

Circle religion

Description

The word religion has a lot of different meanings for people. To understand the explanation of the word religion correctly, The Circles give a number of descriptions, together shaping the content of the word religion.

- Secular writings from which interpretations take place and convictions arise;
- Place for confession of faith where an expert of the writing conveys his interpretation of the contents to the people present;
- Belief: convictions which give an explanation for a number of tacit/invisible matters in our lives.

These three descriptions together form the content of the term religion. There are a lot of different religions which are lived in several manners, as a result there is no univocal answer what religion is.

This circle makes no judgement regarding the choices people make how to live their religion. It only makes transparent what the possible influence of religion is, so people can make choices.

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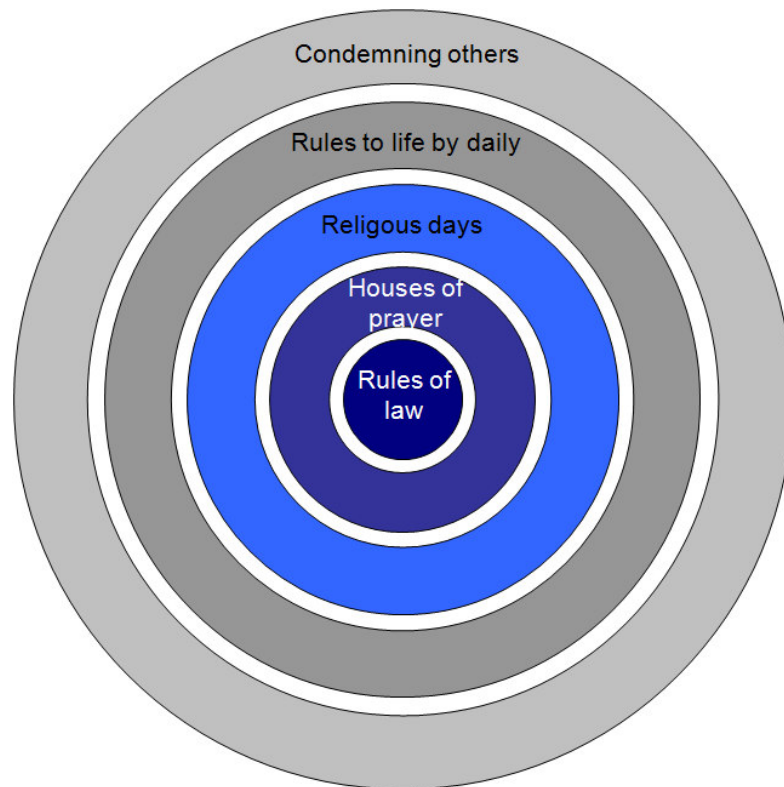
Nearly all religions find their origin in a set of basic ideas which help individuals growing towards enlightenment. In the course of the centuries these basic ideas have increasingly snowed under due to the efforts of some individuals who want to exercise power by means of religion.

When the core of a religion is lived then there is no more talk of religion. The core of every religion is enlightenment. Enlightenment is reached at individual level and does not need; a place for confession, houses of prayer, daily or legal rules, special holy days and condemnation with regard to others. The secular writings serve only as a means to support the goal enlightenment. Someone can at the most help you thereby personally, but you have to do it yourself.

Development

How manifest religious convictions in our daily lives: marriage, getting children, death, being buried? Where does the phenomenon of marriage come from? Is getting children and marriage an obligation or a possibility? And having a sexual preference for the same gender and the judgement about that? Which parent tells its children that it is possible to choose either a man or a woman as partner? To what extent are you still being influenced by convictions of a religion? And is this the only conviction?

Religion Model



Application

The model reflects how the individual perception of a religion influences his or her behavioural patterns. A number of questions give insight how religion influences culture and therefore indirectly the ballast. Other questions show how religion forms ballast and directly influences; ideas, opinions and convictions.

This is achieved the following way:

- Legal rules
- Religious days
- Houses of prayer
- Daily rules of life
- Condemning others

Status Questioning method

The questioning method exists in draft form; the development will be probably in the Netherlands.