

## **Background to Apathetic Agnosticism**

There are those that see agnosticism as only a way-station, an intermediate step for those still trying to decide whether to believe in God (or Gods) or to absolutely disbelieve. Agnosticism is seen as a refuge for those who cannot make up their minds.

Our position is that agnosticism in itself is a legitimate end position in religious belief. We do not know because we cannot know. The ultimate truth about the existence of a Supreme Being is unknowable. Recognizing this, we can free ourselves from a fruitless search and indeed, no longer care about answering the question.

The Universal Church Triumphant of the Apathetic Agnostic was founded in 1996, by John Tyrrell. In creating the Church's first site, ironic terminology was deliberately chosen in selecting the overblown name of the Church and in calling the first exposition of the Church's doctrine "Articles of Faith". In spite of the Church developing a serious side over the years, these terms are retained to remind us to laugh at ourselves as well as others.

In 1997, a membership option was introduced, making the Church a reality rather than a statement of personal beliefs. In 1998 a clerical hierarchy was created and the Church started offering ordination and degrees from the International University of Nescience.

Looking to the future, the Church expects to continue expanding membership and web site content and present a message of Agnosticism, balanced between seriousness and tongue in cheek humor.

## **Currently we have members in the following locations:**

Australia  
Austria  
Brazil  
Canada  
Denmark  
England  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Hong Kong  
Iceland  
India  
Japan  
Latvia  
Malaysia  
New Zealand  
Northern Ireland  
Norway  
Republic of Ireland  
Saudi Arabia  
Scotland  
Singapore  
South Africa  
Spain  
Thailand  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
United States  
Uzbekistan  
Wales