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INTERVIEW



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Q. Place of birth?

Born in Edmundston, NB. I grew up in Saint-Jacques (and I gained weight in Saint-Basile !!)

Q. Did you choose the northwestern region of New Brunswick or did it choose you?

I am originally from Northwestern NB and shortly after graduating high school, I went into exile living in several places on the planet to finally realize how good that it is to live here in the Northwest of New Brunswick and especially how ideal a place it is to raise a family.

So, yes, I chose the region!

Q. Your passion?

My children more than anything!
I am also very curious and I like to learn about everything, and anything!

Q. Favorite pastime?

As I love to explore and learn new things; I also love to read, a lot.

I also like documentary films, to learn – once again!

Q. Do you have a preference for one of the seasons?

I love Autumn because it is neither too hot nor too cold. And, the colors are majestic!

Q. Advice that you have appreciated the most?

Throughout the Bible, God is my best counselor. I also really appreciate the Thai way of *letting go* which translates as: *Mai pen rai* or *No problem!*

Q. Best travel experience?

My circular journey around Southeast Asia:

- Cambodia,
- Vietnam,
- Laos, and
- Thailand.



Q. Destination yet to be discovered and why?

I would say to rediscover. I would love to go back to Burkina Faso to share with my children that part of my life that has completely transformed me.

Q. You can dine with any personality from history, you choose?

With *Nikola Tesla* so that he can fill me in on his inventions, especially those of wireless electricity!

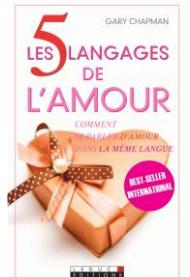


Photo : Nikola Tesla statue at Niagara Falls, ON

Q. Last book read?

Aside from the Bible, which I read almost every day, I mostly read personal growth books; the last one:

Les 5 langages de l'amour, édition pour parents.



Q. Favorite authors?

J.R.R. Tolkien, Terry Goodkind, and Alexandre Jardin



Q. A book that you recommend?

1984 by George Orwell,

- to have a different perspective of what is happening now.

Q. Favorite quote?

Be the change that you want to see in the world.

– Mahatma Gandhi

Q. You are most proud of?

For saving the life of a man who was attacked with a machete.

Financial partner:





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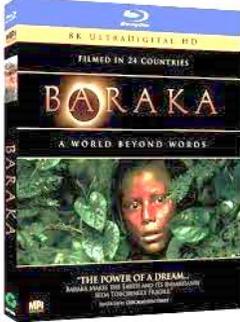
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Q. You win the lottery! You do what with your new fortune?

I would invest a good portion to live off of the interest and with the remainder I would spoil those I love and also donate anonymously to those in need.

Q. Favorite movie? Favorite music?



Film: *Baraka* - a timeless film without dialogue

Music: *Pink Floyd*



Q. Any advice for newcomers who want to settle in your area or elsewhere and want to start a job search?

**Network!
Make yourself known!**

Q. The one word that best describes you?

***Gourmand!**

*A *gourmand* is a person who takes great pleasure and interest in consuming good food and drink.

Q. You are offered three wishes, what would they be?

I would:

- eliminate the money-based economic system;
- eliminate the concept of individual property and replace it with a universal concept of collective property; and
- travel for the rest of my life with my family.

Q. Your childhood hero / mentor? Today?

My Parents

- who have always supported me in my decisions even if they did not agree.

Elon Musk

- by his determination to pursue his dreams relentlessly (like **my parents**, too)



Q. Based on your experience, what should newcomers to NB do to facilitate their job search, overcome obstacles / challenges and find suitable employment in the region?

Start with a job, no matter which one, to get that Canadian work experience.

At the same time, do volunteer work, expand your network of contacts and remain open to any career possibility.

Q. The question you hate to answer?

This one - lol!

Seriously, *the question that an honest answer might hurt.*

Q. What would you like to see written on your tombstone?

He will always be in our memories.

Q. Share something people don't know about you!

Very few people know that I am hearing impaired.

Q. The question that you would have liked to have been asked?

If you could change one thing from your past, what would it be?

My answer: To have better developed my financial intelligence beginning in my teenage years so that I no longer would have to work to *earn my living*.

