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Based on the passages, how would you distinguish or define religiosity vs true religion?

Why does "belief" or "worship" alone not suffice?

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