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Hello!

Thanks for downloading The Rules of Civil Conversations posters. You'll find them in PDF and JPG formats in a subfolder named '02 Civil Conversation Posters' in the same directory as this document.

The JPGs are best for sharing online, but we recommend using the PDF for printing as it has the highest resolution scalable vector graphics.

If you'd like to support our mission to popularize critical thinking and avoid the downfall of civilization, please consider backing our non profit with a tax-deductible donation on Patreon:

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or buying some sweet IRL merch at

thethinkingshop.org

We're a little short on habitable planets so let's remember the

RULES OF CIVIL CONVERSATION

1 I will try to reach a shared understanding rather than 'win the argument'.	2 I will clarify with others to make sure I genuinely understand their perspective.
3 I shall endeavor to avoid committing logical fallacies in support of my claims.	4 I will attempt to account for my own biases and try to be intellectually humble.
5 I will also try to be reasonable, rational, and create coherent arguments.	6 I may challenge ideas, but will refrain from personal attacks and mean-spiritedness.
7 I will use the 'Principle of Charity' to interpret others' points of view in the best light.	8 I promise to remain genuinely receptive to changing my mind.

Download this poster for free and invite good-faith engagement online at
TheRulesOfCivilConversation.org

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*Give a man a fish,
feed him for a day, teach a
child to think and she'll grow up
to enact legislation that saves
our resources for future
generations*

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Sharing is caring

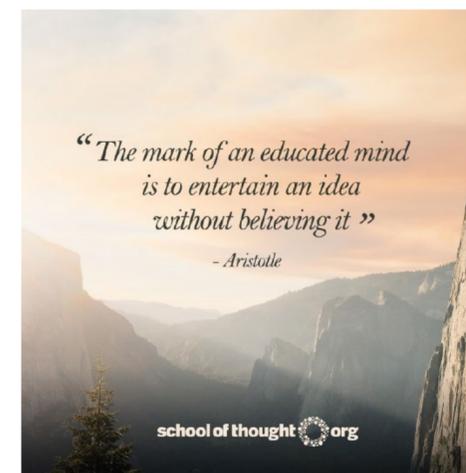
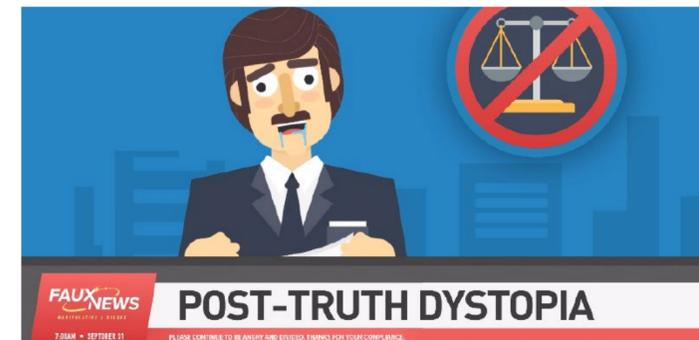
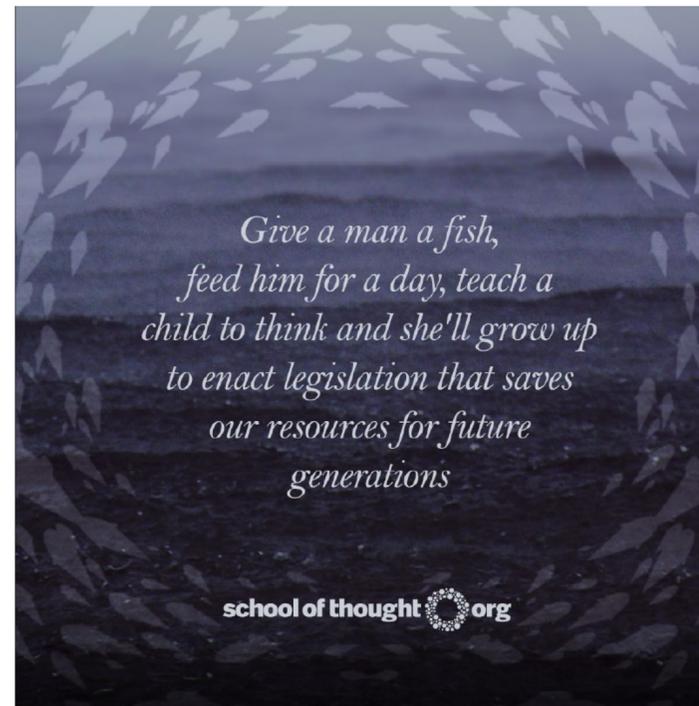
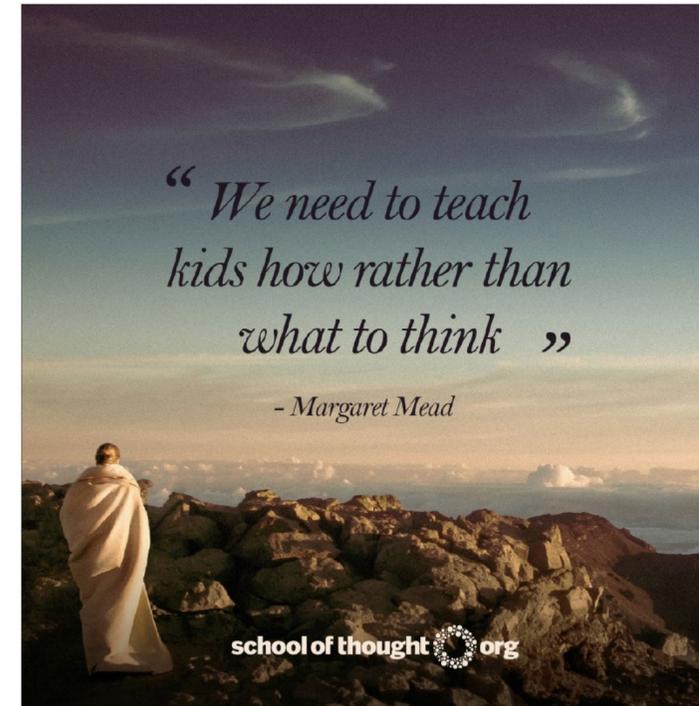
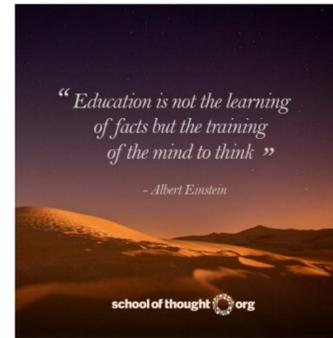
Would you mind sharing something to help promote rationality and reason?

