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Trying to Come to God by
Replacing Jesus with Religion

Respect for Religion is a Good Thing

- Religion is an acknowledgement of a spiritual (invisible) realm.
- Respect does not require acknowledging that something is right
- Respect is not always reciprocated,
 - Matthew 5:43-48
 - Romans 12:20

Not All Religion Leads to God

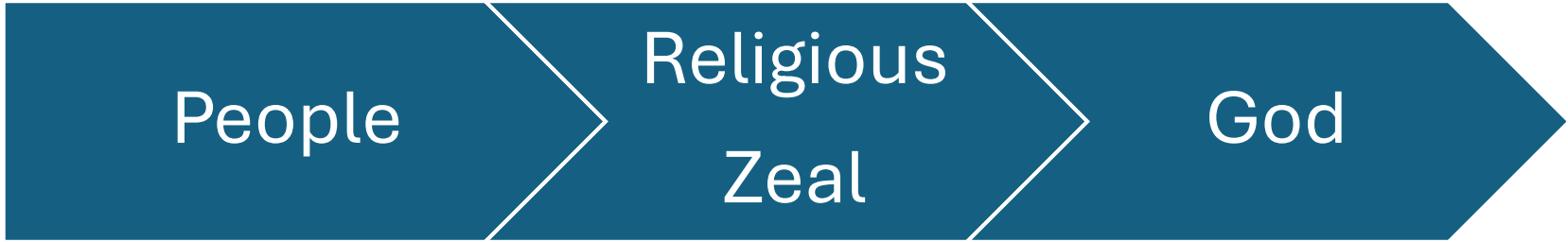
⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

Galatians 4:8-9 (NIV); Cf. Romans 1:18-25

“Religion” Without Jesus Cannot Lead to God

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John 14:6



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Dealing With Those Who are Seeking God but are at a Different Point in the Journey

- Respect their decision to believe
- Understand where they are before you try to tell them what they need to do – ask two questions
 - Why did you choose to follow this religious path?
 - Have you found fulfillment or is something still missing?
- Remember you aren't trying to win an argument; you are trying to lead someone to God
- It's not about disparaging faith; it's about properly informing faith

Further reading

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-we-respect-others-while-rejecting-their-false-beliefs>