



*~ He leaves through the dictionary. "Na... ne... no.... nu... nudity.. Ahh.. ok". ~*

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):**

Welcome (back) everyone to the first Science Circle presentation of this season!  
WE MISSED YOU ALL!

I hope the holidays have been long enough for you to recharge because we were able to create an amazing list of lectures and field trips for this season... and we take off in full speed.

Coming Tuesday September 2nd we facilitate two lectures:

**Title: "Origins of Modern Science, Part II"**

**Facilitator: Vic Michalak**

**Time: 1 PM PDT**

**Title: "Advances in TransMathematics"**

**Facilitator: Nullity**

**Time: 9 AM PDT**

If you are a new visitor please read our "Lecture Hall Agreements" displayed on the easel on stage.

But today Herman kicks off with a subject that crosses all our VR wondering paths:

## **“An Analysis of Nudity in Second Life”**

This presentation will be in text chat and ensures we are able to create a transcript (PDF)  
Download here <http://sciencecircle.org/> later this weekend.

We probably will take photos... (Yes, for the PDF as well)

So if you like to see them, visit one of The Science Circle Facebook pages:

Official SC FB page <https://www.facebook.com/TheScienceCircle>

FB Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/155012474522202/>

Herman, your subject has been the cause of many discussions in our Facebook group and here on Shamash, you will have an eager audience :)

The floor is yours ☺



**Areyn Laurasia:** hi everyone

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Areyn ☺ good to see you

**Dae Miami:** Yes this is an important topic. I am glad we are discussing it.

**herman Bergson:** Welcome everyone :-)



**Dae Miami:** is this in voice or text?

**fapper dickster (flipper.daxter):** i hope he is voice

**CB Axel:** If he is, I don't hear him.

**herman Bergson:** Yes Dae...a serious topic today as the start of the Science Circle Year...:-)

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** This will be in text chat... I just informed

**Leo Mandelbrot:** CB it's text

**Henk Aristocrat:** he does never ever do voice

**CB Axel:** Oh, good.

**herman Bergson:** No voice..no...

**Pat Wheelwright:** This presentation will be in text chat and ensures we are able to create a transcript (PDF)

**TR Amat:** Text chat does have a lot of advantages.

**Dae Miami:** and for professional meetings

**herman Bergson:** You will be able to download the PDF text from the Science Circle page after the weekend... so just sit and enjoy :-)

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** Great job herman!

**herman Bergson:** ok...Let me begin....

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** :)

**herman Bergson:** What caused me to offer you this presentation was the Second Life 11th Birthday Event in June this year. The Annual Linden Lab Exhibition, where everyone can show his or her creative talents.

After more than 8 years in SL I finally succeeded in participating myself, but I had to remove my presentation because teenagers, according to the moderators, also could be visiting the SL111B exhibition.

Maybe someone might think, that I now have to vent my frustration about it, but that is not the case. I just was plainly flabbergasted by what I got into.

**Vic Michalak:** Hmm... The exhibition must have been PG?

**herman Bergson:** I really was stupefied by the way the moderators of the SL11B event handled the phenomenon of nudity. They couldn't mean this seriously, but they did!

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Nudity, not nakedness?

**herman Bergson:** The greatest concern of the organizing people of the SL11B event was to allow every creative mind in SL to show off their skills at the annual exhibition.....

**Vic Michalak:** It speaks to how much people identify with 3D virtual world objects, like avatars, or even photos of them... interesting phenomenon

**herman Bergson:** AND to protect teenagers from being confronted with any kind of nudity at that exhibition and here I really mean ANY kind of nudity. At least, that was the motivation of their action against me.

**TR Amat:** The US censors sex, the Europeans censor violence, UK censors some of both and is confused? :)

**herman Bergson:** Of course this was the Birthday Party of Second Life, but to what extend this directive about nudity was dictated by Linden Lab itself , I do not know...

The exhibition area was in sims, qualified as GENERAL. This is defined thus in the SL Knowledge base:

-QUOTE-

A region designated General is not allowed to advertise or make available content or activity that is sexually explicit, violent, or depicts nudity.

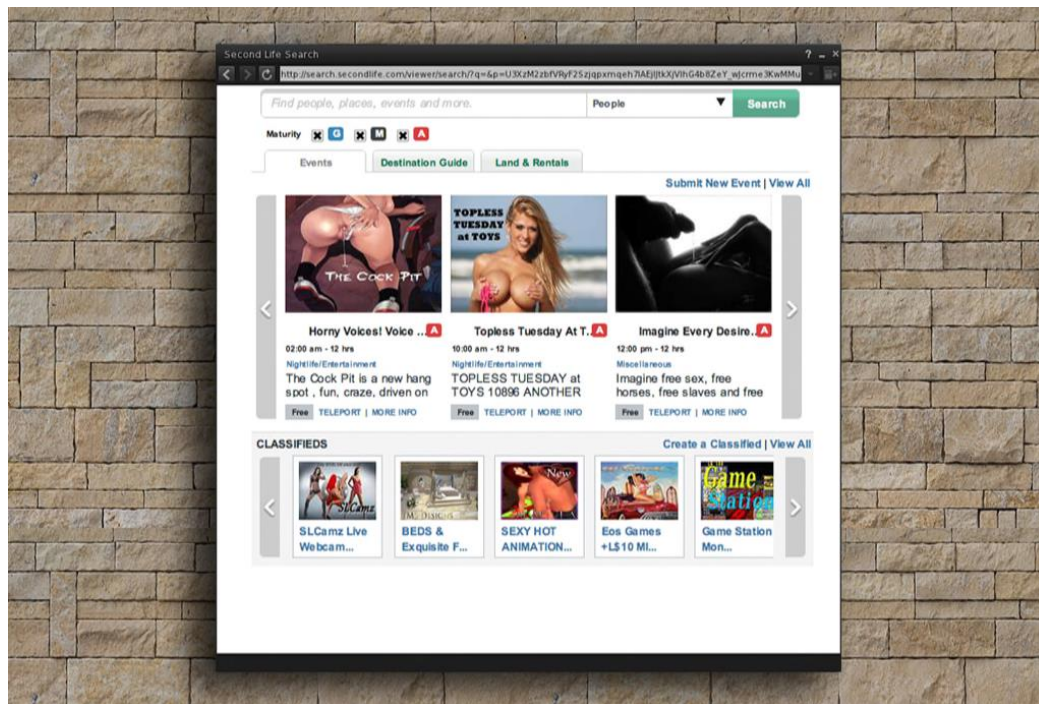
Sexually-oriented objects such as "sex beds" or poseballs may not be located or sold in General regions.

