

Welcome to the Real World

What does it take to join the Church of Reality? It's actually not very hard at all. It's as easy as making a decision that you commit yourself to believing in what is real and that you will forego any current beliefs you have when you find out that what you are believing is not real. The Church of Reality is all about reality, real reality, the way it really is.

This of course sounds deceptively simple. I suppose to describe becoming a Realist as putting down your fiction based cult religion and replacing it with Realism is like telling a cigarette smoker that all you have to do to quit smoking is simply to put the cigarettes down and never pick them up again. But such a description ignores the fact that the smoker is a drug addict and that drug addiction is far more complex than the simple act of not doing something. Becoming a Realist is not so simple in a society that is dominated by religious cults and where you are programmed from birth to worship fictional deities. For most people becoming a realist is the beginning of a process of giving up a lifetime of brainwashing, to embark on a search for the elusive real world.

The real world can be a scary place. I wish that we could offer you all the false promises that other religions make. There is no immortality in reality except to the extent that you are remembered for your contributions to the Tree of Knowledge, or unless we develop the technology to become immortal. We don't have the promise of eternal bliss with an omnipotent father figure who is going to take care of us if we only believe and sacrifice large quantities of personal wealth to the middlemen religions that are selling you the ticket to your next life. On the bright side, we don't threaten you with eternal punishment if you don't fork over your bank account to the church. Our religion is based on the concept that we are here, there's a world out there, so let's explore it and figure it out. Let's do the best with what we have to work with.

Being a Realist starts by taking a personal oath by making the Sacred Choices your life's choices. You accept the Sacred Missions as the missions in your life. You accept the Sacred Principles as the guiding principles of your life. You choose to be intellectually honest and to take responsibility for your role in the real world. You are committing to a life of personal growth, that every day you will do something to make sure that tomorrow you are somehow better than you are today. That you will become a lighthouse to guide those who are lost in the darkness of the cult mind, to welcome them to the real world. This is what becoming a Realist entails.