

A MESSAGE TO MY BACKERS

December 5, 2016

Hi guys! Arthur and I have now entered our final week of getting the *The Reluctant Apostate* print-ready! I am relieved to have made it this far after months of intense work.

However, the situation has become a little complicated because I previously arranged to travel to the UK for Christmas and was really hoping to get all the copies mailed out before leaving on December 13th. As of this moment, there is at least a slim chance I can achieve my goal (or at least take the books with me to mail from the UK). If I cannot manage this, and instead have to mail them out on my return to Croatia after Christmas, I will let you all know. Of course, in this worst-case scenario, I will still have fulfilled my promise of getting the books sent out by the end of January, but as of this moment Arthur and I are still doing everything possible to work a miracle and get the books printed before I leave. We shall see!

Further complicating the situation is the fact that there seems to be a degree of confusion among my Indiegogo backers as to what you are all expecting. For example, I have received several emails from people who are upset because their names do not appear in the Acknowledgments preview I sent out in my previous update.

In an effort to simplify matters, I have compiled a list of all my Indiegogo backers who can expect to receive books through the campaign. To check whether you are on this list, please refer to the confirmation email you received when you first backed the project, and cross reference your "order number" with the relevant list below:

(A) The following have ordered an advance copy (not signed):

1, 4, 19, 38, 43, 48, 54, 60, 62, 68, 82, 97, 109, 110, 118, 128, 135, 149, 152, 161, 172, 181, 183, 198, 209, 211, 217, 233, 234, 247, 249, 262, 266, 267, 274, 282, 300, 306, 310, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 351, 353, 361, 365, 369, 371, 384, 385, 386, 388, 391.

(B) The following have ordered an advance, signed copy:

11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 44, 47, 51, 52, 57, 61, 64, 69, 74, 81, 85, 89, 91, 93, 94, 96, 98, 105, 114, 117, 131, 132, 140, 150, 163, 171, 173, 179, 184, 189, 194, 195, 197, 203, 206, 207, 208, 212, 213, 220, 226, 228, 232, 235, 238, 242, 243, 244, 246, 251, 255, 260, 263, 268, 272, 277, 285, 287, 290, 295, 298, 299, 309, 314, 318, 320, 321, 323, 326, 330, 333, 335, 337, 350, 354, 355, 357, 360, 364, 367, 368, 372, 373, 390, 393.

(C) The following have ordered an advance, signed copy *with their name in the acknowledgments*:

2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 22, 23, 28, 33, 35, 41, 45, 49, 53, 56, 58, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73, 76, 78, 79, 80, 84, 88, 92, 95, 99, 100, 102, 103, 108, 113, 116, 119, 120, 122, 127, 130, 134, 136, 138, 139, 141, 142, 145, 146, 148, 151, 153, 158, 159, 160, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 174, 175, 176, 177, 182, 187, 190, 192, 201, 204, 205, 216, 218, 219, 221, 223, 224, 225, 230, 239, 240, 241, 250, 254, 256, 257, 259, 261, 265, 270, 280, 283, 284, 286, 291, 292, 293, 294, 296, 302, 303, 311, 312, 313, 316, 322, 327, 329, 331, 332, 336, 338, 363, 374, 376.

(D) The following have ordered a signed copy, and will have their books sent out along with the advance copies:

399, 409, 412, 413.

There are two reasons why a person might mistakenly expect to be among those in list C above (whose names are in the Acknowledgments): (scenario 1) they clicked on a smaller perk, perhaps without realising it, or (scenario 2) they did not order a perk at all.

In scenario 1, though I can understand your frustration at not being included in the Acknowledgments, hopefully you can understand my predicament. Though it doesn't cost me anything to quickly edit the book so that your name appears, it would be unfair to all those who paid extra to have their name included if your name is also included despite you not having paid for this perk.

As for scenario 2, this could be because you sent me a donation via Indiegogo without clicking on any of the perks. At the time of writing, I have found **40 names** in my Indiegogo records of people who have donated \$19 or more, but who will not be receiving a copy of The Reluctant Apostate because they did not order a perk, did not pay any shipping costs, and did not leave a shipping address. If you are one of these people, **I need you to email me urgently** at "cedars@jwsurvey.org" and I will do my best to help you fix the situation. If you are willing to "correct" your order by adding a few extra dollars by PayPal relevant to your needs for shipping or a perk "upgrade," an address can be provided. Of course, even if you have already donated above and beyond your shipping/perk costs, I will still need an address!

I hope all of the above is clear. Basically, if your number appears above, and your expectations correspond with the list your number is in, then all is well and you do not need to worry about anything. If you were expecting a book and your number is **not** above (or you do not have an order number) you need to contact me urgently to help me sort it out.

I am desperate to get The Reluctant Apostate out into the world. But I am just as desperate to meet (or hopefully exceed) the expectations of all my amazing Indiegogo backers. Please make it possible for me to do this!

Lloyd