

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.