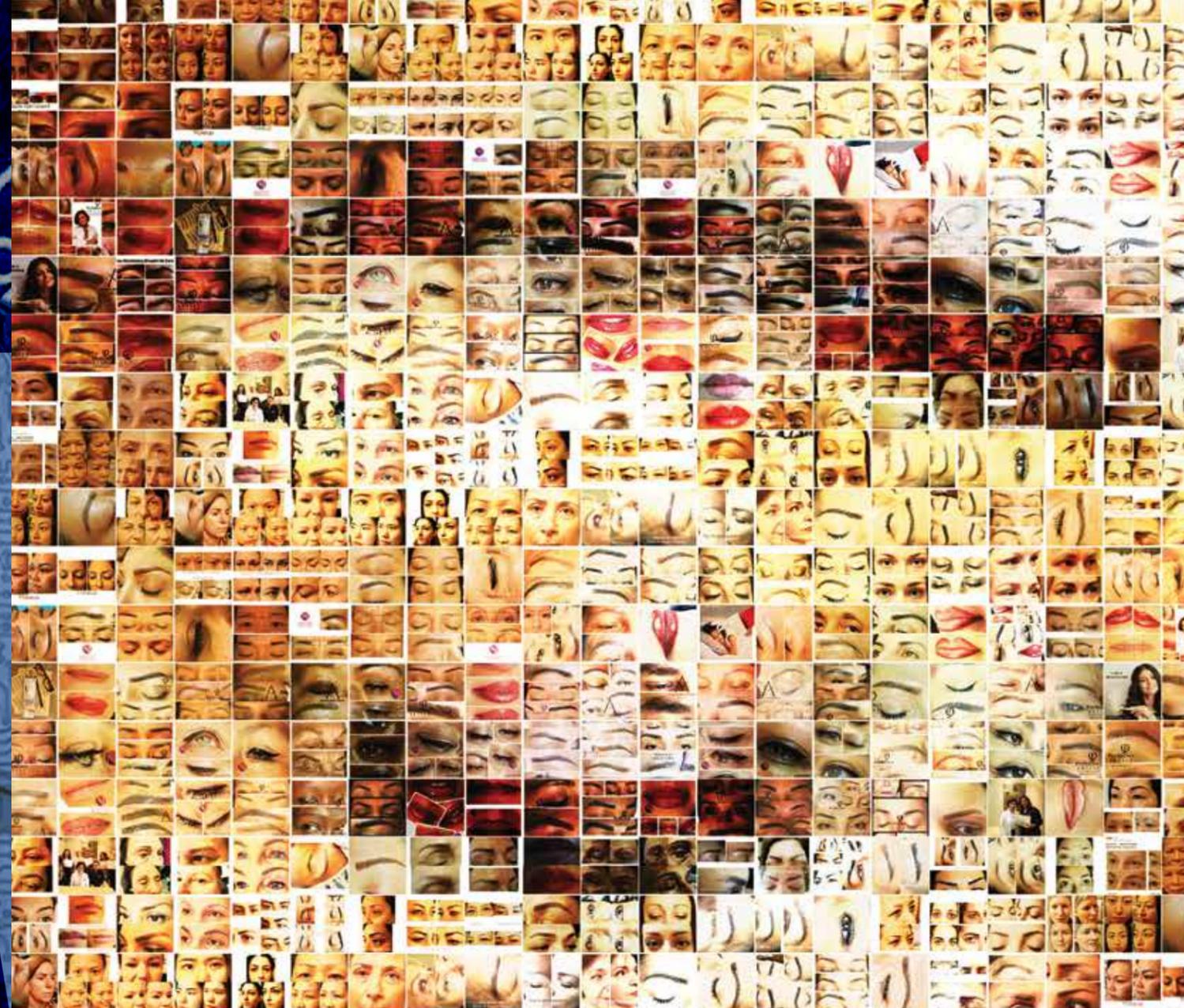
In our community we are not obligated to pray to a single god. We have parallel gods who will guide us to parallel universes and eventually to a higher level of human existence. We support each other, keep each other's secret to death and are ready to fight for our goals. It is a part of our ideology that in order to save the majority of people, it doesn't matter if we have to sacrifice our life or others'. What matters is salvation. The Religion is here to save human being. It has prepared followers like us to guide people, to teach them what is good and what is bad for them. Because as we can witness in the current face of the world people are ignorant of their divine happiness and they have become occupied with the façade of their luxury life. Anyways, I would like to record our present way of life for future people so that you will realize why we have chosen to follow our religion and why we tried to make a way to salvation. But in order to understand all this you should know what life on Earth is like now.

