

Who is the World's Greatest Philanthropist?

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Introduction

The author wrote an article 'What is the Highest Level of Philanthropy?' and quotes "As documented in the Bhagavad Gita As It Is building a temple for Lord Krishna (Hare Krishna temple) is the highest level of philanthropy that one can achieve. Bhakti Yoga monks run the operations of the temple. The most important aspect is offering free spiritualized vegetarian food (three meals a day) to the entire community. Six times a day Arati sessions are undertaken to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna. In a full arati, incense, a flame (ghee lamp), a conch shell with water, a cloth, flowers, a chamara (yak-tail fan), and a peacock-feather fan are offered to the deity. While doing so, the devotee chants mantras appropriate for each article and rings a bell with the left hand. Aratis should be accompanied by the singing of the Hare Krishna mantra, the most important part of deity worship. Worshipers attending the arati may sing, or the devotee offering the arati may sing or play a recording. Morning Srimad Bhagavatam classes are taught based on the commentary by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who is in disciplic succession from Lord Krishna (a bona fide spiritual master). Free Krishna Consciousness books are available to the entire community written by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Also, the Bhagavad Gita As It Is and the complete set of the Srimad Bhagavatam are available for free access to the entire community within the temple. The Bhagavad Gita As It Is can be purchased for \$10.

<http://strategicgames.com.au/article72.pdf>

There is currently a Hare Krishna temple at North Sydney, Sydney and a new Hare Krishna under construction in Vineyard, Sydney expected for completion in 2022 (for an estimated cost of \$16 million). Obtaining this amount of \$16 million dollars is a contribution from devotees and donations. Therefore, someone could be a philanthropist by making a contribution towards this new Hare Krishna temple or the current Hare Krishna temple at North Sydney. It is not how much you give but rather how much you have left over. For example, for the new Hare Krishna Temple being built in Vineyard, a 5-year-old girl heard about this and emptied her entire piggy bank to this cause a total of \$11 (that is 100% of her savings).

There are of course other great known philanthropists who have made great contributions to society based on their total wealth.

David Walsh is a professional gambler and in 2001, founded the *Moorilla Museum of Antiquities* on the Berriedale peninsula in Hobart, which closed in 2007 to undergo \$75 million renovations. It was re-opened in January 2011 as the Museum of Old and New Art or MONA.

MONA won the 2012 Australian Tourism Award for best new development and is a major Tasmanian tourist attraction.

<https://mona.net.au/museum>

MONA costs something over \$10 million a year to run and the income is something like \$4 million”, Mr Walsh said. Also, if you are Tasmanian or under 18, the entrance fee is free (pick tickets up on site). For everyone else, the cost varies between \$25–\$28 (adult) and \$20–\$25 (concession) depending on the time of year. MONA's arresting new \$300 million 5-star waterfront hotel 'HoMo' set to open in January 2022.

<https://www.thehotelconversation.com.au/news/2017/08/22/monas-arresting-new-300-million-5-star-waterfront-hotel-homo%C2%A0/1503373237>

In the 2016 Australia Day Honours, Walsh was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for 'distinguished service to the visual arts through the establishment of MONA, and as a supporter of cultural, charitable, sporting and education groups.'

The Roger Federer Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission: “enhance a world where children living in poverty are able to take control of their future and actively shape it. There is sufficient evidence that proves that education is a prerequisite for reducing poverty, improving preventive healthcare and creating a committed civil society. In particular, access to quality early education is crucial as it is the foundation of all learning. In low-income countries, more than 80% of children do not have access to early education. We thus aim to give children the best start on their educational path through life by establishing and further develop existing early educational services in a sustainable way. Our guiding principle in this endeavour is that children should be ready for school and schools ready for the children. This means that not only should children be prepared to start school, but also that the schools should provide a child-friendly environment, especially for the youngest. They should be healthy and develop their skills accordingly, enabling them to enjoy a happy childhood”.

<https://www.rogerfedererfoundation.org/en/home/>

The Bill and Melinda Gates have pledged about \$US2 billion to help defeat malaria alone. Their foundation most recently partnered with mosquito engineering company Oxitec to develop a male mosquito that would kill off future generations of malaria-transmitting bugs. The Gates Foundation wants to eliminate malaria “within a generation,” tackling a disease that has recently been on a fatal rise after decades of decline.

