

Belief vs. Knowledge

The difference between believing and knowing is that knowledge is truth that us purifies through {In:Scrutiny}. When the {In:Sacred Method} (the Scientific Method) is applied to a belief and it stands the test of scrutiny it becomes knowledge. It is transformed from something that we believe to something that we actually know to be true.

In the Church of Reality we do not just choose to believe something just because we want to or it's part of our culture. Science has created disciplines that allows us a might higher degree of accuracy to determine if something is actually objectively true. When a belief is subjected to the scientific disciplines and it stands the test of scrutiny then the belief is purified into knowledge.

Even with this level of scrutiny we can still be wrong. Since we are not claiming divine intervention we don't have to meet the criteria of perfection that deities have. In fact we already know that a lot of what we believe today will be superseded by a deeper understanding in the future. Some of what we believe will be proven wrong. However if we use our best practices then what we have determined is still knowledge rather than belief even if some of it turns out not to be perfect.