

## Untitled: Religion ≠ Spirituality

PraYers & LibatiOns ☺ For The Dearly Departed  
Thank-you to ALL of the AncestorS for bringing Us  
into Being!  
Present  
Thank-U to ALL who are sowing seeds of reBirth,  
reClaiming, creatiVity, Peace, Love ☺, Understanding, ReSpect,  
Inclusivity, & Life!!  
Future  
Thank-you for entrusting Us to bring U into  
Being!! ☺

### Religion ≠ Spirituality

Religion is a socio-cultural (social/societal cultural) institution based on separation [womyn from man & man from womyn -- femininity from masculinity -N- masculinity from femininity and society from Nature (whereas Nature or the Earth is seen as feminine or the dimension/domain/realm/world of pagans & healers & heathens & non-believers & Hell-bound lost souls & “scantily-clad uncivilized tribes” that need to be “civilized” to know God assisted by missionaries through the help of the Gun, Sword, torture chamber(s), illusory moneyed/currency economic system(s), and terrorism)]. Spirituality is the way 1 lives their Life each and every conscious & unconscious moment of each & every day. Spirituality is based on Inclusivity. Spirituality is the Essence of the Spirit. We believe

that at one juncture of the time-space fabric (continuum] that Religion =ed Spirituality; however, there was a chasm. Religion changed its path & course. On the other hand, Spirituality stayed on its continuum.

### Exceptionalism

Religious people are perfectly saved so they will enter Heaven/Paradise regardless of what they think, feel, do, or don't do. If you are not religious (in the good ol' USA -- not Christian), then you are not a good person since you are not perfectly saved. The same is for religious societies

(Note: The concept of Religion is often used, misused, and abused by the people that consider themselves to be wealthy & elite in societies throughout the Story of the world. The practice of the "same" religion varies throughout time-space due to socio-cultural traditions, beliefs, customs, & influences. Religion is shaped by the forces bringing about this institution in a particular place at a juncture of the time-space fabric.):

The USA "corporament" (corporate = government) commits atrocious crimes at home, yet is considered to be Perfect abroad because this is a Christian society (or at least that's what we're told).

The atrocious crimes:

– the witch hunts for [alleged heretics], healers, empowered & strong womyn, Truth Seekers "out-of-the-box"

– the Holy Wars (? - go figure -- There's holiness in the orgy

blood bath of War]

- the ecological Crisis
- colonialism, capitalism, corporate globalization, & imperialism
- missionary-based schools
- enslavement
- Manifest Destiny
- the use of the military to terminate strikes of people who dared to form a union
- the practice of scalping (how much for a child? how much for a man? how much for a woman?)
- the rape, torture, and exploitation of people incarcerated in jails & prisons by people allegedly there to “protect” the people incarcerated (Note: people = men & women in each use of the word}
- the continued use of Capital Punishment & vengeance to allegedly solve problems (read: kill people) -- How can people speak about the Right to Life, yet not speak out loudly against Capital Punishment? [once again, go figure?] Didn't the religious figures speak about forgiveness, “turning the other cheek,” and Restorative Justice? Wasn't the Son of God in Christian theology, Jesus Christ (to those who speak English - - whether English was

forcibly taught or not], killed/executed by Capital Punishment?  
Does the constant display of the “Holy Cross” reinforce the ideas  
of violence & Capital Punishment {Thank-you KRS-One for that  
inspiration to address said question)?

If the Ten Commandments forbade murder, then why does  
Capital Punishment & aggressive/defensive Wars [that is state-  
sanctioned murder in Capital Punishment by the executioners --  
including the police and other state actors -- and state-  
sanctioned murder & suicide in War) still persist in Christendom?

– the distortion & lie-filled books, especially history books

– Michelangelo painting the image(s) of the Sun of God in  
Christian theology -- Jesus Christ -- as an Anglo-Saxon male in  
the Sistine Chapel over the previous image(s) of Jesus Christ.  
This was done before Europe sought to invade, conquer, violate,  
rape, pillage, “civilize,” and exploit the rest of the World. The  
image(s) painted by Michelangelo did not match the descriptions  
in *The Holy Bible* of Jesus Christ (n) or those images of Jesus Christ  
from earlier ages in Europe & Africa & Asia(?).

Why was Michelangelo commissioned to re-interpret the image  
of Jesus Christ? Who was/were the commissioner(s)? Why did  
Europe change its view towards the rest of the world, i.e. What  
socio-economic-political forces were at play?

Was everyone in Europe accepting of this attitude change? If so,  
why? If not, why not? Who resisted? Who accepted?

This reconfiguring of the Sun of God to an European male (modern day Caucasian/white male in our conception of “race” sense] has had profound affects & effects over the centuries.

– the end of mysticism & magic or their marginalization or a mixture of both

– the conception of marriage as a property relationship where sexual intercourse can only take course as long as the purpose is procreation (reproduction) ONLY.☺

Of course, the only possible position is where the man is in control with his power on top of the woman - - the missionary position. Therefore any sexual drive or libido or interest is cast down upon.

Do you own your wife?

Do U want to own your wife?

Can all parties to the contractual relationship of marriage file for a divorce? If not, why not?

Can all religious leaders or followers marry? If not, why not?

Do you enJoy sex?

Marriage has been denied to “property” -- classified as 3/5ths (three-fifths) of a human being with the one-drop rule -- with other “property.” [;EyE Do NOT view my ancestors as “property!” I’ve only used that term here to make this point.]

Marriage has been denied to people formerly viewed as

“property” with those people that had been viewed as second-class citizens. Marriage has been denied to people of the same sex.

Why?

If this is the “free” world, then shouldn’t people have the right to marry? Why is/has the right to marry been denied?

