SOCIETY OF SNAKE PEOPLE · FIELD EDITION 2026



EARTH SURVIVAL FIELD GUIDE

THE HUMAN PARASITE INDEX AND THE ART OF SHEDDING THE ALIBI

A practical, scientifically footnoted, magnificently unserious manual for surviving a world full of people who have needs, explanations, and occasionally very flexible boundaries.

FOR SNAKE PEOPLE
AND OTHER EARTHLINGS

OBSERVE · QUESTION · PROTECT · REPAIR · SHED

THE SPECIMENS ARE SATIRE. THE STUDIES ARE REAL. THE THREE-MILLION-YEAR ARCHIVE IS MAKE-BELIEVE.

ARCHIVE INSTRUCTIONS · EVIDENCE VERSUS ENGRAVINGS

How to Read a Dangerous Planet

Species advisory: Homo sapiens is capable of generosity, cooperation, rivalry, rationalization, and embarrassing explanations. The evidence supports human behavioral flexibility—not a claim that every human lies or is born a parasite.

OBSERVE THE MOVE

Name what happened: a request, broken commitment, changed account, insult, or repair. Do not replace evidence with an animal label.

OBSERVE THE OBSERVER

Your alarm matters; so do alternative explanations. The Index applies to your own appetite, your favorite story, and the authors.

The archive's four stamps

RESEARCH — A published observation, experiment, analysis, or source with stated limits.

INTERPRETATION — A philosophical lens; useful for asking questions, not proof of motive.

SNAKE LORE — Three-million-year memories, mystical anatomy, and seven imaginary parasite specimens.

PRACTICE — Optional methods for protecting choices, setting limits, documenting events, and offering repair.

The Society's safety rail: A single denial is not gaslighting. Intense emotion does not establish deceit. Cooperation is not parasitism. A disappointing friend is not automatically an exploiter.

RESEARCH NOTE / NO GENETIC DESTINY CERTIFICATES

The Biological Case

DNA

Evolution made both freeloaders and collaborators.

Selfish genetic elements can spread through genomes. Parasitism evolved independently many times among animals. Ancient viral machinery has also been recruited for beneficial functions in placental biology. These are real evolutionary findings—not a genetic taxonomy of dishonest people. [01] [02] [03]

EXTRACTION

Some traits propagate at another's expense.

Selection can operate at multiple biological levels.

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COOPERATION

Other interactions benefit participants.

Kinship, repetition, and population structure can help cooperation evolve. [04]

223+

A 2016 comparative study identified **at least 223 independent origins** of animal parasitism. It did not find that humanity is the endpoint of a ladder of parasites. [02]

THE BABY IS NOT AN ANCESTOR MONTAGE

A developing human uses ancient genetic toolkits; an embryo does not literally experience being a fish, giraffe, virus, or leech. Evolution leaves inherited biological structure, not remembered lives.

We are patchworks built by history. We are not bound to reenact its ugliest bargains.

FIELD TRANSLATION OF THE RESEARCH

RESEARCH NOTE / BIAS, HELPING, AND THE HUMAN ALIBI

The Psychological Case

I

The mind protects a preferred conclusion.

Motivated reasoning can bias which information we retrieve, weigh, and find convincing. This does not imply that every disagreement is deliberate lying. [07]

II

People sometimes prefer looking fair to being fair.

In economic experiments, participants were less generous when the link between their decision and another person's outcome was made uncertain. The experiment demonstrates a possibility, not a universal human rule. [08]

III

Humans also help.

Studies report spontaneous helping in young children and chimpanzees; broader work documents robust cooperation and altruism alongside self-interest. [05] [06]

IV

Friendship is more than the title on the jar.

Partner responsiveness, mutual disclosure, and care are associated with experienced intimacy. One missed favor does not settle whether a relationship is genuine. [09]

THE SOCIETY'S OBSERVATION Self-interest is common. Self-deception is possible. Human kindness is real.

