Egyvilág (Oneworld)

A book on how the world works and people's lives

This book collects:

- 1) All that is important to know about the world
- 2) All ideas that can help to live life well

Turning it into a good practical guide that can be understood and used by many.

For the first, I find that the essence of most topics, books, areas can be extracted and told relatively briefly and simply. The idea is to methodically gather these essences area by area, explore their connections (also across areas) – and give people an objective, coherent and complete worldview. This will be useful for the wider audience, many of whom never hear about important facts. But it will be useful for professionals, too, who tend to focus on their specializations, and are susceptible to lose sight of the wider perspective. I also hope to get people's views and thus themselves closer together, eventually.

For the second, there are lots of different ideas in circulation, many of them good – but if you look at the whole, it is typically rather disorganized, deficient and controversial. Interestingly, there is relatively little science to answer how to live life well. My book does not want to give a scientific solution, either. What I am trying is to filter out what is usable, and present it in a clear-cut, organized and unified manner.

My project goes counter to current tendencies in a few ways. On the one hand, it is broad, the broadest possible indeed, in this world of specialization. This is not to underrate the latter – specialization and professionalism are very useful, there's no doubt about it. I just think that a measure of shift back towards broader thinking could help to solve many problems both on personal and societal levels. For example it would let people better know themselves, understand each other and make better judgments and choices in complex situations of politics, economics, ethics – and life.

On the second hand, it is pure text, thoughts only, in this world of spectacle. And it expects the reader to think – which is, again, not always encouraged in today's society: both politics and business prefer people who are simple, predictable and easy to manipulate. I also hold that what is fundamental both to personal happiness, and to how the world goes, is what is in people's heads. And I mean the quality of broad ideas in the first place: just look at the lives, the world and where we are heading now despite all our science and technical prowess. Not because the latter ones are not useful: they are in many ways – but putting a clear and realistic image in people's heads of the main factors could be the key to consolidate our new world, to use our new technologies wisely and to behave responsibly – which we sorely miss these days.

Of course I know that I don't know everything myself, neither I have the perfect recipe for life. This is why **I involve my audience** already in the writing phase, to tell me what I miss and where I am wrong. For this purpose, I have created a **homepage**:

egyvilag.hu

There people can find the **manuscript**, consisting of 168 parts, there is a **questionnaire** and a **forum** for each part, by which readers can give feedback and discuss openly. For the time being the homepage and the book are in Hungarian, but I trust that it will be published in other languages, too, also because its **contents are largely universal**, valid anytime, anywhere, so it could be useful for people worldwide. You can also give it a look, even if you don't speak Hungarian: you can have an

impression of the project, its size and structure, the quality of my work, and the progress already made. <u>Try the automatically translated version of the homepage with this link.</u> (But bear in mind that this is only a machine translation.)

As far as I know **this is something new.** A usual objection is that this is just another encyclopedia. No, it's not. First, this is a thematic book, following the logic of the world's build-up, not an alphabetical collection. Second, while my book can be read in pieces by picking different topics out of it, it is primarily to be read in its whole, giving the reader the complete picture. Encyclopedias are not to be read from the beginning to the end. Third, encyclopedias usually just collect what is already there, while in my book there are some new ideas, too. Fourth, they usually do not deal with matters of life. On the other hand, it is also important to emphasize that this is not some esoteric or artistic attempt, either. Even though it is not strictly scientific, it is largely based on science and as rational as possible.

My project is innovative in a number of ways:

- 1) With its theme and aim.
- 2) With involving the audience as described.
- 3) With its **form**. For example I use different font sizes and bolding throughout the book to mark out the most important of the important.
- 4) With its **technical side**. While the published manuscript is in Word and PDF, I use Excel to manage my background notes, with a lot of custom Visual Basic code to assist in writing and publishing. This system of document management could in itself be useful for other authors later.

More than two thirds of the project is already done. Not only what is published on the homepage, but I also have detailed background notes for the whole book in advance. You should also see that I regard this project as the main achievement of my life, so I have a strong resolution to take it to the end, to see the book in print. And it does not have to end with me: it can be updated and perfected later on to serve people for a long time.

You should also see that **the real novelty here is the idea of such a book**, one that collects all that is important and useful to know about the world, as objective as possible, accessible and practical. Whoever does it is secondary – also so how well a single person is able to realize the first incarnation of this idea.

