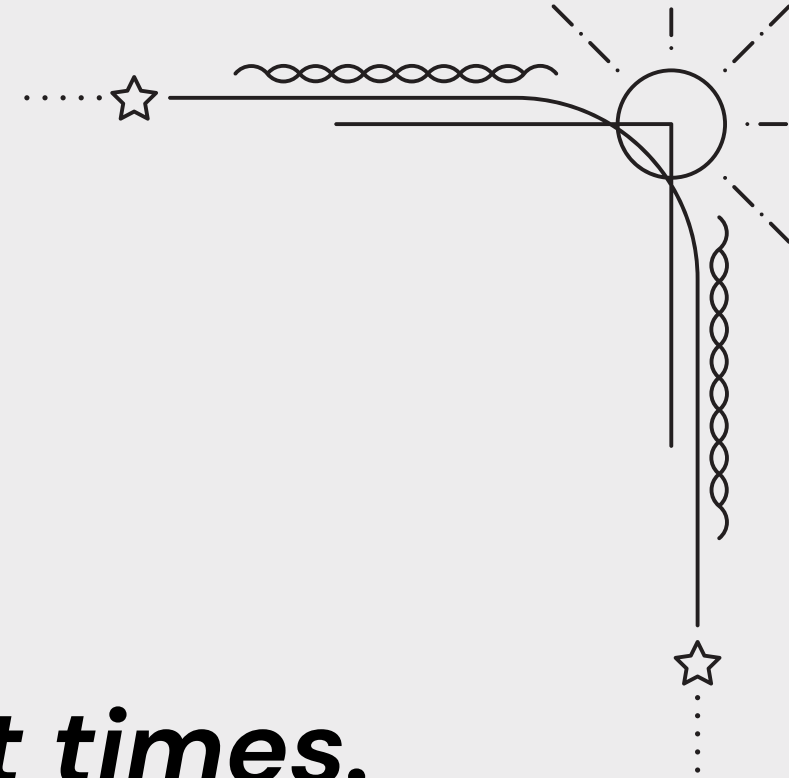


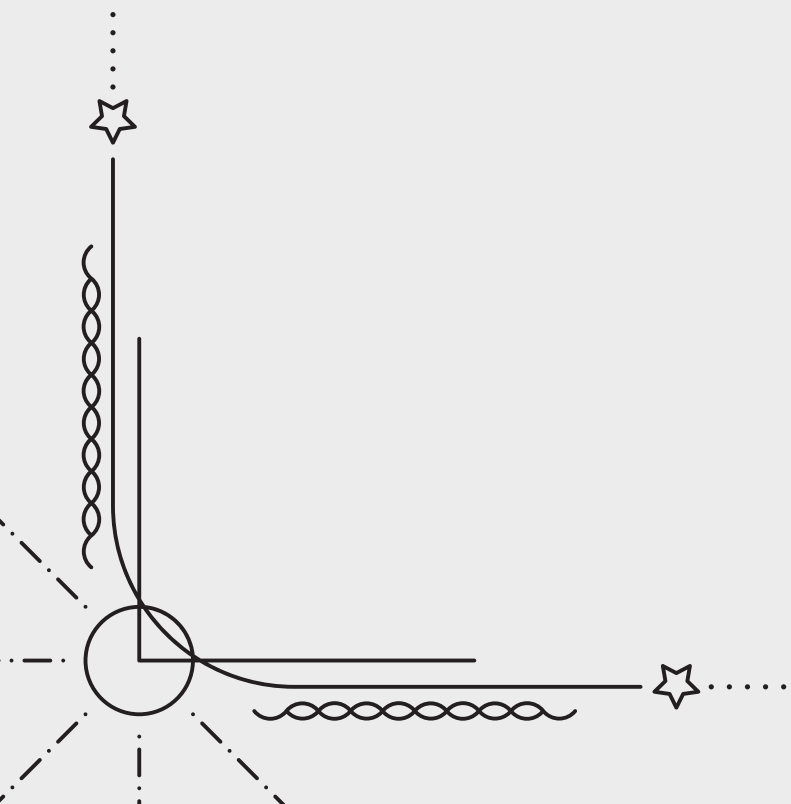
MOVEMENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD



**CON
ARTISTRY**
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***“A timely message from heaven, the end of present times.
The Virgin and her Holy Child wish for all the people to restore the
10 commandments of the Lord and to repent and to inform you of
the worldwide mission for which Jesus and Blessed Virgin Mary
have come on earth.”***



ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

- 1989–2000 (March 17)
- Kanungu, Uganda
- Heavily influenced by the 10 commandments
- Credonia Mwerinde–Programmer
- Joseph Kibweteere–Bishop
- 3000~4000 members

The 10 Commandments

1. *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
2. *You shall not make for yourself a carved image.*
3. *You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother.*
6. *You shall not murder.*
7. *You shall not commit adultery.*
8. *You shall not steal.*
9. *You shall not bear false witness.*
10. *You shall not covet.*

The 10 Commandments

FOUNDING OF THE MOVEMENT

- Brutal regime led by dictator Idi Amin Dada
- Shambled economy, Ugandan Bush War, enormous uncertainty
- Influence of Catholicism–belief in Marian Apparition.
- Credonia Mwerinde
 - Born in 1952, Kanungu Uganda
 - Engaged in Catholicism (not well behaved)
 - Brewer of Banana Beer
 - Encountered 2 Marian apparition. March, 1981, and June 14, 1989

EARLY RECRUITS

- Joseph Kibweteere
 - Mid level Ugandan Bureaucrat
 - Failed in his path into politics—retreat to religion
 - Invested in the power of religion to control and influence
 - Had Marian sighting on April 25, 1984



EARLY RECRUITS

- Friar Dominic Kataribabo
 - Priest, has loyal followers
 - Value is not found in faith in god but faith in oneself
 - Fancied for a role of Bishop in nearby Cassis diocese, dream shattered
 - Church saw potential usurper in him
 - Wavering in faith

CON ARTISTRY OF CREDONIA ✨

"Confidence artists...their genius lies in figuring out what, precisely, it is we want, and how they can present themselves as the perfect vehicle for delivering on that desire." (Konnikova, 2016)

- Joseph Kibweteere
 - Confident–failure
 - inwardly insecure and outwardly resentful
 - Center figure in community that craves power
 - Marian apparation
- Friar Dominic Kataribabo
 - Strong faith in himself–failed to become Bishop
 - Wanted to prove to church wrong

NARRATIVE OF THE MOVEMENT

- Apocalypse is coming because God was enraged in humanity.
- Through restoring the 10 commandment as Virgin Mary said, the Movement was the final chance of salvation.
- Expansion through tight-knit groups of families and villages
- 1993, gained sizable following–Awarded legal status by authority
- Justification for followers to gave up material possession
 - Biblical verse from Old Testament
 - Jesus: leave everything behind and follow me.
- Sieve would end before 2000–Over 5100 deaths

Tight-knit group

Isolation

Influence+image

AIDs

“FEAR,”

