



To Whom it May Concern,

As of 1 September 2002, H. Lundbeck A/S entered into an agreement with Dr. Niels Christian Hvidt to sponsor Dr. Hvidt's research during a three-year period. The project, which is outlined in detail at www.hvidt.com/postdoc-dk, takes medical studies of the effects of intercession as its point of departure for discussing the philosophical and theological considerations that such studies necessarily lead to. The goal of the project is to present various models for understanding the interaction between the spiritual and the physical worlds. As part of the agreement with H. Lundbeck A/S, Dr. Hvidt will lecture at a number of conferences in various countries arranged by the 48 Lundbeck subsidiaries.

For Lundbeck, as a pharmaceutical company with a large staff of natural science researchers, the opportunity to work with a theologian is very interesting. Interdisciplinary research and knowledge dissemination are always fruitful, and this project provides a unique opportunity to encourage dialogue within the academic world, between humanistic and natural science research, theology and medicine, faith and knowledge, as well as dialogue between the academic world and private industry.

Considering the results of Dr. Niels Christian Hvidt's work up to now, Lundbeck have ample reason to expect that he will be able to fulfil the task he has set for himself, and we do not think there is any contradiction in having a rational approach to a religious/theological project. Dr. Hvidt says things in a new and unexpected way, and, at the same time, is a serious researcher. We consider Dr. Hvidt's capability of communicating his theological work in a manner that arouses widespread interest to be a very positive factor. Our own contact with him dates from 2000 when we sponsored the publication of his book, *Mirakler – Møder mellem Himmel og Jord (Miracles – Encounters between Heaven and Earth)*; Gyldendals Forlag 2002; a work that has created a highly interesting and fruitful debate in Denmark.

Lundbeck research is propelled by openness and curiosity. Precisely these qualities help enable us to perform our very high level of research. While Dr. Niels Christian Hvidt's work is on the perimeter of our field of endeavour, there are still intersecting areas. We do brain research, an area in which it remains uncertain how biology affects human consciousness. Dr. Hvidt does the opposite; he studies how human consciousness can affect the physical world. Like Dr. Hvidt, we work with the question of what can affect people's health positively. Innovation often comes from totally unexpected sources and new perspectives can provide new inspiration, also within people's own primary fields of work. Finally, Dr. Hvidt's project can help provide a spiritual perspective of the concept of illness.

Lundbeck do not expect concrete results from the project in relation to our own work, and neither Dr. Hvidt nor we have any plans regarding further empirical studies. The knowledge that becomes available will be presented and published, and then people will have to make up their own minds. It would be extremely interesting to have presentations of various considerations on why intercession apparently has a positive therapeutic effect. And if there should be people who benefit from the results, Lundbeck will only be very pleased.

H. Lundbeck A/S

Valby, 31-03-03

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Hans Henrik Munch-Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hans Henrik Munch-Jensen