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

The Fred Hollows Foundation is a non-profit aid organization based in Australia and founded in 1992 by eye surgeon Fred Hollows. The Foundation focuses on treating and preventing blindness and other vision problems. It operates in Australia, The Pacific, South and South East Asia, and Africa. The Fred Hollows Foundation was founded on 3 September 1992, by Fred Hollows shortly before he died. Hollows was an eye doctor (ophthalmologist), a skilled surgeon and a social justice activist. Hollows was committed to improving the health of Indigenous Australians and to reducing the cost of eye health care and treatment in developing countries. He had already started project work in Eritrea, Nepal, Vietnam and Indigenous Australia. His work in Vietnam was only in the early stages when he died. However, his widow, Gabi Hollows, followed through on the commitment that she had made to her late

husband and ensured that his work in Vietnam (and others countries) continued through the Foundation.

- 2005 – Winner of the National Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships in recognition of the successful partnership between The Foundation, Woolworths and the Wugularr community for the Community Stores Program.
- 2009 – Winner of the Gold Star award for non-profit video at the International Fundraising Congress in The Netherlands.

<https://www.hollows.org/au/home>

The Benter Foundation was founded in 2007 to help communities and individuals thrive. Since then, the Foundation has invested to advance a more livable Pittsburgh, emphasizing downtown and the neighborhoods that comprise the city’s urban core. Reaching beyond Pittsburgh, the Foundation supports peace building efforts and innovators who create new knowledge to tackle large-scale issues. Areas of focus include smart transportation, enhancing the arts, sustaining open spaces and fostering global connections and community engagement so that everyone can participate in our region’s progress. This work relies on strong partners who have the tools they need to serve our community effectively.

<https://benterfoundation.org/>

Note that these foundations above are setup through individuals with a significant amount of money. Is it then possible to make a significant contribution to society and the world at large with little means in terms of money, and hence become a great philanthropist?

Total income by the author

Table 1 represents an estimated total amount of income the author has earned as of the 17/10/2019. The grand total is given as \$319,250. That may sound like a lot but when you break it up the author turned 18 in 1995 and is now 42 in 2019 for a total of 25 years. Therefore, the author has averaged \$12,770 per year (or \$35/day). 25 years of unemployment benefits at currently \$39/day amounts to \$14,235 per year (\$355,875 total). Therefore, the author has less than \$36,625 (after paid work for 25 years) than someone who has been on unemployment benefits for 25 years.

Year	Work	Amount
1993-1996	Tennis Coaching	\$2,000
1995-1999	Maths Tutoring	\$20,000
2000	Courier Work	\$5,300
2000-2002	Market Research	\$17,400
2002-2005	University teaching	\$12,500
2003-2012	Sports IT	\$232,300
2012	Sports Performance Analysis	\$3,750
	Superannuation	\$26,000
		\$319,250

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Voluntary work

The author has never been paid for any of his research over the past 17 years as of the 18/10/2019, the author has 3 degrees including a PhD in applied mathematics, written 106 articles, 6 books and 3 tertiary level courses. It is estimated that the author has undertaken 1.3 million dollars of voluntary research (over the past 17 years) from 2002-2019 and expected to reach 5.3 million dollars (over the next 20 years), and is likely to achieve this target based on the author's passion for research and thoroughly enjoys this form of work. From 2019, a proportion of research is on spiritual knowledge (higher source of knowledge than anything material) and has also developed models to improve society and bring about world peace. The author was also inducted into the Order of Royal Honour (official group) on facebook based on this research in 2019.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/royalhonor/>

The author also does spiritual counselling through social media on facebook (based on reading and understand the Bhagavad Gita As It Is as the highest authoritative text) and a regular devotee of the Hare Krishna movement in propagating Krishna Consciousness throughout Macquarie University campus.