If womyn have to (who decides? Why?) dress modestly & cover most of their body, then shouldn’t men act accordingly? Does this have anything to do with male sexual urges, impulses, drives, libidos, and (lack of) self-control have anything to do with those modalities?

How can We reconceptualize the idea & institution of marriage?

Don’t breastfeed your child(ren) in public, better yet, don’t breastfeed your child(ren) at all. Feed them chemical mixtures minus the connective bond to the mother & her immunity instead of breast milk.

Tell the people to be fearful & shameful of their Naked bodies. Do Not Love ☺ Urself. Therefore be fearful & shameful of God as we were made by God in the image of God.

Is this the Reality of Religion & Marriage?

– Thanksgiving Holiday (the Myth)  
Puritans not Pilgrims

Thank-ful to God for the extermination of the indigenous peoples & the food they shared (their buried physical bodies, their buried foods, & their knowledge of edible/inedible foods in the area}

– the legacy of Christopher Columbus

God, gold, and glory through the display of the “exotic” peoples in Europe & their enslavement & their tortured rape/exploitation/executions & their change from “uncivilized” to “civilized” people

Note: I use the word: “uncivilized,” “civilized,” “exotic,” & “tribe”/”tribal” to make various points about the use of language through written words and their associated imagery & symbolism. I do Not share those views.

Note: Judaism gave birth to Christianity and then Christianity gave birth to Islam. The various points above refer to the 3 major modern-day religions of the world. Thus, the atrocious crimes are Not all attributable to the USA. However, the USA is a product of that continuum of history & in some ways reinforces & rebirths concepts that have not been in widespread practice in the modern world. In actuality, the USA is like any other product of human intention, good, bad, a mixture of good & bad, and in-between good & bad.

## Love

Love God.

Love your friends & enemies.

Love Urself, what about your naked body?

Love your neighbors.  
Do not love the Earth & all of her children. Be stewards of  
and/or dominate Ur relatives.

Love is the reason why I have this (com)passion &  
compulsion to pen this poetic fluctuation of versal unrhythmic  
titillations of epic & free verse poetic mastery, illusory, enigma,  
and mystery. Spiritual people are Not perfect. Religious people  
are Not perfect. Non-spiritual & Non-religious people are Not  
perfect. I am Not perfect. We are Not perfect.

We have a narrative to share about Religion & War:

I love God. (Now that I really think about it, I fear God & the  
wrath of God if I did not Love God.] I love my country since we're  
always told of our great Christian traditions that we must share  
(force) with the rest of the world. {Once again, I would say that  
after thinking, I feared the wrath of my country & her  
patriotically enthused & infused inhabitants.] It was that Love  
that led me to the recruiter's office. The office was located in a  
community populated by people that were economically (read:  
material wealth] disempowered & marginalized & were blessed  
with permanent & temporary suntans.

We, the people, were told by the "corporament" complex that the  
"enemy(ies)" who attacked this perfectly gentle nation-state  
was/were outside our borders. (By the way, with all of the stolen  
lands all over the world, where do the boundaries really exist?)



I was enraged. Even though God seeks justice, not revenge, the religious officials supported the call to arms. If they approved of this cause & I loved God & my country, then what was I waiting for? I had a high school diploma, yet I could not find a job. I couldn't afford to attend a college or university. I had nothing left to lose, since I had nothing. No, I had something:

—video games displaying the ease of War

—years of being picked on by my peers, 'cause I did “turn the other cheek” as I had been taught through “the Good Book”

—intense patriotic feelings for God & my country. I was a Christian & so was my country.

—the drive to want to drive and/or ride in a military-issue Hummer

—pictures of returning troops & the celebratory crowds

—God Bless the USA stickers (what about everyone else?)

—the need to belong & feel altruistic (the need to conform to the dictates of authority figures -- preacher/Minister/priest/Deacon /Pastor/Reverend, teachers, parents, government “leaders” in my Life}.

—intense pride in a history full of distortions, deletions, & outright lies

–the need to impress a woman I had a crush on who enjoyed the company of men in uniforms

–and lastly the need to follow with nothing of something or something of nothing, I enlisted in the USA military. I won't bore you with all of the details.

One day we were asked {screamed at in a demeaning, loud mannered voice):

“What makes the grass grow?!!!!”

Everyone, except me, knew the correct response: “BLOOD☹ makes the grass grow!!”

I couldn't believe my ears, BLOOD makes the grass grow!? By this time I had forgotten all about the omnipotently present outside “enemy.” I was only concerned about trying to keep up with my unit. Weren't we fighting for democracy & freedom for our “enemies?” Weren't we a Christian nation fighting to spread Love & defend ourselves against an outside attacker? What did all of this have to do with blood & the grass growing?

I started shivering & crying. The Drill Sergeant saw me & told me that I was a sissy and a girl. He informed me that even the females participated fully in this exercise. He admonished me & said that I should take my “gay ass” home if I would not follow his rules set down by Uncle Sam. I ran out of place in line, still crying

& shivering, & looked for the Chaplain's Office. I heard the Drill Sergeant give the order to jeer me. I made it to the Chaplain's Office full of tears in my ls. I spoke to the Chaplain about my ordeal that day.

The Chaplain asked me if I was gay since I was crying. He also admonished me for not following orders for he saw nothing wrong with it. The Chaplain said joyously: "BLOOD makes the grass grow!!" He repeated that phrase over & over again. Though I had stopped crying temporarily, I began to cry again. The Chaplain scolded me by saying that only gay men cry & that God does not like gay men. Therefore I could not cry nor be a gay men nor fight in God's military. I immediately stopped crying & toughened up myself so that I could "act like a real man."

The Chaplain asked me if I wanted to see his "trophy" from a previous "defensive" War effort. I nodded in agreement.

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