

A Positive Path for Spiritual Living

> POSITIVE PRACTICAL PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Spiritual 1.5 RELIGIOUS

The Difference between Religion and Spirituality

RELIGION

Organized Group Structured around Beliefs Interpreted by Man God is separate Rules / Doctrine / Dogma People Control People Rewards/Punishments Fear based Intellect / Instructional Practice spiritual growth Enhance spiritual talents Social Framework

SPIRITUALITY

Personal / Individual Open / boundless No rules / many questions Experience Connection w/ **Higher Power** Inner Wisdom Heart / Love-based I AM Spirit / One with God Growing / Evolving Meaningful Values Focus on Journey Practice religion's lessons

Spirituality without religion is like a tumbleweed, blown hither and yon by the wind, with no direction of its own.

Facebook Survey Response

I'm "Spiritual But Not Religious" because organized religion inevitably degenerates into tussles over power, ego and money.

BJ Gallagher – Huffington Post

An Ideal Blending of Religion and Spirituality

Spiritual principles you resonate with Loving, accepting community
Opportunity to study & question teachings
Safe, open discussion with others
Evolve your understanding
Take responsibility for PERSONAL spiritual practice

- Study, prayer, meditation, self observation, inquiry
- Personal experience, application of beliefs, qualities Benefits of COMMUNITY
 - Group energy / achieve greater things
 - Challenged by others' views
 - Support and be supported –
 physical/emotional needs

Seek always to do some good somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to realize his own worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too.

Albert Schweitzer

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We are a vibrant, inclusive community for personal growing and joyful knowing of our oneness with SPIRIT and each other.