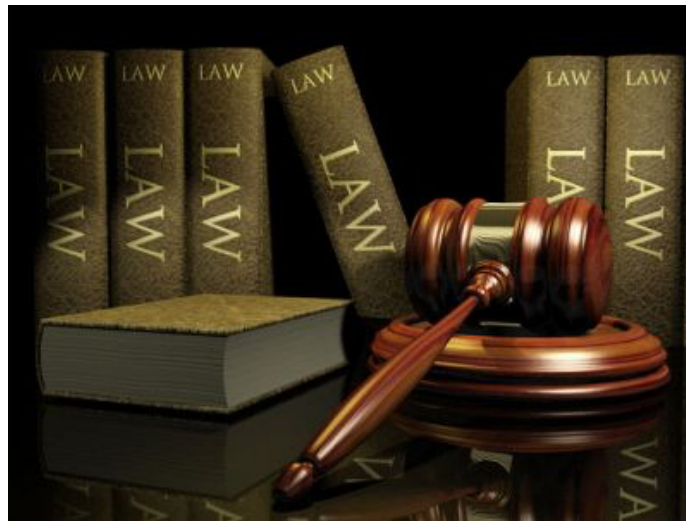




Legalism

- Religion is not legalism. Excessive adherence to the law is not possible without hypocrisy. *Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?*
- Grace saves us from legalism. It gives us true religion, which are God's rules, without fear of losing Him. *1John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*
- Fearing God simply means that we should be afraid of what will happen if we continue in sin. His chastisement is just and His judgments are sure. *1Cor. 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.*



Rules

- Submitting to God's desires requires a true commitment from us. There is no way to keep our own agenda and accept God's plan for us simultaneously. *Rom. 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*
 - God's rules are always going to conflict with our carnal desires that lead to sin because the very definition of sin is to miss God's mark or fall short of His law. *Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
- It's hard to submit to God's truth when we weren't properly raised to listen and obey good strong leadership. Many people desire to throw out rules and regulations when strong leadership is lacking. *John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?*

God's Logic

- The Bible says in this day people would heap upon themselves teachers having itching ears. This means people will find those that can relate to their pain and issues by preaching their own pain and issues. *2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
- This is not how God designed the Gospel to be taught. The logos word is God's logic, not man's, so we must preach the Word as written and avoid those that preach against God's rules. *2Pet. 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*
- Our testimony may encourage others, but we are still imperfect. The perfection of the Word is what makes us strive for perfection. Though we may not be perfect, we must keep the Word of God perfect! *Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*



gospel of inclusion at its best. These lyrics personify the exodus out of God's true religion and the acceptance of New Age, 'self as God' ideology.

Just because we have experienced bad leadership does not mean all leadership is bad. Just because we have been spiritually abused by Pharisaic doctrine does not mean the Bible is a dogmatic manual. Just because we have experienced legalism doesn't make God's rules unfair. And just because we fall short, or our leaders fell short, or our parents fell short doesn't mean we should stop striving for perfection. We must not blame God's true religion for the pain we have suffered. We must not promote anarchy and a "do what thou wilt" lifestyle because of what the so-called "church" has done to us. God's way is the only way and the only way to know God's way is to follow His rules. God's true religion is Christianity.

Summary

The song "Take me to the king" is a prime example of New Age philosophy. The lyrics are basically describing a person that is fed up with trying to follow man-made doctrine, and because of this, they decide to throw out religion altogether. An excerpt from the song states, "No rules, no religion, I've made my decision to run to you the healer that I need". To say no rules, and no religion, is to basically decide to no longer line up with the Bible or God's commands. This is Spiritualism 101, the

2Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Tim. 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.