

THE FINAL RELIGION

The religion of self is one's final religion. A religious person is one who has an understanding of self. In obtaining this understanding of self, one becomes in touch with and is in harmony with the whole of existence.

As people aren't usually joined together at the hips, you also can not realistically be joined together by a single collective religion? ^{In isolation} Self is not only the smallest unit in our humanity, it is, realistically, our only unit.

Even in deep intimacy, individuals never touch. How often have you thought you knew the other person in a relationship and then, the other person or party ^{betrayed you} did something totally different from what you had imagined or expected? One may know of, but never truly know, the other.

In general, motivation for one may not be the same for another. In life as in death you are "alone". You were born alone {even if you are a twin} and you'll die alone. No one has touched your inner-self. ^{Yes} In spite of this, you seek to touch another via a collective religion.

Perhaps it is your fears: you do not trust yourself, one whom you've known all of your life, yet, you prefer to trust the religious teachings of another. This is why most religions are just a business, a place of entertainment where one is duped or led into a hypnotic trance.

Because they are in the business of religion, rather than the religiousness of religion...

Everyone does not think alike. So, how can one realistically expect to engage in a synchronized-religion?

Your needs, fears, aspirations and limitation are simply not the same as the other. It is only when you realize that you are an individual of the First Sovereignty in your own right, that you will truly become a religious person of "self-knowledge". It is a knowing and not a be[LIE]ving that is religious.

True religion isn't found through a childlike "faith". It is a discovery process of learning and coming into a deeper "understanding".

When you follow the religious dogmas of "the others", you deny self.

Question arises: "how does the other know?"

If you do not have an "understanding" of self - logically speaking, how can you possibly expect "the other" to know more about you than you know about yourself? After all, you are the closest person to you. It is only You whom You can truly know. The nuances of an individual is inestimable. And it is twice as inestimable for you to fathom the actions of another. And nearly impossible, without first knowing self.

Have you noticed the collective behavior of the human-herd, then the stark contrast between the individual and the group?

Generally, an individual can be reasoned with. But ^{when} ~~then~~ an individual joins a group, Reason then seems to be the farthest thing away. This is why disputes are easier settled on a one-on-one basis.

You'll note that a mob will lynch a defenseless individual: seldom will an individual do so. Historically, the most heinous crimes were committed by groups {i.e., religions, nations, etc}, and not by the individual.

If indeed bad and good could be defined. Bad occurs more often by the actions of the group and far less by the individual. Thus it could be said: a religious person is good and a religious group is bad. Religions are like governments, they're supposedly constructed to protect the weak from the strong. The moral objective and function of religion is to allow "the one" to benefit from "the many". Yet, what governments and religions most often allow, is: the individuals being exploited by the masses.

In theory, organized religions MUST have some merits... Of course, in practice and in reality religions have been the major causes of ^{every} atrocities ^{committed} against humanity (e.g., religious-wars, slavery, genocide, etc).

Taking into consideration the current evolutionary progress of human^s, our psychological-dependency and instability, elimination of government and religion isn't a practical alternative. Thus, the emphasis is, and always must be, on self«during this current time-period»the strengthening of self, the individual.

In our current scheme of things, the individual is weak and society{the whole} is strong. This is the wellspring of corruption and injustice. As the old adage goes: "A chain is only as strong as it's weakest link". The individual in our society is considered that weak link.

For those who need religious fellowship with others, let it be so. But, let it be an intelligent fellowship with "parity"; not, one individual or group blindly and brain-deadly following the other. Let those who would follow the Christian religion become a thinking Christian. Let those who would follow the Muslim religion become a thinking Muslim. And so on and so on.

Society has never trusted the independence of the individual: thinking the one to be evil or dangerous. So, it was thought to be necessary to control the individual: through the Fear of punishment of Hell and the Greed for the paradise of Heaven. Yet, it is society itself that is responsible for the world's atrocities. One need not denounce anything, simply make one's participation "a knowing".

Make one's life a knowing and not a be[LIE]f. A dissection of the word BE-LIE-F spells the word LIE! While that may be a mere coincidence and a trivial example, it is axiomatic in defining what a be[LIE]F OFTEN is.

How often have you been betrayed by your be[LIE]fs(?) - as oppose to your "knowing" the truth of your experiences? Be[LIE]f is called be[LIE]f because it is most often, the supposed truth of another. It is generally, not your truths.

Likewise with traditions and the likes: they aren't yours personally, singularly. You have not found them. Something or some teaching may have been the true Religion of A PARTICULAR founder.
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But you, the individual are just a follower. Often, blindly following the purported truths of another. This is why most have had so much trouble attempting to be faithful and to religiously follow the other's religious teachings. How could it be otherwise? It is not your religion, you aren't the founder. It doesn't encompass your needs. It wasn't premised on your likes and dislikes. This is why you were taught to be patient with your failures in assimilating, and told to strictly adhere to the many rituals and laws of the established religions.

True-assimilation isn't realistically possible... due to the fact, assimilation is synonymous with clone-ism. Even if you were to succeed where most do not, you would still be just an unthinking clone of another's religious ideology and dogmas.

For those who now renounce religions and claim that they have a personal relationship with God, you have only cut out the intermediary. What does this mean, having a relationship with some unseen, untied-entity?

This is simply the same hypocrisy merely cutting out the intermediary's business aspect of religion. It is not having to financially support a religion! However, you now claim to know God: that which you have not seen, who is supposedly unseeable.

Yes, in all probability, you do not even know yourself.

You are attempting to lay claim to the unknown. You do not, however, understand the known. If you did, you would not be seeking from "the other" what can only be found in the self. While this charade may camouflage the conflict within SELF, you are no closer to becoming religious or of having a true understanding of self. Only when you have found self, only when you have an understanding of self, for all intent and purpose, only then will you have truly found God - your inner-self, the unknown; the final religion, the religion of SELF.

A religious person is one who has discovered self: who has an understanding of SELF. In gaining this understanding you have touched and become in "harmony" with the whole. The Final Religion!

Why is the final religion so necessary? Simply because the collective religion isn't and moreover truth, true religion lies within the one and not the many. Where one cannot envision anything greater than self. Where there lies no bogeyman north(God) or bogeyman south(the Devil). Neither heaven nor hell and where the spirit of humankind is guided by the criterion of love. Understand, you cannot seek thy God, you don't know God's address; simply prepare yourself and the Godliness you seek will occur within you.

COMMENTARY(1): "Achim, you speak of the "Final Religion" and logically what you have said is unassailable, since it is illogical to presume that there is anything higher than self, the First Sovereignty. Nevertheless, you-yourself have counseled against accepting the concept of finality, when life is a continuous flux of infinite change, is this not a contradiction."

You have pointed out what you perceive as a contradiction, but, in reality, they merely complement each other. The last word yesterday, may simply not be the last word today. One cannot avoid closure, in anticipation of its un-closure. That is why I tell you the final religion is the religion of self, of which becomes TRULY a living religion. You must prepare in spite of and not because of... And learn to live with the reality of change, that your finality lives within you and not by some proclamation from another.

Can you not imagine two roads leading you to the same destination? Likewise, there are more than one road to search for one's truth. Concern yourself not with the number of roads traveled and more with the road you need travel.