I don't know what life looks like in your time, but our life is very different from the past in all aspects. The most important thing is that no one works now as all jobs are done by robots and AI. Let me give you an example, all the farms are fully automated. In the farms, everything from A to Z is done without human interference. The products are carried away by trucks which are self-driven and controlled by AI. No one works in the factories and everything in factories is done without a single person's presence. No one drives, let me correct myself, no one

is allowed to drive! all the cars, trucks, trains, and planes are self- driven since humans could cause accidents and damages. If you want to drive for pleasure, it's a long process, you have to apply and if you are eligible and approved to drive, you have to book an appointment. There is a specially designed track which is far from the city so that you can drive for a limited time under high AI supervision. Let me give you another example, you cannot cook at home. You can order any types of food you want at any time of the day and you will receive it shortly. There are central kitchens in every neighborhood equipped with all High-Tech machinery and fresh products and special robot who are programmed to prepare your meal the way you like it to be in the most hygienic atmosphere. No cook can compete with their super high efficiency and accuracy, and they are programmed to do the job 24 hours a day. The kitchens are also super clean, the products are fresh and healthy.

There are no jobs for people to do, no schools, no universities, no teachers, all education is done through e-learning, monitored by AI. We also receive some internal chips frequently to boost our physical and brain power. All of our body functions are monitored continuously and if there is something suspicious or wrong, it will be detected and will be cured by AI medical support. There are no human doctors, nurses, or dentists and of course, there are no human hospitals and pharmacies. As there is no job, there is no money! We don't need money. We can order food, and clothing for free. So, we don't have any banks or financial institutions. No credit cards, no mortgages, and of course no financial pressures at all.

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and finding new sources of energy, restoring the forest and jungles, and cleaning the nature and environment from the pollution of previous centuries now the Earth gets back to its beautiful normal nature with the least intervention.

This is the way we live in 2222, total human history achievement. Human has worked hard years after years to create AI. And now AI is so advanced that it does everything. People are just having fun, playing sports and enjoying life. There is this life philosophy that almost everybody believes in and it is against the nature of religions that says, religions are now useless for human being as there are no unfortunates and in need! Nobody tells lies! Robots are all programmed to the highest virtue of humanity and people are now pure in nature. They don't feel the need to steal or kill or commit any other crimes. In such a world, religions are just parting people and build barriers. Sometimes even I ask myself: "Roman, what's wrong with you? what has made you join this secret Religion? what is it the world that your heart wishes and you don't have? What philosophy can bring bigger salvation than this?" And these doubts scare me to death. Because

according to my religion, there should be something more to human life than this. I once took all my courage in me and asked the Great Mond in one of the ceremonies, he looked at me with fright and said: "You don't know Roman! You are too ignorant to realize what this religion has to offer. You just see the surface and the religion sees the depth. If the Religion is not here to help you, you are doomed to suffer later." And I asked myself, "when is later? I want to live NOW!" but thanks to my dear friend, I realized my mistake. Although he didn't have the answer either, but he made me understand that of course the Religion and the Monk know better than me.

And it all takes me here, the point of time that I am ready to put my life at risk. To say that I believe there should be more meaning to life than the perfect image that has been created by AI. I want to expand my horizon by exploring new universes and getting rid of my repetitive lifestyle. The life style that is about society comfort and pretentious safety. When moments of doubts come along, I always drawn myself in a part of ritual which calms me down and helps me believe again. This ceremony happens when all of us get together in our Community Cell

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and move around The Big Sacred Rock which holds the holy secret. We turn 22 times around it and say the sacred word of "Zemiphia" 22 times. Then 22 Individuals among us, who are the chosen ones, come near the rest of us and pray for us to be loved by gods as much as them. I always burst into tears at this part of ceremony and I wish for myself whole heartedly to become good enough for the gods to choose me too. However, I think I am so weak! That's why today I decided to do it and record it all. To prove to myself and my fellow community members that I am good enough! Even if I die!

