

III. The Essential Larry beginning with

► The Ten Tenets of Larryism

With all the boring justification and annoying intellectual stuff cut out and in big type for the visually impaired

- I. I am the one true Larry and I would really like to keep it that way.**
- II. Hey Dude, I'm neither omnipotent nor omniscient though I might be isotropic with respect to space and time.**
- III. Stop fighting with each other, read a good book, and hug your kids.**
- IV. Be nice to animals; but it's not coincidental that lots of them do taste very nice.**
- V. Five Tenets is enough for any reasonable belief system**
- VI. Be flexible, shit happens.**

- VII. Fellow Jazzoids, be reasonable, none of us is perfect.**
- VIII. Don't be too reasonable.**
- IX. It is important to appreciate the beautiful, but it is more important not to be eaten.**
- X. Enjoy the arts but understand the sciences.**
- XI. Even liberty is a mixed-blessing.**
- XII. If things sound crazy they usually are.**
- XIII. When unexpected things happen, 'Don't Panic.'**

And continuing with as sample of the following which are, for the most part, only available in unexpurgated form through

www.onetruelarry.org ⁴⁹

⁴⁹ The rapidly changing nature of current religion means that the only way to allow these pages to remain current is to update them, as Larry suggests, at *Larry Central* on www.onetruelarry.org. Thus, only samples are included in this pamphlet.

- ▶ **Larryism: Fact and Fiction**
 - Common misconceptions and the real poop

- ▶ **A Chat with Larry**
 - Meet Larry up-close and personal (Available only through www.onetruelarry.org along with the Larry Blog.)

- ▶ **Testimonials**
 - From several distinguished individuals whose life has been transformed by their *chats with Larry* (Only available at www.onetruelarry.org.)

- ▶ **How to Start an Official Larry Chapel** (LCD⁵⁰)
 - Registering your Covent
 - Support from Larry Central

- ▶ **Larry on the Web**
 - www.onetruelarry.org (needless to say)
 - A well-maintained *Best practice* and *Worst practice* selection of religious links and much else.

- ▶ **Stuff for Sale**
 - T-shirts, mugs, laser-pointers and other neat collectibles. Larryism allows the believer to keep both spiritually and technologically on the bleeding-edge. (Available at or through mail addresses given at www.onetruelarry.org.)

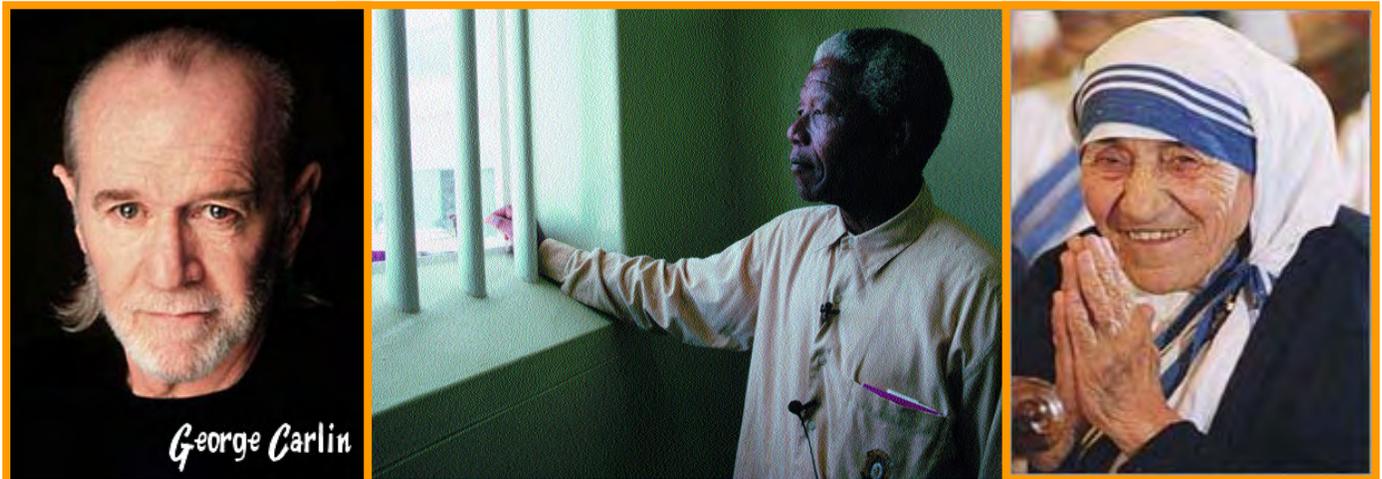
⁵⁰ LCD[®] is the **Larry Chapel Designation** and provides fine branding for your activities.