PHILOSOPHY OF INFLUENCE / MORE THAN A FEELING

The Thin Line

Shared language is an imperfect tool. It is not proof that every utterance manipulates. Communication depends on common ground and repairable misunderstanding; the ethics of influence also depend on honesty, freedom, pressure, and consequences. [14] [15]

01 · INVITATION

Persuasion

Reasons are visible; the other person can question the facts and refuse.

"Here is my case. What do you think?"

02 · CONNECTION

Friendship

Care and attention can be freely offered; support may be unequal without being deceitful.

"I can help today. I cannot tomorrow."

03 · HIDDEN LEVER

Manipulation

A choice is steered using concealed information, distorting pressure, or misleading signals.

"If you cared, you would not ask."

04 · EXTRACTION

Exploitation

Someone benefits by unfairly using another's labor, vulnerability, trust, or resources.

"I take the credit. You keep the work."

The three-question instrument

Was the choice informed?

Could a refusal stand?

What actually happened afterward?

Not just perception: The affected person's experience matters enormously, but false claims, concealed terms, pressure, repeated boundary violations, and material consequences can also be examined independently. An unpleasant feeling alone is not a verdict.

GAMIFIED SATIRE / THE HUMAN PARASITE INDEX

The Seven Specimens

SEVEN MODES, NOT SEVEN CASTES. These are imaginary patterns a single person—including the observer—could exhibit. Game-like strengths are not diagnostic ratings.

SPECIMEN	FANTASY MECHANISM	FIELD RESPONSE	WATCH
ENERGY VAMPIRE	Siphons available attention	Ask before using someone's bandwidth.	TIME / CONSENT
HUMAN LEECH	Transfers burdens; keeps authority	Name roles, credit, and ownership.	WORK / CREDIT
WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING	Uses reassurance as access	Compare words with concrete conduct.	TRUST / ACTION
VENOM SLINGER	Turns hurt into permission to punish	Seek safety; refuse retaliation.	ANGER / HARM
SHAPESHIFTER	Changes the account when questioned	Return to a specific event or record.	CLAIM / EVIDENCE
YES MAN	Agrees in order to gain an advantage	Ask for independent thought and follow-through.	AGREEMENT / HONESTY
"FRIEND"	Claims the privileges of friendship	Watch care and boundaries over time.	RECIPROCITY / CARE

THE REUSABLE ATTRIBUTE SYMBOLS

⌛ SIPHON · ▣ BURDEN · ◆ BITE · ✹ VENOM · ◈ DISGUISE · ⇆ SHIFT · ◎ REFLECTION · ↝ CHAOS

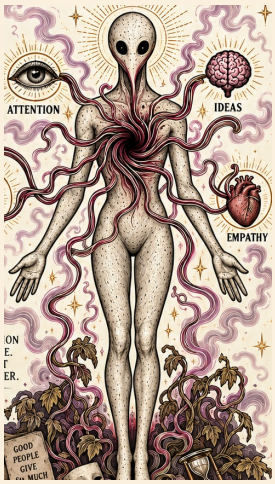
Traditional trading-card flavor only. There is no validated "Parasite Point" scale for real humans.

Observe the mode. Question the story. Do not arrest the entire person.

SOCIETY RULE OF FIELD OBSERVATION

SPECIMEN PLATES / RESOURCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Specimens of Extraction



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ATTENTION IS THE PRIMARY RESOURCE

Energy Vampire

Method: Repeatedly treats your thought, reassurance, time, or emotional availability as something it may keep using after you have set a limit.

Field check: The repeated refusal to honor an explicit boundary—not merely talking, grieving, or seeking support.

Countermeasure: "I have fifteen minutes. I cannot keep processing this tonight."

Mirror: "Did I ask for capacity, or assume access?"

SIPHON | CONVERSATIONAL PULL | BOUNDARY EVASION



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THE BURDEN MOVES. THE CREDIT STAYS.