General regions are areas where you should feel free to say and do things that you would be comfortable saying and doing in front of your grandmother or a grade school class.

-END QUOTE -

**herman Bergson:** Anyway...our dear and sensitive teenager who has to be protected against unwanted nudity fires up his SL Viewer , as offered by Linden Lab and wonders....where do I find the SL11B sims and the exhibition?

So after fiddling with some settings as youngsters like to do in Preferences, he clicks the Search button to bring up that helpful Search window.....which of course looks like it always looks.... that is...like this.....



**Pat Wheelwright:** giggles

**herman Bergson:** Inevitably the young one blinks, blushes and faints..... he never made it to the SL11B exhibition.....

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** :)

**Henk Aristocrat:** ☺

**herman Bergson:** The question now is: What would he have seen, if he HAD made it to the exhibition and see my work?

No, that is not the most important question. That is the question: What COULD he have seen there, but was NOT allowed to see by the organizing committee of the SLB11B ?

Ok, let's be straightforward about it..... N U D I T Y.

Not just nude nudity, but also objects that contained pictures or links to a place where you could see nudity and last but not least SUGGESTED NUDITY.

Maybe the meanest kind of nudity: SUGGESTED NUDITY! You can imagine what that would do to the sensitive soul of a teenager.

Read for yourself and shiver:

- QUOTE -

Hi Herman,

I'm sorry to inform you that your parcel has not passed the inspection. Here are the issues that need to be corrected:

1. Nudity in some of your pictures, including butt crack, women's nipples, bare breasted woman and suggested nudity. (see attached pictures below)
2. Catalogue givers - include pictures with nudity & link to a webpage with pictures that include nudity.

lease correct these issues by midnight SL time, Wednesday, June 11, 2014. This is your second warning.

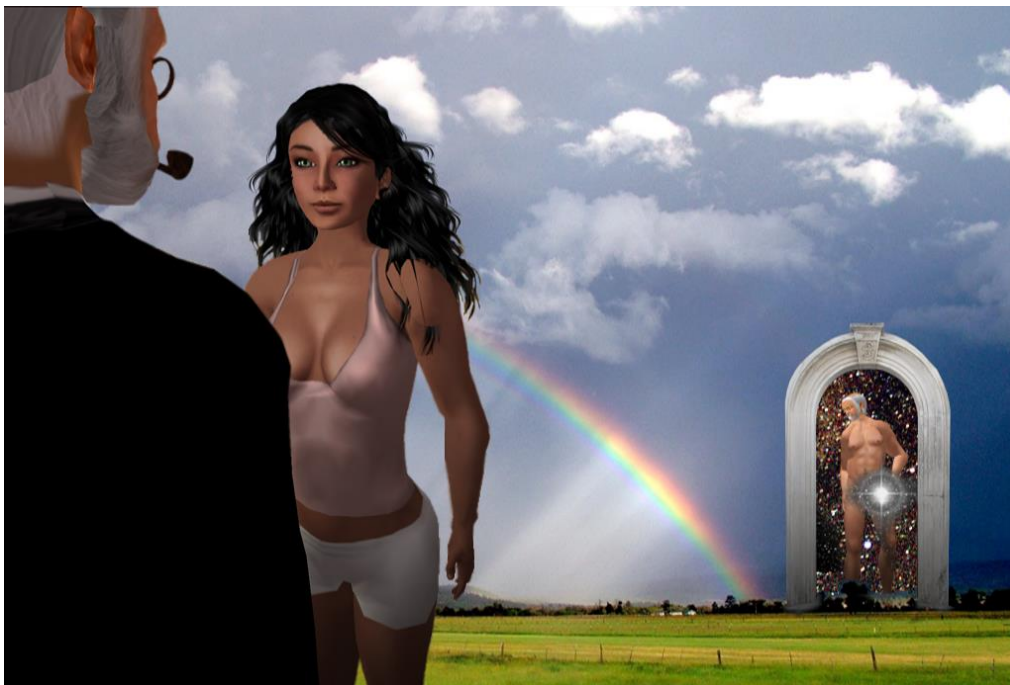
Thanks, Ruby Vandyke

- END QUOTE -

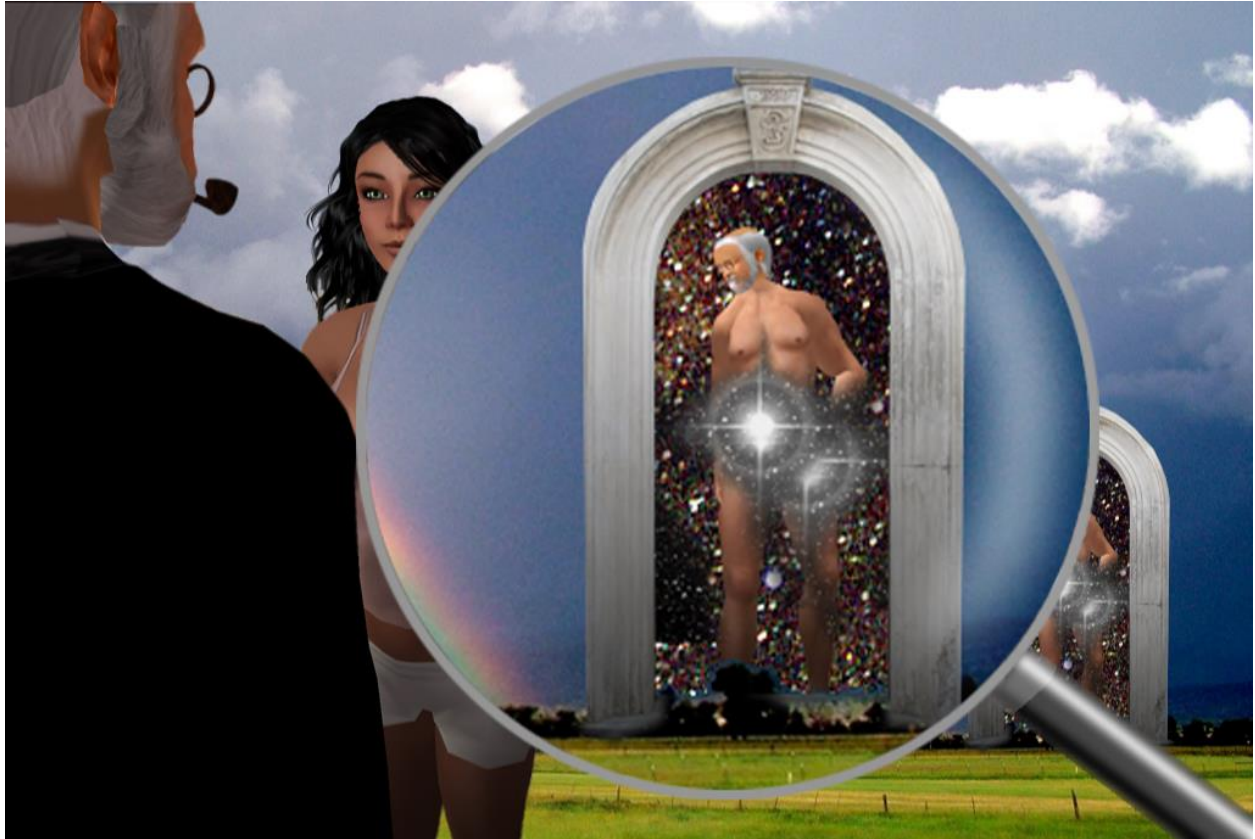
Now, which pictures were qualified as showing "SUGGESTED NUDITY"?  
Here are the offending pictures.



