

### Exhibit 3

#### Detailed background concerning how defendants learned of The Rope Hypothesis

1. The Facebook group known as [Rational Scientific Method](#) (RSM) was created on February 17, 2013, to discuss issues related to physics, specifically, to analyze the Rope Model of Light and Gravity. It states in its welcome page:

*This is the original Rational Scientific Method FB group, founded by MonkEmind. Do not be fooled by imitators. Founding members include Bill Gaede, Fatfist Fatty, Mike Huttner and David Robison. Bill Gaede is the originator of what is now known as the Rational Scientific Method. He also discovered the Rope hypothesis and the mechanism of extinction.*

*The group has been made public with commenting shut off. This means that anyone can view comment threads and files without membership but no one can add comments. All materials are for educational and research purposes only, belong to the creator of that content and are therefore copyrighted. Do not reproduce in any form without the prior written consent of the copyright holder.*

*RSM is the only Science group/forum on the Internet that offers rational explanations for natural phenomena.*

*Unlike other “science-minded” groups out there, RSM is not predicated on fallacies and contradictions like belief, authority, popularity, reification, magic, uncertainty principles, etc.*

*Science is the study of existence. The Scientific Method (Hypothesis + Theory) is used to formulate a collection of rational explanations (i.e. Theories) for natural phenomena.*

2. Although plaintiff Bill Gaede was credited as a founding member, he never engaged in any administrative or moderating activities. None of the plaintiffs know the founder of the group or are affiliated with him other than through Facebook. Several RSM members had purchased the book [Why God Doesn't Exist](#) (WGDE) and were familiar with the theory. The owner of the group closed it in 2019 due to personal reasons.
3. A [new group with the same name](#) was started on September 13, 2019, and is still operating today. Plaintiff Bill Gaede is a member of that group as well, but again is neither an administrator nor a moderator.
4. Defendant DeLay using the moniker ‘Micky Callahan’ was a member of the first version of the group until he founded a parallel group that discussed the Rope Hypothesis in private. One of the moderators of the Rational Scientific Method Facebook group recently synthesized the course of events in a thread posted by the plaintiffs:

*“The 'Demystifying science' group started out as a Rope Hypothesis discussion group in 2018 founded by a guy called, Woberto Magdanz. He become disillusioned and made Micky the admin. The group carried on as a RH discussion group for some time but old RSM members such as Jake, Serge and Mohammed started muddying the pure Rope discussion and Micky started to form his own hybrid "theory" which could agree with his brainwashed particle style reasoning. His earlier writing did list Rope Hypothesis as a source of the material but maybe Micky started to believe this was his own original idea. Maybe he is a little bit delusional... Other than that He seems like a nice guy...”*

Daniel Ferguson (RSM Admin) April 13, 2021

5. The hybrid theory alluded to by Mr. Ferguson shows that Defendant DeLay (using the moniker *Micky Callahan*) was quite versed in the Rope Hypothesis. Indeed, pursuant to their own admission in letter to the plaintiffs, defendant DeLay engaged in many discussions concerning the Rope Hypothesis with plaintiff Bill Gaede since at least as early as 2017. Defendant Bendebury (*‘Quinn Garrow’*) was entirely unknown to plaintiffs because she never started a single thread and rarely participated in any discussion. Additionally, plaintiffs were totally unaware that these two defendants were related, in great measure, because they used fictitious names.
6. The defendants used these discussions to stealthily siphon information which they reworded, repackaged, and re-illustrated in their articles at their site in [issuu.com](http://issuu.com) and in their Demystifying Science website without the knowledge of the plaintiffs.
7. Research of [DeLay’s articles dating to 2019](#) in his site *Art of Rational Science* (authored under the pen name *Micky Callahan*) shows that he initially credited the book *WGDE* as the source of practically all of his physical models and mechanisms, specifically, the physical mechanisms that underlie [light and gravity](#), [electromagnetism](#), and [the workings of the atom](#). Never once did either of the two defendants notify any of the plaintiffs that they were authoring papers and referencing their work despite that they discussed physics topics on and off in the RSM group. It is when the defendants began their professional partnership that the attributions disappeared.
8. On or about November 25, 2017, the defendants started a private Facebook group named *The Art of Explanation*. On May 3, 2018, they changed the name of the group to *The Art of Rational Science*. On March 16, 2019, they changed the name back to *The Art of Explanation*. The defendants made their final name change to [Demystifying Science](#) on October 14, 2019, the same day they registered the website of the same name (source: [Whois Domain Registration Lookup](#) ). This measure was taken in anticipation of their forthcoming [article in Business Insider \(April 16, 2020\)](#) where they placed their blossoming site as their reference.

9. Per their own testimony in the Business Insider article, defendant DeLay received formal college level instruction in Mathematical Physics, specifically, in nanoscale mechanics, and as a result was qualified to teach Mathematical Physics at the high school level. Therefore, he did not learn the key physical mechanisms of attraction and repulsion of the Rope Hypothesis at his *alma mater*, Columbia University.
10. The Demystifying Science Facebook group today boasts over 5000 members whereas the Rational Scientific Method has but 82. These numbers attest to the success the defendants enjoyed in recruiting followers. A handful of members belong to both groups, among them, Defendants DeLay and Bendebury.
11. Distracted with other matters, the plaintiffs were blind-sided as to the existence of these groups. They were never invited to join them. Defendant Bendebury claims today that plaintiff Bill Gaede was invited to join the Demystifying Science group several times. Plaintiff Bill Gaede has no recollection of this and emphatically denies it. Defendant Bendebury never befriended plaintiff Bill Gaede on Facebook, and there never was any message sent between DeLay and Gaede when they were friends on Facebook. It is also a falsehood in light of defendant DeLay's comment at the RSM that plaintiffs weren't supposed to see this information

*sorry bulldog [Bill Gaede] - i thought Daniel posted this in our group not RSM. That comment was not for this audience, obviously...*

Apparently, the plagiarists intended for their activities to remain hidden behind the backs of the plaintiffs in the Demystifying Science Facebook group. The issue came to light merely by happenstance when the defendants were fortuitously discovered in a thread posted casually in the parallel group.