

To be religious or not to be religious

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In my opinion all religions are equal and convey the same principles. Religion is a vehicle with full of morals carrying to the people. I don't think religion should be taken too seriously if there are other more important things that religion might interfere with. I think you should try to follow your religion if it is possible, but if it interferes too much with something that you are doing you shouldn't let religion decide everything you want to do. However, you also shouldn't disregard your religion completely and never care about whether what you are doing is allowed by your religion or not. In my opinion you should follow your religion, but not to the extent of sacrifice. We have read many stories of sacrifices in different way in different religions.

A way of completely disregarding your religion would be if you never cared whether or not you are doing something that your religion forbids. For example, if your religion is Hinduism and you eat beef without knowing about your religion that means you aren't taking your religion seriously enough. However if you are in a situation of survival and nothing else available to eat, it is stupidity to kill yourself without food. Going to a church, temple, synagogue, or mosque is important, but if it is very difficult to stretch yourself, it is ok to skip. That doesn't mean you are not following your religion. If it is a day (every religion has their own auspicious day like Friday for Muslims,

Saturday for Jewish etc.) when your religion says you are supposed to go to your place of worship and there is something important to do such as an important business meeting or if something happens such as a blizzard, I think it isn't a bad thing not to go.

Celebrating religious ceremonies and following religious customs is important, but they shouldn't be put as the top priority if you can't. Often celebrating a religious holiday involves going to a church, temple, synagogue, or mosque. Some times especially for non Christian people in USA, it may not be an easy access to go to their religious place because of the distance or non availability. We can worship at home and also inviting people. As I remember some of my mom's friends meet on every Sunday to pray god. One day we did it in my house too. It is the same with following religious customs. Try to follow the custom if you can, but don't consider it your top priority. Religion is important, but I don't think it is the most important thing in your life.

In conclusion, we should know about religions and try to follow as much as possible but should not be taken seriously or over blown. In my opinion although religion shouldn't be taken too seriously, it should still be followed to a certain extent and not be completely disregarded.



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