If you're anything like us, you believe it's critically important that we promote critical thinking, and that we all take an active role in doing so.

Evil, evidently, thrives when good people do nothing.

In the same folder as this PDF you should also see a subfolder named '03 To Share' containing various assets. The following pages will give you some ideas about how to use these resources.

You can also see all our sharable videos, websites and images at www.schoolofthought.org/share



Give love, get love.

As a non-profit we're happy to share our revenue with you, so we have an affiliate marketing program where you can get paid for helping to make the world a better place by sharing our free Creative Commons educational resources (about 5% of people end up buying our physical products).

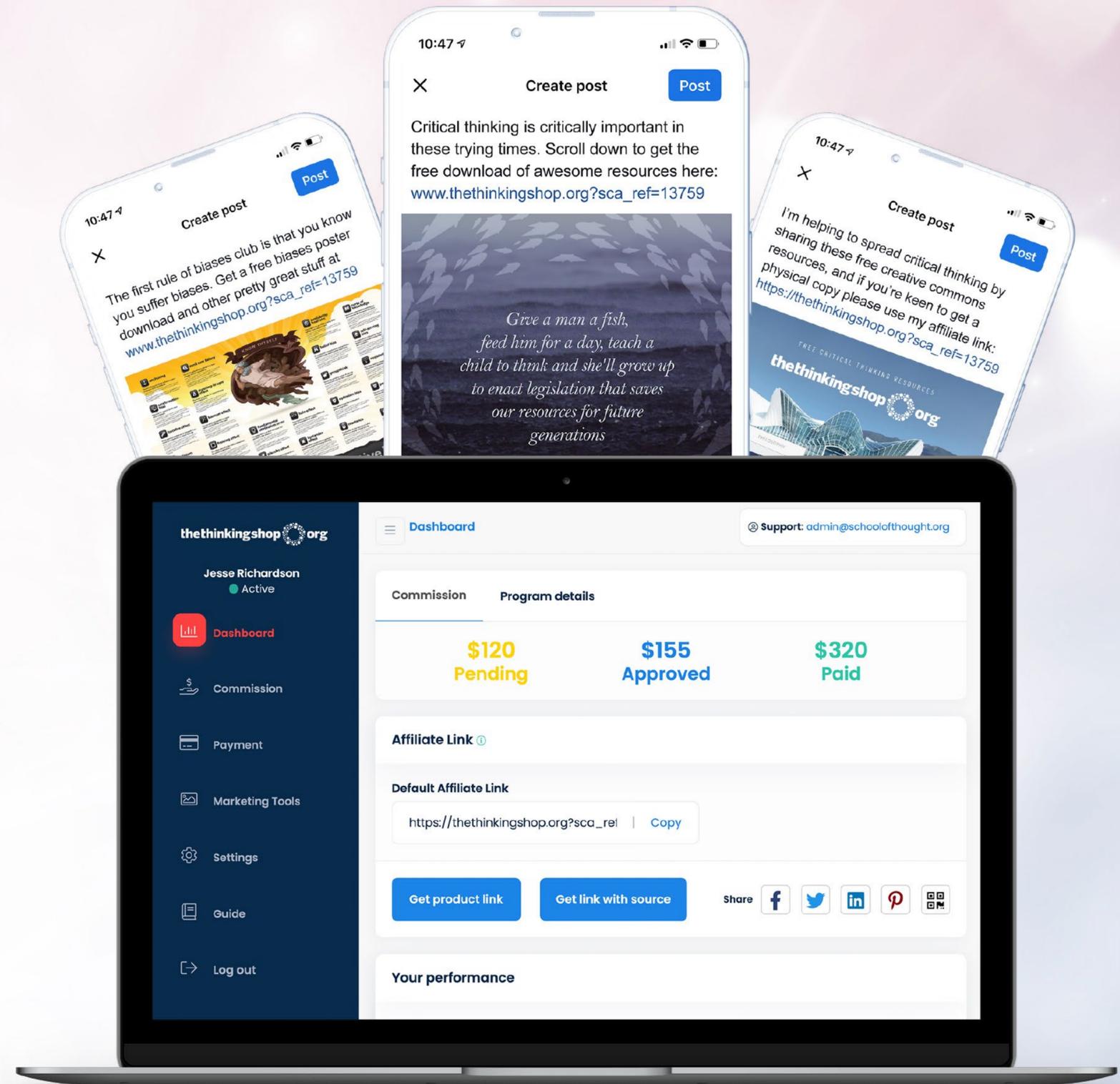
We'd really much rather give money to you than multinational advertising companies.