Larryism: Fact and Fiction

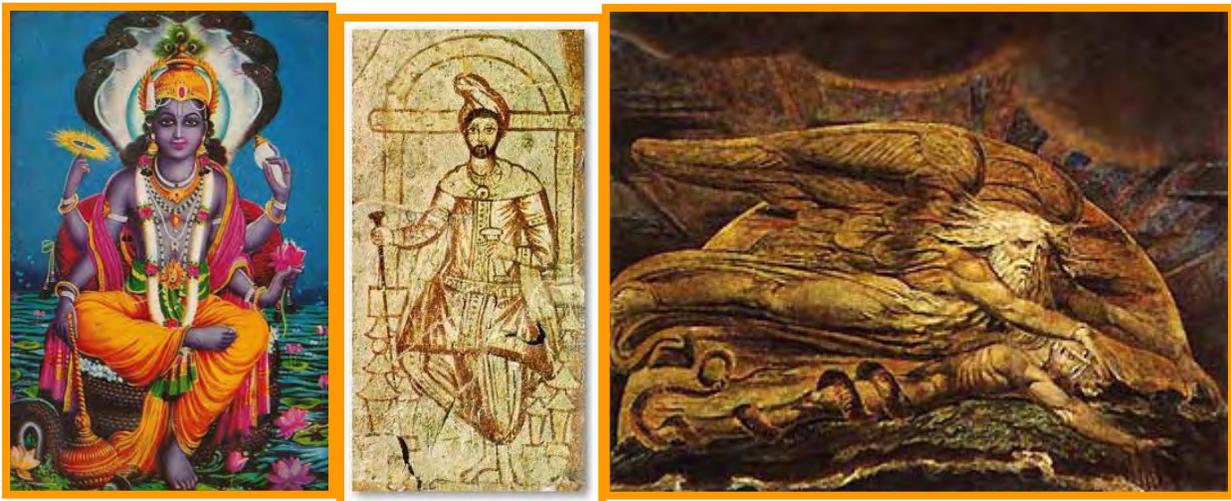
All religions are shot through with misconceptions. Larryism, by its very foundation, is much less vulnerable to confusions but it is certainly not immune.

Q. What does Larry look and sound like?

A. Exactly like you imagine him to look and sound. In North America three of the most common imaginings are shown below, and he always speaks English except when he doesn't.



In various other places and times Larry has been more likely to appear as one of the following:



Q. Where does Larry live?

A. As Tenet II says, Larry is *isotropic with respect to space and time*. This is a physics term used to describe a material or feature whose properties are the same in all directions. So the simple answer is “everywhere.” This may sound just like a lot of other religions, but Larry means it.

Q. Are there any big-time sacred days for Larryists?

A. There sure are, but we haven’t been around long-enough to really work out the annual calendar. As an early adopter, you get to help decide.

Q. Does Larryism have a hierarchy akin to Catholicism? Is there a Pope or a College of Cardinals?

A. No, but there is a CRO (Chief Religion Officer) and a CIO (Chief Information Officer). Other than that Larry likes us to keep the organization lean.

