

# Exploring Kopimism

The Bytes Must Flow



# What is Kopimism?

- It is an OFFICIALLY recognized religion in Sweden as of January 5, 2012!
- It's a Non-Theistic, Non-exclusionary religion based on the idea that copying (and sharing) information is a sacred virtue.
- You probably already are one.



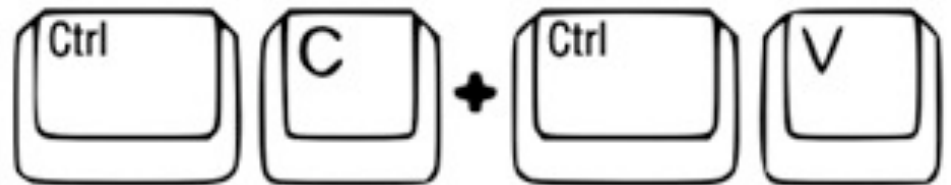
# Isak Gerson – @Laxsill

- “Kopimi, I encourage reckless and inconsiderate **COPYING** that denies all Consideration of copyright and similar bullshit.”



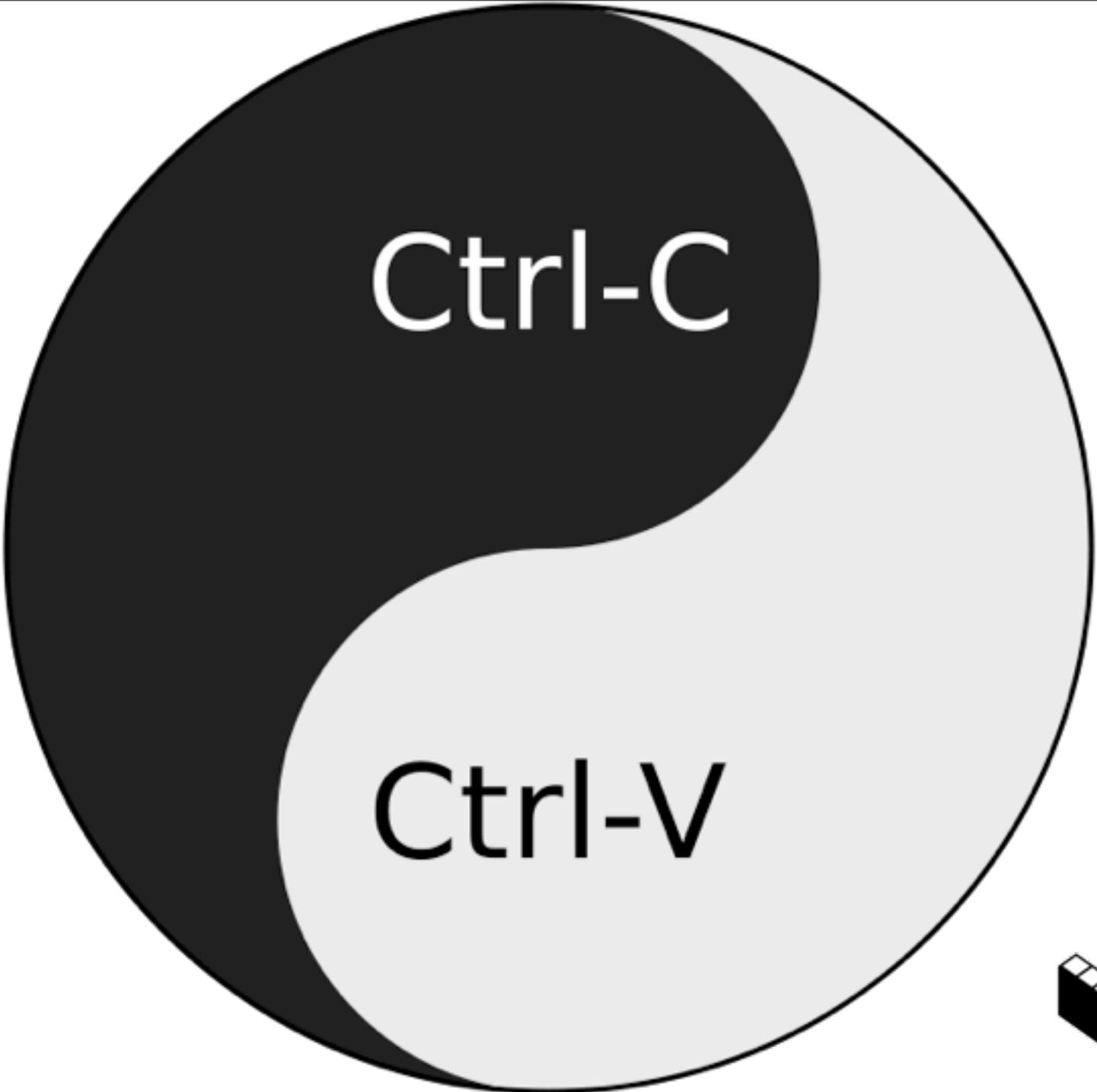
# Kopimism made Simple

- All knowledge to all
- The search for knowledge is sacred
- The circulation of knowledge is sacred
- The act of copying sacred



"Copy and Paste what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law."

