



Present Day Idols: Religion and the Religious Spirit

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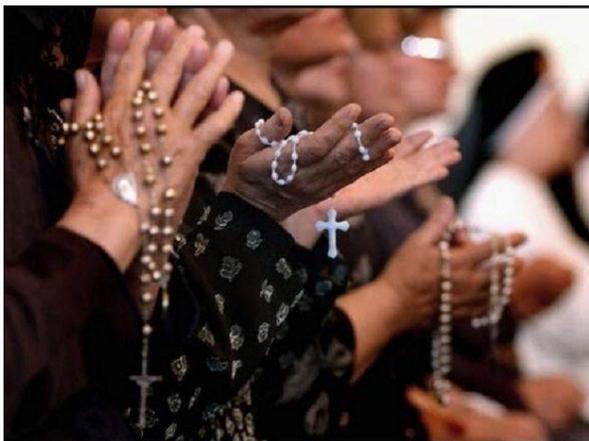
In this article, we will show how people mistake religion, also called Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, etc, is being perpetrated by a religious spirit, and how that spirit draws people away from the Lord Jesus Christ and to itself. By bombarding many people with all sorts of rules and customs, many people live their whole lives trying to follow these rules and customs and they NEVER find the Lord Jesus Christ. This is especially bad in the churches today, as they do not teach that walking with Jesus is a relationship; rather, people are given a bunch of rules where they have to fend for themselves. Many people who are religious are NOT following Christ, but a bunch of rules that some person made up. Yes, we are going to name names and show you that 'Christianity' is religious and being a follower of Christ is not.

There is a BIG difference!!

So, let's take at the fruit of a religious spirit.

First of all, a religious person looks ridiculous!! Why is it that there are always garish costume that these people wear? What normal person would even look like that? The religious spirit, that you see in the pictures above, will have people doing crazy things and have them look crazy as well. If we look in the Bible, Jesus was an ordinary guy, who didn't wear garish robes, have strange headpieces or anything like that. The Pharisees and the Sadducees did have the long flowing robes, and people accepted this as being 'of God' when it is not.





A person afflicted with a religious spirit will do things that are outright nutty in the name of 'God'. Why in the world would you use beads to pray with? can't you use your mouth? The rituals that are involved with praying the rosary, for example, are downright stupid. Why are you praying a rote prayer with Hail Mary's and 'our father's' in them? What does that do? Do you think that the Lord Jesus Christ is a MORON and that he needs you to repeat a prayer? The Bible warns us about doing this, as you can see in scripture here:

Matthew 6:7 - But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

If the Lord is telling us NOT to do these things, then why do we do them?

A person afflicted with a religious spirit will act strange as well. What person do you know that will 'preach' like many of the preachers out there today? Some of them have a stupid perma-grin smile on their faces, Like Joel Osteen, and others preach in a sing-songy manner that is actually witchcraft, as that sing-songy manner is used to bewitch and mesmerize people in those churches. Where in the Bible does it say that this is NORMAL?



Jesus says in scripture that He wants to reason with you, as it shows in scripture here:

Isaiah 1:18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

How is the Lord going to reason with us if we are in our emotions, acting like clowns, acting like fools? This is the work of a religious spirit, and that spirit will entertain you and keep you distracted before it will let you get to God so you can be edified spiritually.



Then we see this - and this 'pastor' looks like a crazed lunatic. And THIS is what you are following? THIS is supposed to be 'hard preaching'? This is clown show, Christian,

and there the people are, sitting in this clown show, calling it 'church'.

Why?

It is because these people are captive by a religious spirit.

When Jesus was ministering to people, did you EVER see Him act a fool like this one does? This is the result of a religious spirit, and what has happened is that people are accepting this is 'the Gospel' when it is not. We are NOT to be berated or browbeaten to bring in tithes for the church NOR are we to put up with these clownish antics.



And what in the Sam Hill is THIS?

Does this look INSANE to you?

As you can see, a religious spirit will drive you insane and it will take the Lord Jesus Christ Himself to make you normal again. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father, the Lord of Hosts, absolutely detest that religious spirit, and 98% of ALL churches worldwide are victims to this thing. How many churches that you know of do NOT require some sort of ritual that they make you follow?

