



MIND IN FLIGHT

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*speculative fiction forward to “Getting Your Head Around Exposition
in Sci-Fi & Fantasy” by Edmund Barker*

Dear Recipient,

Our founder, Edmund Barker, wrote the attached article to communicate to a broad audience about the dangers of logo-septicemia and common ways to avoid it. By 2035, up to 68,000 people had died from the disease during home use.¹ In 2042, his article was distributed alongside the logo-substrate used to render virtual reality participants mentally supple for entry into the diverse logics employed through VR. Fatalities dropped to fewer than forty a year.

However, despite the safety increase VR has achieved in the last few decades, we find ourselves in a new predicament, as, for reasons science has yet to discover, some users (about 2–5%) are “layering” their virtual realities and simultaneously populating multiple planes, both inside and outside of the defunct Orion Arm. As you can imagine, this is very perplexing for all involved, and as long as we hold it to be true that being on one physical plane is necessary to health, and that experiencing our former home, Earth, even through VR, is necessary to human health, we must work to get this issue resolved without shutting down access to VR depictions of the Orion Arm.

That is why the Edmund Barker Association for VR Health is asking all NASA Earth+5 members, Interdimensional Directors, and students of Multiplicity Studies to submit their applications for our research institute, Mind in Flight, this coming year. If you have received this letter, you have been recommended to apply.

Thank you for your consideration, and please review further application materials and resources in this packet.

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¹ “Terror-Terra: Terraforming the Psychic Masses After the Rigid Earth Upload.” *New American Soil*, 2036.