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2023 ISHK Annual Report Progress & Plans

ISHK Administration

As announced last year, with the retirement of Sally Mallam, ISHK's Hoopoe Books and Share Literacy programs, in partnership with U.K. based Kashfi's Children, are now part of a new entity, **Hoopoe Share Literacy Fund (HSLF)**.

Under the direction of Safia Nafisa Shah, HSLF has continued to expand book publication and distribution, as well as our outreach programs for refugee and other at-risk families all around the world. Visit hoopoebooks.com to read more about their work in 2023 and to donate to support their ongoing efforts.

"What I really want, in case anybody is listening, is for the products of the last 50 years of psychological research to be studied by the public, by everybody, so that the findings become part of their way of thinking."

Idries Shah
Interview with Elizabeth Hall
Psychology Today, 1975



The Human Journey

[HumanJourney.us](https://www.HumanJourney.us)

The ISHK Human Journey project continues to make the

current scientific knowledge about our origins, evolution, and development potential widely accessible, encouraging familiarity with the works of pivotal thinkers such as Karen Armstrong, Edward T. Hall, Frans de Waal, Idries Shah, and Robert Ornstein.

Our success is evident in steadily increasing traffic to our website, now averaging between 2,000 and 3,000 visits per day by visitors from more than 150 countries.

New in 2023:

- A major redesign makes the content more easily browsable, searchable, and readable.
- A new [Featured Books](#) section makes it easy for visitors to browse and access our reports of major works.
- A new, eight essay section by Steve Matthews on [the climate crisis and what we can do about it](#) explains the basic climate facts and climate tipping points, in-depth examinations of the situation in China, India, and the USA, and — most important — explorations of the most promising solutions.
- Updated collections of essays expand our understanding of [Archaic Greece](#) and [the European Axial Age](#).

- New in-depth reports and reviews of important books include:
 - Farooq Chahry on [*Sacred Nature*](#) by Karen Armstrong.
 - Richard Gault on [*The Matter with Things*](#) by Iain McGilchrist.
 - George Kasabov on [*How Religion Evolved and Why It Endures*](#) by Robin Dunbar and [*GOD 4.0: On the Nature of Higher Consciousness and the Experience Called “God”*](#) by Robert Ornstein with Sally M. Ornstein.
 - Mark Looi on [*Thinking, Fast and Slow*](#) by Daniel Kahneman.
 - And John Zada on [*Beyond Culture*](#) by Edward T. Hall and [*The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*](#) by Shoshanna Zuboff.



The Human Journey blog and social media outreach continue to attract new visitors.

Under the direction of writer, photographer and journalist John Zada, more than 15 new [Human Journey blog](#) posts in 2023 included essays by John Bell, Andrew Boden, Hafeez Diwan, Sally Mallam, Hugh McGilvery, Steven Nightingale, David Sobel, Denise Winn, and John Zada.

ISHK friends are always invited to suggest topics and submit entries for consideration. Be sure to follow the latest postings and share them through your social media networks.

The Human Journey plans for 2024

Timely updates to the Health and Education in the Modern World and Sustainable Planet sections are in the works, as well as important new content, including the role and impact of artificial intelligence and an in-depth review of storytelling—its history, importance, and place in contemporary society.

A new section on *The Mind in the Modern World* will encapsulate the latest findings in psychology and neuroscience that expand our understanding of who we are right now — individually and collectively — and who we might become, given our latent capacity to consciously evolve.

We will continue enhancing the design of the website, extending our social media outreach, and expanding our audience through audio recordings, additional books and videos.

Be sure to [come back often](#) to learn, explore and see the progress!

Funds Needed for The Human Journey in 2024 : \$60,000.00



ISHK CE@Home: Continuing Education for Psychologists

[Psychology-ce.org](#), ISHK’s continuing education program for psychologists, has been making the latest developments in psychology available since 1993.

Courses based on books such as *Caste*, *The Extraordinary Gift of Being Ordinary*, *Teaching the Mindful Self-Compassion Program*, *The*

Evolution of Consciousness, and *The Grieving Brain* offer the cutting edge in new and practical research in psychology.

We are continually adding new courses and the program attracts hundreds of new customers each year. Robert Ornstein's final work, *God 4.0: On the Nature of Higher Consciousness and the Experience Called "God"* continues to be a top selling course.

All of this progress has been possible thanks to the long-term support of the **Will J. Reid Foundation** and continued donations from our many contributors. Thank you.

Thank you to our contributors and volunteers for your continued support of our projects.

With our very best wishes,

David Sasseen
President
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