



Statement on Education, The Knowledge TrustSM and its Stewards

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, October 13th, 2006, in the city of Washington D.C., hereby adopt and affirm the following:

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We resolve to serve the needs of all those who would learn, and the needs of all those who would teach, to the best of our ability and for the improvement of humankind.

Therefore, we resolve that those entrusted with the formal professional duty of educating future generations of knowledge professionals shall be:

- Committed to the ethical principles of stewardship and of the profession, to their active observance, to the transmission of those standards by word and deed to all students entrusted to their care and to advocacy of ethical behavior at the highest level.
- Committed to the principles of openness.
- Committed to the values of perspective: to the transmission of the knowledge and wisdom necessary to serve one's role as both guide and guardian of The Knowledge Trust; to an understanding of the ever-changing nature of the Trust itself; and to a genuine understanding of the needs of those who serve, and are served by, the stewards of The Knowledge Trust.
- Committed to understanding and communicating the practical skills necessary to be of value to those who seek access to and contribute to The Knowledge Trust.
- Committed to the value and importance of all forms of knowledge.
- Appreciative and embracing of the inherent value and inevitability of change in the nature of The Knowledge Trust itself and in the tools by which it is preserved, protected, diffused and augmented over time.
- Personally committed to serve as an honorable steward of The Knowledge Trust, and to inspire in the next generation of stewards an appreciation of the nobility and value of the task.