

THE PROBLEM WITH RELIGION

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Matt 7:29

He was teaching them as one who had authority,
and not as their scribes.

Matthew 15:3-7

“For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites!”

Deuteronomy 11:18

“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.



Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Matthew 5:37

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over a range of dark, silhouetted mountains. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the sun to a pale blue at the top. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 3:6

Who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Galatians 2:16

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...