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In THE JESUS WAY, Peterson alludes to the human tendency to separate our spiritual lives from our daily lives. Real danger lurks in this type of thinking! If I desire to be a disciple of Jesus, it doesn't compute to relegate my friendship with Him to one day of worship each week. For years I ignorantly did so, choosing to do as I pleased the other seven days of the week. By doing this, my life virtually said that I did not really know Jesus!

Peterson extends this concept into the way we "do church." He feels that human ego-centricism dethrones Jesus as Lord of our life. One of the results of doing this shows in the way our churches tend to operate like corporate business entities. Here his language packs a punch. Using these methods, he bluntly says, is "blasphemy" against the way Jesus leads! He extends this idea even farther by saying that to use human means is "betrayal" of our Lord! This is calling "a spade, a spade language!"

THE JESUS WAY is not a book to skim through. It, however, contains a goldmine of thought-provoking concepts, requiring meditation--time well spent! For me, reading THE JESUS WAY measurably enriched my own journey with my Lord. This book will be a re-read many times over!

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