

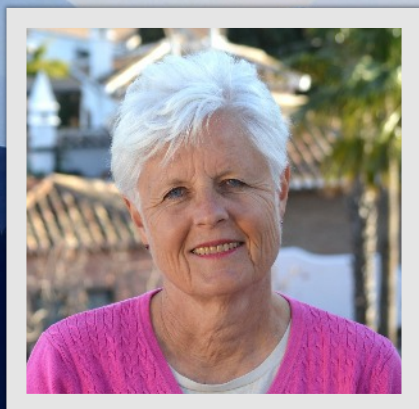


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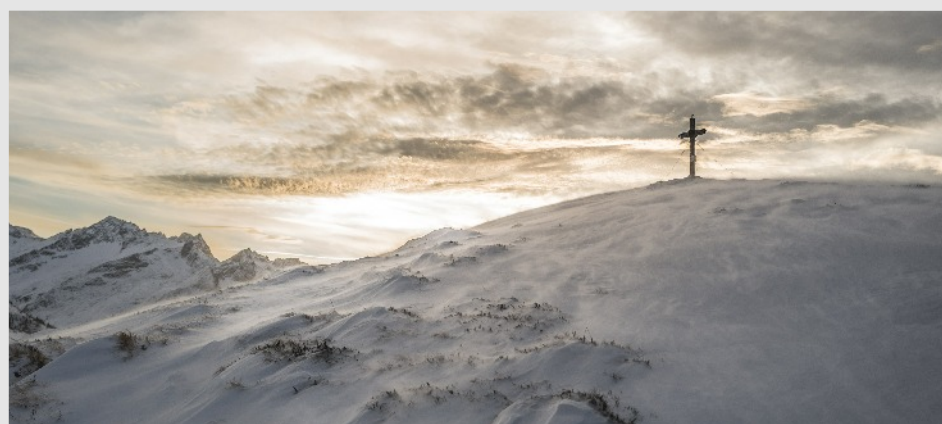
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To put it simply, the difference is that religion appeals to our feelings whereas Martinus' spiritual science appeals to our intellects. Religion is faith-based whereas spiritual science is fact-based.

Many people think that we are talking about religion as soon as the word God comes up: "Oh, you are convinced that there is a God, then you must be religious!"

God and religion are two vastly different things

No, no and no. Just because you are convinced that a being with intelligence and purpose is responsible for the existence of the world, it does not mean that you are religious. God and religion are two vastly different things.



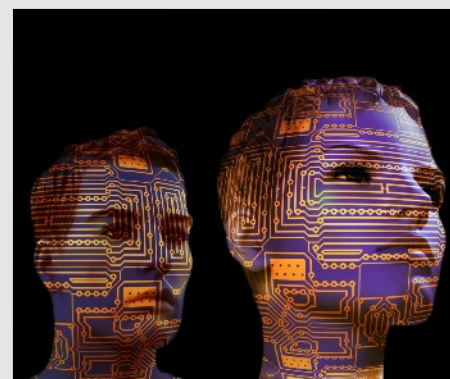
A religious belief is based in our ability to believe. When our ability to believe is strong, we do not need logical explanations in order to sustain our belief. We simply believe because something inside us tells us that what our religion says is right and true. We do not question the beliefs nor do we question what the religious authorities tell us. We believe because it feels right. This ability to believe is based on a strong presence of the energy of instinct in our mental set up. When we are believers, the energy of instinct is predominant in our mentality.

Our ability to believe walks hand in hand with a strong belief in authorities. We do as we are told and it feels right. We do not doubt or question what the authorities say.

Our growing intelligence

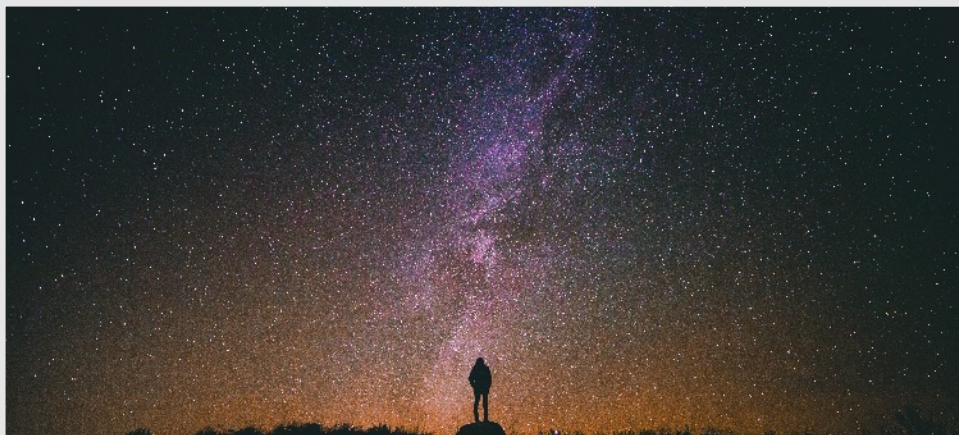
But as we live life after life our intelligence grows because we add more and more experiences to our 'life bank'. The challenges we are faced with in our

everyday lives develop our intelligence, and the energy of intelligence increases in our mentality at the expense of the energy of instinct. As the energy of intelligence gradually 'dethrones' the energy of instinct, we become less and less able to believe. Instinct loses ground and intelligence gains ground, and when our intelligence has overtaken our instinct in strength, then we are no longer believers. We simply cannot believe just because somebody tells us to. Our ability to believe is simply no longer



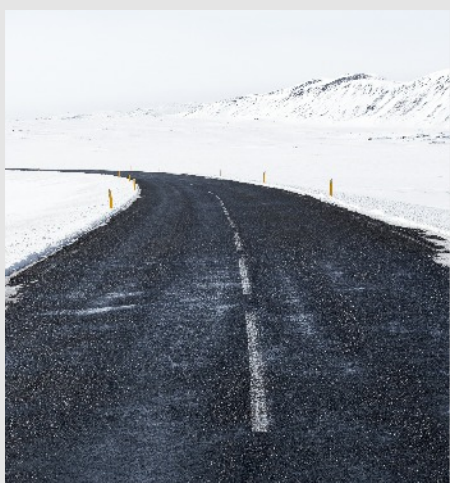


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strong enough to allow this to happen. In order to become convinced, we need explanations that nourish our intellect.

Together with the decrease of the energy of instinct comes a growing inability to believe in authorities. The person can then no longer just accept what some authority tells him – he becomes a kind of ‘rebel’ that cannot just conform. He now lives more and more by his own rules. With the predominance of the energy of intelligence both the road to faith and ‘obedience’ has been blocked.



Religion does not nurture our intellects

Religion cannot nurture our intellects. It asks us to ‘just’ believe without offering logical, watertight explanations. Those who are still able to believe cannot understand how some people can be atheists without any access to faith, because to them it all seems so simple. They just believe and are happy with that. They don’t see the problem that those whose intellect has overtaken their instinct are faced with.

Today we have reached a point in time when the percentage of the population that cannot believe is growing rapidly. The churches are getting emptier and emptier. A growing number of people have lost their ability to believe. They then become atheists and throw God overboard.

But that is really just a stage. Sooner or later they will look for a proper intellectual solution to the mystery of life. And when that happens the Martinus material is there



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to support them. When the pupil is ready, the teacher appears.

The shortest version of Martinus’ fascinating world picture is in my book [The Beginning Is Near- New Perspectives on Life.](#)