

## **ARO Info for Potential Members**

**Hello,**

You are receiving this document because you have either expressed some information about the Altairian Religious Order (ARO or the Order), you have been accepted as a Member, or you have been accepted as an Apprentice of the Order.

So, to start, let me give you a quick overview of the Order.

The Order was originally designed to address and respond to religious questions. Is there a God, afterlife, etc? However, it became clear to the original people that they could not address these questions using regular logic or scientific evaluation. However, neither could anyone disprove these questions using science, etc.

As new methods of using logic and new rules for looking at religion were developed, it was noted that these same rules and logic could be used for dealing with everyday Reality type questions. Why is there thousands being killed here, why don't we help there, etc?

One of the earliest discussions we were involved with, was about "what the purpose of the Order was". Why should the group exist once the originators had the answers that they sought?? The answer was simple. It had taken a number of people, each bringing their own talents to the Order, questioning, inputting, etc, for these new tools to be developed. Any one person could do it themselves, but only after much work and effort. Why not share the tools and ideas with others and let them build from that level, adding the things that they were good at.

So the idea of a collective effort at evaluating Reality (religion and everyday life) was formed. We are still working on how to best implement the effort. How do we gather people's efforts with out it turning into chaos? Just recently the latest web based efforts were introduced.

Also, as concepts developed as core thoughts (such as "IDM" and "R=CS^n") it was discovered that while these key concepts helped make sense to larger discussions, it took some explaining to new people just to have them understand these key concepts.

When someone requests and is accepted as a Member or an Apprentice, they are given access to released ARO documents at different levels. They can read and review them as they wish. Questions are directed to the Elder appointed to that Member or Apprentice for clarification. Also, many of the key concepts can be explained in greater detail with a one-to-one relationship established between people.

While General Members usually don't care about the details of why a belief was developed or the reason behind that belief, others may have more questions. This

additional information or knowledge is given to those people who want more than just the surface details and they have the opportunity to become Apprentices.

There is much still to be posted on line. Hey, we have talked to "the web guy" about getting more information on-line and he said that he was working as fast as his spare time would allow. He also seemed to indicate that some of the writings given to him are worse than doctor's prescriptions. lol. :-)

That is also one of the benefits of the new on-line system. Everyone gets a chance to see the same information at the same time. They can read and re-read papers and take whatever time they need to formulate their questions. Questions that cause updates in the documents are evaluated, decided upon and updates are posted.

As the Order grows and more people have time to help evaluate information and improve the computer systems, it will be easier to access information, and information is what makes all the difference. :-)

Yours,

The Council of Elders, Altairian Religious Order