

Sins of: Deed (✓), Word (✓), & Thought (?)

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Freedom of Religion is, first and foremost, an individual right.
Conceptually, this right creates "**Personal Faith Forts**"
from whence each one of us is free
to peacefully express our religious view(s).

Zealots (leaders & followers) who use force are dangerous people
because faith has closed their minds...in very arrogant ways.

Can Christian Believers be open to the working of the Holy Spirit if they hold their thinking in rigid bondage to - and constant self-critique by – an institutionalized 3rd Century A.D. (biblical) view of the world?
Of course not.

I suggest that a veritable sea of pleasant thoughts (endorphins, etc.) are readily and peacefully accessible to humanity via courteous social interaction, and that the challenge therein is finding a balance between enjoying life and accomplishing the useful work that needs to be done to meet humanity's physical needs (food, clothing, shelter, etc.). Concurrently, strengthening our self-restraint with respect to our words and our deeds may aid us in finding the revised balance.

Also: People who hasten to be absolved of their sins on a daily or weekly basis may be foregoing an opportunity to think about *and learn from* their mistakes.

New ideas are risky... but then again: Christ didn't want us to make the same mistakes twice.