

The Principle of Positive Evolution

Positive evolution is one of the core principles of the Church of Reality. We are here, we seem to exist. So what do we do now? We in the Church of Reality have chosen to try to understand reality as it really is. We can do that individually to a limited extent but an individual can't build a Hubble Telescope in their back yard and launch it into space. In order to pursue the understanding of reality we have to do so collectively, as a society. The pursuit of the understanding of reality is something that we all do together as a community. In order to increase our understanding of reality we have to make progress as a community and evolve forward. We look to the future which we call the {In:Sacred Direction}.

Humans are more like a hive of bees in many ways than individuals. We have a vast amount of shared information and technology that we all rely upon in our daily lives. We call this vast resource of shared knowledge the {In:Tree of Knowledge}. We expand our understanding of reality by growing the Tree of Knowledge and in order to do that we have to evolve in a positive direction.

We choose Evolution over Extinction. We commit to the progress of the human race towards a brighter tomorrow.

Positive evolution isn't just a belief that we are evolving forward. It is a personal commitment that realists make to ensure that we evolve forward. There is nothing that protects us from extinction except our effort to make sure the human race doesn't do something stupid and destroy itself. To help ensure that we progress we spread the {In:Sacred Message} which is to talk about reality and bring reality into the daily lives of as many people as we can. Our world view is that the more the people of all religions are in touch with reality, the faster the human race will progress.

Positive evolution creates the basis for morality in our religion. The concepts of right and wrong are based in part on if it is good for the progress of the human race. One of our sacred missions is to ask the {In:Sacred Moral Question}, "Is this a good thing?" and by "good" we mean is it good in terms of making progress.

Not all religions support positive evolution. Many religions envision the future in the destruction of the world. We call these people {In:Extinctionists}. Their world view is that the world will end in {In:Armageddon}. In fact some of them are actively trying to destroy the world so as to force Jesus to come back before they die. It is up to us to make sure that Jesus doesn't come back in their lifetime.

Evolution is a central concept to our religion. Our world view is that not only are we evolving, but that we are now at the point where we can determine what we will evolve into. The human race is on the verge of controlling it's own evolution. In accepting the Principle of Positive Evolution we are taking {In:personal responsibility} for the {In:Future of Humanity}. We are committing to making sure that we make the best choices possible by making reality part of the process.