

Spirit-Centered Living in an Empire-Obsessed World

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Jesus pleaded to us to be IN the world, but not OF the world. For Jesus, the world was filled with negativity, hatred, and violence. We have to live IN the world, but we don't have to take on the many worldly ways and beliefs. There is another path, another way of being. I call the world's ways Empire Consciousness, and I call the spiritual world's ways Oneness Consciousness. Here are some differences in the two belief systems:

Oneness Consciousness vs. Empire Consciousness:

Spiritual ways vs. Empire-Obsessed Ways

equality vs. domination

connection vs. separation

individuality vs. categorizing and labeling

personal empowerment vs. power over

co-operation vs. competition

acceptance vs. judgment

love vs. fear

authenticity vs. addicted living

peaceful means vs. violence

abundance vs. scarcity

self-compassion vs. shame and guilt

forgiveness vs. grudges

freedom vs. oppression

sharing vs. hoarding

equality vs. hierarchy

trust vs. mistrust

letting go vs. control

acceptance vs. self-righteousness

diversity vs. "one right way"

respect vs. disrespect

empathy vs. ruthlessness

humility vs. entitlement (eminent domain)

gratitude vs. envy and resentment

Moving from Empire Consciousness to Oneness Consciousness is the ONLY way the world will become a place of love, lasting joy, and peace.

We must become individuals and a world community of spiritually centered people for life on this planet to change. We cannot legislate peace and love. It is an INSIDE JOB.

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