<http://strategicgames.com.au/article104.pdf>

The author also offers tennis predictions freely on the Strategic Games site and updates these predictions weekly and every round during grand slam events. The author has successfully used these predictions for setting prices for bookmakers Centrebet and Ladbrokes and sports IT company Infoplum. The author doesn't actually encourage sports betting but rather to use the predictions during a live match as a form of multimedia. However, some people may be able to use this tennis calculator as a decision support tool in profitable betting and hence provide a form of income to those that may be struggling financially (11 years of work to develop this piece of software).

<http://strategicgames.com.au/tennisdeucesim.xlsx>

Note also that the author has not been in paid work since 2012, to dedicate more time to doing voluntary research.

Krishna Temple

In March/April 2013 the author experienced several significant spiritual encounters whilst located at Macquarie University Village 22/122 Culloden Rd, Marsfield, Sydney. This involved an out-of-body experience where the author visualized a bird in the spiritual world as a direct result of making the connection 'Yoga is the most effective method to resolving conflicts'. A few days later a dead bird appeared on the front porch but with no body - only the feathers. The author's roommate at the time thought this was particularly unusual. Out-of-body experiences are common (occur in about 25% of the population). However, they usually involve a veridical out-of-body experience where the person is viewing the body from above. The author's out-of-body experience is particularly unique and been explained by The Australian Institute of Parapsychological Research as something mystical (in other words they had no explanation as the event is particularly unique). Refer to 'The Book of

Tristan' ([pdf](#)) for more details on these spiritual encounters.

The author's proposal is for Macquarie University Village to turn the villa 22/122 Culloden Rd into a Hare Krishna Temple. This would involve Bhakti Yoga monks living in this villa and carrying out the following tasks:

1. offer free vegetarian food in the evening to all students at Macquarie University Village
2. conduct morning and evening Kirtan sessions to all Macquarie University students on the Green at Macquarie University Village
3. offer free spiritual knowledge to all Macquarie University students
4. maintain the gardens at the Macquarie University Village

Also within villa 22 there would be:

1. The Bhagavad Gita As It Is available to all Macquarie University students
2. The Srimad Bhagavatam available to all Macquarie University students
3. Complete set of spiritual books written by A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada available to all Macquarie University students
4. Books on mainstream religions available to all Macquarie University students
5. The Book of Tristan available to all Macquarie University students
6. Books on Australian First Nations People available to all Macquarie University students

For more information refer to the Strategic Games Constitution ([pdf](#)).

Given that Natural Law is superior to International and National law the author feels that the above is a strong proposal. The author is not suggesting that the students living at villa 22 should evacuate straight away but rather something that Macquarie University Village could consider in the future such as the start of 2020. Developing a temple for Lord Krishna (the Supreme Personality of Godhead) is the highest level of philanthropy that one can achieve and ultimately assist in establishing world peace.

http://strategicgames.com.au/index.php?p=1_4

Strategic Games

Strategic Games was established as a business in 2000. The business model has undergone several changes over the years. Initially, the business model was focused on teaching blackjack for profit. This coincided with the author self-funding a trip to Las Vegas from playing blackjack at Star City casino, Sydney. This business model was not successful and in 2002 whilst undertaking a PhD in tennis statistics the business model was focused on obtaining contract/employee work in sport and gambling statistics, which resulted in prediction modelling for betting companies and performance modelling for Tennis Australia. To tie in with the academic work, the business model was such that 'Strategic Games uses mathematics to solve real-world problems in sport, gambling and conflicts'. And hence the Strategic Games website provided a means of distributing the author's academic achievements such as publications and media articles. The author also developed interactive sports and gambling calculators; which are available for download from the site. On the 20th February 2011 a facebook interest group was established for Strategic Games. Although this group was used for discussing sport and gambling problems, the group was primarily developed by the author's realization that the world needed improving based on his own

personal experiences in life; particularly in the workforce. This is widely known through the work of Karl Marx on class conflict in the workplace. The posts were initially focused on policies which led to formulating an ideology based on conflict resolution. In particular in March 2013 a connection was made between yoga and conflicts; such that yoga is the most effective method for resolving conflicts. Within days after making this connection a series of spiritual events took place for Tristan. As a consequence of these spiritual encounters the Strategic Games business model is now focused on promoting 'God Consciousness' (also known as yoga) and not concerned about generating an income; such as previously through sport predictions.

