

SHADOWS and SUBSTANCE

Religion and Reality: How are they connected?

Colossians 2:16-17

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**The role of true religion
is to bring our lives into agreement with reality.**

II. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES and REALITY

Helping our *HEART* agree with reality.

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A. SIGNS OF A CONNECTED HEART. 2:1-7

That is CHRIST Himself,

B. EFFORTS TO DISCONNECT YOUR HEART 2:8-23

See that no one takes you captive . . .

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| 1. <u>ELITISM</u> | Being in the right group 2:8-10 |
| 2. <u>LEGALISM</u> | Doing the right thing 2:11-17 |
| 3. <u>MYSTICISM</u> | Having the right experience 2:18-19 |
| 4. <u>ASCETICISM</u> | Controlling your body 2:20-23 |

C. THE MEANS OF STAYING CONNECTED 2:5-7; 3:1-3

Walk . . . as you received . . . as you were instructed.

1. WALK
As you received. . . as you were taught. 2:6-7
2. KEEP SEEKING
The things above 3:1

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I. RELIGIOUS RITUALS and REALITY

Helping our *MIND* agree with reality.

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CONDITION or a SIGN

II. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES and REALITY

Helping our *HEART* agree with reality.

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III. DAILY LIFE and REALITY

Helping our *ACTIONS* agree with reality.

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