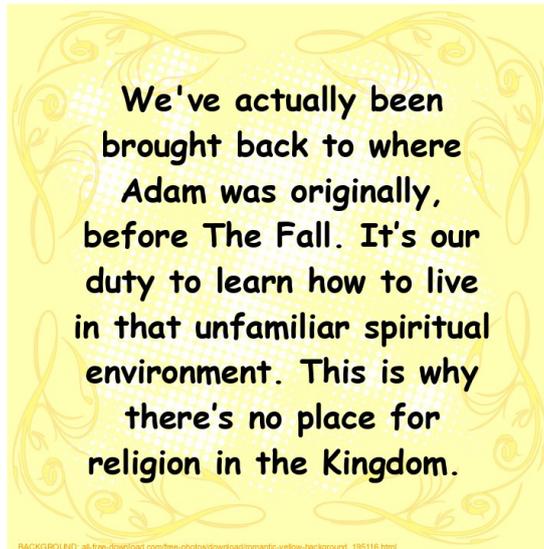


# The Tell-tale Signs of Religion

Have you wondered why our King has instructed us to eliminate all religion and legalism from ourselves? I've been teaching on this for a number of years now, so the question should have come into your mind. The most probable answer you've come up with is that this needs to happen before we can be reprogrammed in the knowledge of the Kingdom. This is true, but it's not the root reason for it.

The foundational reason is that, in the Kingdom, we are back where Adam originally was at Creation. Under this regime, religion is irrelevant.

Can you catch that? Let me state the facts in more simple terms:



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For now, we need to realise that life in the Kingdom is a spiritual life which needs nothing to prop it up. We need to divest ourselves of all religion, religious activities and religious-speak so we have nothing holding us back from our new life and destiny. **We must have a mindset that matches our Kingdom life or we won't be able to move forward** with everything that's required for our growth and development as a son.

To be successful with the removal of all religion it's important to know what religion really is. Religion is everything we do which we think pleases God or we think is what God wants us to do to worship him, but which he hasn't told us to do. Often they are activities we repeat because we think we'll offend God or anger him if we don't do them. Other times its continuing with activities God introduced for a season but which are no longer valid.

It's very easy not to recognise religion or religious activity. I'm still finding bits to get rid of after more than 5 years of working on it.

When I grew up in the denominational church system I was taught that, as an evangelical, I wasn't religious like those churches with the "bells and the smells" (as we used to call it). When I 'upgraded' to the pentecostal and charismatic systems, after being baptised in the Holy Spirit, I could clearly see the religion that was in my earlier church experience which I couldn't see before. Having been finally brought out of the church system altogether by my King, I can see the religion that engrossed the spirit-filled church system which I couldn't see earlier.

Whatever kind of worldview or mindset you have it's very easy to be 'blind' to what's really going on.

This is the experience of those in emerging autocratic nations and it's even a symptom of those who have been in communism all their lives. 'Blindness' like this is normal and it lasts until a person's 'eyes are opened'.

Recently I was shown the tiny bits of religion that still remain in me and I've been told to eliminate all these. What are these "tiny bits"? It's anything that I rely on, other than the life of the King inside of me, that I use to support myself spiritually.<sup>1</sup> This recent culling process has been scary for me because I considered these things essential. However, I've discovered that they are leftovers from my time in the charismatic system.

As you check to see if you have any religion that needs to be eliminated, here's a list of some religious activities and attitudes to help you. These are quite common tell-tale signs of religion – there are many, many more:

1. The day can't be coped with unless the Bible is read in the morning
2. Holy Communion mustn't be missed when it's scheduled
3. The Bible is left open on the table next to the bed to provide safety from night demons
4. Church attendance on Sunday is a must, otherwise the week is chaotic
5. Tithing is necessary for God to release prosperity
6. The Bible is quoted in normal everyday discussions
7. The Bible is usually quoted to prove points of belief
8. The pastor is regarded as the only one who can lead a meeting
9. Prayer time in the morning can't be missed
10. One chapter of the Bible must be read every day
11. Protection only comes to those who are prayed for
12. A pastor or minister are regarded as the only ones who can rightly bury a person
13. A pastor or minister are regarded as the only ones who can rightly marry people
14. The best Bible translation is the one currently being read
15. The KJV is considered the perfect English translation
16. Only Christian books should be read
17. Christian TV is the only one good enough to watch
18. The only decent movies are Christian ones
19. Believers who don't attend a church are considered to be 'back-slidden'
20. Any eschatology other than the Futurist version is error
21. Lots of shoppers in the supermarket are talking about you behind your back when you go there
22. A wooden/metal cross is the best protection against demons
23. A genuine church leader must wear robes or a gown during meetings
24. God is robbed when money isn't put in the plate every time it's passed around
25. A person must pray for guidance before reading the Bible
26. Framed Bible texts are displayed on the home walls
27. An IXΘΥΣ sticker is on the back of the car
28. A morning 'quiet time' can't be missed

