

RELIGION



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It's 100% certain, that you have been or are currently worshipping a golden calf.

Even if you've rejected the golden calves (false gods-includes yourself) in your life and repented, there are other people's golden calves that can and are afflicting you.

Surprised? Don't believe it? It can't be? Let's see.

One of the most dangerous beasts in existence, that affects everyone's life, is religion.

Yes, religion has and is adversely affecting your life right now!

As the effects of religion are so broad and deep, a series of books might be needed, in order to properly do some justice to this monster. As this teaching is short, I'll use a wide brush to touch on a few main areas that Christians are exposed to.

Let's hit the easy one first.

Religion is anti-God's Word; anti-God's Kingdom; and anti-Christ, yet virtually every person that calls themselves "Christian", is a prisoner of religion.

Every man-made denomination (even those calling themselves non-denominational), follow man-made doctrines, that conflict with God's Word. This includes compromise with it, making

up contrary doctrines and ignoring parts of it. There are no denominations in Heaven. Religion doesn't exist in Heaven. It's banned! It should be banned here too! Amen!

“Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” Matthew 6: 10

Let's examine just three standards from God.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

“The elders (leaders) who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. “1 Peter 5:1-3

“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

The above three scriptures, are God's Words on what a Christian and Christian leadership should be doing. That's just three. Religion corrupts, manipulates and ignores these few requirements and many others.

When a person puts whatsoever ahead of God, including themselves, then they have chosen new gods. When leaders are religious focused and powerless, also failing to equip everyone to walk in the spirit and with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:12), they have made themselves and their religious vehicles, their gods.

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:5-8

Pay attention now. When a person accepts or participates in any such denominational establishment, that operates in the flesh, that person has opened themselves up to demonic attack (and a withholding or blockage of Heaven's blessings)! You're just being there, implies acceptance of all that they say and do, unless you stand up and walk out, when you see or hear something that's offensive to God's Kingdom, which is your Kingdom too. You're supposed to be a royal-priest and ruler now in God's Kingdom. Nonsense is not accepted in Heaven nor should it be by you on Earth!

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.” 1 Timothy 4:1

When a person willingly accepts an alternate gospel (ignoring parts of God's Word is an alternate), they have made an agreement with the devil. Evil has access to them and their life now! The devil doesn't care if a person is ignorant of what they're doing, any more than he cared that Adam and Eve were ignorant of their choice. A deal is a deal in the spiritual realm!

Did I leave anyone out?

OK. For those who have abandoned religion and its practitioners, as God directs us to do...

"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple." Romans 16:17-18

... let's see what religion has done and is doing to you.

Suppose you are someone who opposes religion, even your own "home-baked" one. You're putting God first in your life; operating in spiritual senses and gifts and follow God's Word, under the Holy Spirit's direction. Awesome! Yet, evil spirit attack continues. Why? How?

You broke all soul ties and generational curses. You fast; pray; worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24); trust and acknowledge God in all things and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:5-8). But...

Here's a usually overlooked factor that effects many, especially true leaders of God. You can call it "Christian" witchcraft.

When those who have chosen to avoid and rebuke religion, so-called Christian and non-Christians will retaliate. When they do, they unleash attacks from hell against you!

When you put God first in your life and are operating in the spirit and with the Holy Spirit (as Jesus always did-John 5:19-20; 6:38; 8:28), people attack you. Most of it is behind your back (out of sight and out of ear shot), by those you would consider leaders, friends or "brothers and sisters" in Christ.

When you are operating in the supernatural with God, religious, prideful people want to justify their religion; they feel insecure and intimidated; fear being displaced; fear for their position of power over people; become jealous and bitter; and will call you a fool, ridicule you and even hate you. This is murder.

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:21-22

“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” 1 John 3:15

Such people will hopefully repent and change before their first death, as their second one will be very unpleasant!

People can appear to be very loving, caring and Christian-like on the outside. Many have what people would even call successful ministries. That doesn't impress God.

“So, Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”
1 Samuel 15: 22-23

When these people attack you, they have made an unholy agreement with hell to release evil upon you.

These are the effects of religion on you, even when you have abandoned religion. Many leaders have openly ridiculed me and the ministry of spiritual warfare. Also, attacking behind my back (I've found out). Even those who operate in the supernatural, suppress God in many areas and attack those whom God has blessed differently or taken further than them. I've had to come against these curses to protect myself, Rhoda and our lives and our walk with God.

Also keep in mind, that jealousy, ridicule, gossip, bitterness, hatred, etc., also comes from relatives, “friends”, strangers and co-workers. A stranger can spew hate against you (and evil spirits) just because they don't like the way you dress.

Protect yourself from religion. Abandon it and those who practice in it. Repent of your religious practices, both in accepting golden calves and when you have issued hatred towards others. Put God first. Surrender to His ways and to the Holy Spirit. Reject evil. Operate in the spirit. Do self-deliverance daily (people can be deliberately and in ignorance, cursing you every day).

Many I've heard say that they don't need a deliverance. If you've never accepted a deliverance for yourself, just imagine all the evil spirits that have built up in and over your life that you continue to allow access to you. Evil spirits can and do give you thoughts that aren't your own and not from God.

They have been and are, actively blocking your blessings and stealing blessings from you.

Attack them! Get rid of them! Imprison them (don't just cast them out so they can come back or go attack others)! Take away their access! Go retrieve what they've stolen from you!

Dump religion and the religious! Follow God's voice and direction for your life!

Improve your life on Earth and in Heaven!

Good Hunting!