

Strong Individualism leads to a Strong Collective

Humanity has an interesting dual existence. On one hand we are all individuals while on the other hand we are a huge collective sharing the {In:Tree of Knowledge}. We are also all members of many overlapping groups sharing a common purpose with other people and trusting other people to come up with information that we rely upon. Much of the language in the Church of Reality has focused on group mind, cult mind, and group-think issues and some people might think that the Church of Reality values the collective mind over that of the individual. But that is not the case.

The Church of Reality is strongly in favor of individualism. We also don't see a conflict between individual and collective thinking as long as it is done right. And of course how to do that right is what the Church of Reality is all about as we tread the thin line between being cooperative and the {In:cult mind}.

Humanity by nature organizes into groups. It's an evolutionary trait that has served humanity well for the most part. But it all depends on the nature of the group. If the group is a group of free thinkers, then you will have a group that has a dynamic of healthy disagreement, where a cult group will all be mindlessly parroting the same script. The Church of Reality, of course, aspires to be an example of the first type of group. In fact, we look at disagreement as a sign of healthy individualism where too much agreement might indicate a move towards mindless following. So to disagree and have healthy debate is a good thing.