



Statement on Openness

We, the members of the Louis Round Wilson Academy, mindful of our personal and professional responsibilities as stewards of The Knowledge TrustSM, and of our duty to those who will succeed us, do, on this day, April 27th, 2006, in the ancient City and University of Granada, hereby adopt and affirm the following:

Statement on Openness, The Knowledge TrustSM and its Stewards

Be it resolved that humankind's recorded knowledge should be freely and easily available to all, with due regard for safety and human rights, and appropriately balanced compensation for creativity and innovation.

These general principles, we believe, imply and demand:

- A balanced regard and respect for the appropriate roles of public, private and proprietary knowledge;
- An active commitment to complete, honest and accurate annotation of all knowledge entrusted to one's care and an equally rigorous commitment to the application of this principle to the knowledge trust as a whole, both now and for all time;
- A commitment to faithfully facilitate access to the knowledge trust, to encourage and promote collaboration and innovation in service to all humankind;
- A wary and vigilant regard for both the appropriateness and dangers inherent in archives and other collections withheld from public view, coupled with a commitment to openness as a first principle;
- A due regard for the necessity of restricted access to certain forms of information, balanced by a commitment to the minimization of restriction, and a prejudice for error on the side of openness when the case for restriction is in doubt; and
- A commitment to openness and access with due regard to appropriate and balanced compensation for meaningful contributions to the knowledge trust.