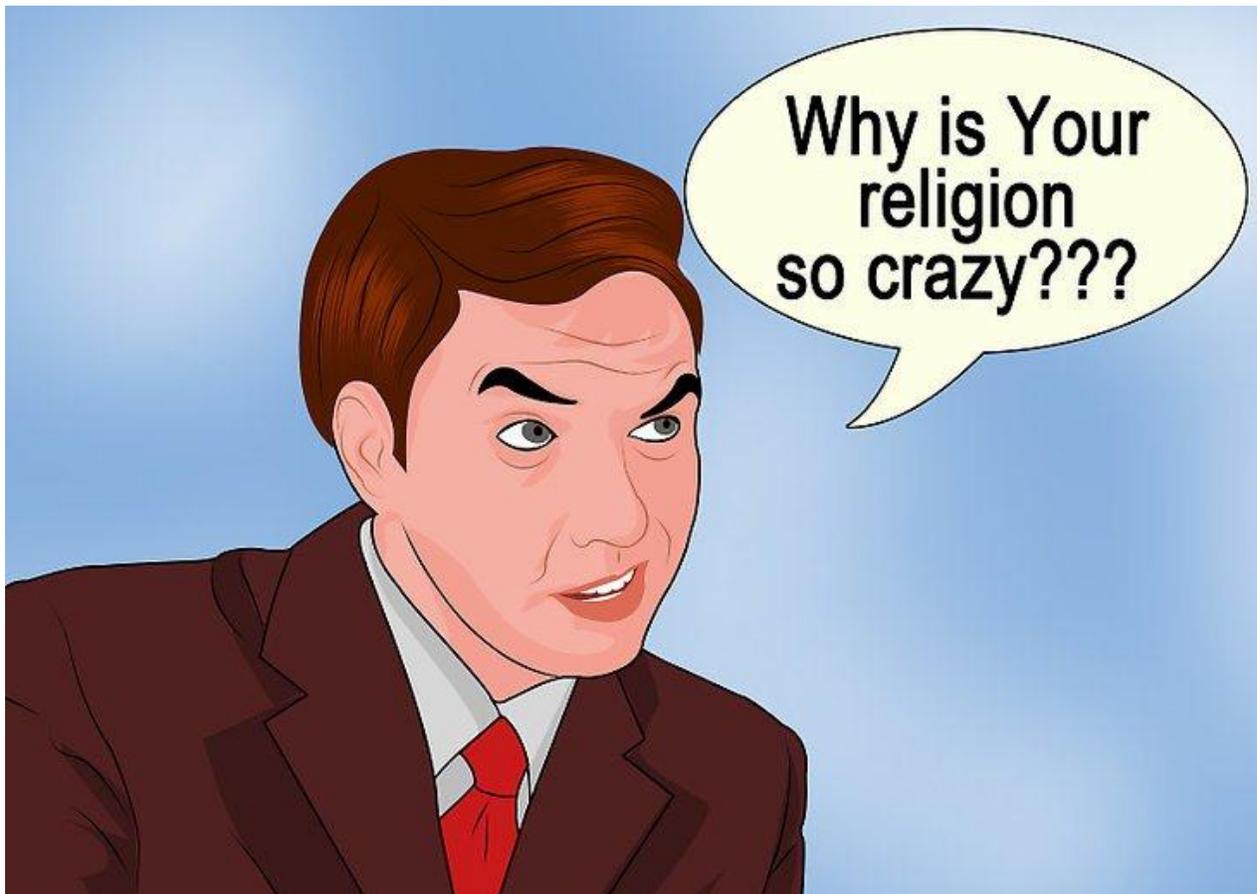


We see this self-mutilation spirit manifest around Easter, when many religious people around the world will re-enact the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a religious spirit that wants people to worship Christ being crucified, and these 'traditions' are done every year. Many people think that they are honouring the Lord Jesus Christ by doing this, but in fact they are spitting on what Jesus did at the cross for us. This religious spirit has people crucifying the Lord afresh over and over again. This is strange and demonic.

Some of the rituals that are done during Easter is one of bloodletting, as the people who do this are 'beating off the bad spirits' from themselves, they think. Actually, this is a demonic ritual that the demons have come up with because they LIKE BLOODSHED. They are energized by Bloodshed and they are euphoric around bloodshed!! And here we see some religious people who are shedding their blood for the amusement of the demons.



This religious ritual actually has people cutting their skin so that they can have blood flow – and all of it is done to commemorate these people's love for the Lord Jesus Christ. This is an example of how far out a religious spirit will take you.