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<sup>1</sup> – Read this for the details: "Learning to Operate as a Son Should Function – report #1"  
[canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Learning-to-Operate-as-a-Son-Should-Function-report1.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Learning-to-Operate-as-a-Son-Should-Function-report1.pdf)

29. Problems are only solved when a solution is prayed for
30. A prayer list must be prayed completely through before starting the day
31. Support for a missionary can't be cancel
32. Only overseas missionaries are worthy of support
33. The term 'saved' is in the vocabulary
34. Evangelism is considered the peak of Christian responsibility
35. It is a personal imperative that one person a day must be saved
36. Monetary giving is pledged to the church
37. Decisions are usually made without a spirit check
38. "Praise the Lord" is a common expression
39. "Amen" is said after every prayer
40. "Amen" is a common response of agreement
41. Grace is said before eating dinner but not at any other meal during the day
42. Travelling friends and family must have hands laid on them and prayer for before they leave
43. Prayer and fasting events is considered critical for the nation
44. Christians must continually repent of the nation's sins to cancel them out
45. Christian conferences are attended because they bring personal revival
46. A praise and worship session is essential to cope with the week ahead
47. Sunday is a 'high', but the rest of the week is a 'downer'
48. A Christian friend is usually sought out to solve personal problems
49. Regular prophetic words are critical so life's issues can be dealt with
50. A short-term mission trip is the spiritual highlight of the year
51. Children must be sent to a Christian school
52. Mid-week Bible studies provides the spiritual food for the whole week
53. Society is considered too evil to live in
54. Acquaintances are only selected if they are Christian
55. Relating to non-Christians is difficult
56. Bible verses are memorised
57. Fear is overcome by reciting Bible verses
58. Personal Bible study focusses on the OT in an effort to understand God
59. Dying and going to Heaven is the highlight of Christian existence
60. A Sabbath rest is mandatory
61. Non-Christians in need are not worthy to be supported
62. The Lord's Prayer is the best prayer for any situation
63. Working on the upkeep of the church building is a high calling and honour
64. Spirit-to-spirit communication can't be received from what another person is saying
65. Someone speaking to your spirit is always blocked or is usually blocked
66. Prayers are interspersed with "Father God", "God", "Jesus", "Lord", etc., about every second sentence

67. God is only thanked for answered pray and for 'God moments'
68. All teaching must be based on scripture
69. Spiritual documents are written full of bible-speak<sup>2</sup>
70. Bread and all yeast products are removed from the house at Easter (i.e. Passover)
71. Forgiveness is not afforded a person for the sin they committed, including those that are not personal
72. There are grades of sin
73. A minister must wear a 'dog collar'
74. A Christian who dies with unconfessed sin is considered "lost"
75. Religions other than Christianity are opposed<sup>3</sup>

Even spiritually gifted Christians display religion. This sounds like an oxymoron, but it's not. Here's two examples based on the many such Christians I have connected with:

76. An olive tree is grown in a pot because it represents Israel, God's people
77. A prophetic word describes them as a lily so they grow lots of lilies to be reminded every day of God's love for them

**IMPORTANT:** None of these items have direct relevance to the spiritual life we are to live in the Kingdom.

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2 – The phrase 'we are saved by grace' is used in a sentence without speech marks instead of writing 'we are saved by the grace of God'. 'Run the race' is used instead of writing 'complete your spiritual journey'. 'Lean not on your own understanding' is used instead of writing 'don't ever trust yourself'.

3 – See "Should We Oppose Other Religions" [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Should-We-Oppose-Other-Religions.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Should-We-Oppose-Other-Religions.pdf)