

Introduction to the Order ARO-101

This paper is a brief introduction to the Altairian Religious Order and a little information about our beliefs and thoughts. The Altairian Religious Order (ARO) or just the Order, was established around 1990. More recently, the Order has grown into a formal structure with an established hierarchy and defined rules. The Order has had a web presence for about 7 years, but only recently has the potential of the Internet begun to play an important part in the growth of the Order. You can find out a little about us by visiting our web site at "<http://www.aro-religion.org>"

Some Questions That You May Have:

So, what is this "Order"? --- Hmmm, good question. The Order is a group of people, or members, that have joined together for common purposes. Rather than have a local building to meet in, they connect thru the Internet, coming from all over the world. Currently there are members from Australia to the United States, to the Netherlands.

You say that this is a "religious order". What kind of religion do you follow, Catholic, Muslim, Buddhist, or what?? ---- Another very good question. Since the Order has a defined belief system, it labels itself a "religion". However, rather than a belief in a deity such as God or Buddha or Allah, the Order believes in something called "Reality". The Order has a saying, which is "ARO, the belief in Reality and the search for its measure".

Well, you might say, "I know what Reality is!" Hmm, maybe you do, and maybe you do not. Realizing that words are very important and their meaning must be fully understood and agreed to in order for people to communicate well, let me explain that the Order says that "Reality" is everything that really and truly is. If there is a giant purple and green God that is always looking down on us, that is what is. If, however, there is no God looking down on us, then that is what is. If you like something or if you do not like it, what is, is. And that is Reality. :-)

So, what good is this Order of yours? ----- Hmmm, I must comment that what you have just asked is a "BSQ" or an invalid question. However, I can answer a similar valid question. "What is the stated purpose of you Order?" ----- That is easy. Our Order was established to support and help its current and future members. Now, we do admit up front, that that is somewhat of a nebula's answer. :-) But then, this is a big universe. :-)

Since "Reality" is our belief and the search for what makes up Reality is a very big task indeed, we think we have a lot of work to do. To put it into simpler terms, as each of us goes thru this life, we encounter many things and have many questions that we would like

answered. Some of these questions are religious based, but most of them are just about the world we live in.

Rather than let each person face learning everything by themselves, we believe that if we can construct a system where one can pass on what they learn to another, then we are able to help each other. And it is not just specific learned facts that we wish to pass on to others, but also we hope to provide the tools to help each of us figure out life's mysteries and what they mean to each of us.

Well, that sounds good, but aren't you setting a mighty task for yourselves? --- Well, Yes and NO. Since we each are bringing some information and assistance to the effort, then it's like ants making a big pile of sand. If only one ant does all the work, it will take forever. But if many ants each help bring a few grains of sand, pretty soon there is a large pile. And, of course, the Internet helps a lot. Using the Internet, we can save the things that we have learned, both facts and tools, and put them on-line. That way, each of us can have access, whenever we need it. Ahh, the tools of technology. :-)

OK, sounds like a good idea. But, how do you know that the ideas and tools that you use are the right ones? --- Of course, that is an important question. And the answer is that - we do and we do not - know that the ideas and tools we use are the right ones. But we have an "open source" type of structure in our organization. Every member has the right, near the requirement to question our beliefs. Questions and comments are raised to a higher level and reviewed. If there is a good answer, then the member learns. If there is no good answer, then the elders must develop one. As the answers get better and better, they get closer to being fully correct.

There is no dogma in the Order, just questions and answers. Even our beliefs and tenets are backed up by reasons. If you find a valid fault with our reasoning, then we must reconsider our beliefs.

Humph. OK then. Tell me some of your beliefs or rules! --- NO. We do not have to answer to you. If you would like to ask questions, we would be happy to answer. If you would like to learn and what we say makes sense, consider joining us as a Member or an Apprentice. No cost, no commitment, except to try and learn what we say. And of course, to ask questions. :-)

OK, then. Please tell me some of your Beliefs or rules. Sure. How about these:

- 1) We do not Preach. We are happy to answer questions, but we do not Preach.
- 2) We do not try and convert anyone. Period. If you are happy in your beliefs, we are happy for you.

How about those for a start? And the nice thing is that there are reasons for each and every one of them. That is just the way we work. :-)

So, how do you go about helping each other? ----- Another very good question. This one is a little complicated so I will just give you the short version for now.

The world is a confusing place, made more so by many of the people in it. However, we feel that the world and the universe can be made a lot simpler to understand. Unfortunately, if learning about such things is left up to each of us, one person at a time, it takes a lifetime just to get some information and it is lost when we die. If we work together and share the things we discover, then we all benefit.

And its not just facts that we want to provide. There are “Tools” that help understand religion, the world, and the universe that we can provide. We help teach our members how to use these tools and how to access the information so that they can have the best possible life for themselves and those close to them. We develop and test these “Tools” then supply them to our members.

Hmmmm. You seem kind of secretive. Are you a secret Order? If so, Why? -----
--- Sorry to be so boring. We are not secret at all. We are however, not public. We are not trying to convert anyone. And we have no desire to have someone looking over our shoulder just so that they can complain. Anyone interested in learning more, need only to ask. Our website FAQ’s are not so much to inform others but rather to help screen people that already have an agenda or set of beliefs and gently send them else ware.

OK, If you know all these things, then how about telling me everything I need to know. I have a minute or two. ----- NO. I do not think we can help you. We are sorry, but it would be breaking one of our rules. While we are happy to answer questions and provide support for our members, we do not try to convert others. And before you ask, that rule is called the “Sin of 42”. :-)

Again. If you already have the answers / beliefs that you want to hear, then we are happy for you. If, however, you are full of questions and are willing to look at what we believe and why we believe it, then there is a very good chance that you will be interested in what we have to say. And if you do not like what we have to say, how about a “double

your money back” offer? (Of course, since there is no charge for any of this, you won't really be able to make much money off us. : -)

OK, where can I learn more about the Order? Please. ----- Sure, happy to help. Try the Order's web site at www.aro-religion.org . Read the FAQs and if you end up with an interest and questions, send an e-mail to the address at the bottom of the page or if you have already read the FAQ's and want to know more, you can send any questions that you may have to us at this address: asfound2010@yahoo.com .

You will be connected to an Elder to help you get some answers. Best of luck in your search.

Signed,

The Council of Elders