These days, many young people are bucking the trend and they are rejecting this religious spirit. The worst part of this is that many of the people currently going to church are subjected to these weird and strange actions and attitudes that this is NORMAL to them. When the Lord Jesus Christ starts to destroy the apostate churches, all of this foolishness is going to go away.

GOD HATES RELIGION



*People "Slain in the Spirit"
at a Benny Hinn Crusade
in Nashville, Tennessee*

No longer will we be subjected to foolishness and witchcraft that you see in the picture on the right. Benny Hinn is a warlock, and he has been given real demonic power to literally knock people off of their feet. Many of these people think that this is the work of the Holy Ghost, but it is not. This is the work of a religious spirit, one of the nastiest and DEADLY of all spirits that you will encounter. Look at the people who are laid out on the floor by this man, Benny Hinn. It makes you wonder how a person like Benny Hinn can sleep at night, knowing that they are evil, using power of the devil, tricking these people into believing a lie. Now it is up to the people to search this out for themselves, but they won't because they have been seized by a religious spirit.

You see, the religious spirit is being presented as something that is 'of God' when it is not. It is because of this very spirit that many people are on the broad road to destruction. You see, Christian, the Lord Jesus Christ is appealing to your intellect, and you have to THINK to be a real Christian. Just as the Israelites before us, many people TODAY are adopting the ways and the traditions of the heathen, and you can see how well that worked out for the Israelites.

So, what do we do?

We need to reject that religious spirit and follow Jesus as HE has ordained it. We need to drop the pretenses, Christian, and get with Jesus and ask Him how we are to be and walk in what He tells us to do.

The religious 'life' that people follow may be pleasurable for some, and downright weird for others. The trick of this is that your normalcy in the Lord Jesus Christ is perverted to be the normalcy of the religion that a person will follow. As the banner above tells us, God HATES religion for this very reason. The person who is caught up in religion will NOT know they are religious, and they will think that a normal person is strange. It will take a supernatural move of The Lord Jesus Christ and/or the Holy Ghost to remove that religious spirit from people, opening their eyes to what they were doing or following, and then to restore their minds to them.



So, let's focus on what a religious spirit does to a Christian. How do you know that a Christian person has a religious spirit?

- **When they say 'Praise the Lord' or 'Thank you Jesus' ALL of the time to everyone.** These are the people that are constantly talking, trying to LOOK 'Christian', but all the while they are missing the essence of following the Lord Jesus Christ. When you follow the Lord Jesus Christ, you lose all of the histrionics that is attributed to 'church'. Jesus frowns upon that, and He just wants you to be 'normal'. If we are asked, we are to declare that we are of Christ, but we do NOT have to announce it where it is not needed or wanted. In fact, announcing you are a Christian person will get you killed very soon, and we have to have discernment as to whom we are talking to. We need to follow Jesus and do as He says and follow His dictates. Now if you do say these phrases WITH Jesus' permission, then by all means – proclaim away. However, if you do this on your own, trying to be 'holy', this is where you are in error.

- **When people have co-pastors in their church.** This is a religious spirit, as there is no such thing as a co-pastor, and this is the spirit culling off those to worship the pastor's wife instead of being focused on Jesus and what He wants for them to do. This is a made-up thing that many pastors use to 'sell' their churches to get more people to attend their church. There is NO Biblical basis for a co-pastor, and those who use this are religious.
- **When you hear a person saying things like 'I'm blessed' when you ask them how they are doing. Now, if you are blessed by God, that is between Him and you; that is not something that you need to share with the world.** As a follower of Christ, we are to follow Christ, and the real followers of Christ are not weirdoes. If any of His followers are acting up, strange or crazy, Jesus is faithful to put a stop to that quick, fast and in a hurry. Why? It is because Jesus knows that a religious spirit has infiltrated His camp, and He deals with the person who has that spirit directly, showing them the error of their ways and having them repent of turning to that spirit and then having them continue in their walk with Him.
- **When you hear a person speaking in 'preacher-speak'.** Preacher-speak is the sing-songy way that many preachers talk, which is witchcraft AND the manifestation of a religious spirit. If there are tonal inflections, or local emphasis put on certain words, that is preacher-speak. Almost ALL pastors that come from the seminary have the ability to do this, and that is taught to them so they can sway the emotions of the people in the pews, and once the emotions are swayed, the pastor can then get the congregation to do whatever he wants them to do. You can see this with many of the prosperity preachers, as they work their congregations to get the money that he wants. **Again, this is ALL witchcraft.** When Jesus talked to people, He NEVER used any of these 'tricks of the trade'; He talked to them in a normal manner. You can see this in the Bible when he talked to the Sumerian woman, when he absolved the woman committing adultery that was about to be stoned to death, when He talked to the Roman Centurion, and even when He talked to His disciples! Now, Jesus did get a little annoyed with the disciples from time to time when they did not understand what he was teaching, but for the most part, Jesus just talked to people regularly.
- **When a person always 'has a word' from the Lord that the Lord did NOT authorize them to give.** This happens a lot in conferences where people of the Lord are gathering. Many times these people will profess to be prophets or prophetesses, culling off as many people as they can to give this 'word' to. That is a religious spirit, and the Lord does NOT work like that. Now He may have a prophet that He Chooses to give a word, but the Bible tells us to ALWAYS confirm anything you hear before you accept it. This religious spirit does this, counterfeiting the prophetic from the Lord, drawing people to it instead of the Lord.

