

# curiousmindmagazine.com

A website focused on science, health, and spirituality that often misstates scientific research, promotes pseudoscience, and makes false claims, including about the COVID-19 virus.



Proceed with caution: This website severely violates basic standards of credibility and transparency.

Score: 25/100

## Ownership and Financing

CuriousMindMagazine.com does not disclose information about its ownership, and NewsGuard was unable to locate any information about the website's owner.

The website derives revenue from advertising.

## Content

CuriousMindMagazine.com bills itself on its About Us page, as “an independent digital magazine which focuses primarily on topics of general interest, such as psychology, science, health, love and relationships, spirituality and similar.” Content on the site is divided into sections including Psychology, Health, Love & Relationships, Curiosity, Spiritual, and Meditation.

Many articles on the site are advice-based, with articles such as “Healthy Split: How to regain confidence after a divorce” and “A Stress-Free Guide to Studying the Bible.” Others take the form of lists, such as “5 Best Herbs for Dementia,” “7 Top Red Flags You Are Arguing With A Sociopath,” and “4 Things You Need to Know About Energy Healing.”

- ✗ Does not repeatedly publish false content (22points)
- ✗ Gathers and presents information responsibly (18)
- ✗ Regularly corrects or clarifies errors (12.5)
- ✓ Handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly (12.5)
- ✗ Avoids deceptive headlines (10)
- ✗ Website discloses ownership and financing (7.5)
- ✓ Clearly labels advertising (7.5)
- ✗ Reveals who's in charge, including any possible conflicts of interest (5)
- ✓ The site provides names of content creators, along with either contact or biographical information (5)

## Credibility

Content on CuriousMindMagazine.com generally draws on information published by other news outlets, such as The Washington Post and Time, as well as by scientific journals, including Circulation Research, Neuron, and Psychological Science. However, the website has also published numerous false claims, including about the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak.

For example, in an undated article headlined “Strong Immunity and Health is the Key to Beating Coronavirus,” the site promoted moringa powder and

Criteria are listed in order of importance.

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moringa pills — extracts from the moringa tree — as natural immunity boosters to ward off COVID-19. “The faster people boost their natural immunity the quicker COVID-19 will become a distant memory,” the article stated. “One sure way to become strong and boost natural immunity is by consuming plant-based supplements, such as moringa powder.”

Although animal and lab studies have suggested that moringa extracts may have antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center notes on its website that “human data are lacking.” The World Health Organization has said that “to date, there is no specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat the new coronavirus.”

Another undated article was headlined “NASA’s Kepler Telescope Discovered An Artificial Megastructure Built By An Advanced Alien Civilization.” The article claimed that the “scientific community ... suppose(s)” that a collection of mysterious matter circling a distant star is not natural and was actually constructed. In fact, while a number of news outlets quoted experts saying that they were were puzzled by the matter, none suggested that they believed it was

some kind of structure built by aliens.

Another undated story that ran under the headline “A Filipino Doctor Discovers a Possible Cure for Diabetes” reported that “Dr. Jaime Dy-Liacco, doctor of Metabolic Medicine in the Philippines, claims to have found a solution which can help in the fight against diabetes and that may as well prove to be a cure for the same.” His “cure,” which consists of chili peppers, eggs, and salt, is not scientifically proven in any way, and the article did not provide evidence that Dr. Dy-Liacco’s cure was effective.

Africa Check, a nonprofit fact-checking organization based in Johannesburg, South Africa, reported that multiple medical authorities had debunked the notion that Dy-Liacco’s recipe could cure diabetes. The U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says on its website that there is no cure for diabetes — either type 1, type 2, or gestational diabetes — “but losing weight, eating healthy food, and being active can really help.”

Another undated story, titled “Research Reveals: The More You Hug Your Kids, The Smarter They Become,” referenced a study published in *Current Biology* and concluded that “being gentle and loving to your baby is not only the humane and natural thing to do, but it also contributes to the development of their brain to such an extent that you may as well say that your child will become smarter.”

It is a leap to make such a conclusion based on the results of a single study, which considered just 125 infants who were treated at one hospital in Ohio. The *Curious Mind Magazine* article also failed to note that the research centered specifically around preterm babies, instead implying that the scientists’ findings could be extrapolated to all children.

The site sometimes runs a disclaimer with stories stating that “*Curious Mind Magazine* does not make any claims and only reports the statements of the sources involved.” However, articles frequently include claims that are either unsupported by evidence or that have been debunked by credible authorities. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that the site has repeatedly published false content and deceptive headlines and that it does not gather and present information responsibly.

*Curious Mind Magazine* does not typically run opinion content.

The website does not post a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find any recent corrections.

*Curious Mind Magazine* did not respond to two messages sent from NewsGuard via the site’s contact form inquiring about the site’s editorial standards, including the publication of false and misleading information and the lack of corrections.

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## Transparency

CuriousMindMagazine.com does not identify its owner or editorial leadership.

Most articles on the site are attributed to the writer, and bylines typically link to a short biography and other stories by that author.

The only contact information provided on the site is a contact form on the Contact Us page.

Advertisements are distinguished from editorial content.

Curious Mind Magazine did not respond to two messages sent from NewsGuard inquiring about the lack of information regarding ownership and editorial leadership.

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## History

The Curious Mind Magazine domain was registered in 2015.

*Editor's Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on May 11, 2020, to reflect that the site meets NewsGuard's standard for providing information about content creators. The criteria checklist has been updated accordingly.*

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