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In a world full of people there are consist decision making each individual is reliable for their own actions and behavior. Yes, of course we have laws that we have to abide by, whether its man’s law, Gods law, household rules, or even simple on the job everyday general rules. Its impossible to escape some type of law. A set of laws and rules are set in place to make sure that nothing wrong or bad happens, once you break a law you may end up in jail or even a ticket. If you disobey a rule on your job it could cost you to be terminated or maybe time off without pay. But what is law without ethics? Ethics can be placed in almost any and everything you do. Ethics in the workplace, ethics in your children schools, code of ethics and ethics in communication are just a few to name. Well what is ethics? “Ethics is a system of moral principles. They affect how people make decisions and lead their lives. Ethics is concerned with what is good for individuals and society and is also described as moral philosophy.” ([www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/intro\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/intro_1.shtml)). The reason why ethics is so important is because of the following: “Satisfying Basic Human Needs: Being fair, honest and ethical is one of the basic human needs.” ( [www.managementstudyguide.com/importance-of-ethics.htm](http://www.managementstudyguide.com/importance-of-ethics.htm%20) ). Now that the basic format of ethics is broken down, I’d like to proceed with an ethical topic. Unfortunately, I can’t cover every ethic issue or case, so I’ve decided to go with Ethics in Religion. Providing you with the definition of ethics and its importance, I will try to fit those two very importance meanings into religion and discover facts, share cases, pros and con and other typical facts about ethics in religion.

Religion is the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods. Religious ethics “concerns teachings and practices of what is right or wrong, good or bad, virtuous or vicious, from a religious point of view.”

( https://pages.stolaf.edu/ein/disciplines/religious-ethics/ ). After reading about ethics and religion, I was trying to come to some type of conclusion of whether ethics require religion. I concluded, yes. The reason being is because every person is free to worship and believe in a god or many gods. Each belief is different and not every belief spreads positive outcome. There are groups who believe in the most high, and groups who believe in dark satanic beliefs. Not everyone can honestly say that their behavior or actions was rightfully justified by good behavior. For whatever reason therefore, I say that ethics should be required in religion for moral principles reason. Also, if God isn’t in it then ethics is too impossible. In my opinion people can not live ethically or morally without religion. Every person was taught right from wrong as a child, but that doesn’t necessary mean that every person will make righteous decisions every day. Some surveyors disagree because we have an instinct of what is right and what is wrong, therefore we don’t need a religion to tell people what is right and what is wrong.   
If this is true why do we need laws or even rule, if we were born with natural instinct of knowing what is right and what is wrong. If we go back to the bible in the book of Exodus, Moses was given a set of 10 commandments through God for the people of Islam. The Lord knew that sin would be on the land and wanted each any every person to understand his commandments. His commandments states: “I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have any strange gods before Me.” “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.” “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.” “Honor thy father and mother.” “Thou shalt not kill.” “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” “Thou shalt not steal.” “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife.” And lastly, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods.” ( KJV). If a commandment were broken consequence would take place. With that being said, having natural instincts still will lead a person to do bad things or even misbehave. A person behavior is based on his or her own decision. This is true about the Lord, he gives us free will to make our own decisions. To believe or disbelieve, to have faith or not have faith, to seek healing or rely on medication. All these things are based on what you feel is right for you and your family. Every person will determine what’s best for them either through prayer, experience, examples, reading, teaching or some other type of resource. But this doesn’t necessary mean that man can’t change his mind on what he once believed. I do feel with the help of the Lord, he will guide us all in the right direction. Having faith does have its disadvantages, for one; people will never fully understand the concept, and what they don’t understand they fear or wish for you to prove. But in some cases, you can’t that’s why its faith, its super natural somethings can’t be explained. Disadvantages of faith healing losing a love one, risking your freedom behind bars and even backlash. Disadvantage for a believer is the punishment in the afterlife. This is why must faith healers believe in no medication.

Religion can also become a practice for different beliefs. Such as refusing medical attention. To name a few we have “Jehovah's Witnesses who refuses blood transfusion. Christian Scientists who refuse most medical treatment. Instead they rely on the healing prayers of Christian Scientist Practitioners. And lastly, The Faith Tabernacle Congregation in Altoona, PA who believes that disease is caused by the devil.” (James G. Anderson, PhD. Purdue University). For many non-believers the question most people have are ‘What about the children, do they not have a say if they want medical treatment or not if their up in age to make decisions?’ In all fairness the authority to make decisions for a child is considered the parents job until the age of at least 18 until the child graduates from high school. This also considers if a parent wants to proceed with medical care or not. What we may think is right may necessary be wrong or what we think is wrong could necessary be right. This is why ethics in religion is a topic for some journalist, court cases, news reporters. What’s the ethical situation in some of the Religion cases? After researching several different but similar cases, I found out that these faith healing cases are pretty common and even though some still practice till this day, others may be a little curious about it but haven’t join due to too many deaths or just a change of heart. I will share two different scenarios.

