

Religion vs. Spirituality

Have you ever noticed how
some people are profoundly
spiritual,
but not very religious,
while others are extremely
religious,
but hardly spiritual?

Yet, the reason why
we approach religion
is to find spirituality.

The activity of religion:
cult, code, creed.
The aim of spirituality:
encounter, exchange, experience.

Spirituality gives life
to religion;
religion gives shape
to spirituality.
Spirituality without religion
is amorphous;
religion without spirituality
is onerous.

Religion is the
caterer and hall;
spirituality is the
banquet and guests.
Religion is the
map and sign;
spirituality is the
territory and destination.
Religion is the
theater and score;
spirituality is the
performance and music.

When spirituality
goes awry,
you find fanaticism.
Where religion
becomes empty,
you have hypocrisy.

The remedy is not
to disparage religion
or spurn spirituality,
but to purify religion
and channel spirituality.

Religion devoid of
spirituality
degenerates into a
club.

Spirituality married to
religion
generates a
community.

So, where religion
is permeated by
spirituality
and spirituality
overflows into
religion,
there you experience
the ideal of
CHURCH.

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