

What is Secular Humanism?

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Secular Humanism is a term which has come into use in the last thirty years to describe a world view with the following elements and principles:

- A conviction that dogmas, ideologies and traditions, whether religious, political or social, must be weighed and tested by each individual and not simply accepted on faith. (Our Principle of Self Scrutiny)
- Commitment to the use of critical reason, factual evidence, and scientific methods of inquiry, rather than faith and mysticism, in seeking solutions to human problems and answers to important human questions. (Same as our commitment to Reality the way it really is.)
- A primary concern with fulfillment, growth, and creativity for both the individual and humankind in general. (Our Principles of Wisdom and Bullshit)
- A constant search for objective truth, with the understanding that new knowledge and experience constantly alter our imperfect perception of it. (Our commitment to Reality)
- A concern for this life and a commitment to making it meaningful through better understanding of ourselves, our history, our intellectual and artistic achievements, and the outlooks of those who differ from us. (Our Principles of Inclusiveness, Preservation of History)
- A search for viable individual, social and political principles of ethical conduct, judging them on their ability to enhance human well-being and individual responsibility. (The Principles of Positive Evolution and Responsibility, and the Sacred Moral Question)
- A conviction that with reason, an open marketplace of ideas, good will, and tolerance, progress can be made in building a better world for ourselves and our children. (Positive Evolution and many others)

As you can see, much of this is spot on. And it shows that great minds often do think alike. When people put reality first then they often come to the same conclusions.