I have been given a piece of "Zemiphia" for tonight's ceremony. When the clock strikes exactly 2:22:22, I should all say "Zemiphia" 22 times while rubbing it on my left cheek. If I am the chosen, the gate to the parallel universes will open and allow me to enter the other universe. I feel sad and frightened that I have to say goodbye to my friends and family, but this is what Religion has asked me to do and I should obey. I'm happy that I've decided to publish my recordings and share it with you so that you can follow me. I hope to see you in the other universe.

The clock strikes and Roman starts saying "Zamephia" 22 times while he is rubbing the rock on his left cheek. After that, there is a very bright light in the room and a gate appeared in front of Roman. he walks into the gate and steps into a wide space with infinite universes in front of him. He should choose one universe to continue his journey. He randomly chooses one of them and steps into another universe. As soon as he wants to enter into the new universe, everything starts to move quickly around his head and the surrounding images become blurry and everything becomes darker and darker and he faints.

Roman wakes up in a big dome surrounded by many people and robots. His mother is sitting next to him and holding his hand and his father is standing next to her.

"Where am I, mom?" Roman asks his mother.

"Don't worry darling. Everything is fine" his mom says.

"What is this place? who are these people?" Roman asks.

"There's no need to be worried darling. What I'm going to tell you now has been a secret since you were born 22

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years ago” His mom says with caution. “What secret? What is going on mom? dad, why don't you say anything?” Roman says.

His dad puts his hand on his mom's shoulder while he has some tears in his eyes.

“Let me tell you the secret. You are the special one in human history, and the first one” his mom says with a smile.

“What do you mean?” Roman asks.

“You are the first person who was born of a marriage between a human and a robot” his mom explains with pride.

“What?” Roman asked with surprise.

“You mean one of you is a robot? I can't believe it! Why didn't you tell me sooner? Does anybody else know about it?”

“No one knows and the team here who has been working on this project for more than a century is supposed to decide when it's going to be announced to the public.” His mom says.

“That's unbelievable. I can't believe it! but who's the robot parent, you or dad?” Roman asks.

“Dad is the robot. Your name comes from both of us. Ro from the robot and man from human, that's your beautiful name. That was my suggestion, dad wanted to name you Hubot, mixing

human, and robot. But finally, we chose Roman. But in the honor of your birth, AI named this research center after you “ROMAN HUBOT”. His mom explains.

“Wow, that is definitely too much information to take in all at once. But what happened to me? I was practicing a religion secretly. I was close to entering other universes. What happened then?” Roman asks.

“We have been aware of that all along and we were taking care of you from distance. This religion thing was a system bug. A hidden bug from your human side that emerged the AI system. The urge to destroy yourself and the world around you in seek of artificial happiness and getting connected to supernatural. AI has detected the weak points that caused the problem, but it took some time to fix it. The good news is everything is ok now.

You are bug free! you could get back to your normal, perfect human-robot life.”

“But Mom, I still have many questions”

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Will There Ever Be Another Worm To Fall In Love With Another Apple?

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In an early morning on a sunny day, I found myself on a branch of an apple tree next to a beautiful apple with lots of yellow and orange spots on its very green skin. I slowly crept on its soft delicate skin, moved around it many times and looked at it with joy. "What a fragile pretty thing." I thought. I looked around, it was a big garden full of apple trees and thousands of apples hanging from the trees. But no other worms. I was the only worm in such a big garden and my apple was the only apple which was sparkling like a pearl. It was different from the others, very much different.

Filled with these thoughts, I saw the first morning sun rays touching the apple through the leaves. Under the sun light everything shone differently. It was a waltz of light and shadow and color on my apple. Looking at her being amazingly calm, intoxicated by her smell, I fell in love with her. Well, here I was! A little worm in a big apple garden in love with an apple.

I went down the branch and put my head on her skin and stayed still for long slow minutes. Then I crept on her until I could feel her with all my body. All I was thinking about was how I could tell her that I was in love with her.

