

“True Spirituality”



“...to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

- Romans 8:6

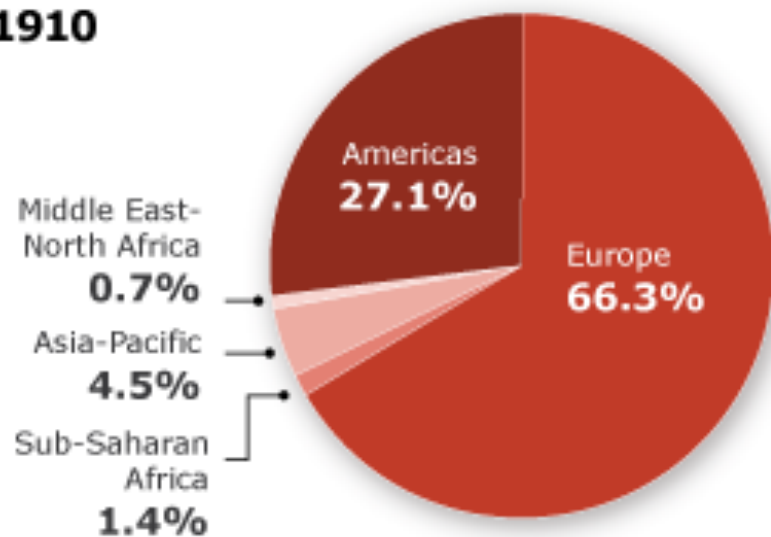
Being Religious versus Being Spiritual



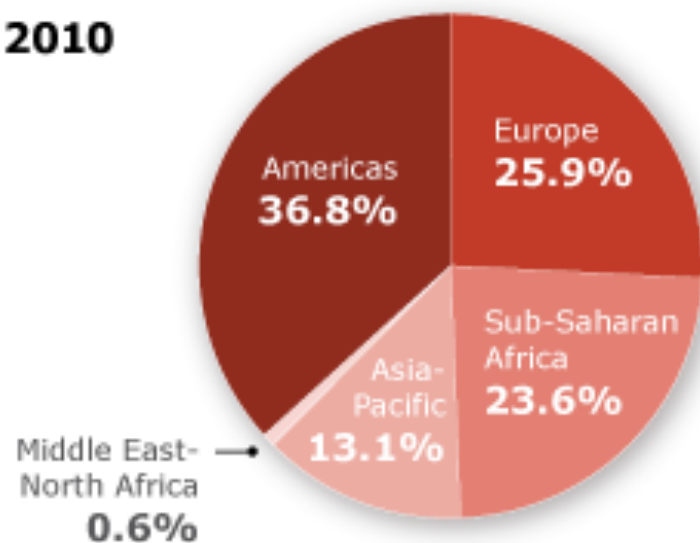
We need to understand the difference
between these mindsets.

Regional Distribution of Christians

1910



2010

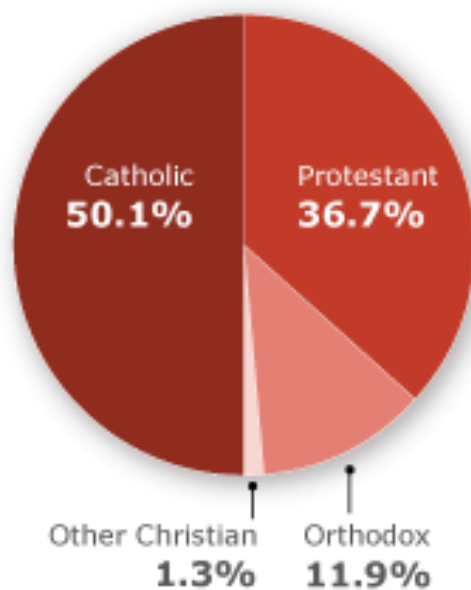


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Major Christian Traditions

Percentage of Christian population that is ...



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10 Countries with the Largest Number of Christians



<i>Countries</i>	ESTIMATED 2010 CHRISTIAN POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS CHRISTIAN	PERCENTAGE OF WORLD CHRISTIAN POPULATION
United States	246,780,000	79.5%	11.3%
Brazil	175,770,000	90.2	8.0
Mexico	107,780,000	95.0	4.9
Russia	105,220,000	73.6	4.8
Philippines	86,790,000	93.1	4.0
Nigeria	80,510,000	50.8	3.7
China	67,070,000	5.0	3.1
DR Congo	63,150,000	95.7	2.9
Germany	58,240,000	70.8	2.7
Ethiopia	52,580,000	63.4	2.4
Subtotal for the 10 Countries	1,043,880,000	40.4	47.8
Total for Rest of World	1,140,180,000	6.3	52.2
World Total	2,184,060,000	31.7	100.0

Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. See Appendix C for details on the range of estimates available for China.

Is Being Religious Enough?



“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.”

James 1:26

Things to be Consider



- ❧ What does being religious really mean?
- ❧ What did Jesus say about the religious of his day?
 - ❧ Matthew 6:5
 - ❧ Matthew 23:28
 - ❧ Revelation 2:1-7
- ❧ Beware of Traditions
 - ❧ Colossians 2:8

What does it mean to be Truly Spiritual?



- ❧ Is it only an Emotional Experience?
- ❧ There must be a Change in our most basic being.
- ❧ Romans 6:12 – 13

A Proper Focus



- ✧ Matthew 6:25 – 34
- ✧ Colossian 3:1, 2
- ✧ Philippians 4:8
- ✧ The Key Question: “Is this a benefit for my spiritual being?”
- ✧ Looking unto the Spiritual needs of others
 - ✧ Philippians 2:5 – 8
 - ✧ Galatians 6:1

How Spiritually Minded are you?



James 1:21 - 27