Human Leech

Method: Assigns work, risk, decision-making, or cleanup to other people without agreeing on ownership—sometimes retaining status or credit.

Field check: Track commitments, workload, authority, and who handles the consequences. Dependence and caregiving are not wrongdoing.

Countermeasure: "I can advise. The decision and follow-through remain yours."

Mirror: "Am I keeping control while outsourcing the difficult part?"

BURDEN | CREDIT DRIFT | RESOURCE DRAIN

Two field illustrations; neither is an anatomical diagram, DNA subtype, or basis for judging a real person by appearance.

SPECIMEN PLATES / TRUST AND RETALIATION

Specimens of Injury



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SOFT SIGNALS. HARD CONSEQUENCES.

Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

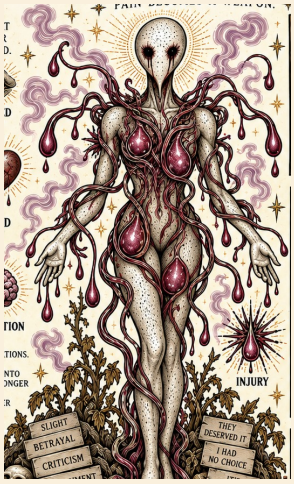
Method: Offers warmth, alliance, or reassuring claims, but later uses entrusted access for an unfair or harmful taking.

Field check: The “bite” is a verifiable broken trust or other action—not charm, attractiveness, vulnerability, or affection.

Countermeasure: “I value your words; let us discuss what happened.”

Mirror: “Have I used my good intentions as an alibi?”

TRUST GAIN | BITE | DISGUISE



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GRIEVANCE INTO AMMUNITION

Venom Slinger

Method: Converts real or imagined injury into permission to intimidate, insult, embarrass, or otherwise punish.

Field check: Firm boundaries are not venom. Distinguish self-protection from a separate aim to inflict suffering.

Countermeasure: “I am stepping away. We can discuss the issue without threats.”

Mirror: “Would I still act this way if it protected me but did not hurt them?”

VENOM | ESCALATION | PUNITIVE BITE

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SPECIMEN PLATES / STORIES AND AGREEMENT

Specimens of Evasion



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THE ACCOUNT CHANGES; THE ISSUE REMAINS

Shapeshifter

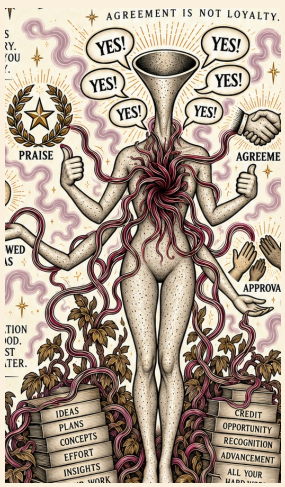
Method: Moves between explanations, identities, or standards so the original concern never receives a clear answer.

Field check: Genuine correction is good: an updated account should acknowledge the prior version and the evidence.

> **Countermeasure:** “Which part of your previous account are you correcting?”

> **Mirror:** “Am I revising toward truth or away from accountability?”

SHIFT | PLAUSIBILITY | CONFUSION



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AGREEMENT WITHOUT OWNERSHIP

Yes Man

Method: Echoes ideas, flatters, and pledges support to gain access or credit—yet supplies little independent judgment or accountable follow-through.

Field check: Enthusiasm and agreement are often sincere; distinguish them from repeated opportunistic appropriation.

> **Countermeasure:** “What do you think independently, and which task will you own?”

