

Natural Religion

A natural religion is a religion that is based on reality and designed with the nature of humanity in mind. If religion really is the study of why we are here and where we came from then the answer to those questions must be found in the pursuit of reality the way it really is. The Church of Reality is dedicated in both name and mission to that task and is therefore a natural religion.

A natural or reality based religion has the characteristic that if the religion were reinvented from scratch that the new religion would be about the same as the original one. That is because there is a basis in reality or universal truths that create a guiding force to keep the belief system on track. In contrast, a fiction based religion would not be reproducible if reinvented from scratch. However, to different degrees all religions have some natural elements to them, like being against murder. It is no random coincidence that all religions just happen to agree that murder is wrong. That's because it is a concept that comes from reality itself.

One of the missions of the Church of Reality is to issue the Sacred Challenge to other religions to get them to accept self scrutiny. In doing so we are asking them to examine their belief systems to see what elements of their religion are based on natural law. We in the Church of Reality believe that other religions benefit from such challenges in that it helps their religion evolve in a positive direction. Any time we can get another religion to become more natural, the better off the world will be.