

# **"Religion is a part of me"... how to deal with that?**

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I do not come across many "philosophical" Christians...and I mean people who purely follow the faith from the ethical teachings as the main REASON for following their faith such as "loving thy neighbor" and "turning the other cheek" etc...whether these teachings are realistic or doable is another debate entirely. And it would be a good debate to discuss these issues.

But the majority of religious people follow the religion follow it because it's a tradition they grew up with or due to some metaphysical aspect of life after death/judgement. And they really don't think deeply about the philosophical implications of what they believe. Their position is based solely on metaphysical ontological and cosmological positions that usually have their roots in Platonic philosophy that is ultimately divorced from the texts. The high level macrocosmic arguments really have no basis in how we live life here and now.