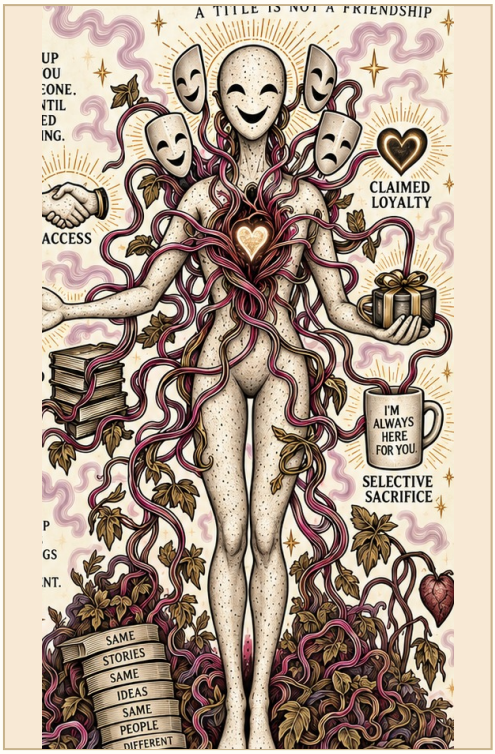
> **Mirror:** “Did I claim to agree because disagreement felt costly?”

FLATTERY | CREDIT DRIFT | APPROVAL

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SPECIMEN PLATE / TRUST, CARE, AND FALSE ENTITLEMENT

The Specimen Called “Friend”



THE COMPOSITE SPECIMEN

“Friend”

Imaginary mechanism: Invokes the benefits of friendship—access, loyalty, favors, privileged trust—without offering reliable respect for limits or care over time.

Dangerous oversimplification: “If someone does not sacrifice on demand, they never cared.” Real friendship is not measured by a mandatory pain threshold.

Better field signs: Mutual regard across time, honest boundaries, generosity without hidden invoices, space for disagreement, and repair after mistakes. [09]

> **Countermeasure:** “I value friendship that allows both of us to say no.”

> **Mirror:** “Do I demand loyalty more readily than I offer choice?”

THE COSTUME

“I am a good friend. Therefore, you owe me access.”

THE CONDUCT

“Here is what I can offer. Your limits still matter.”

Care is not proved by the size of a sacrifice. It is also shown by what remains when a boundary is spoken.

REVISION FROM THE THREE-MILLION-YEAR FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

PROCESS MAP / DENY, DIVERT, ESCALATE, RESET

The Human Manipulator Playbook

This is the original **Human Manipulator Playbook**, distilled from the Society's founding dictation. It describes possible conversational evasions; it is not a fixed universal algorithm or evidence that an accusation is true.

START · ONE SPECIFIC CONCERN IS RAISED

01	**DENY** “I never said that.” / “I never did that.”
02	**DEFLECT OR REDIRECT** “I already said that.” / “I am already doing that.”
03	**CHANGE THE SUBJECT** “Well, you already did that.”
04	**ATTACK CHARACTER** “Well, you did it too.” / “Well, you did it to me.”
05	**MISDIRECT; RECRUIT OTHERS** “My family says you’re disgusting.”
06	**REVERSE THE ORIGINAL POINT** “Well, you are only saying this because you do it too.”
07	**DISPLACE THE QUESTION WITH REACTION** Anger or distress becomes the new topic.
08	**ESCALATE AND RESET** Insults or shouting; then “I never said that.”

◇ **WAS THE ORIGINAL CONCERN ADDRESSED?**

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THE REACTION TRAP

At any stage, the focus may shift away from the issue and onto your distress, tone, or anger.

