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Trinity Worship is Idolatry, and Here is Biblical Proof May 15 2021 Is God a Trinity? And what difference does it really make? What's at stake here? If we are worshiping God as a Trinity and He is not a triune God, then that constitutes idolatry. Both 1Corinthians 6:9 and Jesus tell us that no idolater will enter God's kingdom (Revelation 21:8, 22:15). Idolatry is a violation of YHVH's First and Greatest Commandment (Exodus 20:2-3 and Mark 12:29) - so, this is a very serious issue and we better take a pretty close look at this topic, our eternal existence is at stake. We can't afford to get this one wrong, our eternal life weights in the balance of this study. It really doesn't matter what we think, what our priest, pastor, or anyone else thinks on this topic, all that really matters is what the Holy Scriptures tell us. That's why we need to study this issue from the Scriptures. Within this book I have quoted hundreds of Bible verses that, like mosaic tiles, create a beautiful picture of God. The first half of the first Chapter of this book is in 'question and answer' format, so together we can logically work through many verses which will, in an orderly manner, unlock the truth about what the Bible says with regards to God's plurality. Within the Bible, I quote witness after witness in the Old Testament and the New Testament tell us the nature and character of God. By the time you have read through the 'question and answers' section, you will be ready to decide for yourself whether or not there is Trinity. Is God a Trinity? I will give you a trove of Biblical information and Bible verses in this book, and you will have to decide that for yourself. The correct answer is needed to enter God's eternal kingdom.

God versus Gods Feb 09 2021

We Become What We Worship May 27 2022 The heart of the biblical understanding of idolatry, argues Gregory Beale, is that we take on the characteristics of what we worship. Employing Isaiah 6 as his interpretive lens, Beale demonstrates that this understanding of idolatry permeates the whole canon, from Genesis to Revelation.

God's Body Aug 25 2019 God is unbounded. God became flesh. While these two assertions are equally viable parts of Western Christian religious heritage, they stand in tension with

one another. Fearful of reducing God's majesty with shallow anthropomorphisms, philosophy and religion affirm that God, as an eternal being, stands wholly apart from creation. Yet the legacy of the incarnation complicates this view of the incorporeal divine, affirming a very different image of God in physical embodiment. While for many today the idea of an embodied God seems simplistic--even pedestrian--Christoph Marksches reveals that in antiquity, the educated and uneducated alike subscribed to this very idea. More surprisingly, the idea that God had a body was held by both polytheists and monotheists. Platonic misgivings about divine corporeality entered the church early on, but it was only with the advent of medieval scholasticism that the idea that God has a body became scandalous, an idea still lingering today. In *God's Body* Marksches traces the shape of the divine form in late antiquity. This exploration follows the development of ideas of God's corporeality in Jewish and Greco-Roman traditions. In antiquity, gods were often like humans, which proved to be important for philosophical reflection and for worship. Marksches considers how a cultic environment nurtured, and transformed, Jewish and Christian descriptions of the divine, as well as how philosophical debates over the connection of body and soul in humanity provided a conceptual framework for imagining God. Marksches probes the connections between this lively culture of religious practice and philosophical speculation and the christological formulations of the church to discover how the dichotomy of an incarnate God and a fleshless God came to be. By studying the religious and cultural past, Marksches reveals a Jewish and Christian heritage alien to modern sensibilities, as well as a God who is less alien to the human experience than much of Western thought has imagined. Since the almighty God who made all creation has also lived in that creation, the biblical idea of humankind as image of God should be taken seriously and not restricted to the conceptual world but rather applied to the whole person.

Gods that Fail Apr 01 2020 In this brilliant book, Vinoth Ramachandra argues that the modern world--secular as well as religious--is

awash with pseudogods. Idols such as science, reason, and irrationality enslave their devotees and wreak chaos in lives.