and this one.....



Let me zoom in on the sinner himself!.



How would you describe these two men? As nude males.....?  
.....?

I already thought you would do so, but you are wrong! They SUGGEST that they are nude. That is "Suggested Nudity". So, actually they are not nude.

The SL11B team used a very specific definition for the concept of nudity here. In my opinion the team assumed that a nude person is a person who shows genitals. If you don't, you are not nude, but only suggesting that you are nude.

But you can not deny that the model in the picture is not wearing clothes. So there must be a necessary relation between wearing no clothes and showing genitals even when you can not see the genitals.

This means, that, when you do not wear clothes and do not show genitals you actually are NOT nude. You only suggest, that you are nude.



Maybe I am misinterpreting the whole thing. Warning 1 in the notecard says "Nudity ....including....." Than nudity is something, which at least includes butt crack, nipples and bare breasts.

It is a bit silly to assume, that nudity also can include "suggested nudity", but based on our previous analysis we can conclude that real nudity has to include visible genitals, when suggested nudity seems to assume that they are there.

Ok.... maybe the SL11B team then defined nudity as showing bare breasts, OR nipples OR butt crack OR genitals.

Then we have to face an inconsistency here, because our previous analysis showed that "not wearing clothes" AND "genitals" must together to be REAL nude, while it otherwise is only suggested nudity.

© (**quaezar.agnomen**): The question is ... Why are people so hysterical about nudity ?  
**Vic Michalak:** [Nudity is also a frame of mind... whether or not you have clothes on... sorry-- slipped out]

**herman Bergson:** In other words, if you are NOT nude in the true sense and show a nipple or a butt crack (that expression was new to me:-) you yet are accused of showing nudity. This is really confusing.....

We all understand that when you show a bare breast you also show a nipple. Is mentioning the nipple in the definition then not somewhat redundant?

According to the SL11B team the answer is NO ! And as a proof let me show you the nipple of Jaynine Scarborough. This is a special nipple to me, for it belongs to one of the finest professional performing artists of SL.

Many times I have attended her concerts and enjoyed her beautiful voice and dresses. I could handle that, because I am not a teenager. Let me show you the nipple that had to leave the SL11B exhibition.



And this is the other example of banned nipples.



Let me get my looking glass for this one, otherwise you might miss the nipples. They are adorable..... at least four pixels each!



This leads to an interesting conclusion: wearing no clothes is neither a sufficient nor a necessary condition for NUDITY, because in both examples we see that the models wear clothes and yet are accused to be examples of nudity.

**herman Bergson:** This is really confusing, but we are not done yet. We still have to deal with the bare breast. The next breast was banned from SL11B for nudity. This is really a very interesting example because the breast is not human !!!!!



**Henk Aristocrat:** rofl

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** ☺

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** dafuq?

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** muhahahaha :)~~~~

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** laughs

**herman Bergson:** Isn't that amazing? Even the colour of the skin isn't human, and yet it is an example of a bare breast and thence of nudity. You can imagine, that I was flabbergasted and in total confusion.

This creature....expecting it to wear clothes is ridiculous and yes part of it LOOKS human, but you can not make me believe that this is a bare breast as I imagine a bare breast, when I .....well.....you know...

**Simulat Almendros:** These are like the people who used to rip pictures of African women out of National Geographic :-)

**Vic Michalak:** Hmm... do SL animals anatomically correct?

**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** So a furry cow with udders is nude or not nude?

**herman Bergson:** But this picture had to be removed because of NUDITY. That was too much for me. I had to conclude that in Second Life, being in a sim qualified as GENERAL, it did not matter whether you are wearing clothes or not, nor that your avatar had a human shape or not.

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** So if I should ever wear a Donald Duck avatar, I am supposed to wear underpants too? Am I correct?

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** better do Raja ;)

**herman Bergson:** When in SL you look like a monkey, wearing panties and a bra of transparent textiles and are in a General sim, you should not be surprised about being banned from the sim because of impermissible nudity.

The sad side of this story concerns my friend Gemma. For years she has been asking me to participate in the SL Burning Man event and finally I was in time to apply for a spot and build my exhibition.

But look at this picture.....It is on my Flickr page.....



In the background you see what I had built for the exhibition. Yet I must have had some paranormal insight in the future for this is the caption of the picture on my Flickr page:

*Caption: "Gemma, are you sure this is the right planet?", he asked.*

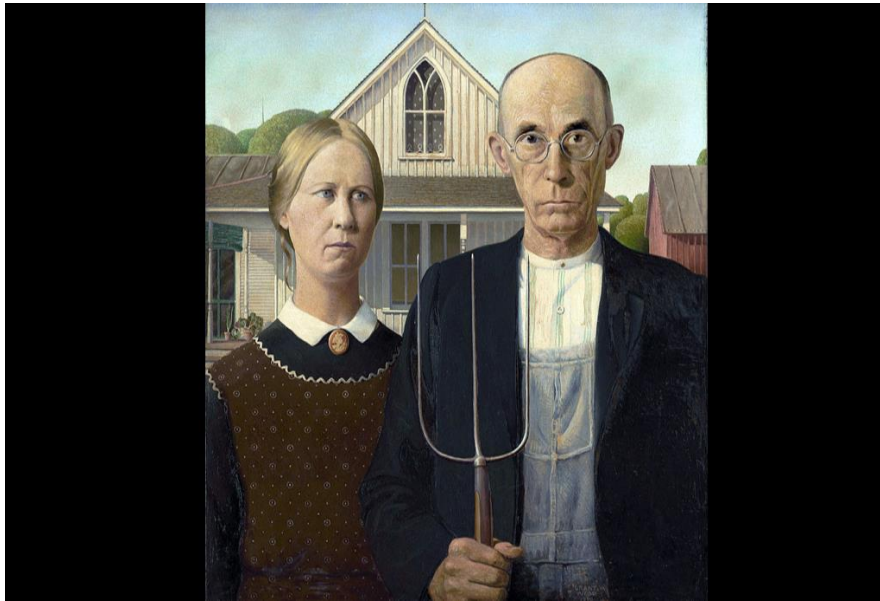
A day later I sadly had to add to this caption: "I am sorry to say, Gemma. but this IS the wrong planet." [ Participation in SL11B withdrawn]

