

FAQ other subjects

But there's already a religion that is like your's - it's called Atheism. How are you different than Atheists?

Atheism is not a religion. It merely states that one does not believe in God. Realism is much deeper than that. Realists actively pursue reality the way it really is. We have our {In:Sacred Choices} and our {In:Sacred Principles} to guide our lives. If God does exist and he comes out of hiding into objective reality where everyone can see him - then we all become Theists.

How do you know that the Church of Reality won't become corrupt like all the other religions?

That's a very good question. The short answer is that we don't know that. It is definitely possible that the Church of Reality will become just another cult. But - there are a few differences that we are starting with that distinguish the Church of Reality from other religions.

First - the Church of Reality is about reality. Reality is more stable than a religion based on a fictional premise or lost books or books written by people which are supposed to be influenced by invisible deities. With fiction based religions - if the religion moves from one fiction to another - who is to say which is the better fiction. Reality is something you can always get back to. Reality is something that doesn't go away when you stop believing in it. The Church of Reality can stay true as long as it remembers its original mission.

Second - The Church of Reality isn't about any individual. It's about reality. So it's not something that is driven by a personality. No one is empowered by supernatural forces or otherwise spiritually endowed.

Third - The Principle of Self Scrutiny will help keep us on track and let us look at our progress and evaluate ourselves as objectively as possible so that if we get off track we can correct ourselves and get back to where we should be. We are committed to doing the hard work and making sure that we are in fact successful and that we resist the paths of corruption.

The bottom line is - we are just going to have to try hard and hope for the best.

Do you have physical churches? Do you meet on Sunday?

At this point we do not have a physical church or regular meetings. I do however personally believe that a lot of people who are used to going to church would benefit from it and I'm hoping that someone (not me) will step forward with a plan and make it happen.

So - how are you going to convert Christian, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists into becoming Realists?

It isn't necessary for everyone to convert to Realism, it would be unrealistic to expect that. Converting people into Realists is one of many goals of the Church of Reality. And conversions aren't measured in numbers of people but in the impact that Realists have on society.

Whenever someone talks about reality, it causes the listener to think about reality. When you cause someone to think about reality - you are causing them to be "Real in the Sacred Moment" (the Sacred moment is Now). In that moment they are a Realist. As people spend more time thinking about reality - they become realists for more hours during the day. During this time they become "One with the Tree".

Realists realize that other religions are evolving. Evolution is everywhere and is happening all around us all the time. Religions are evolving too. Some for the better - some for the worse. One of the sacred missions of the Church of Reality is to challenge other religions to test their beliefs to see if they are real. In this manner we get others to think about reality and to consider if they might be living a lie. It is our belief that reality is a good thing and that other religions benefit by being exposed to the idea that reality is something that is important.

By promoting reality realists help other religions evolve in the Sacred Direction - forward - towards a better tomorrow. It helps keep them from becoming a suicide cult or destroying the world so that Jesus can return. Realism is a lifestyle that can influence others to bring more reality into their lives.

So - Realists are not just trying to get everyone else to be Realists - but to get everyone to spend more time thinking about reality and asking the Sacred Question - "What is Real?" Realists spread Realism not only through conversion - but by spreading the importance of reality into the social fabric.