

THE SEVEN FUNDAMENTAL TENETS

- ✦ ONE SHOULD STRIVE TO ACT WITH COMPASSION AND EMPATHY TOWARDS ALL CREATURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REASON.
- ✦ THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IS AN ONGOING AND NECESSARY PURSUIT THAT SHOULD PREVAIL OVER LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS.
- ✦ ONE'S BODY IS INVOLABLE, SUBJECT TO ONE'S OWN WILL ALONE.
- ✦ THE FREEDOMS OF OTHERS SHOULD BE RESPECTED, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM TO OFFEND. TO WILLFULLY AND UNJUSTLY ENCROACH UPON THE FREEDOMS OF ANOTHER IS TO FORGO ONE'S OWN.
- ✦ BELIEFS SHOULD CONFORM TO ONE'S BEST SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD. ONE SHOULD TAKE CARE NEVER TO DISTORT SCIENTIFIC FACTS TO FIT ONE'S BELIEFS.
- ✦ PEOPLE ARE FALLIBLE. IF ONE MAKES A MISTAKE, ONE SHOULD DO ONE'S BEST TO RECTIFY IT AND RESOLVE ANY HARM THAT MAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED.
- ✦ EVERY TENET IS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE DESIGNED TO INSPIRE NOBILITY IN ACTION AND THOUGHT. THE SPIRIT OF COMPASSION, WISDOM, AND JUSTICE SHOULD ALWAYS PREVAIL OVER THE WRITTEN OR SPOKEN WORD.

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THE
SATANIC
TEMPLE



WHO WE ARE

The Satanic Temple is a religious organization dedicated to the practice and the promotion of individual rights. We do not subscribe to supernaturalism, so in that way we do not believe that Satan is a deity, being, or person. As an organized religion we actively provide outreach and participate in public affairs where the issues might benefit from rational, Satanic insights.

OUR MISSION

The Satanic Temple (TST) facilitates the communication and mobilization of politically aware Satanists, secularists, and advocates for individual liberty. The mission of TST is to encourage benevolence and empathy among all people. We embrace practical common sense and justice. As Satanists, we all should be guided by our consciences to undertake noble pursuits guided by our individual wills. We believe that this is the hope of all mankind and the highest aspiration of humanity.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Satanic Temple practices non-theistic Satanism; we believe that religion can, and should, be divorced from superstition. As such, we do not believe in either God or the Devil as supernatural forces. We bow to no god or gods and celebrate our outsider status. To embrace the name Satan is to embrace rational inquiry removed from supernaturalism and archaic tradition-based superstitions. The Satanist should actively work to hone critical thinking and exercise reasonable inquiry in all things. Our beliefs must be malleable to the best current scientific understandings of the material world - never the reverse.

WHAT DOES SATAN MEAN TO THE SATANIC TEMPLE?

Satan is symbolic of the Eternal Rebel in opposition to arbitrary authority, forever defending personal sovereignty even in the face of insurmountable odds. Satan is an icon for the unbowed will of the relentless inquirer, the heretic who questions sacred laws and rejects all tyrannical impositions. This metaphorical construct provides us with a framework by which we live.

He is a symbol of defiance, independence, wisdom, and self-empowerment. Satanism does not suggest a supernatural solution to the trials of existence. Rather, it serves as an affirmation of that which is demonstrably true. Ours is the historical Satan of western literary traditions expressed in texts such as John Milton's "Paradise Lost" and Antole France's "The Revolt of the Angels", the roots of which lie in the symbolic idea of the adversary which pre-date even Judeo-Christian faith.

ON NON-THEISTIC RELIGIONS

The idea that religion belongs to supernaturalists is backwards and offensive. There are several other recognized religions that are largely considered to be atheistic (Buddhism, for example). The metaphorical Satan is no more arbitrary to us than are the deeply held beliefs for which we advocate. Are we supposed to believe that those who pledge submission to an ethereal supernatural deity hold to their values more deeply than we? Are we supposed to concede that only the superstitious are proper recipients of religious exemption and privilege? In fact, Satanism provides us all that a religion should. It does so without a compulsory attachment to untenable items of faith-based belief. It provides a narrative structure by which we contextualize our lives and works. It provides a body of symbolism and religious practice — a sense of identity, culture, community, and shared values.

HOW WE DIFFER FROM SECULAR PHILOSOPHIES

A unifying attribute of all Satanists is our embrace of our outsider status. Satanists adhere to the principles of individual sovereignty and the rejection of tyrannical authority. Additionally, Satanism is deeply rooted in a rich historical tradition which spans thousands of years in cultures across the globe. We embrace our literary and philosophic roots as part of our religion. These histories and concerns are of paramount importance to us, but are not fundamental components of Humanism or other secular philosophies.



WHAT SETS US APART FROM OTHER SATANIC ORGANIZATIONS

Modern Satanic organizations have typically concentrated almost solely on pointless and misguided efforts to define a monopoly on the model of the "one true Satanism." This obsession with ownership has fomented an unfortunate culture in which Satanism's most vitriolic critics are often self-identified Satanists themselves. TST is not only uninterested in establishing itself as the sole arbiter of Satanic practice, but has always been open to working with other self-identified Satanic organizations to promote general recognition of Satanic legitimacy. Other Satanic organizations may take pleasure in rigid hierarchies while isolating themselves in petty organizational autocracy, but TST disdains arbitrary authority and focuses its efforts in effecting tangible change — to everyone's benefit — in the real world. The time for a politically active, relevant Satanic movement is now.



ACTIVISM AND THE SATANIC PHILOSOPHY

Satanism is a philosophy of Action. TST often serves as a "poison pill" in the Church/State debate. By asserting their religions rights and privileges where religious agendas have been successful in imposing themselves upon public affairs Satanists can serve as a poignant reminder that such privileges are for everyone. We understand that self-identified Satanists deserve the same considerations as any other religious group. We are a sincere movement that stands in defiance of the unopposed, dogmatic moral legislation from a singular powerful religious voice. We refuse to be enslaved by a theocratic system, which openly seeks to control and destroy individual autonomy, sexuality, and critical thinking. As the Eternal Rebel once defied a tyrant god, we too will rebel.