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**Scott Jacobsen** <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>  
 To: Christopher <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>

Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 10:17 PM

Hi Christopher,

Questions:

**Scott Douglas Jacobsen:** You wrote an interesting article entitled "How Do People With IQs Over 180 Act and Think?" (Cavanaugh, 2018). You bring forward individuals like Richard Feynman, Bertrand Russell, Paul Coojmans, Grady Towers, and societies such as the Mega Society, the Giga Society, and Mensa International. By and large, these are well-known within the high-IQ communities, of which I sit out in the Oort Cloud with a telescope making notes enjoying the show and sending occasional correspondence for interviews with members of these communities. I am not a formal member of these communities. I have contributed to publications or had positions for which I'm grateful, but no formal legitimate memberships because of no formal test to determine the merit of the matter or deep abiding interest at that level, as some societies do not require test scores, permit second test scores, or utilize, widely, alternative tests with varying degrees of legitimacy in the measurement of the psychological construct of *g*, general intelligence. As far as I know, those societies with strict mainstream intelligence test requirements are Mensa International and the Triple Nine Society, especially with Mensa International having formal testing sites online or, pre-coronavirus, invigilation stations all over the world. These are important to consider, internationally, even sophisticated frauds exist in the high-IQ communities with a grotesque example in the multi-level marketer (scammer), human trafficker, and cult leader Keith Raniere with the organization NXIVM where he was known as "Vanguard." To a more on-point tune and as a point of clarification to start us off here today, with Feynman's declared IQ of 126 (no S.D. mentioned), as stated in the article, what is the factual status of Feynman's declared IQ in contrast to professional commentary or considerations of his mathematical abilities?

Christopher Matthew Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: Do you have any particularly favourite articles from *Noesis: The Journal of the Mega Society*?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: What was the eventual outcome or the larger conclusions from the Terman Study?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: What seem like the common reasons for the exceptionally intelligent and profoundly intelligent finding inappropriate employment or remaining unemployed/underemployed?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: The most legitimate intelligence test scores tend to come from comprehensive tests with money and research dumped at them, e.g., the SB and the WAIS. Yet, their ranges are fairly tight around 40/45 to 160/155 on S.D. 15. Some statistical, psychometric techniques, e.g., Rasch-equated, have been employed by individual experimental psychologists, e.g., Dr. Xavier Jouve, to extrapolate for claimed scores at 175 S.D. 15, for example. Alternative tests made by independent test constructors are interesting and vary in quality, though have a far larger quantity. In the article, bluntly, you state, "140,150,160,170,180 are the numbers immediately grasped by liars and exaggerators." When using alternative tests, fake names or pseudonyms, or more than the first test attempt to claim a score at 140, 150, 160, 170, and 180, what are first thoughts coming to mind to you?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: How can individuals protect themselves from scammers?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: Why should individuals stick to professional achievements positive for individual authentic self-esteem and the common good rather than test score?

Cavanaugh:

Jacobsen: What does a Mensa International membership mean to you?

Cavanaugh:

**Jacobsen: How can individuals read more on matters of IQ, societies, intelligence, and the like, outside of the references in the article?**

**Cavanaugh:**

**References**

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Scott

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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>  
To: Scott Jacobsen <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 23, 2021 at 8:43 AM

Hi Scott,

Thanks for sending along. I wanted to confirm receipt since I see that you sent this two days ago and I did not respond.

I'll be able to respond and get this back to you, say, in the next week or so.

Cheers,

Matt

Christopher Matthew Cavanaugh  
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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>  
To: Scott Jacobsen <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 11:14 PM

Hi Scott,

Just a kind follow up. I was distracted for a period but intend to provide you a response in the near future.

Hope you are doing well,

Cheers,

Matt

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**Scott Jacobsen** <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>  
To: "Cavanaugh, Christopher" <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 11:16 PM

Hi Matt,

Thank you so much, I appreciate it. That's comforting.

Scott

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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>  
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Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 12:38 AM

You're welcome, thank you also. Will be in touch again soon.

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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>

Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 3:21 PM

To: Scott Jacobsen <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>

Hi Scott,

Sorry again for the long delay. I've been travelling a bit. Just a quick update. I intend to have this completed for you by Tuesday.

Just in case you're wondering.

I'm going to take the liberty of adding a question or two as well, which you are free to consider for inclusion, either by indicating them as your own questions (or simply questions as part of the interview), or by indicating them as questions I've added.

Have a nice weekend.

Cheers,

Matt

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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>

Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 6:12 PM

To: Scott Jacobsen <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>

Hi Scott,

Still I plan to provide responses to your interview questions. If I hadn't waited, the value would have been diminished.

You will have something worthwhile in the near future.

Just letting you know. Lots of things in queue on my end and this has been on the list.

Cheers,

Matt

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**Scott Jacobsen** <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>  
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Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 3:49 AM

Hi Matt,

I look forward to it.

Scott

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**Cavanaugh, Christopher** <cmcavanaugh@g.harvard.edu>  
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Sun, Sep 5, 2021 at 4:16 PM

Hi Scott,

No need to respond, I'm following up letting you know, I've greatly expanded on my responses, and have been working on them recently, and definitely still intend to respond, with probably more content than you were anticipating.

I'm trying to provide you value, and this question concerning scammers has my serious attention. I would like the community to finally rid of scammers and this turned out to be a question of intense interest.

I am not far from sending my answers along finally.

Just letting you know.

Cheers,

Matt

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**Scott Jacobsen** <scott.d.jacobsen@gmail.com>  
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Sun, Sep 5, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Hi Matt,

This is lovely - anticipated positive results.

Scott

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Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 2:05 PM

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