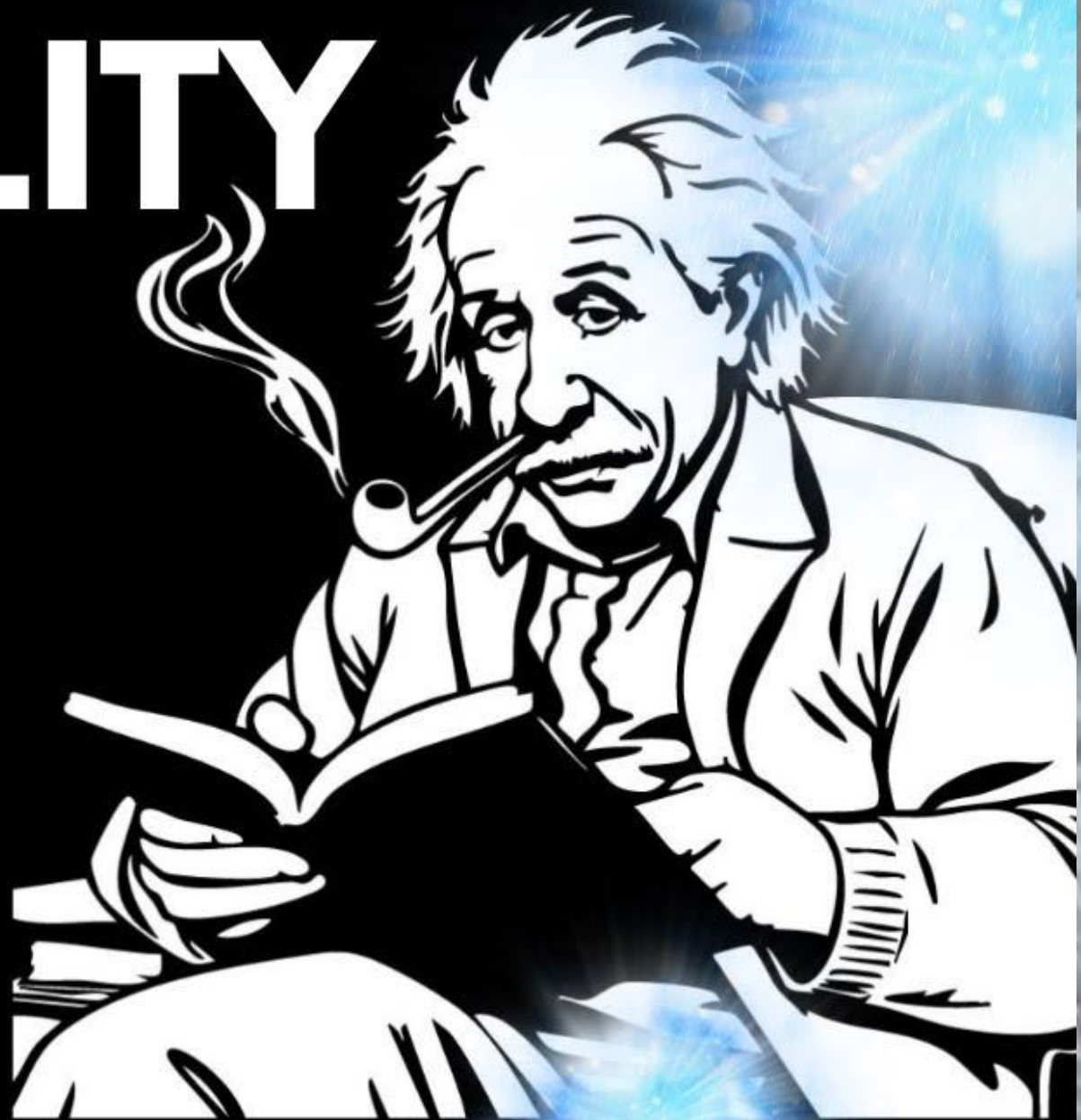


SPIRITUALITY **WITHOUT** RELIGION

**Why people are walking
away from Religion?**



A Religious Relationship

James 1:26-27

Matthew 23:25 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

²⁷ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

TODAY'S WORD



DON'T BE A
HYPOCRITE

A Religious Relationship

James 1:26-27

James 1:26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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A Controlled Tongue

James 3:9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

Matthew 15:18 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me"

A Religious Relationship

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A Compassion Heart

Psalms 68:5 God is “a father to the fatherless” and “a defender of widows.”

Mark 12:40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers.

A Religious Relationship

James 1:26-27

A Clean Life

1 Peter 4:3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.