

How Religion Deviates Us from Heaven's Plans

In the same way we allow **religion** to put pressure on us to perform,¹ it's religion that makes us feel anxious that we haven't done enough work or the right type of activity to please "God". Whereas, Father only wants us to rest and relax in him, doing only what he shows us to do, when he's ready. He's quite satisfied in us relating to him at a very personal level, but he's always wanting to take us deeper. There's so much more to know and experience in the Kingdom, so surrendering to him and allowing him to show us what to do, as we live our life in the natural, is quite OK. However, our desire should always be to grow and mature as a son so we can become who we were sent here to be.

So what is religion? In very simple, non-Christian terms, it's when people decide to do things for "God" because they think it's what he wants or it will please him. That's very broad, I know, but that's what it is. This description is important because it covers most of what church systems do for "God".

Strictly speaking:

Religion is spirituality that originates in the human mind

The only spirituality that is genuine, is that which originates from Heaven and is current. The most powerful beings in the universe (the members of the Trinity) must be the ones that determine what we do for them. This is an important reality, because we were created to work with them as a team to see Heaven manifest on the Earth. Our rebellion and independence from them causes us, however unconsciously, to do what we want, not what they want.

Another critical understanding we all need to know about religion is this:

Religion is a relentless pressure to move in that direction

Religion is always putting pressure on us to remain religious or to become more religious. That's what the religious spirit does to us.

When did all this religion start if it's not what Father wants?

Basically, the first recorded attempt at false religion was Nimrod in Babel.² That was the beginning of false religion (paganism) and it spread from there to all cultures in the world.

Religion was even among the first believers. In the 1st century, Gentile converts had to completely cut ties with their old religions because they were worshipping idols. However, the Jewish believers still had their Jewish community life and religious celebrations. These Jews should have done what the gentiles had to do, but they continued in their Jewish lives because that was what it meant to be a Jew (as seen in Acts). They couldn't shake it off because they would feel like they were totally ostracised from their nation. They would have become gentiles if they had renounced all the ways of the Jews and become citizens of Heaven. They didn't do that because they wanted to remain Jews to 'save' the Jews, so they continued as a Jewish sect.

Orthodoxy (Orthodox Christian activity and belief) which came in in the 4th century, was set up by the Roman Catholic system to formalize the religion that the followers of "The Way" had become after the Apostles all died. The clergy also erased spirituality. Why? Because actions in the spirit are not enough. Actions in the natural are needed to 'hang on to', to be tangible. Spiritual people decided to leave the system because they were being persecuted, but they continued to be persecuted until they were exterminated. From that time on, and even following the Protestant Reformation, a Christian was totally

1 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Kingdom-Puts-No-Pressure-on-You-to-Perform.pdf

2 – See Ken Johnson (2010) "Ancient Post-Flood History", Revised

www.amazon.com.au/Ancient-Post-Flood-History-Ken-Johnson-ebook/dp/B008B7WWTG

immersed in religion. This is our heritage today: A religious church system.

You can read all about this in many books, however, this one is right ‘on the ball’:

- “The Lost and Forgotten Gospel of the Kingdom”³

The church system is the Christian’s demonstration to the world that “this is how you worship and serve Jesus” – that’s what Orthodoxy is. New Christians don’t know any different because they are trained to move straight into religion – unless we tell them otherwise. That’s why we must demonstrate by our lives and our spiritual/Kingdom maturity that there’s a different way. If we don’t, nothing will change. Like the first century believers, we must be prepared to be heretics for the sake of reality and how our King genuinely wants to see his people operate for him.

We can see the outworking of religion in Africa. Africa is the most evangelized continent in the world, yet it’s full of division, worldliness, sectarianism and racial tension. The Christian religion has not impacted the continent as the Kingdom should naturally do. For us in Australia, nothing will change in the spirituality of our nation unless we push through and make a gigantic difference to the *status quo*.

Recently we were instructed from the Throne like this:

*“Do what it takes to stay focused and to keep your perspective tied to reality. **There is a difference between spiritual reality and religious superstition**, and you must choose the side of truth instead of trying to make yourself feel better by believing fables. You must forge ahead clear-eyed and ready to take life as it comes.”*⁴

I confess that I have lost being “clear eyed” and forgotten to live a normal but supernatural life because religion has deviated me. Both in Batlow (NSW) and Canberra (ACT) I was led to focus on my local community rather than spiritual form and process. On both occasions I started enthusiastically, but the religious spirit worked on me subconsciously so that I reverted back to spiritual functionality and lost focus on the people I was to relate to and interact with.

I am rectifying that now, at the start of 2021, not as a New Year’s resolution, but having spent time resting and allowing my mind and heart to be changed by the Spirit.

Watch out for religion as it takes a myriad of forms, all of which deviate us from Kingdom reality.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

3 – Steven R. Service (2015) “The Lost and Forgotten Gospel of the Kingdom : A First Century Hebraic Perspective” [2nd Edition]

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4 – “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (6-12-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm

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