## SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Holy Living In A Non-Holy/Unholy World

Leviticus 19:1-2, 26, 28, 31 | 15 May 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

### **Reflection Questions**

Please read the relevant verses in Leviticus 19.

# Truth: We need spiritual discernment so that we can be in the world but not of the world (John 17:14-16).

- Is it alright to tattoo?
  What are the possible arguments for and against a Christian having a tattoo?
- 2. These are the pop culture and religious culture issues mentioned in the sermon:

## Pop culture:

Tattoos, Body Piercing, Yoga, Mindfulness, Martial Arts, Clubbing, (revealing) Dressing, Dancing with provocative moves, fantasy stories like Harry Potter, Movies or Games (computer/board) which are sexually explicit, too violent or linked with the occult, Accepting/embracing a popular Western belief that LGBTQ / same-sex marriage should be norm.

#### Religious culture:

Tattoos, Mindfulness, Yoga, Martial Arts, (non-Christian) Funeral rites, (non-Christian) Wedding rituals, etc.



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Choose one or more of the above issues and discuss how a Christian should engage with it / whether a Christian should be involved in it.

You might use the following guidelines to help you:

- a. Raise Alarm Bells
- b. Research on the practice
- c. wRestle with God
- d. Receive God's peace as the Holy Spirit leads you to conviction

Raising Alarm Bells:

- Are there links with New Age or Occultic practices?
- Are there questionable ethical or moral issues / outcomes / practices?
- Are there links with Existing Active (non-Christian) Religions?

Research on the Practice (you might use the following questions to help you):

- Does it affect (dishonor, displease, displace) God in my life?
- Does it affect (stumble, sadden) others?
- Does it affect (endanger, ensnare) me?

wRestle with God:

- Pray as a DG after discussion
- Decide what you should and could do regarding that issue
- 3. List other possible Pop and Religious Cultural issues which we might face in our world.

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4. With regards to pop cultures and religious cultures, there are two extremes we want to avoid:

To be Superstitious on one hand,

To be Spiritually Arrogant or Ignorant on the other hand

Choose any of the above-mentioned issues, and discuss what it means when one is on either extreme.

- 5. Are there areas where the Christian has compromised? Where the church has not stood firm against? You may quote examples from Singapore churches, or churches around the world. Discuss.
- 6. Pray for one another, pray for the church on this area of being in the world but not to be of the world.

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