

Deuteronomy or Pseudoronomy?

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The Deadbeat Scrolls

Deuteronomy

6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Pseudoronomy

4 Hear, O people: Religions are many. 5 You shall pick and choose beliefs you happen to like. But don't be too committed. 6 Religion provides a nice touch of ritual at baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Keep it there. 7 Never push your faith on your children. Let them choose their own beliefs and values as they watch TV at home, listen to radio on the road, party with friends before they lie down, and go to a secular school when they get up. 8 Do as you please with your hands; think what you like with your heads. 9 Keep religion private: don't let it show in your household or your community.

Deuteronomy Commitment

1. Monotheism
2. Total love
3. Soul food
4. Obedience
5. Public

Pseudoronomy Compromise

1. Pluralism
2. Rituals
3. Junk food
4. Indulgence
5. Private

Deuteronomy Commitment

Monotheism

Hear, O Israel: The
LORD our God, the
LORD is one.

I am who I am.

One God, One Way

Pseudoronomy Compromise

Pluralism

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Deuteronomy Commitment

Total Love

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Pseudoronomy Compromise

Rituals

Don't be too committed. Religion provides a nice touch of ritual at baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Keep it there.

Deuteronomy Commitment

Soul Food

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Pseudoronomy Compromise

Junk Food

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Deuteronomy Commitment

Obedience To Scripture

Tie them as symbols on
your hands and bind
them on your
foreheads.

Pseudoronomy Compromise

Indulgence of Self

Do as you please with
your hands; think what
you like with your heads.

Deuteronomy Commitment

Public

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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Private

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