

## Undermining Religion

Some people wonder if the Church of Reality is trying to undermine religion. It is not. But we believe that it is our duty to expose religion to the light of reality and challenge belief systems on the basis of what's real. We believe that these challenges that get people to think will help religions evolve in better versions that will in fact improve their religious experience.

Most all religions make a claim that what they believe is real, that reality is a necessary element in their faith. People state that if it wasn't real that they wouldn't continue to believe in it. On the basis of evoking reality we feel it is morally justified to assist in their quest for what is real. Perhaps if a religion totally denounced reality and wanted to have nothing to do with it that might make a difference. But once a religion claims reality then they are open to the laws of reality which includes scientific accountability, the purification of truth through scrutiny, and the application of logic and reason to the belief systems to see if what is claimed to be real is in fact real.

We in the Church of Reality are explorers exploring the reality that we seem to exist in. We are on a quest for the truth. Therefore if a religion has truth and a grip on reality then we want to learn it. If a religion actually has it right then we not only want to discover it, but adopt it and benefit from it. Even build upon it. If a religion has it wrong then that becomes something that we can learn from as well and in the process of interacting with them we both hopefully will learn more and both come out ahead.

We don't really respect other people's religions. We just pretend to respect other religions because it's the politically correct thing to do.

We believe in evolution, not just in a Darwinian sense but the evolution of religions themselves. As we look back through history we can see how religions have evolved over the centuries and in many ways are quite different than they used to be. Religions change over time. Generally most of the changes are for the better. We have to assume that religions will continue to evolve in the future so no matter what your denomination believes today, much of it will change in the future. But what will your religion change into? Will your religion evolve forward in the {In: Sacred Direction} or will it become extinct? That all depends on the choices that each denomination makes. We as realists believe that reality is good for the evolution of all faiths.