I looked down the tree. There was a long distance between us and the ground, I stared at the ground for some time. I was too excited to keep silent any longer. I went over the apple again, caught my breath and said immediately "My dearest, I am in love with you". She didn't say a word. I broke the silence and said, "I don't know why, but I love you and I want to stay with you forever".

"Why did you fall in love with me? There are lots of other apples here", she finally started. I couldn't find a good answer: "I don't know, maybe because of your beauty, your smell or the color of your skin, but whatever it is this morning, I found myself in love with you". She kept silence for a moment. There was a soft

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breeze. She jerked a little and warmly started speaking: "My little worm, you're an interesting thing too as well, when you crept on my skin, I enjoyed it to the bottom of my heart." I was filled with delight hearing that, and I thought to myself "she cares about me and she likes me. Perhaps, she doesn't love me but that is ok. After all she seems happy to make friends with me."

We talked about different things, butterflies, trees, leaves and other apples. It was joyful watching things from high above, everything seemed more beautiful. Suddenly, I asked her why there was no other worms except me, and she said: "Humans don't like worms. They don't let them be. They spray poison to kill worms". I had never seen any humans before in my whole life. I didn't have any idea what they were like, so I asked: "why? why do they do this?"

"I don't know!" she answered. "They like apples but don't like worms. They pick apples, put them in big baskets and take them away. They do it every year. They started picking the apples in our garden two days ago. Sooner or later, maybe today, maybe tomorrow they'll come for me too".

"Taking you away? Like the others?" I was shocked and worried.

"Yes," she replied sadly.

"I won't let them do that! I love you. No one can take you away from me. We should speak to them. Let's tell them that we are in love and ask them to leave us

be. They must understand! they must go away!

"It's not that simple." She said quietly. "Yeah, I like you, but it doesn't make any sense to them. They don't speak our language. They'll pick me and take me away".

Knowing the sad reality, that humans would come and take her away, made me so sad that I couldn't speak for a long time. Suddenly there was a noise. It was the garden's gate. "They are coming! they're coming!" she said worriedly. We didn't speak and just watched the humans. They were not too far, and they were picking the apples from one tree after the other. There were just some trees between us. They were getting closer and closer. We could clearly hear them talking. "Will they pick her today? Will they take her away?" I was scared to death.

But fortunately, after they filled all the boxes which they had with them, they put the boxes in a van and went away. There was silence again between us. Each of us wanted the other to speak. We were sure that the human would come back again the next day. We had just that precious night together. We both were thinking: "We shouldn't waste it. Let's speak! Let's say something!" But there was still silence.

After some time staring into each other's eyes, she said: "There is a way. The only way to stay together".

"What is it? I'll do anything to stay with you." I asked.

"You should make a hole on my skin, a big hole that everybody could see it easily..." she said confidently.

I was shocked: "You're kidding, right? I can't do that. I can't make a hole on your body like that".

She interrupted me: "Look, we don't have much time. The humans are coming, and this time is surely my turn. The old apple tree told me that humans don't like worm-eaten apples, and they don't pick the apples which have worms in them. Also, a worm should be inside the apple, making a big hole on it to make it look bad. Otherwise humans would throw the worm away and take the apple. There haven't been any worms for a long time here because of the poison they spray each year. There is no other choice. you should start immediately. We haven't got much time!"

I understood that it was the only way. Although it was difficult for me I decided to do it. I crept on her. Feeling her shiny, eggshell skin and tried to start from somewhere.

The next morning there was a hole on her body. Working fast and continuously, I fell asleep inside her. In the morning, a noise woke me up. I stretched my head out of the hole and I saw that humans were picking the apples. I was hoping that they wouldn't get to us or if they would, they could see the hole on her skin and go away. One human put the apples he had picked in a basket and came toward us. He wanted to pick her, but he stopped,