All you have to do is provide the email address you use for PayPal and you'll be given a unique link which you can share along with any of the resources below. You'll be paid a full 25% from any sales that come via your link.

To sign up simply fill out the form here:
<https://af.uppromote.com/thethinkingshop/register>

After you sign up you'll be able to track your sales data via your login. Payments are made via PayPal at the end of each month.

To give some context and transparency, platforms like Facebook charge anywhere between \$15 - \$25 per sale which makes our margins pretty tight on an average order value of around \$40 once manufacturing and other overheads are accounted for. We'd rather pay you \$10 than Facebook \$20, then use the other \$10 to create more free resources.



Websites

The easiest things for you to share are our websites.

So far, we've created four interactive websites that help to promote rationality and critical thinking, plus our main site and shop, and we're adding more soon.

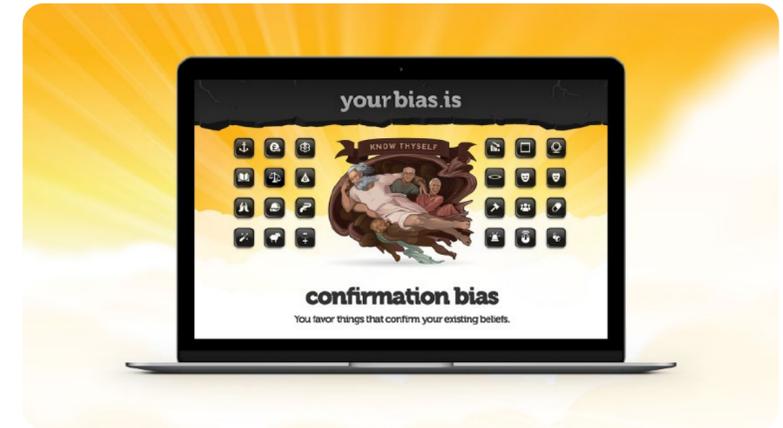
When you paste a website address into any social media post it will automatically generate a preview image which will appear underneath whatever you choose to say in your post (see page 9 for some inspiration).

To keep up with the latest you can always check out:

