

The Principle of Determination and Defiance

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The Principles of Determination and Defiance sometimes represents our religious commitment to the {In:Path of Reality}. We have chosen to include in our {In:Life Story} a commitment to {In:Positive Evolution} and the {In:Sacred Direction}. We are committed to the protection of the future. But there are times when systems break down and have to be repaired and maintained. There are times when the judgment of {In:Society} is in decline and people become a danger to themselves. In situations where it is absolutely necessary to protect society from doing something that's really a bad idea, it is up to us to be determined to restore the {In:Positive Evolution} of the human community.

For example, we Realists accept the truth that a nuclear war is never the best solution to your current problems. Our message is, "Don't even think about it!" And of course this applies to weapons of mass destruction in general. Or to consider the optimum human population of the planet. Or when leaders speak the {In:Language of War}. Or to avert a natural or man-made disaster. Or perhaps to protect or restore a sane and stable society. The kind of society where you have the rule of law not the rule of men. A society that lives in peace and harmony where it is a joy just to be alive.

We as a society have to be smart enough to figure out how to do it right!

Nelson Mandella

We believe the {In:Wisdom} comes from having an intimate relationship with reality. So it is up to us as {In:Realists} to bring wisdom in to society. We have to inject the importance of taking reality into consideration when making important decisions. We raise the question, "Is what we do today good for our future?" "Will we look back at this moment with pride or shame?" That is why the {In:Sacred Direction} is sacred because if we screw up we're not going to achieve Positive Evolution. If we screw up then tomorrow won't be better than today and our children will live in a worse world than the one we came into.

Let us be calm and reason together.

Martin Luther King

These are values that represent the kind of people we are as a religion. The dream of tomorrow must never be abandoned for the passions of the moment. Nor do we sacrifice the future for personal greed. But with defiance comes {In:Responsibility}. There should be a good reason to explain why defiance is the best choice.

We have a responsibility to give sanity a voice.

Every religion has a system of values. What is Sacred? What is Holy? Just because we don't have a deity in no way means that we don't have a system of morality. Our determination is a statement of our religious commitment to the future. But we have a responsibility to get it right, and not to be merely stubborn.