

## **Measure Twice in Matters of Religion**

The casual and haphazard way in which many have tossed aside “religion” is mind boggling. The average person who has rejected religion has done so based on hastily made assumptions from inadequate information, and not a serious consideration of the genuine. Many have never taken the time to try to investigate the stereotypes, caricatures, and prejudicial slogans that turn many people against religion. John Lennon said that “religion is simply an opium for the people”. Jesse Ventura, former Governor of Minnesota said that “religion shows the stupidity of the people.”

Many of the television “worship services,” and many denominations, have made religion into some kind of a circus sideshow. People simply shake their head in disgust as they see such foolishness. Often, modern people do not even have the curiosity of the Athenian philosophers to hear the case for Christianity - Acts 17:16-21, 22-34.

Many today are more like those in Athens who hurriedly mocked, than those who wanted to hear more before making up their minds (Acts 17:32). Many have never truly “considered” the evidence (Psalm 8:3-5). Choosing religion - or not - is a matter that needs to be “measured twice.” That is, careful consideration must be given to it.