Q. Does Larry ever lose his temper?

A. What a dumb question! You idiot, didn’t you read the Tenets? Larry has no absolutely no time for people like you.

Q. Are there any special Larryist prayers or hymns?

A. Larryism is closer to the Quakers than to any brand of Islam or Evangelical Christianity in this regard.⁵¹ To get a more focused reply to this and other questions, you really

⁵¹ Larry already alluded to his musical tastes in Tenet VIII. They are pretty Catholic ranging from Bach to Warren Zevon. He enjoys R.E.M.’s “Losing My Religion”, Charlie Daniel’s “The Devil Went Down To Georgia”, and Bill Morrissey’s “Letter From Heaven”. He apologizes for Abba, *American Idol* and most New Age music.

will need to register with *Larry Central* as described in the next section. At www.onetruelarry.org you will find full discussion of important if predictable topics such as:

- ✚ Is there an after-life, a heaven or a hell? *That depends.*
- ✚ Are other religions wrong? *Not completely; The Unitarians and the Reform Jews don't do much harm. A few are really on the right track such as the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster www.venganza.org.*
- ✚ Is anything absolute? *Absolutely, but as to what, that again depends.*
- ✚ Are there things I can't do if I embrace Larryism? *Yes, but only things you should not do anyhow.*
- ✚ Why is Larry male or even human? *He never said he was. He is isotropic and you are reading the Earth-dwellers' edition.*
- ✚ Why did Larry reveal himself anyways? *Larry only knows!*

There is also helpful blogging on less common questions such as "How is it possible to have a civil war?" and "If Larry dropped acid, would he see people?"⁵² Another such question is:

Q. Is it wrong to stereotype and make fun of other nations?

A. Larry says "Usually, but who wouldn't enjoy this"?"

"The AP and UPI reported that the French Government announced after the London bombings that it has raised its terror alert level from Run to Hide. The only two higher levels in France are Surrender and Collaborate."⁵³

⁵² These are borrowed with thanks from George Carlin.

⁵³ Larry is not alone: "France has neither winter nor summer nor morals. Apart from these drawbacks it is a fine country. France has usually been governed by prostitutes." (Mark Twain)

How to Start a Larry Chapel (LCD[©])

Registering your covent⁵⁴ is a simple matter and the web form at Larry Central's www.onetruelarry.org will lead you through the process which typically takes less than ten minutes.

We do perform background checks; you certainly would not like cranks to register chapels.⁵⁵ So you will be asked for three references. We accept references from people in the same categories as for a Canadian Passport application.

Support from Larry Central

Registration entitles you to a host of support mechanisms including general guides to designing services, lists of traveling often-inspirational speakers, access to web-casts, how to obtain extra material, and so on.

Most of this is fine material is free but, as with all Religions, it costs real dollars (pounds, euros, yen or whatever) to stay in the theology game. Thus, value-added services, such as twenty-four/seven technical and theological support and our social-networked web-resources, require an annual

⁵⁴ Middle English for *convent*, it originally connoted any assembly or meeting (place).

⁵⁵ By English law, dissenters could not build churches: Webster's Dictionary (taken over by the Merriam brothers at Daniel Webster's death because Webster did not bother with copyright) defines *chapel* as a noun with meanings including : **4.**(in Great Britain) *a place of worship for members of various dissenting Protestant churches, as Baptists or Methodists* .**9.** *a print shop or printing house.* **10.** *an association of employees in a print shop for dealing with their interests, problems, etc.*

subscription fee. The fee is determined by the number of members in your Chapel. We at Larry Central always work on the honour system.⁵⁶

Incidentally, while Xavier has no interest in Larry Central, Zipporah really cares about the human side of Larryism. She is happy to maintain a monthly column *Zip it with Zippy* through which she shares her thoughts, responds to user concerns and even swaps recipes and music files.

Finally, the wallet-sized version of the tenets on the final page can be folded along the dotted line. A nifty laminated version is available at www.onetruelarry.org.⁵⁷



He might be Buddha but we bet Larry never looks like the alien pictured above.



⁵⁶ All financial transactions with *Larry Central* are fully secure and have a hundred percent money-back guarantee if you fail to be satisfied technically. Sadly, we are unable to provide a similar spiritual refund policy.

⁵⁷ Bulk orders are available at fabulous discounts---well beyond those already available to any LCD.