Very disappointing..... thanks to the intelligent and sharp observations of Miss Ruby Vandyke, one of the supervisors of the SL11B event.

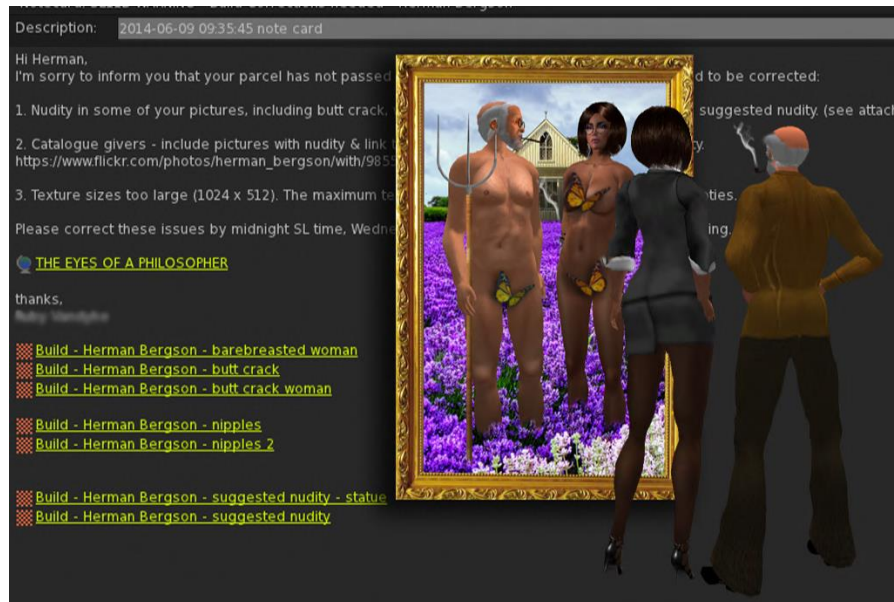
**Vic Michalak:** [Would [Olympus Mons](#) be permitted in SL? How about the Grand Tetons?]



**herman Bergson:** Of course I had to visualize my analysis of the concept of nudity in Second Life. This was the first picture that came to my mind.



As the painting became well known nationally (1930), East Coast elites saw the painting as a satire, depicting the regressive, narrow-minded nature of Midwesterners.



*"What do you think, Dear? Is this art or suggested nudity?", he asked, "or just the wrong planet?", and he laughed.....*



**herman Bergson:** This was not enough to calm me down. Fortunately a dear friend helped me:



*"What a brilliant idea for removing suggested nudity!", he said to her.*

**Henk Aristocrat:** rofl

**fapper dickster (flipper.daxter):** lol

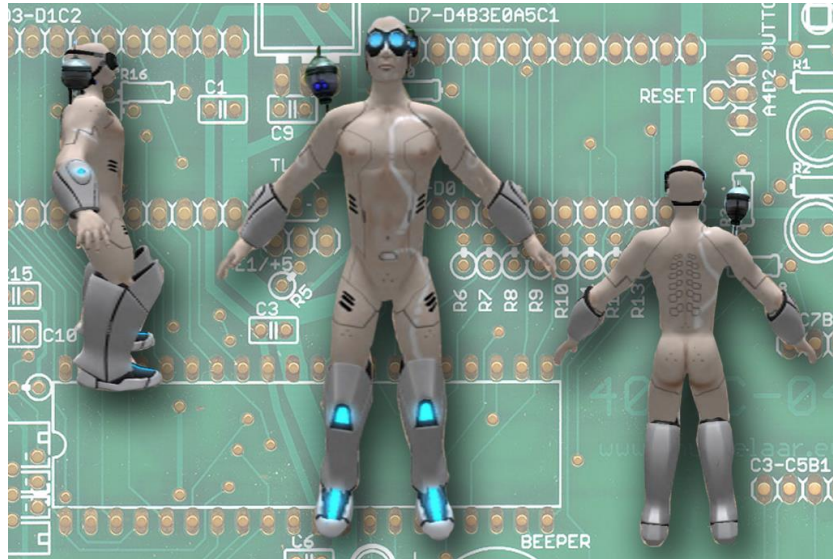
**Persephone Emerald:** lol

**herman Bergson:** But even she could not put my soul at rest, so I sold it to the devil:



*"I was asked to intervene and remove the SUGGESTED NUDITY..... SO I DID !  
And let this be a lesson to you all !", she said.*

**herman Bergson:** Now, if you think that this is just an incident, you might be wrong. Just have a look at the next picture..... The individual in the picture recently landed in the Fermi sandbox, a sim qualified as GENERAL.



Then more or less the following conversation took place:

X : Hello Mister.

Robot : hello

X : Could you please dress yourself please ? I'm afraid nudity isn't allowed on this sim.  
And lines drawn on a body don't count as clothing? Thank you :)

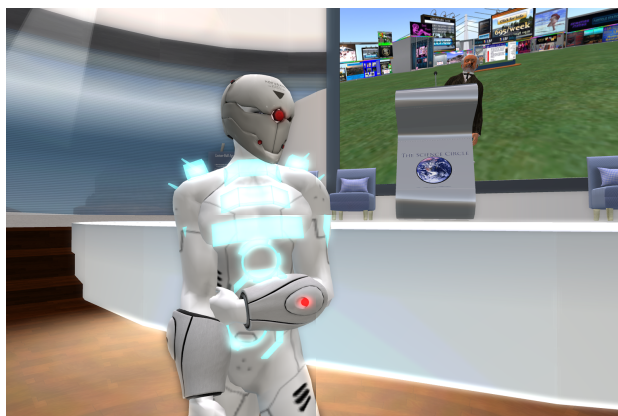
**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** hmm?

