

Silence of the Scriptures

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The silence of the Bible does not authorize anything — not a thing. There are some things that are right *morally* which are wrong *religiously*. For example: meat-eating, dish-washing, bead-counting, baby-dipping and foot-kissing. Those things are *morally* right; they are *religiously* wrong. Where do the Scriptures say, “Thou shalt not kiss feet?” Where is it? Did you ever see a mother walk up to her lovely child bubbling with health and happiness and kiss both his feet while he is lying in his crib? I have. That is all right. But if she should do it as an act of Divine adoration, it would be all wrong.

There are many things that are *morally* right which are *religiously* wrong, yet the Bible does not say in so many words “Thou shalt not do them.” Bead-counting — where do the Scriptures say thou shalt **not** pull beads down a string and repeat a little sentence prayer as you do so? Where is the passage? Do you think it is justified by the silence of the Scriptures? I repeat, the silence of the Word of God does not justify anything, does not authorize a single act in religion. I am concerned, supremely so, with not transgressing the law He has given. This requires faith in His Word.

The Word of God

For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God —
Naught else is worth believing.
I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever;
For, though all things
 Shall pass away,
His word shall stand forever.

— *Unknown*

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