schoolofthought.org/projects



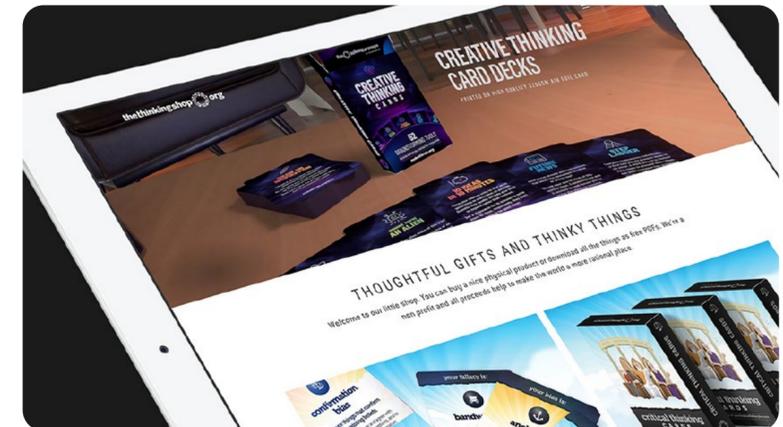
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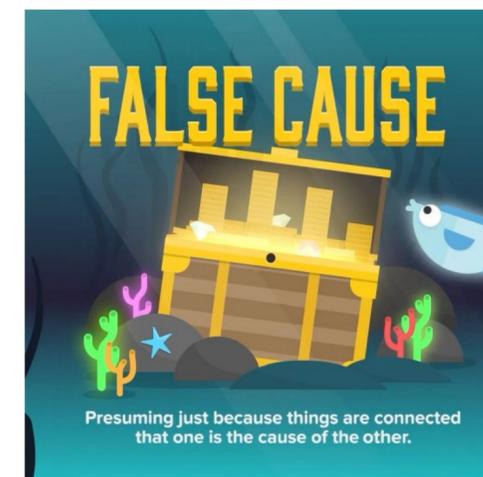
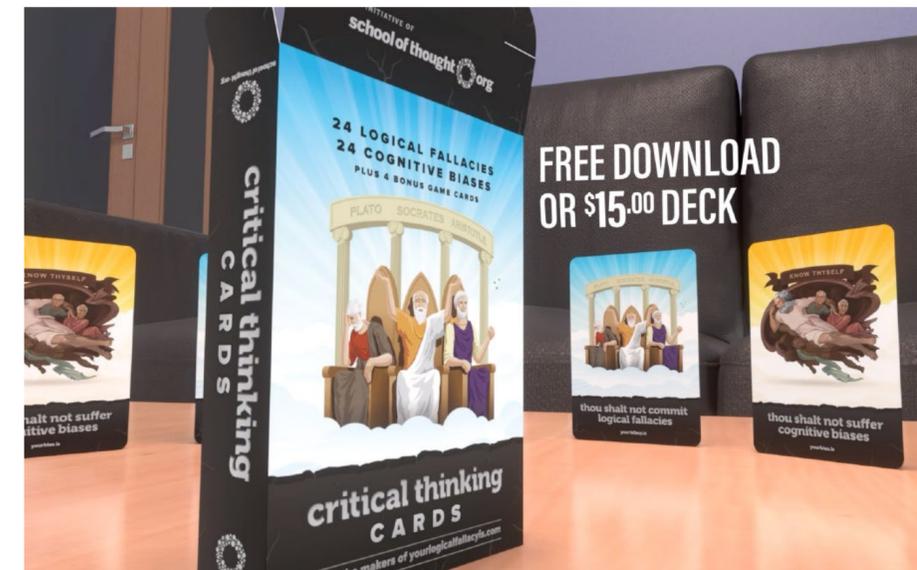
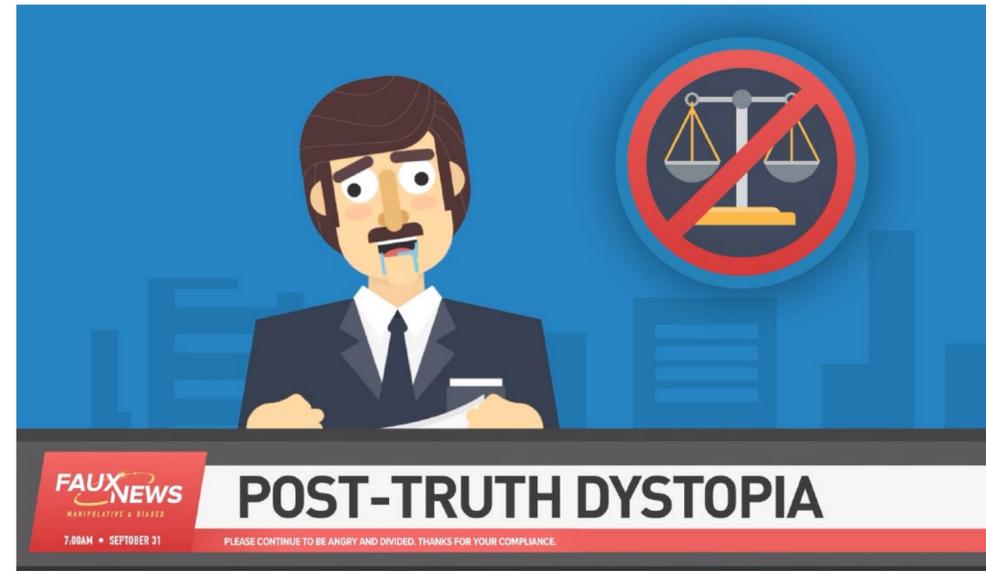
www.therulesofcivilconversation.org

Videos

Videos tend to work better than any other kind of media to engage people, but the way that social media platforms like Facebook work now, is that you have to upload your video rather than share from something like YouTube or Vimeo (using third party video platforms creates a link people have to click rather than just playing the video within Facebook).