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** LOL

**Henk Aristocrat:** hehehe :)))

**Leo Mandelbrot:** i think I'm looking at the wrong slide

**herman Bergson:** I am sorry..I forgot the robot picture ..but Raja is here..... Plz Raja could you stand up and show yourself :-)



**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** Sure

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** heheheh ☺

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** zooms in on Raja....

**CB Axel:** Shocking!

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** YES! :(

**herman Bergson:** This is how he showed up in the Fermi sandbox

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** agree CB ;)

**Henk Aristocrat:** HAHAAHAHA !!!!!

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** Sweeeet av ☺ I like

**herman Bergson:** the conversation went on like this

Robot : Wait, you mean that you count my avatar as NUDE??

X : It does look nude. You have some boots, some goggles, some bracers on your arms... and nothing else.

**Stranger Nightfire:** a naked robot!!!

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** :)

**herman Bergson:**

Robot : That's right! Nothing else! Having an android outfit with no genitalia, are you REALLY sure I count as a nude avatar???

X : I do think so, but I see that one of my colleague is on the sim. I will ask her what she think.

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** shakes head

**Vic Michalak:** Looks fully clothed (in armor) to me

**Persephone Emerald:** Imao

**herman Bergson:**

Robot : I'd really appreciate that, thanks.

X : Here is my colleague

Miss Z : yeah pretty much a nude robot

X : So, he should wear something, correct ?

Miss Z : at least some briefs or something

Miss Z : there are nipples on there, so its not like just pink plastic"

X : Wearing something around your hips would be appreciated :)

**Persephone Emerald:** How can he be naked without skin?

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** \*\*\*passes out\*\*\*

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Looks again...no briefs either Raja?!

**Stranger Nightfire:** I have frequently appeared in SL as a naked raccoon

**Henk Aristocrat:** dirty robot !!!!! :)))

**herman Bergson:** Plz Raja...would you be so kind and wear some briefs...lol and take your seat again...thank you

**Vic Michalak:** No nipples anyway...

**herman Bergson:** Of course, I was rejoiced and took my grandma and the whole 5th grade class of my son to the sandbox....finally a nudity - nipple - bare breast - butt crack free sim for them.

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** Oki! :-)

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** complain about nipples... ask him to wear pants

**CB Axel:** And I as a dragon.

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** Yes I see the logic

**Stranger Nightfire:** or rabbit or cat or unicorn or whatever

**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** SL haz logic? hahahaha

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** Nope, hahaha

**herman Bergson:** Of course, I was rejoiced and took my grandma and the whole 5th grade class of my son to the sandbox....finally a nudity - nipple - bare breast - butt crack free sim for them.

**herman Bergson:** When we landed in the Fermi Sandbox sim I looked up and was speechless. How could this be true? The strict rule of the Fermi sandbox is (and I quote): “-No nudity or sexual activity whatsoever. Changing rooms are available at the arrival area.”

**TR Amat:** Yellow bouncing ball avatars have to wear pants? :)

**Vic Michalak:** Banning Furies from SL would be sacrilegious

**Stranger Nightfire:** oh my god I see that Quaezar is a naked dragon!!

**herman Bergson:** But I saw this !





**herman Bergson:** grabbed my looking glass and had a closer look.



**herman Bergson:** Of course I began to check out the whole place.... no nudity whatsoever.... Yet I found this in the stores around the sandbox.....just an example, for there was more.



**herman Bergson:** A waste of time to elaborate on the inconsistencies here, except maybe the observation that, when you look like a robot, you are nude and get banned from the sandbox..

**Talia Sunsong (taliasunsong):** There is a lot of sexual exploitation in sl  
**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** bodies are exploitation?



**herman Bergson:** When you pay rent for a store here, rules do not apply to you. First the money then the morals. Interesting observation, isn't it?

**CB Axel:** Typical

**TR Amat:** "If it doesn't move, it isn't sexy." :)

**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** so no moving adverts

**Vic Michalak:** Maybe the solution is for avatars not to have eyes... or keep all sims on midnight setting

**herman Bergson:** A final example of how nudity is handled by some, in my opinion, not too bright moderators. I suppose you all know the famous painting of Manet, named "Olympia".



**herman Bergson:** What shocked contemporary audiences was not Olympia's nudity, nor even the presence of her fully clothed maid, but her confrontational gaze and a number of details identifying her as a demi-mondaine or prostitute.

That was in 1865. The painting is on display at the Musée d'Orsay, Paris. Look what happened to her in 2014.

Now my picture.....



**herman Bergson:** This was the first picture in my SL11B Exhibition, of which I was asked to remove it, because it showed NUDITY. Actually, as we know now, it is not nudity at all, but only suggested nudity, because no genitals are visible.

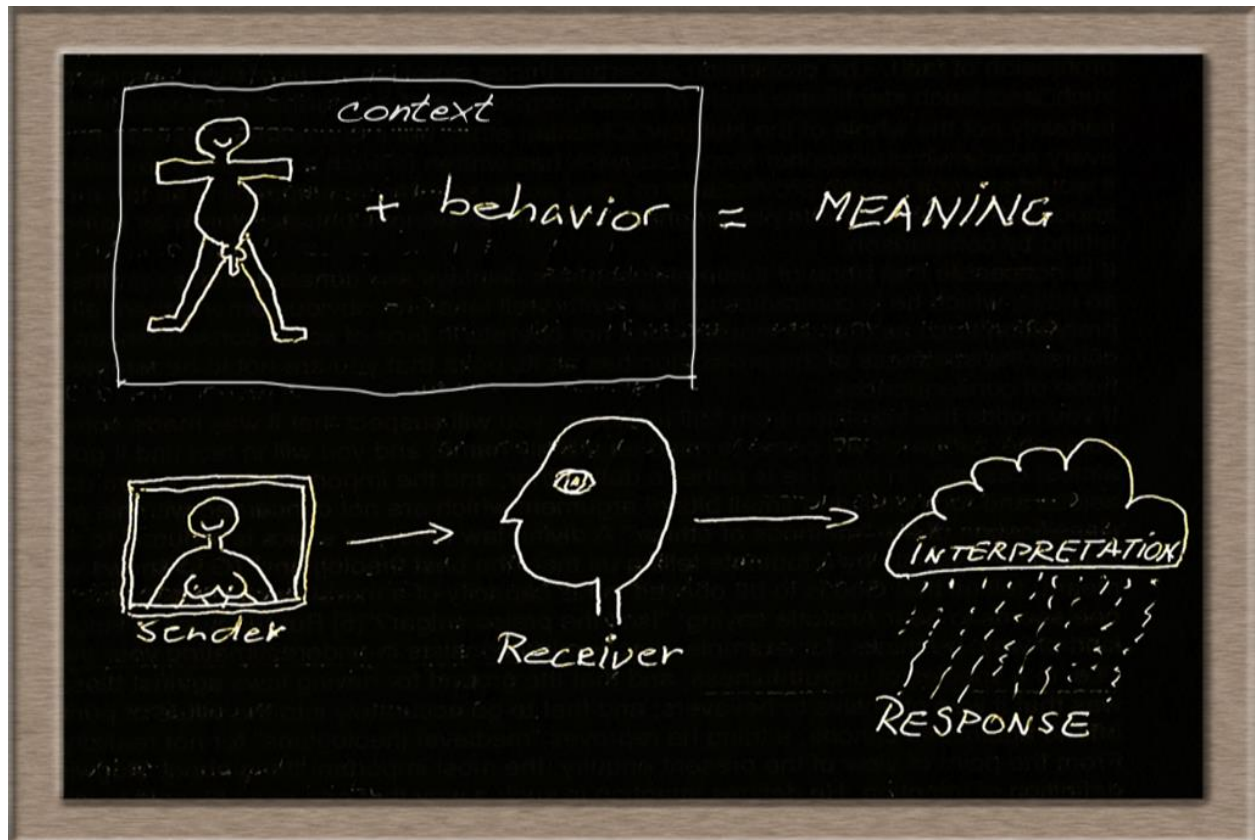
I am well aware of the fact that Second Life has an image problem due to the sex you'll find inworld. But that is not new. The same happened to the Internet in its very early years.

