

**OPEN LETTER to:**

Ac. Vimalananda Avt.

Publisher of Crimson Dawn magazine, NY Sector

Research Chair of Microvita Subcommittee (since approx. 1990)

Re: **Review of submissions for Crimson Dawn, Microvita Edition, Jan. 2015**

Date: Nov. 30, 2014

C/c: Ac. Shambhushivananda Avt., Chancellor of Gurukul

Ac. Vimalananda Avt., Editor, Crimson Dawn

Ac. Citkrnananda Avt., Chair, Microvita Subcommittee

Dear Dada Vimalananda, namaskar

From my communications with Dada Vimalananda I have learned that your goal is to get Microvita theory recognized as science.

I much appreciate that, and I know that as the official research chairperson of Microvita Subcommittee you have done everything in your capacity, in your own way, the past 25 years to set up research collaborations and introduce microvita theory into the scientific community.

As you know, science requires verifiable and falsifiable proof, and as you may remember from our earlier conversations, we can for example provide some interesting and critical clues at least in the field / context of microvita cosmology, all with a broad and still growing spectrum of relevant references, sources and backgrounds.

Seeing the still very small level of introduction in the scientific community, and anyway, it is important that also the review / referral process follows at least a somewhat professional standard, as good as it gets.

As we all know, Shrii P.R. Sarkar / Ba'ba' has given everything in a nutshell, to say the least. So, while one of the first things to consider is of course to make sure that whatever is published is in all aspects consistent with the original context, this should be carefully and open mindedly reviewed in such a way that it does not stand in the way of the liberal, unchecked and creative unpacking of those same concepts.

Unnecessary to mention that any suggestion that this unpacking is being compromised for the petty sake of vested interests or other personal or other sentiments ("*to conceal our limitations or hide our imperfections..*") should be avoided at all costs. I'm confident that you'll appreciate especially this point.

To help facilitate a progressive review process for the various articles currently submitted for the upcoming special edition of Crimson Dawn (although it is not actually a scientific journal), I thought a brief summary and some suggestions might be helpful as a reference:

- Critical commentary on the submitted articles, by the editor, publisher or other parties. For example like how Dr. Michael Towsey's article reprinted at <http://www.jfs.tku.edu.tw/16-1/> was commented (btw. Dr. Marcus Bussey's current contribution was also taken from here).
- Professional peer-review by (usually 2, anonymous) others who are knowledgeable in the field, sending their replies to the author, so that the article can either be improved or withdrawn.
- Previewing the content on a one-to-one basis between the author and the editor or publisher. In this case, I can be flexible with that. Also in this case it is important that critical remarks are not based on sentiment, but are proven, well founded or at least made very plausible, so that the article can be improved and everyone benefits.
- Lastly, the article can be rejected without reasonable arguments, but no need to mention that this does not quite signal a good scientific standard, or any standard for that matter.

Also, the reviewing is not necessarily a consensus process - the conclusions are not necessarily the most important, but the way HOW the author got there. Just fyi, JFS provide a very helpful synopsis of the submission / reviewing / referral process on their website. And, the review should have some substance on paper, say 500 to 1000 words. For example, just an off-the-wall exegesis is not what we need at the dawn of a new era.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed, well before the deadline set by your editor. In case your many other occupations don't allow you to attend to your duties as a publisher, I trust you'll find someone else who is sufficiently well-informed in this field.

Just fyi. my personal interest in this special edition of Crimson Dawn is in the first place to help improve the general presentation of microvita science on behalf of Ananda Marga. Nevertheless I want to make sure that this unique issue of Crimson Dawn can be shared within my own network as well, so for this reason alone your inspirational and insightful collaboration is most appreciated.

I hope this is helpful.

Thank you,  
with kind regards,

Frank van den Bovenkamp (Pankaj)