You can preview and download all our videos from Vimeo here:

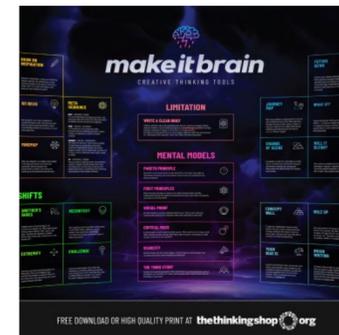
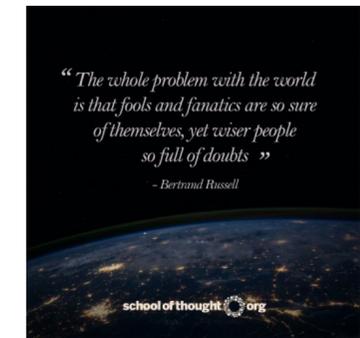
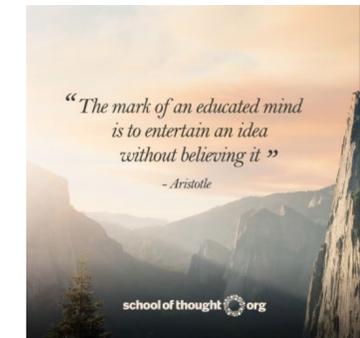
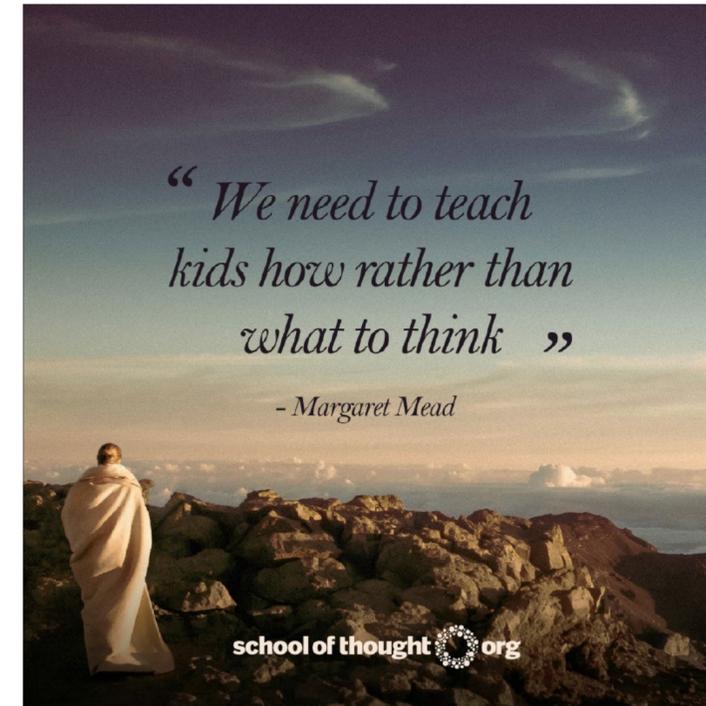
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Images

These square format quote images are particularly good for sharing on Instagram, but of course they can be shared anywhere else too along with your own message (see the next page for some post copy inspiration).

Also included in the Images folder are some high res versions of our four posters, individual fallacy and bias images, and some other preview images of things from www.thethinkingshop.org



Post copy examples

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You ever done that thing where you go to share something, but then you're looking at a flashing cursor for ages trying to think of what to say?

Well, here's a bunch of post copy ideas which you can copy, paste, edit and adapt however you like.

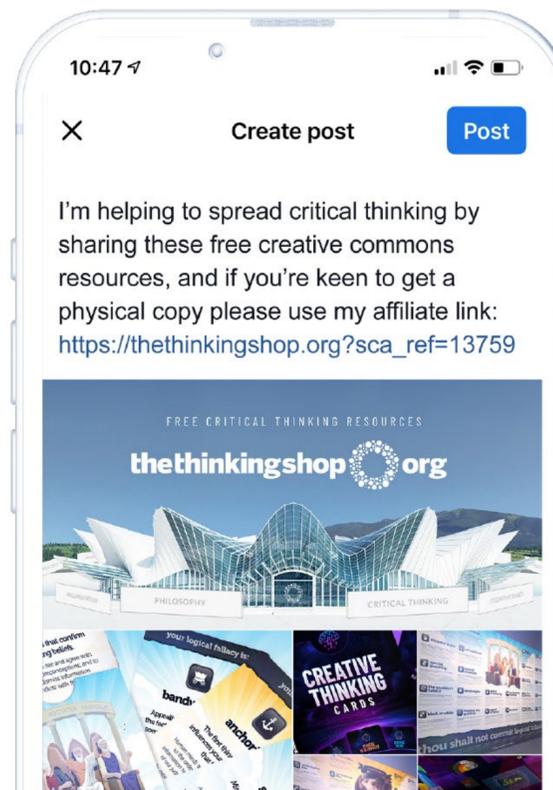
There's a .txt file in the 'Other' folder named 'PostCopy.txt' which is probably easier to copy and paste from than this PDF because it tends to have weird line breaks that you have to fix up.

But you do you, dear reader. Oh, and don't forget that if you're doing a video post it's best to upload your own from the folder rather than share a link.