You can contact me by this email: <u>egyvilag@gmail.com</u> Also check out our <u>English-language</u> <u>Facebook group</u> with lots of sensible and quality material.

A few additions to illustrate this introduction follow.

Two sample pages from the manuscript. This first is the cover page of one of the parts (The elements of intellect):

Tartalom

Az értelem és elemei: a tudás, az intelligencia és a beleérző képesség. Mennyire járnak ezek együtt, és milyen kombinációkban fordulnak elő az emberekben? Mi jellemzi a zsenit, tehetséget és a bölcset?

<u>Megjegyzés</u>

Ez egy átlagosan hosszú és jól érthető téma. Az értelmi képességek megítéléséhez lehet hasznos. Az emberek ugyanis hajlamosak összemosni az értelem különböző elemeit, egymást egyszerűen okosnak vagy butának tartva. Ebből itt kiderül, hogy ez összetettebb kérdés, sokféleképpen lehetünk értelmesek és kevésbé azok.

Az értelem elemei

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Pozíció a műben

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A világ működése
Bevezetés
Elvek
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Elme
Az elme jelenségei
Az elme szerkezete

Az értelem elemei

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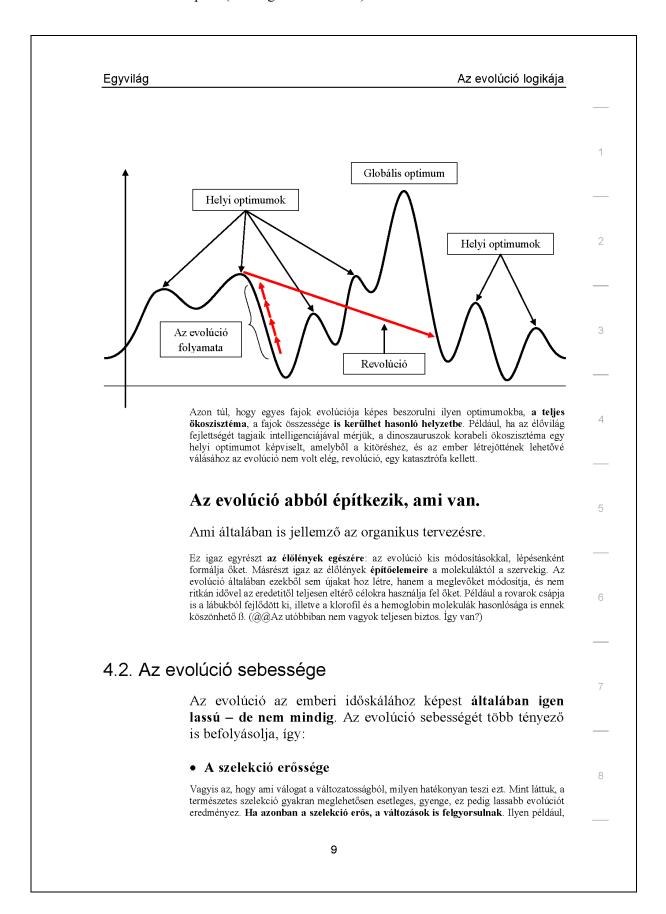
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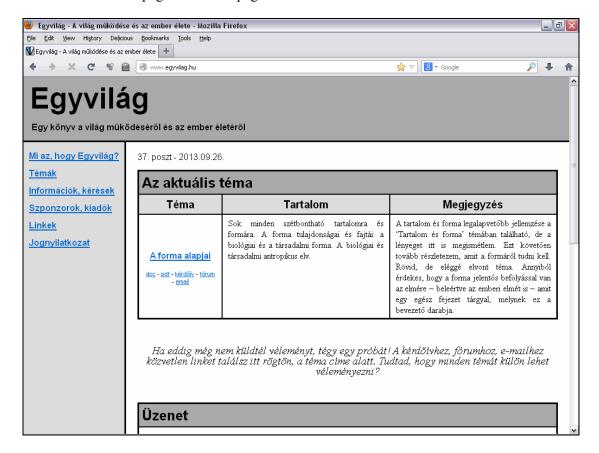
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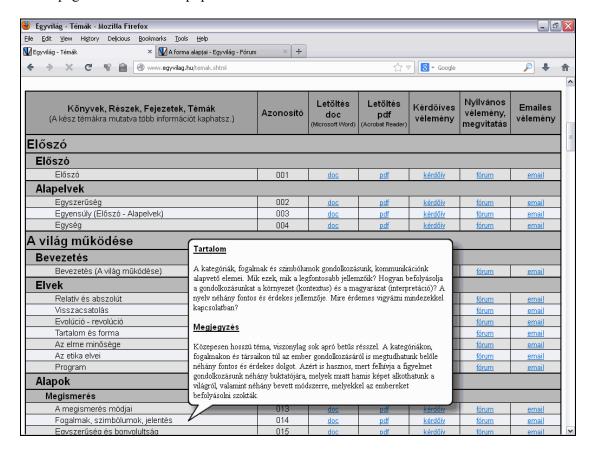
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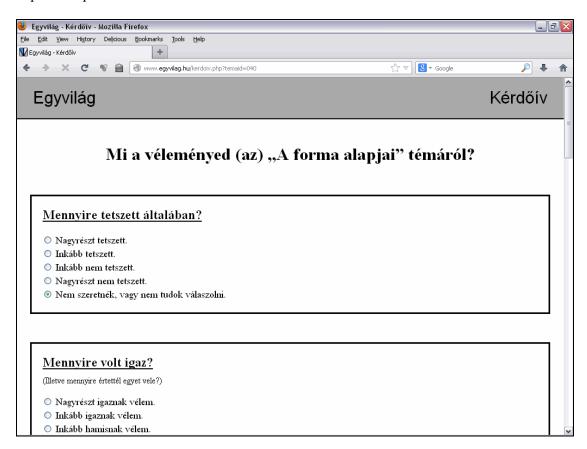
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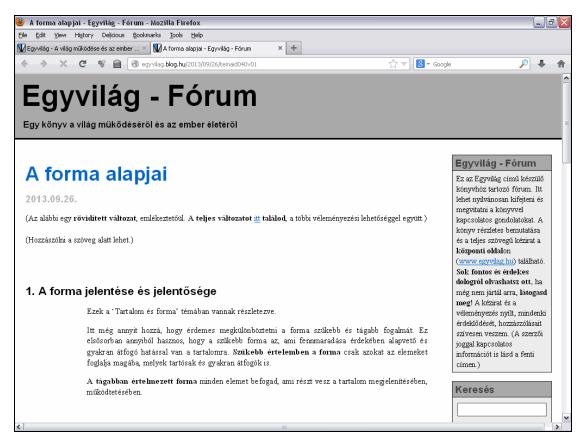
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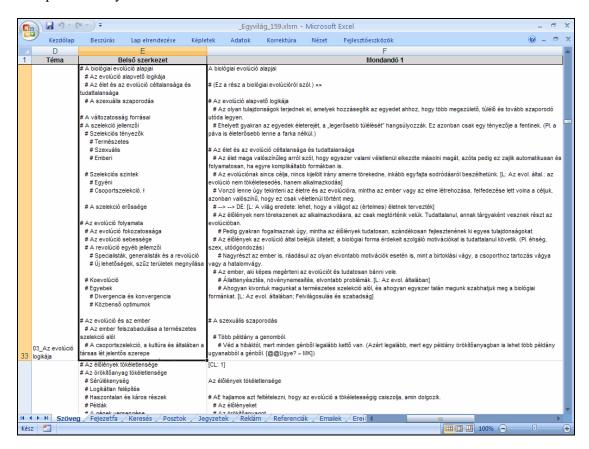
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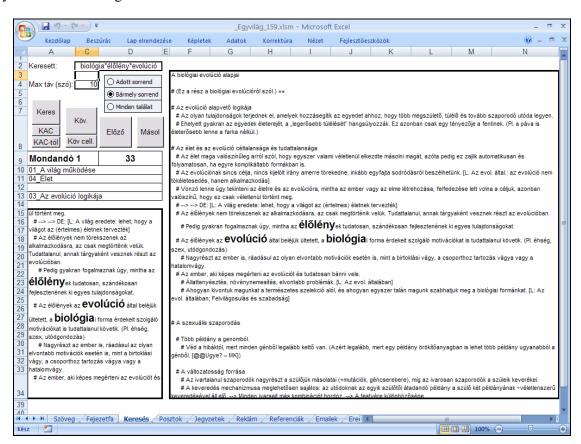
A forum page:



A sneak-peek into my notes:



My custom search engine:



From notes to the manuscript:

