

# The Foundation of the Church of Reality

We don't know why (at this time) that anything exists. But for some reason there is something rather than nothing and we are part of existence. Reality created us and here we are. Now what do we do? Does our existence matter? Do we have a purpose? Or are we just pond scum on a planet that is but a speck of dust in the Universe? One planet amongst a trillion trillion planets.

Our existence might be totally insignificant or we might be the only life form that ever existed that has made it this far. We simply do not know and at this point and we have no way to know. We could just sit here and watch our planet orbit the sun 80 times till we die or we can choose to dedicate our lives to some purpose which might in the long run be meaningless but might have some meaning to us. We can at least choose to attempt to give meaning to an otherwise meaningless existence.

So here we are. We exist. So what are we going to do?

The purpose of a religion is to give some sort of meaning and understanding of our existence and our roll in the universe. As a reality based religion we don't have the benefit of an omnipotent rule giver who writes an owner's manual for us. Nor can we just make something up out of thin air. We have to have somewhere to start, a root axiom, that isn't arbitrary. We have to start with some sort of premise than makes sense. Something that we can explain in a way that stands up to {In:Scrutiny}.

In this section we lay the groundwork for the purpose of the Church of Reality by creating a root axiom that becomes a starting point that we can build on. In our case we are the observer. We exist. If we want to continue to exist and be the observer we have to survive. {In:principle of existence 'Our existence is valuable to us'}, and if we as a species are going to continue then we have to protect our status as a member of reality by continuing to exist. If we become extinct then we are no longer in the game and we become meaningless.

Thus our root axiom must include our survival, the survival of humanity. To survive we have to understand ourselves and the universe we exist in. We need to create a purpose for our existence and figure out what tools we have to work with. Once we have a root axiom in place we can build on that to create a platform for the {In:Positive Evolution} of the human race. It becomes the fundamental great truth that we can build upon as the basis for society, law, government, ethics, and morality.