



I learned a new word today. I love it when the opportunity presents itself for me to expand my vocabulary. Out of curiosity, I wanted to know where the term “throw out the window” originated. So, like all good, curious people do, I googled it. To my surprise they actually had a word to describe this action, defenestration!

I thought the term probably originated from maybe throwing dirty water from a dish pan out the window. But no, according to Wikipedia it originated from actually throwing people out of windows! What?!? How bizarre. One incident even started a war.

The term can also signify the removal of an opponent or adversary. This term fits what I mean when I say we need to throw religion out the window. Religion is exactly that, a foe, an opponent of the real.

Google’s AI overview states that religion is “a broad term for a system of beliefs, rituals, and practices, often concerning a relationship with the divine or spiritual, that provides a framework for understanding the universe and one's place in it.” It goes on to name several different religions, including Christianity.

Christianity is indeed a religion with several different flavors, but religion nevertheless. Each flavor has its own doctrine and its own leaders who keep its people within the boundaries of their particular box of doctrine. I am totally convinced that true godly unity will not come centered around doctrine. Unity will come through a deep love for our Father that spills over onto all of His creation.

The books of I John, II John and III John all emphasize loving the Father and the result is that we love others as well. This is what will bring unity. I am totally convinced if we would spend more time instructing people in cultivating a desire to know the Father heart of God, a desire to hear His voice and communicate with Him for themselves, we would be much further ahead in expanding the Kingdom of God on earth, than we are.

The priest, Eli, in the Old Testament did not give Samuel lectures on how to hear the voice of God, or tell him to listen to his leaders in order to hear what God wanted to say to him. The story is found in I Samuel chapter 3. The word of God was rare in

that day. God called to Samuel three times, but the lad thought it was Eli calling him. Eli realized after the third time that it was God and this is what he said to the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 1 Samuel 3:9 (ESV)

Eli was not a very good father to his own sons, but he knew God's voice and he trusted that God would tell Samuel directly (who was just a young boy) what God wanted him to know.

Religion doesn't trust God to talk directly to man. It needs to be interpreted and guided by leaders who understand God. People will make up stuff and say it is from God. They can't be trusted. Therefore, there needs to be rules and boundaries set. Religion is a manmade concept created to try to put God and His people in a box. It started after the flood when the enemy of mankind decided to set up a counterfeit kingdom in the earth through Nimrod, great-grandson of Noah.

Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord." The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Genesis 10:8-10 (ESV)

Nimrod rebelled against God's Kingdom and set up his own. The story of the tower of Babel is found in the next chapter in Genesis. Babylon became the counterfeit of everything God wanted to do in the earth through His creation. Religion was born and it tries to nullify God's original intent for His creation.

God created man and woman as complete beings, both spirit and body. He created them out of the dirt of the earth and He breathed life into them from heaven's breath, the Spirit of the Living God. You cannot separate spirit from body. They exist together while a person lives on earth.

Religion tries to separate the spiritual from the physical. You have your spiritual side and your physical side. The spiritual side goes to "church" on Sundays, does good deeds to be recognized by God, performs their spiritual duties in the "church", but not on the street. The system even allows us "religious freedom" occasionally, which means we can choose to go a small distance outside our "church" to "practice" our religion, but we must be careful.

Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but there is no such thing as religious freedom. That is an oxymoron. Anyone who declares themselves to be religious, is NOT free. They must abide by what ever doctrine or rules have been set up by the particular brand of religion they embrace. That is not freedom.

We are both spiritual and physical beings. We cannot walk out the door in the morning to go to work without our spiritual portion of our being. It goes with us to work, to play, to school, to wherever we go. It is a part of the decisions we make every day.

As a believer, you carry the Spirit of the Living God in you wherever you go, and mature believers understand the truth of this verse:

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 14:20 (ESV)

We have not thoroughly understood this verse. It is impossible in the natural realm, but in God all things are possible. God is both in us, and at the same time we are in Him.

I use the example of a box and a ball. If God is the ball, and I am the box I can illustrate God in me by putting the ball in the box. But at the same time, I cannot take the box and put it in the ball. Impossible. But God says that is what happens when we are in relationship with Him. This is not religion. I am in Him and He is in me.

When we live with the fact that God is in us, we tend to go wherever we want to go, doing whatever we want to do, allowing Holy Spirit to guide us on occasion when we recognize Him. When this is all we see, we tend to DO things for God and our mentality is one of WORKS. We are always trying to do something to please Him.

When we understand the other side of the equation, and realize that we are in Him, then we go where He goes, not where we want to go. We enter a place of rest, and the things that are done through us are from a state of BEING in Him where He is doing things through us and it is from a place of REST. It is from a place of love. We are not trying to earn His love. We are resting in His love and the things we do are done through and because of that love.

But, you say, "I have to go to work every day and I am not entirely happy about that fact." And you think it is you going and taking Jesus with you. However, if you are in the work place where God has led you to be for a reason, then He led you there to work in the first place, and He leads you there every day. He is going to your place of employment and taking you with Him every day.

Everyday you have all the strategies you need to do wonders for that business because you have Jesus. You have the gifts in you to benefit the people with whom you work. Oh, but religion says you can't talk about it. You can't pray because there is a separation of "church and state". Leave your religion at home. You are only allowed to go so far.

It is not about religion. You should not just leave religion at home; you should bury it. But you cannot leave God at home. You did not leave your spirit home alone when you left for work. Your whole being which was created in the image of God goes to work every day, or school or play, or wherever.

We have got to stop dividing our spirit and body. We are so indoctrinated to believe that our spirit only operates in "church". Our spiritual anointing only operates in "church". We are the Ekklesia, being established by Jesus Himself. That is not a building. It is not an organization. It is believers wherever you might find them. There is a synergy in numbers and the enemy knows that fact. So, we are brainwashed to believe we must keep our spiritual side quiet when we are outside the "church".

Imagine what two or three believers in a place of business or school or entertainment could do, if they got together and discovered what God wanted to do in that place. Nothing could stop them. Imagine if we truly had leaders who believed God is enough and that He will make Himself known to people themselves.

What if we had leaders who would say to us like Eli said to Samuel, "Go, ask God to speak to you. Learn to hear His voice and then do what He says". Do we trust God enough to correct us and guide us in the right direction or are we afraid people will fall off the deep end? Our God is so much bigger than we give Him credit. He is perfectly capable of teaching us truth, after all He is Truth.

Jezebel was an evil, evil woman and they ended up defenestrating her. That is not a pretty story, for sure. But we need to get serious about throwing our religion out the window. The religious spirit is a counterfeit employed by the enemy as a substitute for the real Spirit of the Living God. We must stop accepting a counterfeit and we must develop a relationship with the real God. We must hear His voice for ourselves, and then with great pleasure, we obey because we know His great love for us and His way is best. Only then can we be really free! Happy defenestrating!