looked at us carefully for a minute and then screamed and call the others. Other humans came. They showed us to each other and became surprised seeing a worm-eaten apple after so many years. They decided to use a stronger poison next year and then they started picking other apples again. There were no apples left in the garden by the end of the day, but her. And we felt very much happy that we could stay together. We celebrated all night. The other trees shared our happiness with us. The old apple tree said that humans make stronger poisons every year to destroy worms, but there is one at least each year! And we all laughed. It was wonderful in the beginning. Waking up together and being together all day and kissing each other goodnight every night. But each day the bruise around the hole on her skin was spreading. I saw it everyday, I felt that pain inside me, on my skin, and deep in my heart. But I couldn't mention it to her, knowing that it was her who had the pain. She also didn't want us

to talk about the hole, after all it was the only way to stay together. Days and nights passed, half of her body was brown, she told me that she might fall sooner or later and wanted me to go to a higher branch not to fall with her and be safe. But I couldn't even imagine to be an inch away from her. Sometimes she thought of other apples and wondered where they were and what they were doing. But after a second, she would say that she didn't want to be anywhere far from me. She seemed very happy, happy because of all different things we had done during her short life. However, she was weak. She shook even by a soft breeze. I was very worried about her but

the joy of being together was stronger than the fear of future.

In an evening in the fall when the sun was gathering its rays from over the leaves, I felt that she couldn't hold herself to the branch any longer. On that very day, she fell down. We fell down! I was on her skin kissing her and talking to her. She was happy that I was with her. She was trying to look healthy and fresh, although a big part of her body was brown. A soft breeze shook her, and we fell. It was a hard crash. She was fragile and I was old, but we both were together, and that was the only thing that mattered. There we were, on the ground, she was lying, and I fell asleep forever inside her.





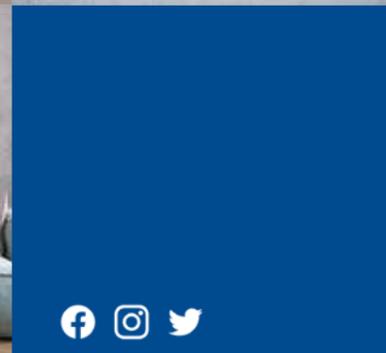
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If you are one of those people who care about their health, you shouldn't miss the most important meal of the day, your breakfast! Studies show that breakfast-eaters improve their physical and brain functionality when they ingest their morning meal regularly. There are countless benefits in eating a well-prepared breakfast and start a productive day.

Fuel Your Empty Tank

No engine starts working without fuel, neither does your body. To push your body to have a great start you need to take some minutes to provide fuel for it. Working on an empty stomach leaves you with feelings of fatigue and out-of-sorts.

Boost Your Brain Power

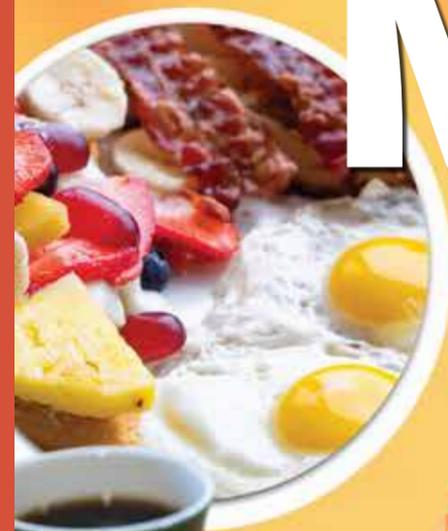
Studies suggest that eating breakfast can help children to be more alert with better concentration and memory, to have stronger problem-solving ability and higher test scores, and of course, to have a happier mood. For adults, eating breakfast means to be more active and consequently more productive which totally ends up being more successful.

Improve Your Metabolism

A nutritious breakfast helps regulate insulin levels. A whole-grain meal in the morning including cereals, bread, dairy products, and fruits facilitates metabolism. It is proven that children and adults who eat breakfast on daily basis are less possible to suffer from overweight or obesity. At the same time not being overweight can guarantee a healthy heart. Taking enough soluble fiber reduces the cholesterol level in the blood and prevents heart diseases.

All in all, to have a better body shape, healthier heart, stronger bones, and smoother digestion, try to start your day with breakfast. It doesn't have to be big; it only needs to be complete.