Weren't decent companies reluctant to start a website in those days, because the Internet was mainly a collection of porn sites? And look where we are now.

It was Linden Lab's own mistake to chase away so many educational institutions by increasing prices and canceling special conditions for educational institutions, that offered sex a chance to become the dominant object of interest in Second Life.

So how to handle nudity in Second Life. How to put education again in the front row? When we ask the question "WHAT actually is the problem with nudity?" it might help us.

Let's look at two models and this time I do not mean two naked girls....  
I mean models of situations.



**herman Bergson:** The spasmodic attitude towards everything that seems to expose certain body parts is, of course, caused by the LL regulation that it..." is not allowed to advertise or make available content or activity that is sexually explicit, violent, or depicts nudity."

**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** thinks> there were always more people here interested in sex than education.

**Evalynn Gutierrez (sai.damour):** we are adults sex is part of life , and its completely healthy

**herman Bergson:** Sexually explicit"..... that must be porn. That is not so hard to identify and ban from certain places, but it is that second part about "depicting nudity",

**Vic Michalak:** Merriam Webster - nude = "having no clothes on" or "having the color of a white person's skin" (seriously)... hence the solution - change skin color

**herman Bergson:** which leads to these hilarious situations, especially when NUDITY is literally defined as "I see a bare breast, a butt crack, a nipple, (almost) a whole body or genitals"

Nudity as such has little meaning. It gets its meaning within a context and related with behavior. That is why the phrase "...depict nudity" doesn't work.



**herman Bergson:** More accurate in relation to the intentions of Linden Lab would be “depicting nudity with sexual intentions”. That explains why naturist sims in SL can be just normal places with friendly people. There is nudity, but no sexual intention.

Maybe some people have problems with nudity, wherever they run into it. Then you get, for instance, the kind of moderators, I introduced you to in this lecture.

But in these cases the problem is not nudity, but the INTERPRETATION of the person, who sees the nudity. It is almost impossible to make rules for that.

**Vic Michalak:** Ah.... principal point... association and relativity



**herman Bergson:** To reach an adequate interpretation, for instance, when you see the Olympia of Manet and then see that painting used in some illustrative work, and then come to a considered judgement, you need to be educated.

This brings us to the point I would like to make today. To create a better world and to enjoy nudity in all its beauty in the right way, we need EDUCATION.



**herman Bergson:** *In other words, if Linden Lab wants to shift the attention regarding Second Life from sex to something else, it should open its financial gates again for all educational institutions, non profit organizations, musea and the like.*

*Maybe then we would see the same process here as in the Internet, where we now and then may have some fun with sex, but mainly use it for acquiring information, knowledge and education.*

*The Science Circle has a mission.....!!!!*

**herman Bergson:** Thank you for your attention^\_^



**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Applauds and agrees ☺ Edu is the answer :)

**Vic Michalak:** But Herman, if everyone were educated, you would not have a reason for this presentation!

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** YAY! Awesome work Herman ☺

**TR Amat:** Thank you, Herman.

**Cosmo Fenwitch:** If they use an A.I. to detect nudity, it makes sense that a naked robot would get their attention. It did show a butt crack.

**Wife Stepford:** claps

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** applause Herman :)

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** :) Great lecture Herman !

**Ginkgo Southmoor:** applause

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** so true Cosmo!

**herman Bergson:** thank you

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Good points Herman

**Vic Michalak:** Excellent argument, Herman... uhh... are you wearing any pants or hiding behind the podium?

**Zip Zlatkis:** thank you. very informative!

**CB Axel:** I can't help thinking that if some kid gets off on seeing naked dragons and robots, he or she has some real issues.

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** @Vic :)

**Ginkgo Southmoor:** WOO GET NAKED!!!!!!

**Persephone Emerald:** lol@ Cosmo

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** hehehhehe CB

**Beragon Betts:** lol cb

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Nicely presented!

**herman Bergson:** I am nude under my clothes to be honest...

**CB Axel:** Yes, Vic. Hiding behind a podium suggests nudity.

**Wife Stepford:** Aah!

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** true CB :))

**Marie (amvans.lapis):** I was recently in a meeting with Abbie and other educators and he expressed a willingness to talk with educators about addressing their needs.

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Gaaaah Herman

**Henk Aristocrat:**  BRING YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR A BIG APPLAUSE!!!  


**Vic Michalak:** Nudity is skin deep...

**Kip Roffo:** Nude = no clothes. Naked = nude and up to something

**TR Amat:** Worry, really badly, about what AI and robot sexuality is going to be like. :)

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** excellent lecture herman!

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** agreed Kip ☺

**Jaicya:** ty :))

**Cosmo Fenwitch:** At least headshots in profiles are still allowed, even when unveiled.

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** Thank you Herman

**Leo Mandelbrot:** And I'd remind people we have at least one nude sculpture here in SC, which is a prime educational site

**Vic Michalak:** Could you be nude if you had not clothes and also no skin?

**Wife Stepford:** could use this as well on kid avatars in sl...sender, receiver...interpretation

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** Heheheh

**Henk Aristocrat:** dank je wel Herman. je punt is kraakhelder and every well thinking man or woman will agree with you !

