The Principle of Historical Preservation

We as a human race learn from our past and our past is a basis for what we decide to do in the future. As technology increases we can better analyze preserved information. Thus - the preservation of information and knowledge is one of our Sacred Duties. The Tree of Knowledge can not grow unless we preserve its information. Data is sacred because data helps us understand the truth. One example of the preservation of historical data is the Wayback Machine at Archive.org. It is storing the historical content of the Internet. And because they are storing the history of the Internet they preserve data for future understanding. The Archive of the Internet is one of our Sacred Databases and the Church of Reality hereby declares it as a Sacred Shrine and we are interested in not only its preservation, but its ability to gather and store data. Some day we will be able to go back and extract knowledge about ourselves that will be possible only because we save that information today.

It is also our duty to preserve history from distortions that create false knowledge about what really happened in history. We recognize that there are those people who would conceal and distort the historical record or try to forget important things that should not be forgotten. Often in war the history books are written by the victor and the truth is slanted in a way that doesn't represent the way things really happened.

The Church of Reality promotes looking at historical events the way they actually occurred without giving flavor to events to obscure unpleasantness. It is our view that history happened the way it happened and should be viewed in terms of what actually occurred. And we have a Sacred Duty to preserve historical data so that in the future when we have better technology we can extract a more accurate picture of the past.