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Dear Mr. Hamill,

I don't know you and I hope it stays that way. However, I have been receiving letter after letter from you beginning with "Nina". You demand various pieces of information and explanations concerning AAI (of which you are no longer a member) be provided to you, resorting to moral blackmail.

Although an atheist, you behave like a vindictive god who, from the heights of his moral superiority, pass judgments on everyone around him, also using words commonly deemed unparliamentary. You write 40-page report, blaming everyone around... except for yourself. Mr Hamill, you forgot to mention there that during your time as Secretary of the AAI Board, the obligation of the board to submit the organization's tax returns was never fulfilled, which eventually resulted in the status of AAI's suspension.

You are not alone. Among the staunch critics of AAI there are also people who worked for the organization after you had left and who parted not necessarily because of moral objection.

A few days ago, after obtaining information about the disastrous legal status of the AAI and about the real war unleashed against the organization, I submitted my resignation from the role of Vice President of AAI and of its board member, seeing no further possibility of acting within its framework. However, I was asked (and not only by the board members) to reconsider my decision. In search of even a shadow of hope to save the AAI, I talked to former members of the AAI, including my friends who were very critical of its authorities. It was an exercise in futility. It turned out that no repair programs, no personal changes, NOTHING but destruction satisfies the opponents of AAI. Nothing mattered, neither that AAI had been the only openly atheistic global organization for 30 years, nor that it was effectively saving lives within the "Atheists at Risk" project, and that the destruction of this possibility would result in more deaths of atheists in Asia and Africa.

This is a very sad experience for me because atheists need to unite their forces against religious oppression, which sharpens its fangs not only in Asia or

Africa. In my country, Poland, atheists, and other groups discriminated from religious motivation also have a difficult life. In the U.S., "The Handmaid's Tale" begins to happen.

Mr Hamill, I stepped down from the role of the AAI vice-president which I accepted three weeks ago not in result of your attacks or the moral blackmail of others who were very worried about my reputation. I did it but because of sense of powerlessness in a situation where decent people are satisfied only with the destruction of AAI, and the initiatives to create from scratch a new international representation of atheists, undertaken since 2017, have so far ended up in failure. Maybe you will succeed in complete destruction of AAI very soon. It is a pity that in the meantime you have not succeeded in building an organization able to replace it.

Sincerely,

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