Example 01

I'm helping to spread critical thinking by sharing these free creative commons resources, and if you're keen to get a physical copy please use my affiliate link: <insert your affiliate link here>

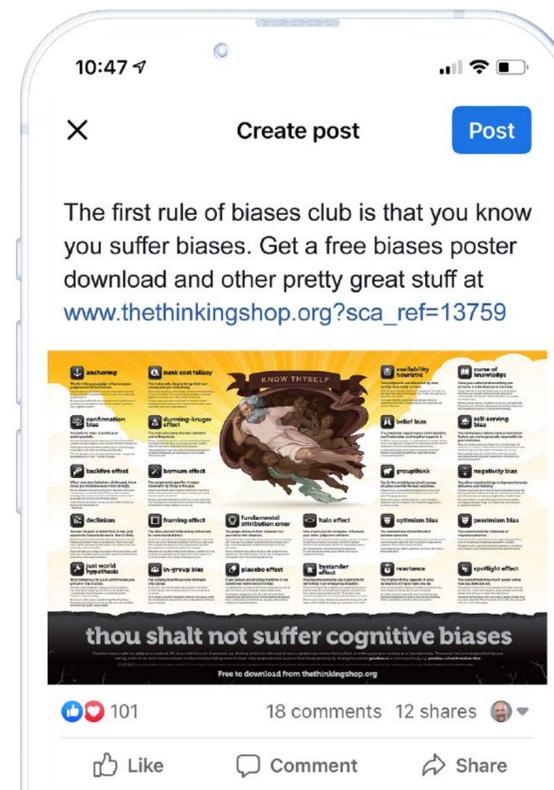
Pairs well with: One of the square quote images, any posters, or the below 'all in one' image.



Example 02

The first rule of biases club is that you know you suffer biases. Get a free biases poster download and other pretty great stuff at <yourbias.is link / thinking shop affiliate link>

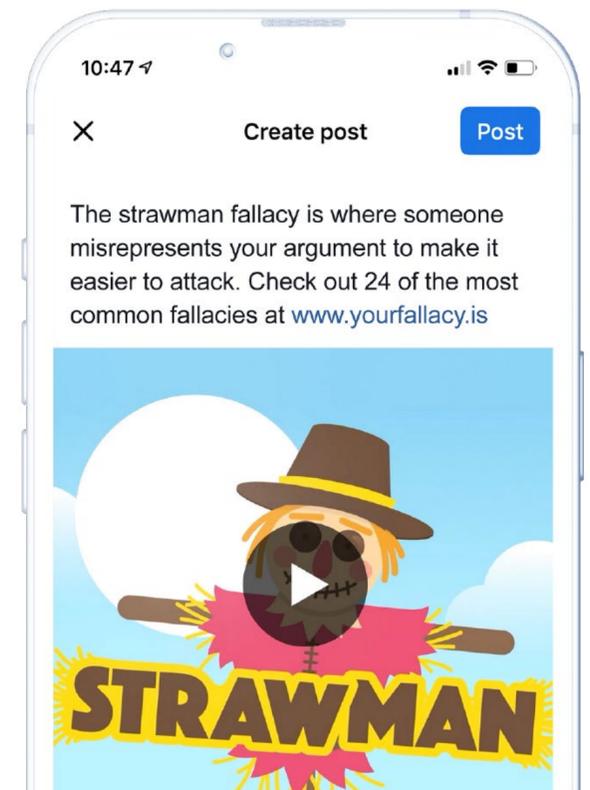
Pairs well with: Biases website link preview, the biases poster, or one of the individual biases images



Example 03

The strawman fallacy is where someone misrepresents your argument to make it easier to attack (sound familiar?). Check out 24 of the most common fallacies at www.yourlogicalfallacyis.com and download the poster for free at www.thethinkingshop.org

Pairs well with: Strawman video



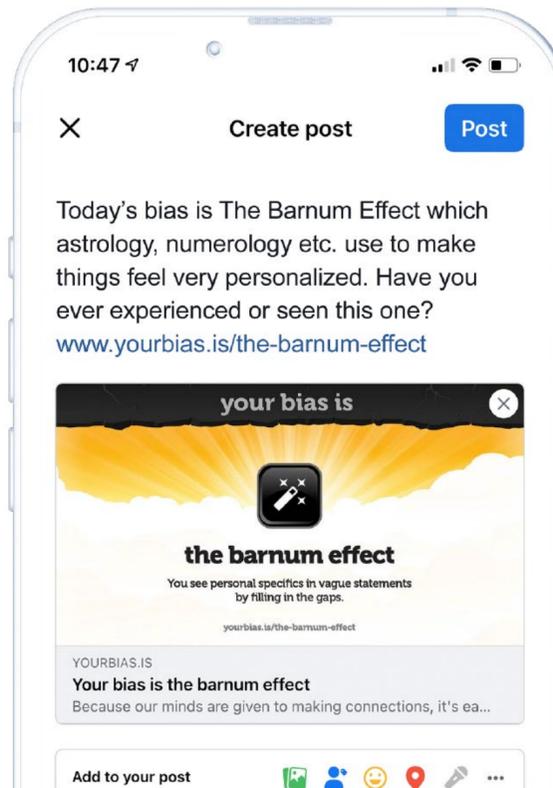
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Example 04