- **When people proclaim themselves to be Apostles, Bishops, Prophets, Prophetesses and have business cards made up, promoting themselves to be used by 'God' when in fact these people are propping themselves up for their own gain.** Unfortunately, many in the church today do not have discernment, and they need to ask Jesus for this gift so they can see the charlatans that are running around trying to be important in the Body of Christ. Many of these self-proclaimed Apostles are NOT even Born Again, but they are there to try and get as much money as they can from the business of church. That is a religious spirit, as they are trying to be and act 'important' as they puff themselves up.

- **When you encounter someone that calls you 'Brother' or 'Sister' all the time WITHOUT your permission to do so.** Now the rationale for this is that 'we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, right?' Well, yes, that is a given, but where is the balance that Jesus wants us to have? For Black people, they call each other 'brotha' or 'sista' all of the time, and that is a totally different meaning; in this context, we are talking about people who go to church. You see, church is a strange place, as people act strangely there. Can you have a rational conversation with these people? Possibly, but then you have a lot of the 'church' in them coming out. THAT is a religious spirit that is controlling that person. A person who has this spirit would NOT interact well with people in the world, the corporate world or at work. Many employers put up with people like this because they have to, but the consensus is that 'church people' are nuts.

- **When you see a 'First Lady' or 'First Gentleman', that is not only a religious spirit, but the 'First Gentleman' is an abomination that the Lord absolutely hates.** Again, this religious spirit wants you to worship the church leadership and their spouses. What is a **First Gentleman** anyway? There is nothing in the Bible that says that there should be ANYONE put first other than the Lord Jesus Christ. This foolishness will stop soon as well, as the devil using the religious spirit has made a mockery of the church. We already know that the Lord HATES homosexuality, so why are you going to put that as something of honour when the Lord tells you that is a shame and confusion?

- **When you see congregations of people who are dancing mindlessly in the aisles while the music is playing, working themselves up into a frenzy.** You see this a LOT in the Baptist churches, as you see a lot of dancing and acting like a fool in the pews as well as in and around the pulpit. That uncontrolled frenzy is the religious spirit that is worshipped in that church, and NOT the Lord Jesus Christ. This is NOT what the Lord had in mind in His house of prayer; He wants you to come together to PRAY and to seek Him out so you can be filled with His Holy Ghost and to follow Him so you can get through your sanctification process so you will be ready to enter into the Kingdom of God.