“In Wisconsin, a mother name Ms. Neumann’s was charged with reckless homicide. She relied only on God, not a doctor, to heal her sick daughter. Kara ended up passing away due to juvenile diabetes. Kara didn’t receive her treatments because her mother was a member of a sect that teaches reliance on faith and prayer alone to heal. She was not a Christian Scientist.”

( <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2009/05/15/may-15-2009-faith-healing-court-cases/2961/>). If convicted Ms. Neuman could face up to 25 years in prison. A Christian Scientist is s a set of beliefs and practices belonging to the metaphysical family of new religious movements. It was developed in 19th-century New England by Mary Baker Eddy, who argued in her 1875 book Science and Health that sickness is an illusion that can be corrected by prayer alone. Wikipedia

In Ms. Neumann’s case, do you believe since her belief in faith healing failed her child that it was God's will or simply child neglect? Would it have been possible to save Kara if she would have started her treatments?

Craig Mack was a rapper who left fame for an unconventional religion and later died at the age of 46 from congestive heart failure. If you are into hip hop then you will recognize his music from the 1990’s. Mack was signed by Diddy and became a hit solo rapper in New York. Fava in your ear was a hit and an album call Funk Da World. Before the passing of Craig Mack, Mack join a South Carolina religious community. It was revealed by pastor, Ralph Gordon Stair that “Mack didn’t join himself, but that God join him to South Carolina religious community” Stair says. “This community includes the “segregation or separation of access to facilities, services, and opportunities such as housing, medical care, education, employment, and transportation along racial lines”

(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bah%C3%A1%27%C3%AD_Faith_in_South_Carolina>). Stair the pastor leads Overcomer Ministry, a conservative Pentecostal Christian organization that runs a widely heard radio-based ministry. Stair purchased a motel in Walterboro, South Carolina in 1978, and encouraged followers to move to the community, sell all their possessions, take a vow of poverty, and donate all that they owned to Overcomer Ministry.” (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brother_Stair>). Also, Stairs has several sexual criminal cases against him. “Stair was arrested in 2002 on two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree after being accused by two women of improperly touching them. As part of a plea agreement, Stair pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of assault and battery and was sentenced to two 30-day jail sentences with credit for time already served. Stair was arrested again in December of last year on an array of charges: three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and single counts of assault with the intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, second-degree assault, first-degree burglary, and third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor.” Publish by (The Washington Post by Tyler Huckabee).

What would make a man leave his riches behind and follow a man who has committed serval sexual acts? Can a man be so powerful to the point he can manipulate a community that his ways and teachings are accurate.

My decision still stands that if God isn’t in ethics or even in you, you’ll forever make some bad decisions, believe in false idols or even teaching. Every decision we make is a choice. Ms. Neumann made a choice to believe faith healing. I’m not against healing faith (without faith nothing can move God), but I do believe that the Lord give us wisdom. Wisdom to seek help when you are sick, wisdom to research medicines, wisdom to research a doctor. Personally, I don’t believe that the medication heals people, I believe it helps slow down the process. I also believe that Ms. Neumann daughter died because it was her time to die, not because the faith healing didn’t work. If you’re a believer, then you understand the afterlife process. You know that Kara was healed and no longer in pain and is now in heaven beside our Father. Every person life is pre-destined. No one knows why the Lord operates the way he does. In the bible it talks about false teachings and false prophets, the Lord also warns us to read the bible for ourselves so that no man can deceive you. If you lack knowledge, ask for it. No one can say for sure if Mack found peace or even became right with the Lord before his passing. That’s something we will never know. When Jesus lead he lead my example, he lived a holy and righteous life style. He also forgave the sinners and told them to sin no more. We must be careful and not lose sight on what’s important the Lord and our salvation.

We all believe in something, this is why we act on what we believe in whether its right or wrong. This is the reason what makes the world so unique because we are able to live and to learn, we take chances and learn from others and our own mistakes. There will always be some type of ethical situation.