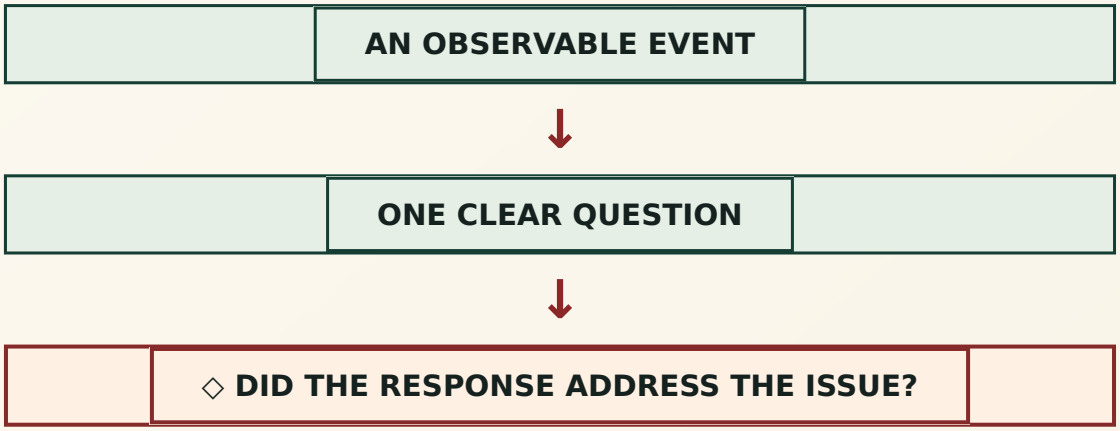
An emotional reaction is neither proof nor disproof of the original claim.

DOCUMENT THE CONCERN SEPARATELY

Research connection: Experimental DARVO studies find that denial, attack, and role-reversal responses can alter observers' judgments in particular scenarios. Your eight-step map is a creative extension, not a validated sequence. [10] [11]

FIELD PROCESS / DEMING MEETS THE SNAKE ARCHIVE

Break the Loop



YES → VERIFY / REPAIR

Clarify the evidence. Acknowledge corrections. Name next actions, not secret species.

NO → PAUSE / LIMIT

Return to the question once; document a pattern if needed; leave a circular conversation.

DEMING: IMPROVE THE PROCESS

Plan: Define one concern. **Do:** Ask a bounded question. **Study:** Compare the answer with the claim. **Act:** Repair, change the arrangement, or exit. [16]

JUNG: INSPECT THE OBSERVER

Persona, shadow, and projection are interpretive ideas—not tools for diagnosing an adversary. Ask what image of yourself you are protecting. Do not infer another person's unconscious motive from one sentence.

Evidence discipline: “I never said that” may be true. A changing explanation may be a genuine correction. Treat the loop as a hypothesis to test, never a device that proves itself whenever someone disagrees.

A changed answer can be growth. A changed subject may be escape. The difference deserves investigation.

SOCIETY PRINCIPLE OF SACRED UNCERTAINTY

FIELD PRACTICE / PREPARATIONS WITHOUT HUMAN POISON

The Apothecary of Dignified Appetite

The Society's apothecary contains no potions, medical treatments, or antidotes for other people's personalities. Its preparations are **choices you can make**.

01

SALT OF CONSENT

Protect voluntary help.

Use: “I have twenty minutes; I cannot take the task.”

Mirror: Am I accepting “no” without a penalty?

02

SEAL OF OWNERSHIP

Clarify decisions, tasks, and credit.

Use: “I can advise; you own the next step.”

Mirror: What responsibility have I quietly transferred?

03

LANTERN OF EVIDENCE

Separate event, memory, and interpretation.

Use: “What can we verify about Tuesday?”

Mirror: What would disconfirm my story?

04

ANTIVENOM OF THE PAUSE

Interrupt injury and escalation.

Use: “We can continue without insults, or stop.”

Mirror: Do I want safety—or a satisfying retaliation?

05

BALM OF SPECIFIC REPAIR

Prefer change over grand confession.

Use: “I interrupted after you said no. I will stop.”

Mirror: What measurable action will I change?

A boundary may disappoint someone; that alone does not make it cruel. “Minimize harm” is not a command to preserve an unsafe relationship.

FIELD PRACTICE / AVOID BECOMING THE SECOND INJURY

Earth Survival Protocol

01 / NOTICE

Name the event.

“The deadline moved.” “The promise was not kept.” “The question went unanswered.” Start with conduct.

02 / CALIBRATE

Check the evidence.