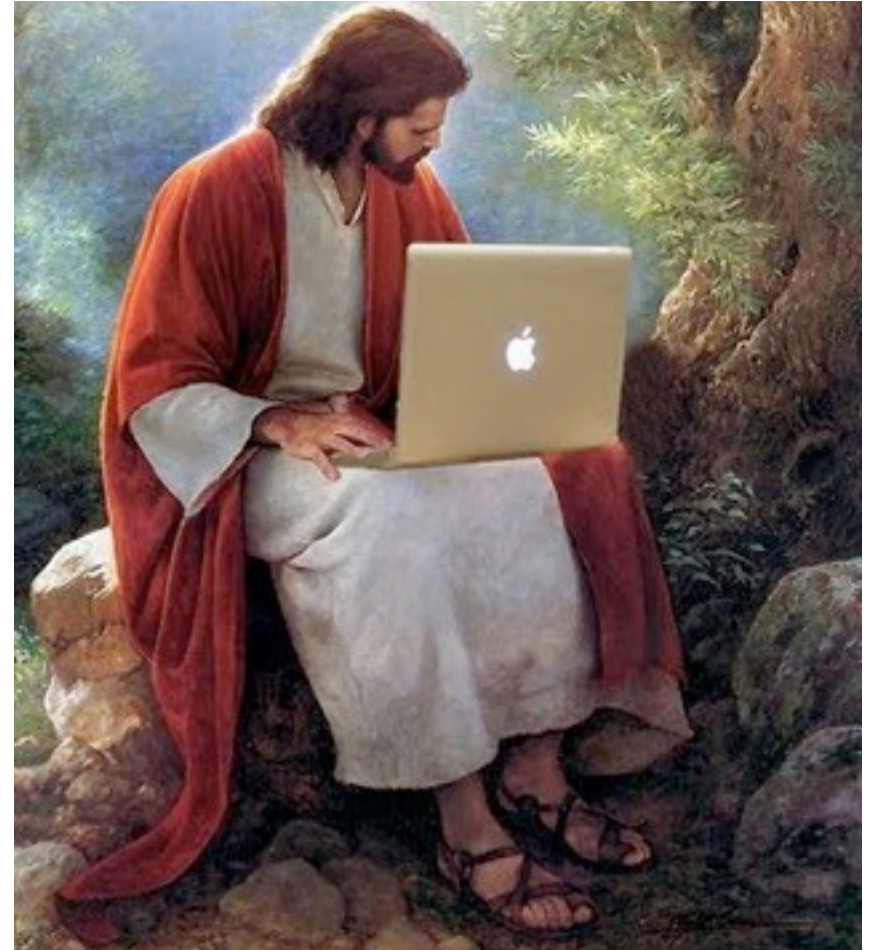






# Jesus – Kopimist?

- “Copy me, my brothers, just as I copy Christ himself” – 1 Corinthians 11:1 (New Phillips Testament)
- 1 Corinthians 13:2
- “And this I pray, that your charity may more and more abound in knowledge, and in all understanding” – Philippians 1:9 (Douay-Rheims Bible)
- Hosea 4:6



# What would Jesus Do?



Obviously, he would copy + paste that!





# Islam

- “Wisdom is the lost property of the faithful; wherever he finds it he has the right to take it” – Muhammad
- “Whoever is asked about a knowledge that he knows about and then hides it and keeps it away, he will be bridled on the day of judgment with a bridle of fire.” – Muhammad

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# Hinduism & Dharmic Religions

Ganesha



“Oh Goddess Saraswati, your treasure of knowledge (Vidya) is indeed very amazing! If used (shared) it grows and if unused (obscured) it shrinks!”

Ganesh and Saraswati want you to copy and seed your data!

Saraswati



# What about Privacy?



Question: Is the information about a person's bowel movements sacred and to be shared with everyone?

Answer: “Kopimism does not dictate where these lines should be drawn. We hope to empower people to become their own masters and to decide what is right and wrong for themselves.” – Christopher Carmean “KopimismUSA”



# Seed the faith!

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