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registry of the Egyptian Insurance Supervisory Authority.

- 2) **Affiliated members:** Those who have a bachelors degree in actuarial science or any other equivalent qualifications from a university or institute, are accepted by the Board of Directors, and who are continuing their studies to qualify to be an active member.

Termination of Membership

Membership will terminate for any of the following reasons:

- ✗ Noncompliance with the rules of the Society
- ✗ Commitment of an offense causing

material or moral damage to the Society

- ✗ Exploiting his/her membership in the Society for personal benefits
- ✗ Death
- ✗ Resignation

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ESOA. It is composed of all members, but voting is limited to active members. The general assembly shall hold its sessions at least once every year.

The general assembly approves the financial accounts and the budget.

Members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the General Assembly.

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An American Actuary in Shangri-la

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On a secluded hillock festooned with palm oil trees in the center of one of Asia's most bustling cities, a sinuous Chinese woman approaches the Buddha in her bare feet. The few believers in the temple are young and reverential before the incarnate god. The incense only punctuates the essentially sensate nature of their worship. A metal gong is seen but is not heard as the young woman murmurs her incantations.

This is not the heraldic religion of the Occident, the Christianity born of Frankish blood and Toledo steel. This is not the stern stuff of Rome and Leipzig, the denial of the senses—dare we say it—the denial of the flesh.

As the western man observes the young believers—and, in particular,

the young woman—he senses a loosening of his own moorings, a questioning of all that has gone before. He feels himself awash in a riot of images—some profound and some profane. He observes paradox where before there was only rational, western truth.

Malaysia is, after all, an Asian land. Although modern, clean, and progressive, Malaysia is also traditional and atavistic. In its jungles and highlands, one can feel the presence of ancient avatars, who frolic amid gushing, mountain waterfalls and who take their rest in tropical, lowland gardens. Yet, in the largest of its commercial centers, one enjoys the civility of its warm and genteel people—a civility long since gone in the west.

Suddenly the western man is aroused from his reverie by the Islamic call

to prayer. In the middle of the week—in the middle of the day—in the middle of the nation's commercial heart—the western man finds himself praying. And, as the days progress, the beautiful minarets of lapis and gold which dot the landscape remind the western man to pray again.

Malaysia is a wondrous land, whose people are genuine, hardworking, receptive to many influences, and conveniently for this western man, well-versed in the English tongue. And Kuala Lumpur is a beautiful, contemporary metropolis, which also conveniently has a need for instructors in actuarial science.

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