

The Pharisaic Church Wheel

Diagramming the problem

The following chart is our attempt to diagram the essence of Pharisaic religion—that is, how it manifests itself in terms of organizational and cultural distinctives. Where specifically does this leaven show up? We think you will readily agree that the noted characteristics are easily discernable in both the synagogue system of Jesus’ day and in the modern Church system.

Judaism, however, was a much more monolithic enterprise than today’s Church, in that it was “the only game in town,” so to speak, even though it did have a limited number of “parties” and factions. Modern churchianity, on the other hand, is much more fragmented and factious, having literally thousands of variants, some authentic and some cultic. But despite this reality, virtually all of today’s variants share these common elements.