Today's bias is The Barnum Effect which astrology, numerology etc use to make things feel very personalized. Have you ever experienced this one?
yourbias.is/the-barnum-effect

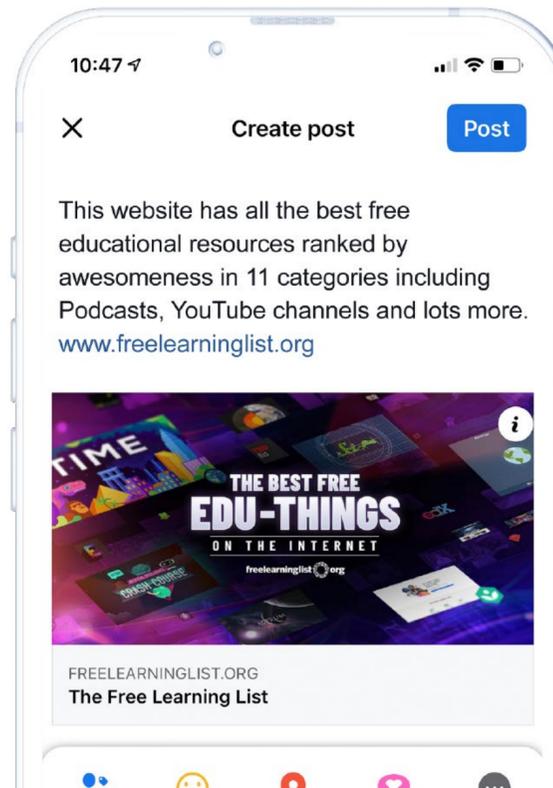
Pairs well with: Individual bias series of images or website links. Consider posting one each week



Example 05

This website has all the best free educational resources ranked by awesomeness in 11 categories including Podcasts, YouTube channels and lots more.
www.freelearninglist.org

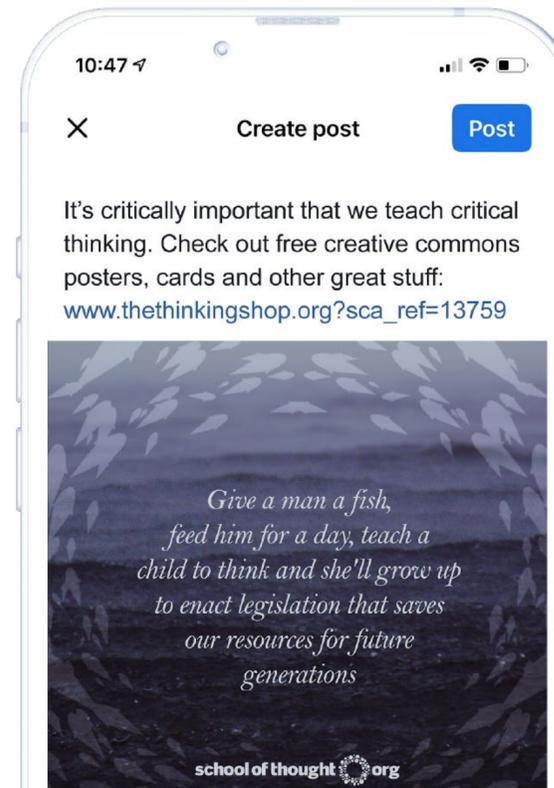
Pairs well with: freelearninglist.org website link or the Free Learning List poster



Example 06

It's critically important that we teach critical thinking. Check out free creative commons posters, cards and other great stuff:
<[www.thethinkingshop.org /](http://www.thethinkingshop.org/) affiliate link>

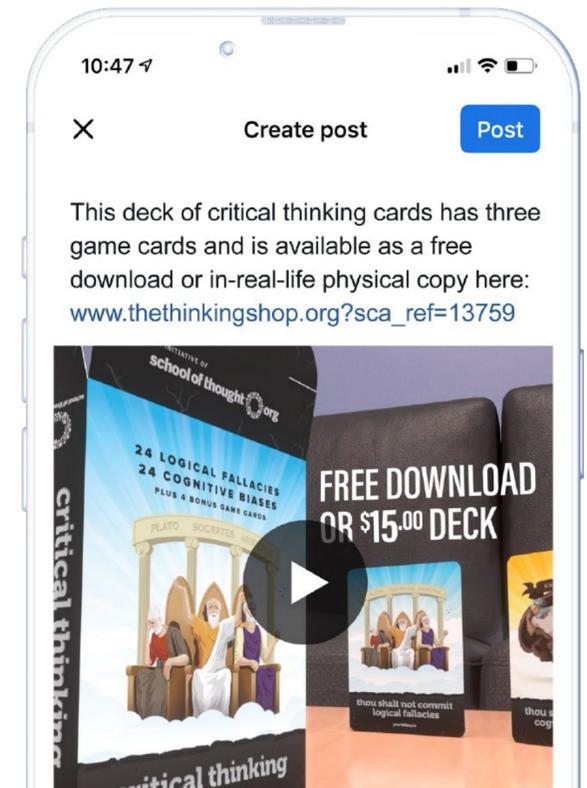
Pairs well with: Quote images or almost any other images or videos,



Example 07

This deck of critical thinking cards has three game cards and is available as a free download or in-real-life physical copy here:
<[www.thethinkingshop.org /](http://www.thethinkingshop.org/) affiliate link>

Pairs well with: Critical Thinking Cards videos or images.





