

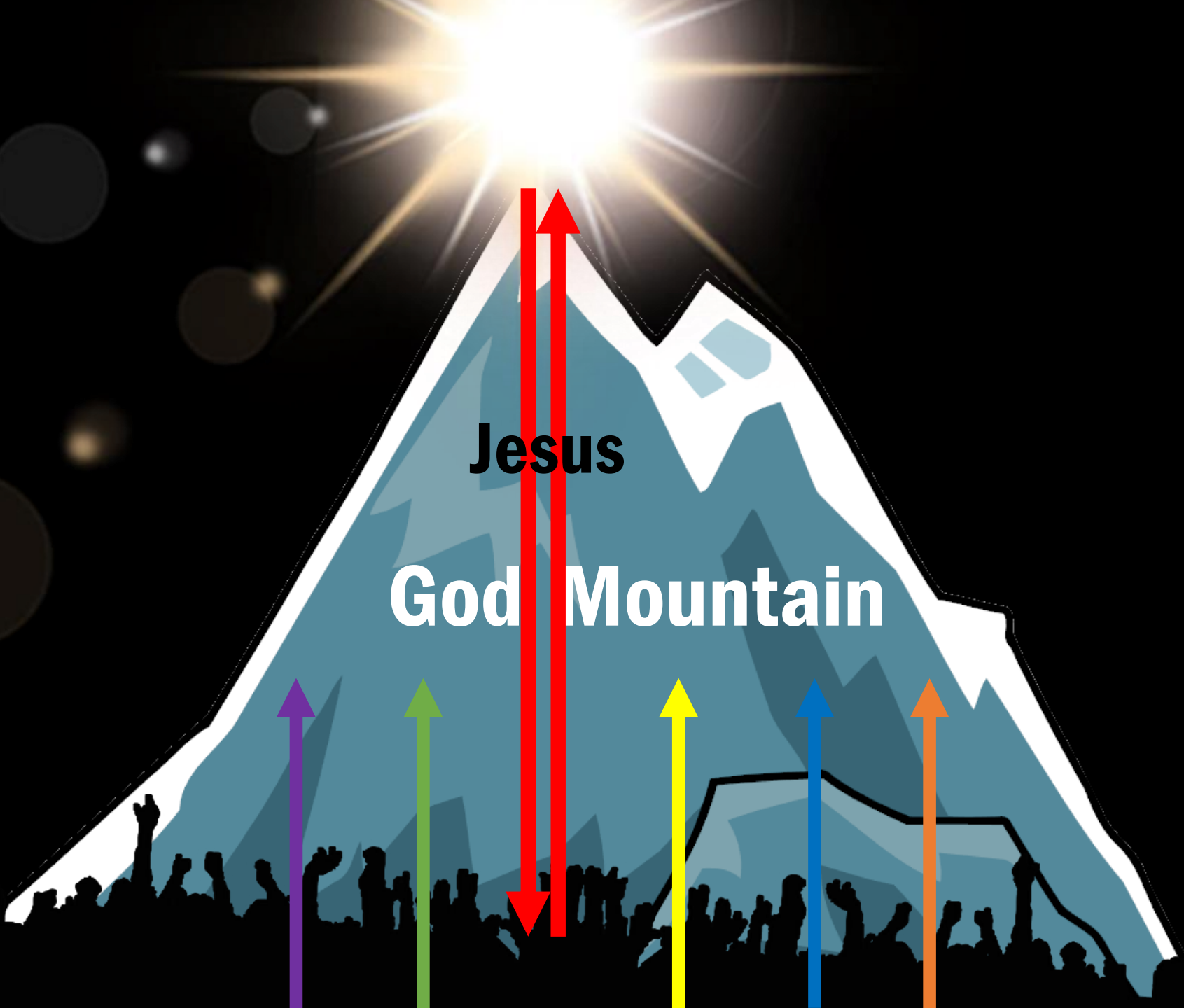
# RE:placing RE:ligion

**Part 1: Rethinking the Relationship**

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**1. Religion is fueled by fear and self-focus.**

**Genesis 3:7**

**"I often wonder if religion is the enemy of God.  
It's almost like religion is what happens  
when the Spirit has left the building."**

**– Bono from U2**

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**2. Religion generates unnecessary  
and inadequate activity.**

**Amos 5:21-23**

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**3. Religion can be a substitution  
for knowing God.**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5**

**Matthew 15:6-9**



**True Christianity is a relationship,  
not a religion.**

**"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?  
Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life.  
I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me  
and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced  
rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting  
on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn  
to live freely and lightly."**

**Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)**



**Are you ready to  
rethink your relationship  
with God and  
replace religion?**

