

## Being Root

To be /root is to be a monk of the Church of Reality who is committed to the Path of Knowledge. The concept of being /root is taken from the Unix operating system. Root is the super user who maintains the system. To be root is to be in technical support and to be the person responsible for keeping the system running. In the context of the Church of Reality - /root is to be of service to humanity and to provide technical support to the human race. It also involves a commitment to the service and maintenance of the {In:Tree of Knowledge} and to the Operating System of Life.

To be /root is to live a life of service to the human race. You might not be a major contributor to the Tree of Knowledge - but you might be the support person who makes it possible. Steven Hawking is a great physicist who will forever be remembered for his contributions to the understanding of our universe. But there are people who feed him and put him to bed at night and dress him in the morning who make it possible for him to do his work.

To be /root is to make more than an ordinary commitment to supporting the exploration of reality as it really is. To be /root is to dedicate your life to the task of making it happen. To make the {In:sacred direction} the central focus of your existence. To endure personal sacrifice for the good of society. To feed the hungry - to give shelter to the homeless - to heal the sick - to give comfort to the dying - to be there when you are needed. In that respect it is the dharma of the Church of Reality to actively support this work and therefore established monks to be known as the Order of Root to do the good works necessary to hold the fabric of society together.