

Drug Dealing

There is a big difference between opposing bad drug law and dealing drugs for profit. The Church of Reality puts a high value on laws and justice. We understand the need for an orderly society. We also understand that sometimes it is necessary to break the law in order to serve a higher purpose. However, to profiteer off of bad law is not something that our religion supports.

Church of Reality policy on drugs isn't as logically consistent as most of our other policies and principles. That's because drug laws and the reality of drugs are so disconnected. Drugs that should be legal aren't and drugs that should be prohibited are legal. So it is logically inconsistent for us to support the use of some illegal drugs while prohibiting the dealing of drugs. It is also inconsistent to support the obeying of laws and supporting the breaking of laws at the same time. As a reality based religion these inconsistencies are naturally troubling to us.

So if we conditionally support the use of illegal drugs then do we not have to get them from drug dealers who we don't support? The short answer is in some cases yes. So therefor the right thing to do is to get what we need while keeping our interaction with drug traffickers to a minimum and taking into account the harm it does to society to fuel an illegal drug trade even in a drug that should be legal. Thus a person buying a pound of pot at no profit for 16 friends is not the same as someone importing a ton of pot to sell to total strangers.

Similarly the profiteering off of legal drugs that should be illegal is also immoral. There is no difference morally between a tobacco farmer and a cocaine farmer. Both are producing a highly addictive drug that is harmful to society for profit. Marketing addictive drugs to children whether the drugs are legal or not is just plain wrong. Alcohol, for example, is a legal drug that when used properly is both enjoyable and has a positive effect. While at the same time when used improperly is highly addictive and devastating. Giving a child a little wine as part of a religious ceremony or even with a family dinner is perfectly natural. Giving a child hard liquor so they can get drunk is irresponsible. Marketing an alcohol product that is secretly targeted at minors is immoral.