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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2006** **MA in Religion Sciences**
✓ Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *High Honours*
- 2006** **Baccalaureus Sacrae Theologiae**
✓ Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *Honours*
- 2004** **BA in Religion Sciences**
✓ Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *High Honours*
✓ Special shortened program because of previous studies
- 2004** **Academic Training for Teachers**
✓ University of Gent, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *Honours*
- 2003** **MA in Comparative Sciences (Anthropology)**
✓ University of Gent, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *Honours*
- 2001** **BA in Moral Sciences (Philosophy)**
✓ University of Gent, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *High Honours*
✓ Special shortened program because of previous studies
- 2000** **BA in Physiotherapy**
✓ University of Gent, Belgium
✓ Graduated with *Honours*

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010 – ...** **Executive coordinator**
- ✓ General management, organisation and policy coordinator of MANAvzw, the expertisecentre on islamic cultures in Flanders. (www.manavzw.be)
- 2009 – 2010** **Campaign coordinator**
- ✓ *Support, coordination and organisation* of sensibilisation campaigns around refugees and racism as a teammember of VAKA-Handinhand (<http://www.vakahandinhand.org>)
- 2008 – 2009** **Coordinator peaceweek**
- ✓ *Coordination and organisation* of the yearly peaceweek during which several peacorganisation organise various events all through flanders. (<http://www.vredesweek.be/>)
 - ✓ Also involved in the work op the *peace-eduction* department
 - ✓ As a teammember of Pax Christi Flanders (<http://www.paxchristi.be>)
- 2007 – 2008** **Researcher**
- ✓ Marketresearch for B2B companies in the *Antwerp Business Center* (<http://www.abc.be>).
- 2005 – 2007** **Guiding of spiritual retreats**
- ✓ Mostly *high-school classes* (17-18 year olds) during days of contemplation and introspection
 - ✓ On *self-employed* basis

PUBLICATIONS

- 2009** **Ego-removal. The way of prophets and sages.”**
✓ *A short book* about the spiritual and religious importance of ego-removal in different religions and personal life.
- 2008** **Bracht Gandhi's vasten vrede? (“Did Gandhi's fasting bring peace?”)**
✓ *An essay* about the impact of Gandhi's fasting.
✓ Published as a *Koerierdossier*, a two monthly edition of Pax Christi Flanders (<http://www.paxchristi.be>)
- 2007** **The headscarf in Turkey: from religious symbol to political tool**
✓ *An Article* about the head scarf debate
✓ Originally published by *Common Ground News* (<http://www.commongroundnews.org/>) en reprinted on various websites such as Media for Freedom, Daily Star, Arab American News Wire, Tharwa Community, eMarrakech
- 2007** **The little book on meditation and prayer. (originally published as “Geen adem behalve DE adem. Mediteren.”)**
✓ *A book* about meditation and prayer.
✓ Originally published in Dutch by *Averbode*, Belgium

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

- 2010 – ...** **Writing of spiritual texts**
- ✓ The many short texts, essays and books that I write on spiritual ethics and religion are collected on www.writingsofjonas.net.
- 2007 – 2009** **Editor of Yunus News**
- ✓ Set up and maintenance of www.yunusnews.com a site that collects and corrects *religious news*.
- 2006 – ...** **Meditation classes**
- ✓ *groupsessions*
- 2006** **Documentary assistant in India**
- ✓ *Guiding* film maker Udo Dreutler from Germany in India to help him make a documentary about the ngo VRO
- 2005 – 2006** **Several trips to India**
- ✓ To *research* dissertation about Gandhi
 - ✓ To *learn Hindi*
- 2004 – 2006** **Assistant in VRO-int**
- ✓ *Assisting* in setting up the international office of VRO an NGO that deals with rural development and village reconstruction in India
 - ✓ Build and maintained the *website*
- 1998 – 2002** **Group guide for summercamps of Albezon**
- ✓ *Integrative camps* for delinquent youths (<http://www.albezon.be>)
 - ✓ In a *rudimentary setting* without electricity in the south of France
- 1998 – 2001** **Group guide for weekends at the Oasecentrum**
- ✓ *Spiritual group weekends* organised by the Salesians at Groot-Bijgaarden, Belgium (<http://www.oasecentrum.be>)