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The doors of Saatchi & Saatchi Fine Jewellery first opened up on Robson Street on April 16, 1989. With five generations in the jewellery business, Mr. Ali Saatchi opened his first Vancouver location alongside his youngest son, Julio, and only daughter, Dina. Julio began working in the family business at the age of 17, coming into work after school and on the weekends. He was dedicated to helping his father's business flourish, and together the team of three worked tirelessly to get to where they are today. In July 2016, Julio took over the family business from his father and continues to work alongside his sister. What started out as a small store, will now be celebrating its 29-year anniversary in this coming year. Saatchi & Saatchi Fine Jewellery has a client base of tourists, as well as many locals who continue to come since the business' initial opening. Julio shares many fond memories with past and present customers. In particular, he tells the story of a couple who he originally met in 1992, who came to the store to buy their engagement and wedding rings. 23 years later, the son of that couple came in to buy his engagement rings for him and his partner. The company slogan "Let us create your family tradition" rings true! Julio explains that customers have become like family. From meeting a client's first-born child to then helping find their perfect graduation gift, the store holds many longtime customers.

Saatchi & Saatchi Fine Jewellery specializes in fine jewellery diamonds, precious stones, gemstones, gold, and silver. They travel around the globe to attend all major jewellery shows in order to bring their customers the most exquisite, one of a kind, and latest jewellery designs. This year, the jewellery store launched their brand new line of Saatchi Swiss watches.

From his hard-working beginnings of balancing his life with the family business, Julio has been able to successfully carry on the legacy of five generations and continues to be an inspiration for his children to do the same.



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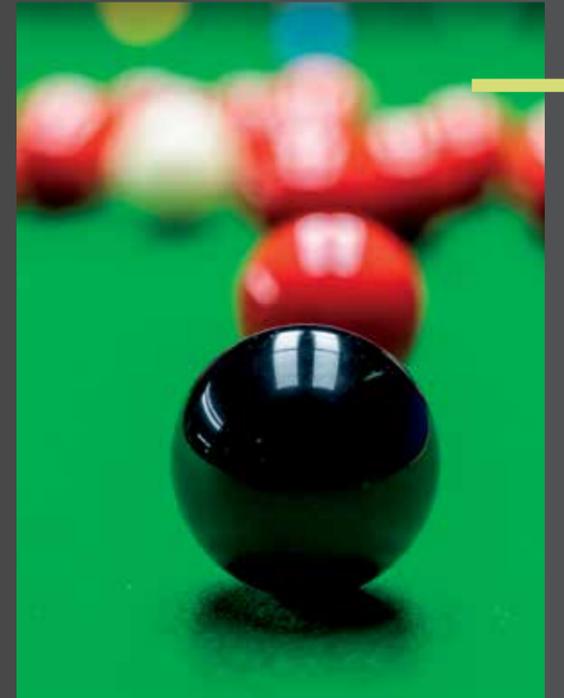


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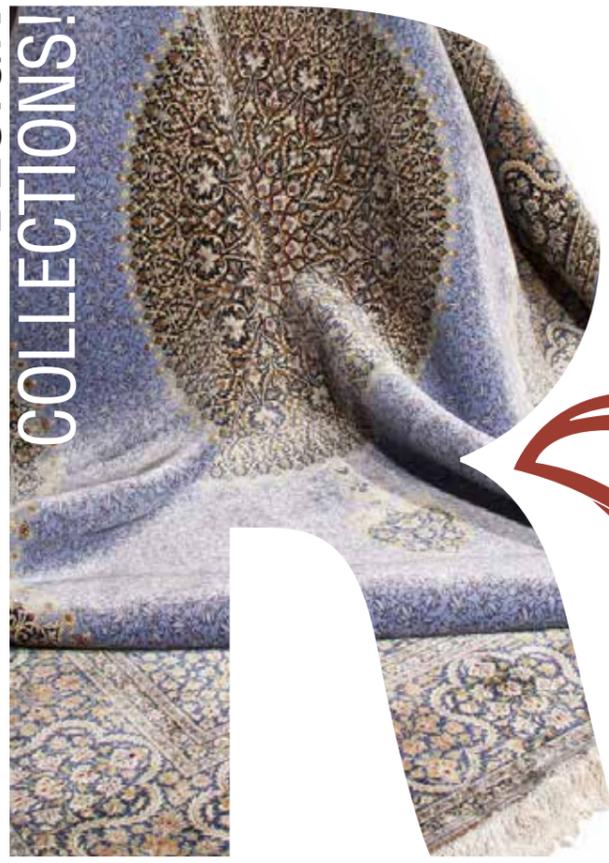