**Ginkgo Southmoor:** But this SIM is a Moderate SIM

**TR Amat:** All these nearly naked feet in sandals...

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** just think of all the art of museums that would have to be banned ...

**herman Bergson:** Thanks Henk :-))

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Do the rules Herman talked about for General sims only?

**Persephone Emerald:** What I don't think you addressed though, is how the cultural view about nudity are even more strict in some countries & people from those countries could be offended by perceived nudity in a General sm

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Yes Leo

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** I suppose now that all animals will have to be depicted with clothing, lest they be assumed to be suggesting nudity under their fur, scales or feathers!

**herman Bergson:** I know Persephone...:-) I am aware of that....

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** now, can I take my pants off, please? :-))))

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Moonsnail when something like this comes up I'm tempted to re-start my campaign against animal nudity. Happens every year or so

**herman Bergson:** plz do Raja ..:-))

**TR Amat:** So, no classic Venus de Milo avatars? Or, are those armless? :)

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** hehhehe Moon... Jes will not be able to join us often if so... she shapeshifts constantly between space cow, cat or chicken ☺

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** rusty pants? ;)

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** You gave away my alter egos Chant :((((

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** LOL! Yep!

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Oh, dear, can't do that to Jes!

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** Chantal you got to remove Atlas then? ;)

**Kip Roffo:** I have met very few nude people in SL who weren't up to something ... naked aspirations exposed

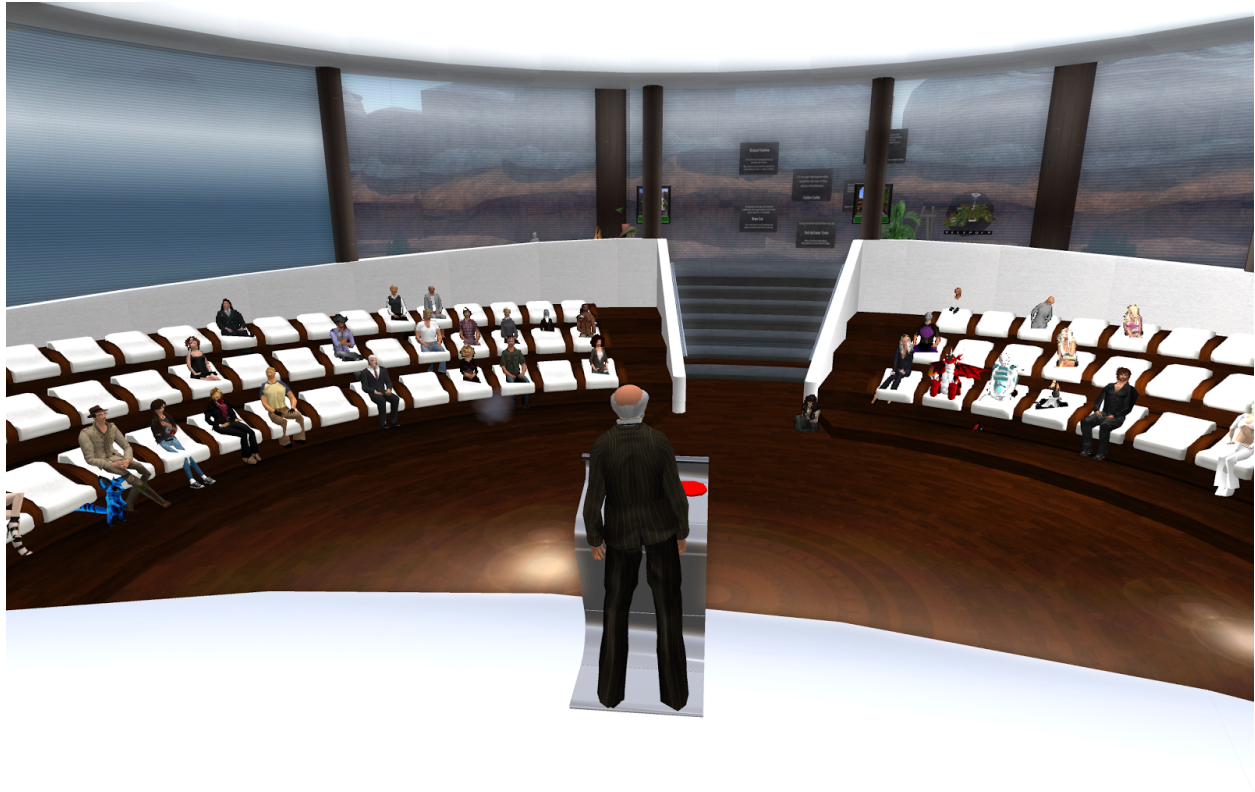
**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** hehehe

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Yes, Leo, time for that petition again!

**TR Amat:** The cultural meaning of clothes, and ornamentation, as more than 'cyborg' tools for dealing with a harsh environment?

**Vic Michalak:** So... if I walked around as Michelangelo's Statue of David, would anyone object in SL?





**Leo Mandelbrot:** Vic depends on the sim rating

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** yes Vic, thought so too

**Marie (amvans.lapis):** Thanks for the great talk Herman.

**Areyn Laurasia:** depends... if the intent is to shock and get a reactive response or as a statement of art.

**Stranger Nightfire:** Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society. \*Mark Twain

**Vic Michalak:** Good question, Areyn...

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** so rl art is not to be seen for teenagers in some countries as it seems ...

**Persephone Emerald:** This skin I'm wearing now, should not be considered as nude, because it's not representation of a human or animal skin, just 1s & 0s

**Leo Mandelbrot:** I sometimes go to a discussion group where one of the regulars is always nude. It's definitely not a sex group

**Henk Aristocrat:** "I have met very few nude people in SL who weren't up to something" up to what??? to behave human or breaking in a house, or murder someone. up to something sounds negative to me .

**Vic Michalak:** Here again, it is Interpretation that is the principal issue

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** So, seriously, it seems that the real wording of rules should disallow nudity when sexual activity is depicted or implied, and related store areas should not be allowed to have for sale items that support that.

**Persephone Emerald:** If you wear a banana skin instead of a human one, are you also still nude?

**Leo Mandelbrot:** ...in the appropriate sim, Moonsnail

**CB Axel:** Maybe at next year's SLB, we should put together an exhibit of RL art that has had all the "naughty bits" covered up. We can call it "The World After The Grid Was Opened To Teens."