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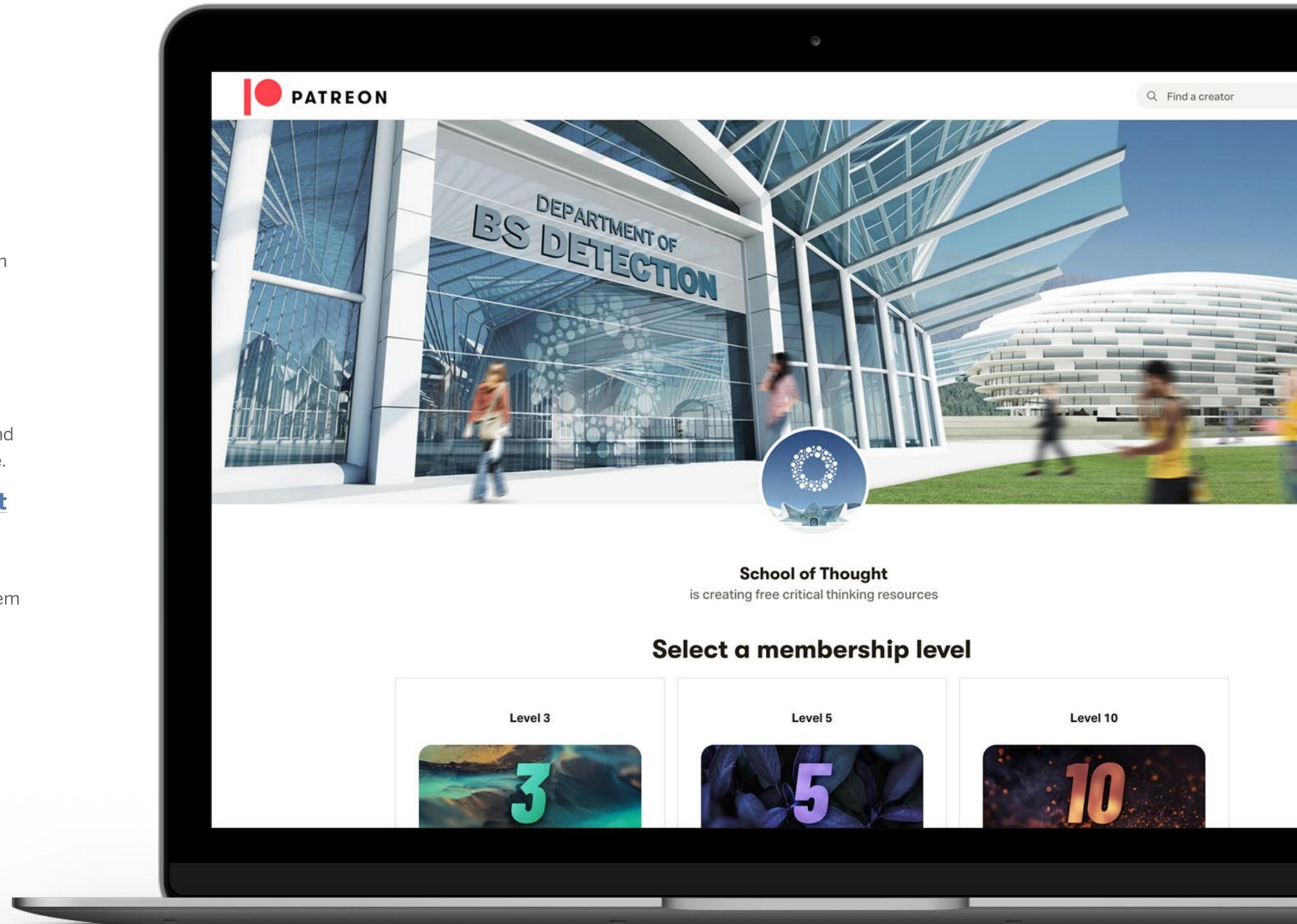
Last but not least, we'd like to invite you to join our mission and community by backing us on Patreon.

You'll get access to all our resources before anyone else, contribute feedback to our projects before they launch, and essentially have a backstage pass to all the interesting and creative projects you're helping to bring to life.

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Aaaand if you happen to know any philanthropists who you think might want to support the work we're doing, please send them to our website:

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