

Is the need for organised religion just a phase: can we transcend the organisational form and continue with an individual and spiritual religion?

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On 6 Dec 2007 at 14:55, XX wrote:

> I've often thought that religion's ultimate purpose is for it to
> transcend the seemed necessity for it's formal existence.

Organised religions have always been the primary vehicle for transmitting the content of revelation to succeeding generations, and also for transmitting spiritual practices that others have found fruitful. They fulfill their purposes when individuals take responsibility for their own learning and their own spirituality, but they do not become redundant, any more than the school becomes redundant when someone graduates. Understanding this, some of the best 'graduates' in spirituality have devoted themselves to improving and reinvigorating and serving an organised religion: Saint Francis for example.

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