

Natural Religion

The Church of Reality is a "Natural Religion" based on Reality. What this means is that if the Church of Reality didn't exist and a wise person was given the task of creating a church based on reality that they would come up with a religion that is approximately the same as what the Church of Reality is now. It is our position that the Church of Reality is, or at least should be, a reflection of the natural laws of reality.

We have the Sacred Principle of Scrutiny and Doubt to keep this church on track. Self {In:scrutiny} directs us to examine what we are doing in such a way that we can discern whether we are on track or off track even if we become corrupted. How do we do that? One of the tests is to see if the Church of Reality were reinvented from scratch whether it would come out the same. What would be the same and what would be different, and why would anything be different?

The Church of Reality is not about Marc Perkel. I am just a guy who came up with an idea. The Church is about Reality

The parts that would be the same reinforce the likelihood that we are on track. However, the parts that are different raise the question that perhaps we are not on track. Of course, it depends on what the difference is or how serious it is.

The Church of Reality as it now exists is for the most part an attempt by me, Marc Perkel, the First One, and my friends and the feedback of the current membership, to create a natural church based on reality. Since none of us are perfect, it has to be assumed that errors exist that will hopefully be corrected in the future when they are hopefully discovered. I have no supernatural powers to rely on. I am just a guy who came up with an idea and try my best to do as good a job as I can with the resources I have to work with. The problem is that I am just an individual who is writing this from a limited perspective and am therefore limited in my ability to be accurate.

We should always ask, "If someone else invented the Church of Reality - would they come up with the same thing?"

Some things by different authors wouldn't be the same no matter how accurate everyone was. Everyone has their own personality and the personality is often injected into the writings. That is normal and acceptable to some extent as long as the personality issue doesn't affect the overall functioning of the church. As the First One I get to add some artistic elements to these early writings. I get to select the jokes. But I don't get to alter reality based on my personal whims. So it is a good idea to constantly test the presumptions of the Church to make sure that it sticks with reality and doesn't degenerate the way the theist religions do.