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Quote from sermon:

"Human philosophy, legalism, mysticism and asceticism can't make anybody better. It can't make anybody spiritual. It can't save anybody. It can't add any dimension to spirituality. It is powerless to deal with evil desire, it is powerless to deal with lust, it gives no victory over the lower nature. It is morally impotent. And underneath human philosophy, underneath legalism, underneath mysticism, underneath asceticism, flourishes all the vices. And the only way to divorce yourself from all of that is to take your mind and your heart and your thinking processes and your motives into the presence of Jesus Christ. "

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Another quote from part II:

"And then there are people in our society who would intimidate us along the line of legalism. There are many Christians who would say, "Well I don't care what you Teach and I don't care that you believe the gospel, you don't preach against this or you don't say that people have to do this." And they get into all these little nit‑picking legalistic things that they have developed as a system for spirituality. And they make you feel intimidated like you are not really spiritual because you don't follow the little list. And there are then, of course and we talked about this, the charismatic people who want you to be intimidated because you haven't had a vision. Or you haven't had an ecstatic experience, or you haven't met an angel or you haven't gone to heaven and come back. Or you haven't some very far out kind of thing, and you are just an average run of the mill every day normal Christian, and you haven't really gotten to the super saint level." John MacArthur