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Singapore Superstitions



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SUPERSTITION

A widely held but irrational belief in supernatural influences, especially as leading to good or bad luck, or a practice based on such a belief.

<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com>

“CHRISTIAN” SUPERSTITION

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

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THEME OF I TIMOTHY

Preserve, Protect and Pass on
the true faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ

THAT'S NOT THE GOSPEL!

- “other doctrine” = *heterodox cf orthodox*
- Different teaching from the true faith of the gospel

I TIMOTHY 4

- Pursue true godliness found in Jesus Christ

I TIMOTHY 3:16

And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness:** God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

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EXAMPLES

- You shall dress in a suit and tie every Sunday, especially if you are a Pastor (or Pastors' children)
- You shall not eat meat on some days, especially near special Christian memorial days
- You shall only read one Bible version, especially if you speak English
- You shall not sing hymns written in our lifetime, especially if you are below 25 ☺

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EXODUS 20:13

...Thou shalt not kill.

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- b. Is there an applicable principle?

ROMANS 14:2-6

... For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.... He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

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- c. Is there an applicable example?

WAS JESUS A VEGETARIAN?

- Jesus ate fish (Luke 24:42-43)
- Jesus ate the passover (Luke 22:8-15)
- Jesus fed the crowds fish and bread (Matthew 14:17-21).

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I CORINTHIANS 8:8-13

But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

I CORINTHIANS 8:8-13

... For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?...

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

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