

Zealots are disinterested in their own mistakes.

"Freedom of religion"
should not imply
"freedom to govern".

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One-line observations - such as this one - implicitly "knock a lot of other stuff off the table"; in my view, synergistic, transparent, multi-dimensional models have far more to offer. Still, candidate "pieces of the puzzle" can be interesting to consider; as John Gall wrote in *Systemantics*: ~"Large systems that work invariably grew from smaller systems that worked." My best shot at a model follows. www.setterholm.com offers clarification.

A world view.

"Understanding":

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| 1) accounts for past experience | 3) predicts future experience |
| 2) clarifies present experiences | 4) grasps bounds |
| | 5) can be communicated. |

OBJECTIVES:

- To create a usable collection of understandings that will help humanity live peaceful, productive, happy, and (optionally) exciting lives, while enjoying religious freedom.
- To make the understandings accessible and free to people around the globe.

BOUNDS:

- Origins of faiths are fundamental (beyond reason).
- Language is insubstantial, but can be very useful.
- Human cognition (*brainspace*) is limited.
- Hidden dimensions of secrecy do more harm than good.
- Self-restraint is essential.

APPROACH:

Organize understanding.

- Combine the understandings of many people.
- Seek simplicity, brevity, clarity, resilience, and synergy
- Use committees to define words.
- Characterize benefits and risks.
- Anticipate scoundrels.
- Explore better ways of teaching.
- Evolve self-sustaining standards.

Encourage improvement.

- Foster shared thinking.
- Employ understandings as filters.
- Experiment and simulate.
- Shape dimensions and question limits.
- Consider life-cycle issues.
- Be patient.
- Create useful attitudes.

Strive for integrity.

- Avoid intentional hiding of assumptions, goals, and ignorance.
- Respect individual right to a viewpoint.
- Consider dissenting views.
- Acknowledge contributors adequately.

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