

## A Covenant is a Promise and a Commitment

The Sacred Covenants is a commitment of the institution of the Church of Reality to the world that we will maintain our missions and goals so that the Church of Reality doesn't evolve into something other than what it was intended to be. People have often asked about the future of the Church of Reality. They wonder if it will become corrupt. They wonder if it will evolve into something that it never should have evolved into. They wonder if the church will be able to maintain its integrity.

These are serious and legitimate concerns and we take these concerns seriously. We don't want to turn into some horrible religion that is different than what we intended so we are trying to take steps in these early stages so that the Church of Reality will always be the Church of Reality and not some messed up religion that is using reality as a marketing label.

One advantage that the Church of Reality has over fiction based religions is that we are tied to reality itself. So if we get off track we have something solid to compare ourselves to. Fiction based religions don't have that advantage. If a religion is founded on fiction and the fiction changes then who is to say which fiction is better? But if you have a basis in reality then you have something to test against to tell if you are off course. Reality is like a lighthouse that guides us back.

However, as humans pursuing reality we are often confused and misled. It's easy to be tempted into compromising reality in order to be more popular or politically correct. So it is useful to build in safeguards and reminders into church doctrine because the dedication to reality as it really is has value and deserves protection. To that end we have the {In:Principle of Scrutiny} to encourage the public to watch us to make sure we stay clean. The {In:Principle of Humility} helps us resist the temptations of self importance.

A covenant is an agreement and a promise that one expects to be held to. It is a way of giving your word in the expectation that the promise will be kept. It creates a bond between entities for which people can rely upon. It forms the basis for trust. The Sacred Covenants are the promises of the Church of Reality to the people of the world that we will stick to our values. The Church however exists as a work of humanity and is not something that is divinely created or inspired. The church is its members and the members are the church. Therefore this is also the covenant of the members of the Church of Reality to the church to keep our religion clean and on track.