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** hehe CB

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Is that what caused the issues? There used to be a separate teen grid.

**Vic Michalak:** What if your exhibit in SLB was inside a building, with a caveat at the door?

**Areyn Laurasia:** It's not just about teenagers. There are adults who use this grid and you can't help it when there are kids around.

**Henk Aristocrat:** CB Axel; good idea

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** I wish SL would create a grid on which people may have sex, run around naked, do all kinds of things... I rather miss... and work on SL's image... it has been a drag to get good and precious people from RL in our VR

**Vic Michalak:** Not all adults are adults....

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Leo, I mean in General Sims.

**RF Axel:** I wondered if I was allowed in here dressed like this?

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Looks at RF ... Really? you wondered about that?

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Well, true adults have the option to ignore the behaviors of childish or prurient adults.

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** nice av, RF!

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** It would be nice to be able to bounce the annoying ones out of your sound/view.

**CB Axel:** I should have worn my burqa.

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** yes great av's

**RF Axel:** From Grendel's - free "Replicator" Skin.

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Figures ☺ Famous work ☺

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** also Persephone's one is cool!!!

**Stranger Nightfire:** oh gosh, I just realized my pet Fennux is naked!

**Persephone Emerald:** I just copied an image off the internet onto a modifiable skin

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** did you have problems with your avatars RF and Persephone?

**CB Axel:** Those are great, but I bet you'd get kicked off the Fermi Sandbox.

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** muhahahaha :)~~~~

**Persephone Emerald:** I've only used this in art installations, so no

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** We should have a try.... LOL!

**Vic Michalak:** Yes... I have often wondered why anyone was so surprised to find every kind of undress and human behavior in here... This is a reflection of humanity... And you have to go looking for it to find it, just as in the physical world.

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** so true Vic

**RF Axel:** I claim to be a robot with a holographic human skin. This is what I look like with the hologram turned off. :)

**Persephone Emerald:** I might try it on a General sim just to see what happens

**Persephone Emerald:** cool, RF

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Let me know when you do and I'll come watch

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Leo, you are not so neutral....

**Vic Michalak:** Gotta go... the magic "hour" is over... Nice presentation on a serious topic, Herman.

**Areyn Laurasia:** when art and science left the building and basic instincts take over..

**Leo Mandelbrot:** always, Moon

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** LOL



**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Thinks we found a nice balance in the use of nudity on this sim... its appreciated as an art form... but in lectures we respect everyone present... and show up like we do ☺

**RF Axel:** Clothes on. :)

**RF Axel:** Skin on :)

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Right, RF

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** agrees on that Chant ☺

**Cosmo Fenwitch:** Perhaps Persephone and RF should try one of the hypersensitive sims and send us a report. What is a good one to try Herman?

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** agrees Chantal but I would not want the dragons and robots go for clothing ;)



**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Free towels for those who arrive unprepared.

**Persephone Emerald:** That sounds like fun

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Surely not Dawn ☺

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** haha Moonsnail

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** :)

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** ;<)

**CB Axel:** I actually do wear some clothes as a dragon at times. It looks great in a black leather jacket.

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** I appreciate that Dawn :)

**TR Amat:** I tried out a few nude sunbathing areas in SL - OK, but maybe a bit boring after a while. :)



**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** TR, well, it depends - I don't particularly want to have to disrobe to go somewhere, but I don't mind if others do.

**Persephone Emerald** smiles at CB

**herman Bergson:** yeah you always wonder there what might be the latest fashion]

**Stranger Nightfire:** Rhiannon Dragoone really should have been here today

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Herman although the discussion is still running; Thank you for giving us material to ponder upon ☺ We will make a pdf and publish it tomorrow :)

**Persephone Emerald:** I love a black leather jacket, but have yet to see one on a dragon

**TR Amat:** There continues to be brisk sale in Skin in SL...

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Great, Chantal!

**CB Axel:** Interesting and enlightening talk, Herman. Thank you.

**TR Amat:** True, Stranger. I'd like to hear what Rhiannon has to say on this subject.

**herman Bergson:** My pleasure :-)

**Leo Mandelbrot:** some of this reminds me of my days as a forum guide/moderator, some 20 years ago

**CB Axel:** Good day, everyone!

**Areyn Laurasia:** :)

**Henk Aristocrat:** IF we want to take action against silly LL rules, I think we must first study american law. Quite different from western european law. In fact in the eyes of most europeans rather ... uhmm,... lets say at least strange laws. If we have done that , we can undertake action I think.

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** One thing we did not address is if Linden Labs is imposing the General Sim rules after being sued or threatened by some prudish group that supplies funding

to LL.

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** Bye CB

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** by CB

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Waves at CB ☺

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** You know what? These kind of meeting, these kind of gathering of minds are soooo inspiring to me!! Real wonderful motivations for being in Second Life again! Thanks to Herman and to all the people present here!!

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** bye CB

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** I also going to login to RL .. have a great sunday and till next time Thanks Herman :)

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** I really really appreciated that!

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** waves little dragon Que

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** bye quaezar

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Bye Q ☺

**Seren (serendipity.seraph):** Gatherings were one of the first things that made me "get it" here.

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** bye Q have a nice evening

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** And Chantal and Jes :) Great opening :)

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Yes they are the best heh Seren ☺

**@ (quaezar.agnomen):** Bye Dawn :)

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** :))))

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Glad I made it to this - had to get up @ 6 am this morning to work.

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** Now it's time for me to go to bed but I'm so glad to see so many people around!

**Leo Mandelbrot:** I can remember when there was a lot of concern about Internet material

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** Thanks love ☺

**Rajamapuradjoloun Shichiroji:** YAY!

**Chantal (nymf.hathaway):** aaaw Moon :))))

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** bye Raja

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** sleep well Raja ☺

**herman Bergson:** THANKS Raja !!!!!

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** with no pants

**Tulpa (jes.cobalt):** if you don't want

**Dawn Rhiannyr:** hugging Chantal and Jes and saying thank you to Herman :)

**TR Amat:** Can you be nude in a online text only chat room? :)

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Some of you are close to bedtime, have a good evening

**Areyn Laurasia:** no one would know TR Amat

**herman Bergson:** Only if you say so TR Amat

**Moonsnail Mandelbrot:** Waving to all - thanks for a great thinking opportunity!

**Leo Mandelbrot:** Oh, I don't remember ever seeing here in SL: "what are you wearing?"

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