religion shrinks when it reaches the limits of expansion and runs into the inevitable dead end when it cannot keep its promises about its promises and what they mean. if it wanted to outlast eternity it should settle on offering suggestions for a way to back out when things do not work out or happen on time or do not happen at all. suggestions can be born again with less noise with less drama and no pronounced tendencies for suicide.

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