

The Principle of Bullshit

The Principle of Bullshit recognizes that things that aren't true just aren't true. It doesn't matter how many people believe it - it doesn't matter that people have believed it for thousands of years - it doesn't matter if you want to believe it - bullshit is bullshit - and if it isn't true - it isn't true. There is a difference between something being true and something not being true.

The Principle of Bullshit is all about refusing to live the lie; to be able to call something the way it really is. It is the ability to face the reality of being wrong so as to create a starting point to make a better choice. It is to accept that you can't truly pursue reality if you continue to believe in things that aren't real. You may have made a mistake - or millions of people might have made the same mistake for thousands of years. But when you know it's all bullshit then you have to call it - accept it - and move in the Sacred Direction. If you're a Realist then by definition you are supposed to give up what's not real - or at least admit your denial if you aren't ready to face reality.

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Truth must be purified through scrutiny and doubt. There is nothing that rises above these tests. Anything that is prohibited from being questioned, is not subject to doubt or scrutiny, is assumed to be bullshit per se. If you are required to believe something without question then that something is bullshit, even if it turns out to be true. (Of course it couldn't turn out to be true unless it were tested against some objective standard. And if so tested, it would be subject to doubt and therefore no longer bullshit per se.)

There are those who would twist the truth, be misleading, tell half truths, hide the truth, use double meanings and distort definitions, be deceitful and deceptive, and flat out lie. People would require you to accept beliefs on faith and prohibit you from questioning those beliefs. Faith is often used to deceive people because it prohibits scrutiny, doubt, and accountability. This is not the way of the Church of Reality. We embrace doubt and scrutiny for the {In:purification of truth}.

The Tree of Knowledge is built on what is real and what is true. Bullshit that is passed off as reality poisons the Tree of Knowledge and creates a weakness in knowledge itself. It creates a rotten spot in the Tree. It inhibits growth and holds back our development as a race of humans. It keeps us from developing in a positive direction. Part of the Sacred Duties of the Church of Reality is the purification of knowledge through the expression of doubt. We choose to expunge the bullshit through doubt and scrutiny and to replace it with what's real. The Principle of Bullshit asserts a duty to resist the powers of bullshit by questioning everything. This moves us towards reality the way it really is. It requires courage, humility, wisdom, doubt, and strength of character to go against the cult mind and refuse to live the lie.