

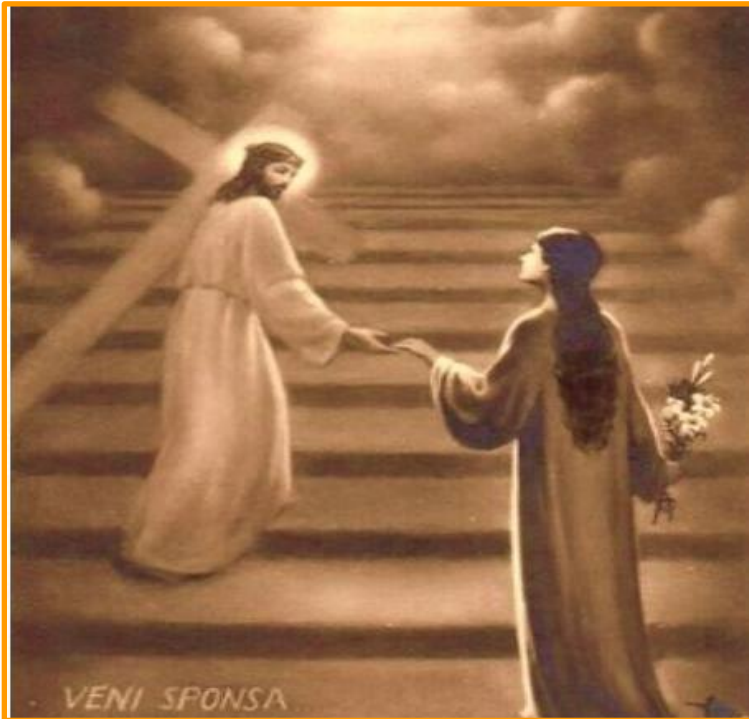
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I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have false gods before me

Every human heart craves love, and the Heart of Jesus is no exception. He offers us that infinite love which alone can fully satisfy this craving. In return, He asks only for a complete surrender of ourselves to Him so that He can unite us to Himself, elevate us and divinise us.



1 John 5:21. "Be on your guard against idols"

Idol worship is the opposite of faith.

The first at the top of the list of The Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai is:

"I am the Lord, Thy God: thou shall not have strange gods before me." The people of Israel did not want to endure waiting to see the Face of God and so fashioned an idol, a Golden Calf, the **"work of their hands,"** which they could see. But **"Faith is the realisation of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."** (Heb 11:1)

We no longer live in a time where people worship an idol as a Golden Calf, but the world certainly worships an array of **"strange gods."** The Dictionary gives many definitions of an idol: 1. An image used as an object of worship. 2. A false god. 3. One that is adored, often blindly or excessively. In the encyclical Letter **'Lumen Fidei,'** believed to have been drafted by Pope Benedict and finished by Pope Francis, a definition of idolatry given is: **"when a face addresses a face which is not a face,"**... **"In place of faith in God, it seems better to worship an idol, into whose face we can look directly and whose origin we know, because it is the work of our own hands. Before an idol, there is no risk that we will be called to abandon our security, for idols 'have mouths, but they cannot speak' (Ps 115:5).**



Idols exist, we begin to see, as a pretext for setting ourselves at the centre of reality and worshiping the work of our own hands.” In other words, we worship our own desires, not God’s. The two popes continue: **“Once man has lost the fundamental orientation which unifies his existence, he breaks down into the multiplicity of his desires.”** Idols are anything that have replaced God first, perhaps neutral or good in themselves but misplaced if favoured over God, or actually evil while appearing good with corresponding deceptive language.



It is therefore an interesting fact that ‘strange gods’ or false faces, i.e.: idols, go hand-in-hand with a false name. Euthanasia is re-named ‘Mercy,’ Abortion – ‘Compassion,’ Sexually disordered actions – ‘Love.’ This is how the devil, the father of lies, by appearing as an angel of light, deceives humanity with false faces and names. But the reality is, lies are ugly things; lies hide their true faces; they don’t seem ugly, but attractive and appealing. The false name and **“the face which is not a face”** eat into and erase the identity of the human person which leads to death of the soul.

If deceptive, how can we know our idols? **“We also know the Son of God has come and has given us discernment to know the One Who is true. And we are in the One Who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Children, be on your guard against idols.”** (1 John 5:20-21) [Source] Truth and faithfulness go together; therefore, we must seek always and everywhere the One Who is true, live in truth and lead others to truth in charity, in order to see the Face of God.

Prayer:



Lord, have mercy on us for having anyone, anything or any activity before you. Grant us through the Holy Face devotion and its repairing for the breaking of the first three Commandments which concern Your absolute rights and sovereignty over us, that we would embrace truth, turn from false faces and names, breaking with our idols however appealing or ‘good.’ Amen.

“Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things, who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.” (Psalm 24:3-7)”

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