Man-Made Religion

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WHY MAN-MADE RELIGION DISPLEASES GOD:
1. Because it does what is right in its own eyes
Deuteronomy 27:15 (ESV) "'Cursed be the man who makes a carved or cast metal image, an abomination to the Lord, a thing made by the hands of a craftsman, and sets it up in secret.'
Deuteronomy 12:4-5,8 (ESV) ⁴ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. ⁵ But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go ⁸ You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes.
John 14:15 (ESV) If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
2. Because it seeks to use God
1 Timothy 6:3-5 (NIV) If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. They havebeen robbed of the truth and think that godliness is a means to financial gain.
3. Because it makes God in its own image
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Matthew 11:28 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.