

The Biography of the Founder

Hello Everyone,

I am Marc Perkel, founder of the Church of Reality. Originally I wasn't going to write this section because the Church of Reality is about reality and not about Marc Perkel. I thought I could passively deemphasize myself but I think I should actively do so. And - there seems to be curiosity about who started this and how I came to be in the position that I am in. So I will try to address all that so that we can get past it and back to reality.

It would be easier if I were a God or a prophet of some omnipotent all wise invisible cloud being who spoke pure wisdom through me but I'm not. I'm just a guy with an idea and doing a lot of hard work in the real world to try to solve a big problem. I have no special powers. I am not the smartest person on the planet and even if I were - that's not saying much.

Most other religions have their pitfalls and I look around at Scientology and Objectivism for example and it's clear that I don't want to see the Church of Reality end up like them. Consequently, I'm trying to take every step I can to point the CoR in the right direction so that after I'm gone this religion doesn't degenerate into some awful cult that has nothing to do with it's original purpose.

Scientology was started by a science fiction writer as a scam to sucker people into giving him money in the name of religion and hasn't changed even though the original scammer is dead. Objectivism was started by Ayn Rand who got it right about objective reality and then went off track in proclaiming the virtues of democracy and the virtues of greed. She had a huge ego and if you didn't agree with her she considered you mentally impaired. Ayn Rand is dead now, but her inflated ego lives on in her followers, who accurately mimic the worst aspects of her personality. And that's something that scares me because I have several personality disorders myself. I am not a role model and there are some things worth learning about me but for the most part, don't imitate me. Don't turn me into an Ayn Rand!

The Church of Reality is about Reality - not Marc Perkel. There is nothing special about Marc Perkel.

I am not a religious leader because it's something I want to do. Like many of you, I don't like religion. It scares me for all the same reasons that it scares you. I started doing this because the religious insanity scares me even more. I don't want to be marched into church at gun point and forced to pray to a fictional deity as some people on the planet would like if they get control. I want to live in a sane world where I can spend my time contemplating string theory and building a better world than having to constantly fight off power grabs by Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cults. In fact I think my disdain for religion in general is a good sign because it makes me less interested in religious abuse. I'm not interested in doing your thinking for you. I just want you all to take care of yourselves so that someday I can live a peaceful quiet life.