All information undertaken by the author since the establishment of Strategic Games in 2000 (and in particular from commencing a PhD in 2002) is freely available on the site including publications, books, PhD thesis, media articles, presentations, courses and Excel spreadsheet calculators. Hence the author is not interested in intellectual property as is typically the case with most academics and industry, but rather distributing the information to improve society and to help establish world peace. This information is also distributed as links through the author's facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/tristan.barnett.589>

Movie

The author was part of a gambling syndicate through the automation of online video poker machines ([pdf](#)). It can be argued that automating online video poker is "optimally" the best gambling game for profit.

- 1) The whole system is automated (playing blackjack is labour intensive).
- 2) The money is lost to the house through progressive jackpots so longevity shouldn't be a problem (in blackjack the money is coming directly from the house and players run the risk of being barred).
- 3) If you make \$10/hour on one machine then you can make \$100/hour on ten machines and \$1000/hour on one hundred machines etc with the same amount of risk.

Therefore, building a warehouse with a bank of computers and a highly experienced programmer someone should be able to make 1 billion dollars through online progressive video poker.

The author developed a formula on when to start playing these jackpot games based on the size of the bankroll ([pdf](#)). This is more commonly known as the Kelly Criterion when multiple outcomes exist. At the same time the author was involved in a work agreement dispute as a development of Sportsbet 21, a Swinburne University startup company which provides to bookmakers computer generated odds driven by statistical models for live betting on cricket and tennis within a sporting contest. The author was undertaking a PhD in tennis statistics at Swinburne University and employed by Sportsbet21 for live tennis predictions. The author was claiming that he was owed money for holiday pay, late payments, superannuation and being out of work to the total of \$13,000 ([pdf](#)). However, there are risks involved in going to court from legal costs and a remarkable connection between the Kelly formula derived in video poker was applied to the work agreement dispute which was published in an

established journal 'Law, Probability and Risk' ([pdf](#)). Essentially lawsuits can be modelled like a casino game. Software for lawsuits can be obtained from here ([xlsx](#)).

Even further, the Kelly Criterion when multiple outcomes exist was applied to two-person zero-sum games to establish the 'Kelly Equilibrium' which appears to be a "fairer" solution than the famous 'Nash Equilibrium' when there is risk involved (as depicted in the movie 'A Beautiful Mind') ([pdf](#)).

There have been many recent movies based on real stories within universities:

A Beautiful Mind directed by Ron Howard occurred within Princeton University 2001 ([html](#)).

21 produced by Dana Brunetti, Kevin Spacey and Michael De Luca occurred within Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2008 ([html](#)).

The Social Network directed by David Fincher occurred within Harvard University 2010 ([html](#)).

However, there has been no recent movie within an Australian university. The author is in search of a screenplay writer for a movie based on the above story. This could be relevant to a research student undertaking an honours, masters or PhD and hence qualify for their degree. Once a screenplay is written the author will then search for a director and a film production company for funding. Such a movie could potentially transform Swinburne University to a new level.

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Team

Guy West - the coordinator ([html](#))

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Bill Jordan - the programming genius ([html](#))

Andrew Scott - the professional gambler and backer ([html](#))

Professor James Franklin - risk taking in law expert ([html](#))

All proceeds from this proposed movie would go to building a temple for Lord Krishna as the highest level of philanthropy.

Summary

There are many great philanthropists across the globe and some have been mentioned throughout this article such as bona fide spiritual masters, Bhakti Yoga monks, devotees and donations to Hare Krishna temples; David Walsh, Roger Federer, Bill Gates and Bill Benter with their respective foundations. However, these latter foundations are setup through individuals with a significant amount of money. It was demonstrated that the author as of the end of 2019 has earned less than \$36,625 (after paid work for 25 years) than someone who has been on unemployment benefits for 25 years. It is estimated that the author has undertaken 1.3 million dollars of voluntary research (over the past 17 years) from 2002-2019

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Hence, there is evidence to suggest that the author is the world's greatest philanthropist.