Wide broadcast

Guilt

Need to belong

Catholic legitimacy

High-status figure

Meaning-finding citizens

PICTURE PAST

MARCH 17, 2000



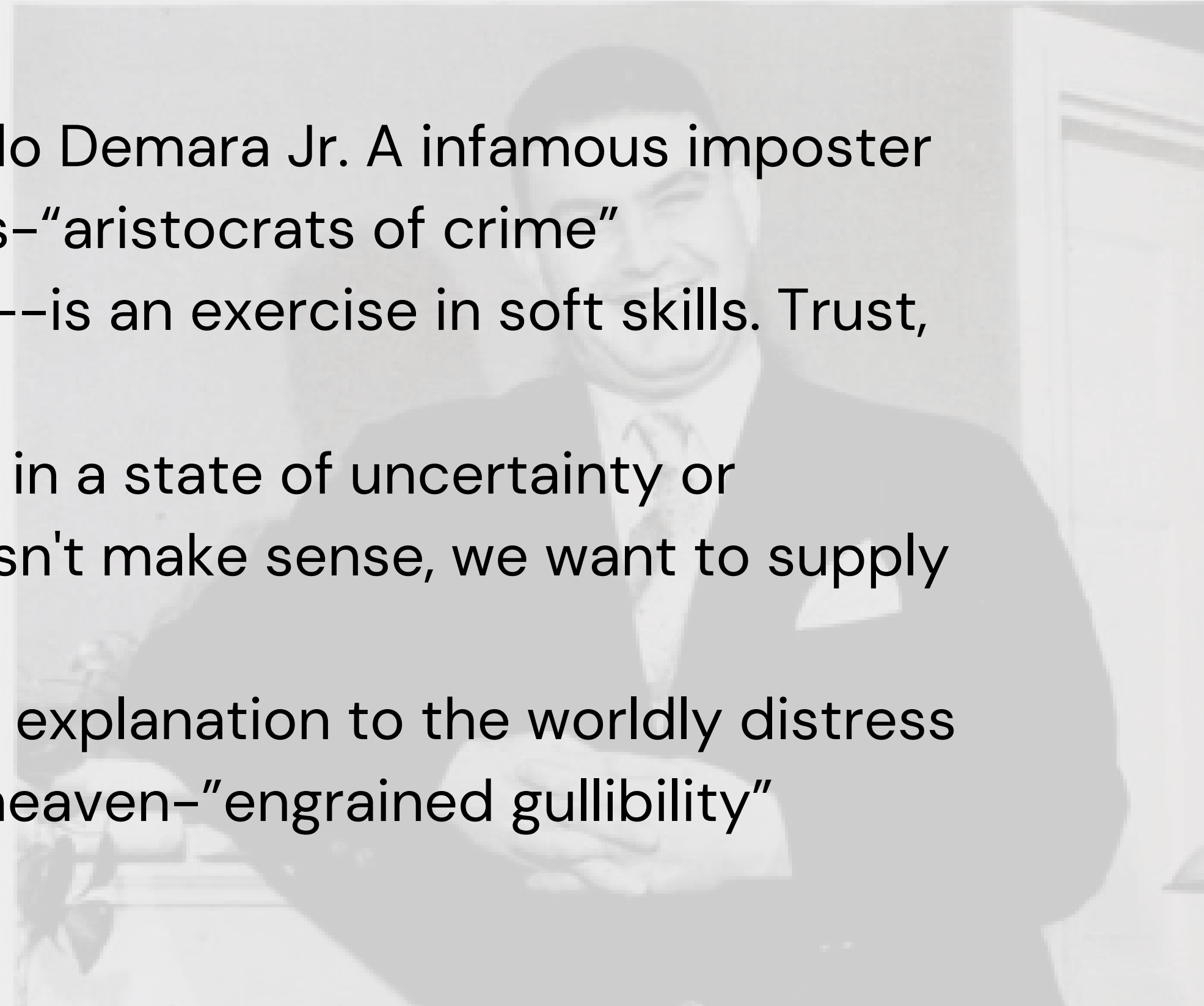
AN INCREDIBLE TALE

CONFIDENCE GAME

Konnikova, M. (2016)

by JOE MCCARTHY

- Tells the story of Ferdinand Waldo Demara Jr. A infamous imposter and characteristics of con artists—"aristocrats of crime"
- "The confidence game--the con--is an exercise in soft skills. Trust, sympathy, persuasion."
- "Human beings don't like to exist in a state of uncertainty or ambiguity. When something doesn't make sense, we want to supply the missing link."
- Credonia's narrative provided an explanation to the worldly distress
- The Movement as the vessel to heaven--"engrained gullibility"



CONFIDENCE GAME

Konnikova, M. (2016)

- **Dark Triad:** Psychopathy, narcissism, and machiavellian
- Psychopathy–previous murder
- Narcissism–Needs to be in the center of attention
- Machiavellian–manipulated others to accomplish one's own objectives

- **3 things:** Predisposition, opportunity, and rationale
- Predisposition–Dark triad
- Opportunity–social turmoil
- Rationale–lacking



\$740,000 PSYCHIC READING

O'Regan, S. (2020)

“It really comes down to the individual’s personal circumstances at the time the scam is presented. “We are all vulnerable...”

- Principle of reciprocity & commitment and consistency

WHY DO LIE-CATCHERS FAIL?

Hartwig, M., & Bond Jr, C. F. (2011)

- Previous research: People rely on invalid cues when judging deception. Lack of valid cues to deception limits accuracy.
- Through 4 meta analysis:
 - Lie-catchers' intuitive notions about deceptive cues are reasonably accurate.
 - Strongest constraint: lack of valid behavioral indicators of deception
- When deception judgements encounter dark triad:
 - "People are judged to be truthful if they sound immediate, if their face appears pleasant, if they are cooperative and involved, and if their statements seem plausible, realistic, and spontaneous."
 - "Machiavellian-minded people are more convincing liars."

BORN CON ARTIST?

- “The truth is that real con artists aren’t simply born. They are, as is usually the case, made as well...Genes load the gun; the environment pulls the trigger. (Konnikova, 2016)”
- Does this apply to Credonia? What might be the trigger event?

THANKS FOR LISTENING!

Q&A