

# Three major forms of flawed spirituality which reign in today's world:

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1. **Humans are incurably religious; we must be taught atheism (Romans 1).**
2. **The following flawed expressions of spirituality enslaves people to an unproductive and unsatisfying way of living, fosters fear, & focuses attention on one's ability to provide for their safety and well-being.**
3. **According to the following, morality precedes redemption rather than redemption preceding morality.**

## TRADITIONALISM:

**Traditionalism:**  
Beliefs, laws, practices,  
& sayings eventually  
become "*spiritual  
ceremonies*" divorced or  
separated from  
"*authorial intent*" or  
purpose.  
Traditionalism has  
been used to abuse,  
manipulate, or control  
others.  
In essence, the "*why*"  
for the belief/practice  
is no longer questioned  
or taken seriously.

## LEGALISM:

**Legalism:**  
Legalists claim that  
if you keep the law  
meticulously,  
somehow you will be  
protected from  
God's wrath.  
Legalism tends to  
create a culture  
of fear even as it  
fosters attitudes of  
smug superiority.

## SUPERSTITION

**Superstition:**  
Superstitious people believe they  
must do, say, or practice certain  
oaths or activities in a very  
particular way; otherwise something  
bad will certainly happen to them.  
Bad omens and bad luck control  
their lives.  
Superstitions may be of ancient  
or/and recent origins.  
Superstitious people are fearful of  
bringing misfortune on themselves  
by failing to behave in a way that  
the gods or spirits or fate or some  
other force demands.