

Questions about the Church of Reality and Unitarianism

Some people are confused about the relationship between the Church of Reality and Unitarian Universalists. People ask, "The Unitarians don't believe in anything, including reality. If a Realist joined a Unitarian church doesn't that lower our standards?"

Actually no, because to be a Unitarian is to be a member of a dual religion. They have no creed so that everyone in the Church can believe whatever they want. Individuals can have strongly held beliefs, like being a Realist in addition to being a member of a Unitarian community. What Unitarians are into is community. They are especially into creating community across religious boundaries. So a person can be fully Realist and be in community with people who are not Realists. It doesn't weaken your position on reality, in fact it strengthens it because you are in an environment that will keep you thinking when people discuss their beliefs.

Part of the mission of the Church of Reality is to reach out to other people and be part of not only our own evolution but the evolution of other religions. We can't do that if we become isolated. It is good for us and it is good for them if Realists form community bonds with other people. Unitarians do allow for subcultures to form within their churches so that Atheists can get together by themselves and Christians can get together, etc. But Unitarianism creates a more expansive view of the concept of what the word "us" means. They are a living example that reflects our Sacred {In:Principle of Inclusiveness} and they are more inclusive than we would probably be. So since church is about community and inclusiveness, then we should do it the best we can. Why reinvent the wheel when the Unitarians have already accomplished what we dream to be?

The Church of Reality might some day have its own churches. But for now let us learn from the Unitarians and see how that works out. This is good for us in this stage of our evolution.