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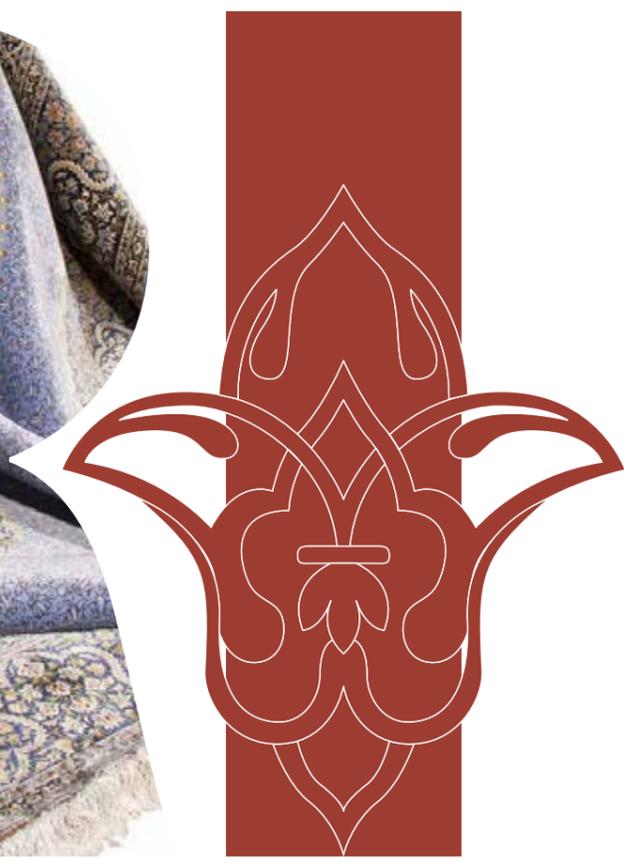
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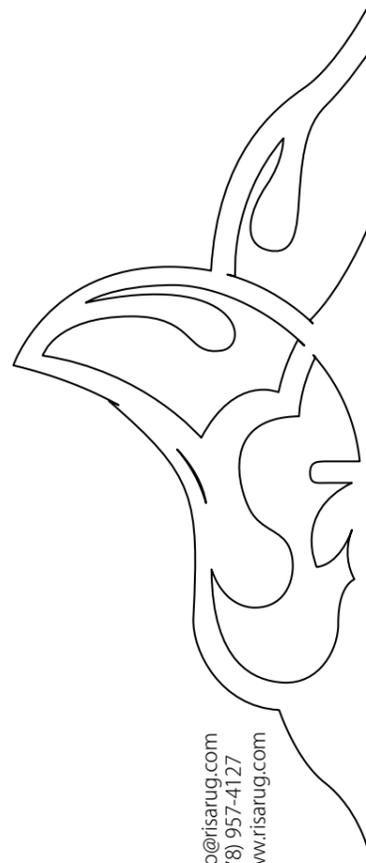
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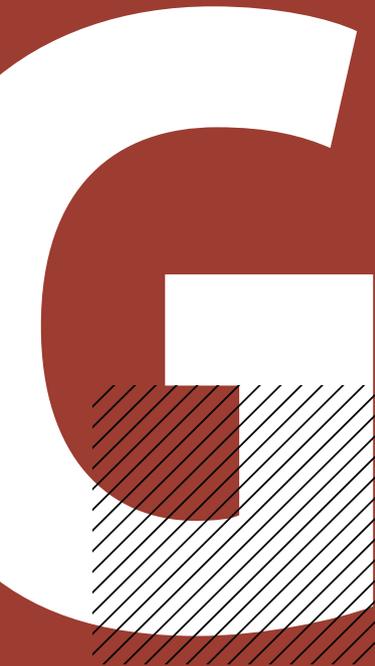
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