

COX CONCEPTS

“My people perish for a lack of knowledge”. Hosea 4:6

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF:

- What am I looking for?
- What is my purpose in life?
- Where do I go from here?
- Why is it that concepts and doctrines I’ve been taught from birth make little sense no matter how much I want to believe them?
- Is there a way to KNOW instead of depending on blind faith and religious tradition?

Only the Inner Being – the real you – knows your primary purpose for being here. You can access this knowledge by identifying, verifying and coming into harmony with the Universal Laws as taught by the Great Masters, such as Jesus, Buddha, Lao Tzu and others.

Every great journey begins with the first step. Your first step is this introduction to the Church of Revelation (COX), the Institute of Applied Metaphysics (IAM) and the Renford Books.

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Where to Look for Answers

You can search for a miraculous event or you can begin the process of Self-discovery in the 13 step process of identification and verification of the Universal Laws. For many people, this search for enlightenment is commenced in the hope of a

religious or spiritual experience. It is hoped that enlightenment will come down from somewhere and infuse their consciousness. Possibly the Holy Spirit will enter the body and takeover. Maybe a guru or holy man will lay hands on them, bestowing enlightenment in a flash of light. They are hoping for a religious or spiritual experience. The problem with all of this is that they are looking for enlightenment **outside** of themselves.

There is a good example of this in *2nd Kings 5: 1-17* of the Hebrew texts. Naaman, the trusted Captain of The King of Aram, had leprosy. The King sent a message to the King of Israel noting that the God of Israel was powerful and asking him to heal Naaman.

The King of Israel tore his clothes in desperation, but the prophet Elisha said, “Send him to me.”

When Naaman came to his home, Elisha did not even bother to come out and meet him. He sent a message telling Naaman to go and dip seven times in the River Jordan. Naaman was upset and went away, saying that the Abana and Phorpar rivers of Damascus were as powerful as the River Jordan.

His servant asked him, “If the prophet told you to do some great thing, you would do it, isn’t that right?” Naaman dipped in the River Jordan, as he had been instructed, and was healed.

Naaman said, “I thought he would come out and wave his hands in the air and call on his god.” Here we have the gist of Naaman’s problem – expectation of the miraculous. He was looking for a big event, as are many who go in search of enlightenment in strange and exotic ways and places. All of these ideas are predicated on an **external** event.

Jesus’ teachings, Buddha’s teachings, Lao Tzu’s teachings and the Vedic texts are explicit about the power being **within us**. To access this power, we are required to go **within ourselves**.

The Church of Revelation

What is the Church of Revelation? How is it different from traditional religious groups? These are valid questions any reasonable searcher for truth might ask, considering the wide variety of organizations that exist today. It is very difficult to know, and that is precisely what **COA** and the Institute of Applied Metaphysics are about -- **Knowing**.

The Great Masters consistently taught the Universal Laws in their stories and parables. These are the basic truths that allow positive unfoldment and harmony in our lives. The Renford Books help to clear away the confusion created by those who developed religions after the departure of the Masters. With the self-study program, developed by the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and taught by **COA**, each reader is able to direct his own steps toward **Knowing**.

The Church of Revelation may be the most unusual church you have ever heard of. Its purpose is unlike traditional churches. It is simply to assist all who want to **Know** with the process of **Knowing**. This process is based on the contemplation, identification and verification of the Universal Laws in one's own life experiences. It is an experiential learning system directed by the individual, at his pace and within his own space.

It may be better to define COR by what it does NOT do.

- **No Rituals** – There are no rituals, no liturgy, no blessings or any other ceremonies to be observed. **COR** is about Self-realization, Self-discovery or simply becoming aware of who we are.
- **No Initiations** – Initiations suggest that there are those in the organization who can hand down enlightenment through rituals, thus opening the individual up to further advancement. There are no shortcuts to enlightenment. This is work that individuals must do for themselves.
- **No Doctrine or Dogma** – At the Nicene Council, Emperor Constantine would not let the Bishops leave the Council until they agreed and wrote what has come to be known as the Apostles Creed. It was the formation of the first Christian dogma and is embraced by traditional Christian churches today. There is no creed, verbal, written or unwritten, in **COR**. There is only experiential learning.
- **No Required Attendance to Services** –There is no such thing as a holy day. Every day is important in one's search for **Knowing**. The Church is available to assist on any day.
- **No Single Sacred Book** – **COR** is not modeled after any so called holy texts. As provided in *The Core Teachings* by Renford, you can see that the 13 Universal Laws can be found in virtually every religion. The four pillars of the Church are Identification, Verification, Observation and Meditation.
- **No Adherence to any Religion** –The Universal Laws may be found in the sacred books of many religions in the words of the Great Masters who are revered as founders of these religions.
- **No Politics** – Everything about **COR** is free from hierarchy and open to all. Anyone can read *The COR Document*, answer the questions and then be registered as a full member. Anyone can read the texts of the courses in the first level of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics, answer the questions, receive a certificate and be eligible for ordination as a Minister/Teacher.
- **No Fear-based Teachings** – There is no form of fear-based thinking in **COR**. There is no condemnation, no atonement and no blood sacrifice. There is no adherence to a war-god, like El Shadhai, found in many religious texts.
- **No Tithing** –Although members who have identified and verified the Universal Laws and are aware of the benefits of the Universal Law of Giving and Receiving, there is no requirement for tithing nor assessments of any kind. Of course donations are welcomed, but to give or not to give is an individual's choice.
- **No Fees or Dues** –Members are eligible for discounts on books and courses at the Institute of Applied Metaphysics, but there are no fees or dues payable to **COR**.

An Invitation

You are invited to learn about the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in your life experiences without an arbitrary or rigid program of development. This is firsthand knowledge – not doctrine or dogma. Your commitment to yourself is to experience, to examine, then learn to harmonize with the Universal Laws.

Regardless of your traditional faith, this study will help you understand what was being taught by the Masters. They didn't teach the doctrines and dogmas that have divided us and are prevalent to this day.

There is a need for humanity to become aware of how we are alike as opposed to how we are different. You are invited to participate in a unique organization that has been designed to assist all those who want to KNOW.

To learn more about **COR**, the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and the Renford Books, go to the website and download **free copies of *The Searcher's Road Map, the Renford Books Catalog and The COR Document***. Completion of the COR lesson questions means that you have finished one of the 20 courses in the first level of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and, which makes you eligible for membership in COR. All of the Other Renford Books are also listed, along with issues of the LIGHTWAYS E-zine, which is the voice of the Institute and **COR**.

This is the inaugural issue of **COR** Concepts, a monthly newsletter, and includes stories about members, benefits of membership and key teachings. There are currently five volumes of *Renford Revelations* and a sixth one on the way. Each volume consists of 52 blogs, articles and essays on a wide variety of subjects. They may be studied in relation to *The COR Document* and the **COR** Concepts Newsletter.

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