



An American's View of Denmark—interview with K. Brian Soderquist

Based on your brief bio, I asked how your English was before our interview. Then I found out you were from Utah, perhaps I should ask how is your Danish?

I have been in Denmark ten years. I feel absolutely fine in everyday situations. I teach in Danish at the university; one can be in a country for ten years and still discover there are nuances that manage to escape you. In fact, I sometimes have trouble speaking straight English.

Do you dream in English or Danish?

A strange mix. I guess it is Danish most of the time. We always speak Danish in public and then privately it is a mix.

What was the journey that took you to Denmark?

I went there as a missionary. I returned to Denmark about three times after I was an undergrad. I finished a master's degree in the U.S. and went back to Denmark again for four months. I thought about doing my PhD right away in Denmark, and after a couple of years of being frustrated in the PhD program, I transferred to the PhD at the University of Copenhagen.

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