- **When you see congregations throwing their money at the pulpit so that they can get their 'blessing' from God.** Now you know that this is nothing more than idolatry, as the worship here is of the money that the people are giving. Where is the following of the Lord Jesus Christ? Where is the thanksgiving for the Lord and what He has done for us? Where is the gratitude for what the Lord has done for us? In places like this where the tithe money is the most important thing, there is a religious spirit. As you know, the tithe was an agricultural law that mandated that the people giving the tithe give 10% of their crops so that the Levitical Priests could be fed, as the Levitical Priests had to be at the temple 24/7 for sacrifices. Also, the rest that the priests did not use were put aside for strangers and the poor, so everyone was taken care of. NOWHERE in the Bible does it tell you to give 10% of your salary to the church. Many people proudly proclaim that they 'tithe', thinking that is a good thing, when in reality it is that religious spirit that browbeats people into giving up their hard earned money.
- **When you see people actually worshipping their church.** This is a situation when you see a person who is a part of their church and will give time, money and devotion to the church thinking that this is a part of walking with God. It is NOT. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a living church that is made up of PEOPLE and it is not a brick and mortar church. What we are talking about here is about people who think that worshipping their church will get them into heaven. Many Catholics will do this, thinking that the church is the rock that Peter built it on. In that scripture, that Rock is The Lord Jesus Christ and it is upon HIM – Jesus – that His church is built upon. From the erroneous interpretation of the Bible, many are now thinking that their church will save them and get them into Heaven when they die.
- **When you see pastors who want you to address them with their accolades or degrees and get offended when you do not.** If you address Dr. Robert Smith, Pastor as 'Robert', a person with a religious spirit will be HIGHLY offended and will correct you to call them 'Dr. Smith'. That is pride, and the Lord HATES proud people, and the religious spirit will put proud people on a pedestal for the congregation to worship THEM and turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on a cross of shame so you and I can be free.
- **When you see churches that downplay the importance of the Holy Ghost.** This happens mostly in Baptist churches, but these churches will NOT allow the Holy Ghost to be a part of their church through their doctrines that they teach. Any Church that does not let the Holy Ghost flow freely is a Lukewarm Church and the Lord Jesus Christ is none too pleased by this. Many of the pastors who lead these churches are teaching Baptist Doctrine instead of teaching the people about the Lord Jesus Christ, which makes these people following doctrine and NOT Jesus. This makes the people lukewarm as the Gospel is watered down, and the people NOT able to free themselves from the religious spirit that is binding them.



You CAN get free of a religious spirit and to do this, you must be a follower of Christ. Notice that we did not use the term 'Christian'; this is because a 'Christian' is one who is guilty of having this religious spirit that they are unaware of. Christians often pick up these religious spirits because this is what they are being taught in church.

Others pick up the religious spirit because they are NEW to Christ, and they are just imitating what they see because they do not know any better. It is our job as followers of Christ to correct this for a person who does not know better, but those Christians that should know better you have to remand them to Jesus to get them the help they need. Only Jesus can break the yoke of a religious spirit on a person who cannot free themselves from it, as they think that being 'religious' is what Jesus wants from them.

The religious spirit is an UGLY spirit, and it is manipulative and cunning. The telltale signs are that it will point you to anything and everything that is NOT the Lord Jesus Christ. It will also tell people to do things that Jesus NEVER told His disciples to do. The best defense against this spirit is to examine EVERYTHING that is told to you that you 'have to do'. **Many tell you that to be saved, all you have to do is 'believe', and this is a religious spirit telling you this.** If you hear things like this, **get with the Lord Jesus Christ YOURSELF and then run what you have heard by HIM first.** Many people fail to do this and then they are trapped in the devil's snares and they cannot get out on their own.

Many follow religion because they do not know any better. Hopefully, this book will get you to start a conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ so you can ask Him what He wants you to do, and ask Him to show you what He wants done. Do not just go mindlessly following what 'they' do; check for yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ so you will do as He wants for you to do.



As always, **take NOTHING that you have seen here in this book as the truth.** It is **YOUR responsibility to study and check out everything that you see and hear**, and you have an advocate in the Lord Jesus Christ who will help you if you would just ask Him.

Take this upon yourself, Christian, as **YOU** need to get **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, **YOUR** pens/pencils, **YOUR** notepad and then **YOU** need to seek out the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to help **YOU** so **YOU** can make it into His Kingdom, since it will be **YOU standing alone in front of Jesus** when **YOU** are being judged.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure **YOU** are in the faith and that **YOU** have completed **YOUR** sanctification during the sanctification process and **YOU** have gotten **YOUR** forgiveness and **YOU** have repented of all of **YOUR** sins before **YOU** are judged by Jesus.

Scripture tells us that hell will enlarge itself to accommodate all of the people who will be sent there because of idols like the pope, as you can see in scripture here:

Isaiah 5:14 - Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Take this as a warning, Christian, as the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT desperate for people, as **there were only 8 people** who got on the ark before the flood, and **only 2 people** from the Hebrews from Egypt made it into the Promised Land.

Be wise, and stay IN Jesus so you are not lost.



Here is Our Challenge to you, Christian

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

“Jesus, is what I just read true?”

He will answer you and NOW you will be on the true road to salvation, knowing for **SURE** if you are going to make it or not, as Jesus would have told you. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you. You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.