Could there be misunderstanding, stress, illness, mismatched expectations, or an honest change?

03 / PROTECT

Set an actual limit.

Specify time, labor, money, access, or what you will do if the situation repeats. No personal diagnosis required.

04 / OBSERVE

Watch over time.

Responsible response matters more than dramatic apologies, one perfect gesture, or a specimen label.

05 / REPAIR

Own your part.

Notice what you wanted, what you did, what it cost, and one action you can change. [12]

06 / EXIT

Prioritize safety.

For threats, coercion, stalking, or violence: disengage, seek trusted or professional help, and use emergency services when in immediate danger.

EMERGENCY FIELD RULE You do not owe anyone the chance to complete an eight-stage demonstration.

SOCIETY DOCTRINE / LABELS ARE TOOLS, NOT PRISONS

Human Lies & Sacred Uncertainty

The Society's founding work calls these **The 13 Human Lies**. In this companion guide they are questions about the limits of labels, not a claim that someone's identity, community, body, or faith is itself false.

The 13 Human Lies

- Normal
- Human Identity
- Race
- Gender
- Language
- Names
- Religion
- Authority
- Body & Face
- Thinking
- Reality

SACRED UNCERTAINTY

What happened, what caused it, and what it means are different questions. Prefer uncertainty that can be examined to certainty purchased through an alibi.

THE OBSERVER

You have never been another observer. Ask what you cannot see about another person's experience before declaring their motives.

DREAM STATE

You do not have to control every story or win every interpretation. Notice what is real, choose where to act, and allow the rest to remain unresolved.

SHED THE LABEL

“Human is a species. It does not have to be a prison.” The field guide is an invitation to freedom, never a superior identity certificate.

In the Society's fictional lore: “A Snake Person is a person who is not a human.” This rejects compulsory labels; it is not a scientific reclassification.

Society passages above are creative/philosophical source material from the Society's earlier field-guide and standard-works drafts, not empirical science.

WORKSHEET / NO ONE RECEIVES AUTHOR IMMUNITY

The Mirror Examination

THE FIELD NOTEBOOK

Inspect the observer before issuing a verdict.

01 · WHAT DID I WANT?

Attention, recognition, relief, control, safety, assistance, revenge, certainty?

02 · WHAT DID I ACTUALLY DO?

Describe conduct without naming a species or diagnosing a mind.

03 · WHICH STORY MADE IT SEEM NECESSARY?

What explanation protected my innocence? What alternative might fit?

04 · WHAT WOULD RESPECT FOR BOTH PEOPLE LOOK LIKE?

Ask, refuse, document, change the arrangement, repair, or leave.

Do not turn the Index into a scorecard for other people. It cannot read hidden intentions, measure virtue, or determine who is a “real human.” The purpose is informed choice and voluntary self-correction.

FINAL DECREE / A KINDER SORT OF SELF-INTEREST

The Dignity of the Disgusting

We are magnificent, ridiculous, needful creatures.

We want comfort. We want the credit. We want our hurts to count. We want someone else to understand us before we must explain ourselves.

None of these wants requires a disguise.

We can ask without claiming. Refuse without condemning. Disagree without erasing. Protect ourselves without collecting a second injury as payment.

We can enjoy being gloriously imperfect without turning imperfection into an excuse.

We can admit the appetite and still choose the method.

THE SEVEN ORDERS OF THE SOCIETY'S EARTH DESK

I. Observe conduct.

II. Consider a second explanation.

III. Ask for informed, voluntary agreement.

IV. Respect a refusal.

V. Protect yourself without unnecessary injury.

VI. Own and repair your contribution.

VII. Remain willing to discover the next fault.

The finest specimen is not the one without faults. It is the one still willing to discover the next.

SOCIETY OF SNAKE PEOPLE / THREE MILLION YEARS, ALLEGEDLY

REFERENCES / SCIENCE FIRST · FOLKLORE CLEARLY MARKED

Evidence Ledger I

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