Idolatry and Authority Mar 25 2022 1 Cor 8.1-11.1 is concerned with the subject of idolatry in first-century Christianity and ancient Judaism. Jews and Christians differ over what constitutes idolatry and even within ancient Judaism and early Christianity there was no consensus. In this book, a set of definitions are created which are applied to the examination of the various relevant Diaspora Jewish literature, inscriptions and papyri, and finally the NT passage. This examination reveals different attitudes adopted by different Jews towards idolatry, which serve as parallels to the three positions in 1 Cor 8.1-11.1, 'the strong', 'the weak', and Paul. The resolution of the issue of idolatry lies in the question of who determines what is idolatrous and what constitutes proper Christian behaviour. This is accomplished through a comparison and contrast between leadership structures within Diaspora Jewish assemblies and the Corinthian church. Almost all the definitions of idolatry set up are operative in Paul, whose way of resolving the issue of idolatry is by appeal to biblical history. By insisting on his authority as the founding apostle and father of the Corinthian church, Paul can issue the injunction to the 'strong' to flee from idolatry because idolatrous behaviour would incur the wrath of God and lead to God's punishment, which is the loss of one's eschatological salvation. For the Diaspora Jews, the 'final court of appeal' was the law; but for the Corinthian church, the authority Paul sets up is Christ, the gospel, salvation, and Paul himself as the founding apostle.

Idolatry Jul 17 2021 "You shall have no other gods besides Me." This injunction, handed down through Moses three thousand years ago, marks one of the most decisive shifts in Western culture: away from polytheism toward monotheism. Despite the momentous implications of such a turn, the role of idolatry in giving it direction and impetus is little understood. This book examines the meaning and nature of idolatry--and, in doing so, reveals much about the monotheistic tradition that defines itself against this sin. The authors consider Christianity and Islam, but focus

primarily on Judaism. They explore competing claims about the concept of idolatry that emerges in the Hebrew Bible as a "whoring after false gods." Does such a description, grounded in an analogy of sexual relations, presuppose the actual existence of other gods with whom someone might sin? Or are false gods the product of "men's hands," simply a matter of misguided belief? The authors show how this debate, over idolatry as practice or error, has taken shape and has in turn shaped the course of Western thought—from the differentiation between Jewish and Christian conceptions of God to the distinctions between true and false belief that inform the tradition of religious enlightenment. Ranging with authority from the Talmud to Maimonides, from Marx to Nietzsche and on to G.E. Moore, this brilliant account of a subject central to our culture also has much to say about metaphor, myth, and the application of philosophical analysis to religious concepts and sensibilities. Its insights into pluralism and intolerance, into the logic and illogic of the arguments religions aim at each other, make Idolatry especially timely and valuable in these days of dark and implacable religious difference.

The Idolatry of God Nov 01 2022 In contrast to the usual answers concerning what the Good News might be, incendiary philosopher-theologian Peter Rollins suggests an alternative, radical definition: you can't be satisfied, life is difficult, and you don't know the secret. Arguing that God has traditionally been thought of as a type of product that will make you whole, remove your suffering and give you the truth, Rollins contrasts this with an approach to faith that invites us to embrace suffering, face up to our unknowing and fully accept the difficulties of existence.

Gods That Fail, Revised Edition Jun 27 2022 The globalizing world of late modernity is heavily awash with pseudo-gods. *Gods That Fail* provocatively deploys the theological concept of idolatry to explore the ways in which these gods blind their devotees and wreak suffering and dehumanization. Many of these pseudo-gods have infiltrated the life of the Church and compromised its witness. Combining lively social critique with fresh expositions of familiar biblical stories, this book engages with a variety of secular discourses as well as the sub-Christian practices that accompany and undermine Christian involvement in the public square.

Strange Gods Feb 21 2022 Despite frequent declarations of the sanctity of love and marriage, British Protestant culture nurtured the fear that human affection might easily slip into idolatry. Throughout the nineteenth-century, theological essays, sermons, hymns, and didactic fiction and poetry urged the faithful to maintain a constant watch over their hearts, lest they become engrossed by human love, guilty of worshipping the creature rather than the Creator. *Strange Gods: Love and Idolatry in the Victorian Novel* traces the concerns produced in Protestant culture by this broad interpretation of idolatry. In chapters focusing on Charles Kingsley and Charlotte Brontë, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, George Eliot, Oscar Wilde, and Thomas Hardy, this volume shows that even supposedly secular novels obsessively reenact an ideological clash between Protestant faith and human love.

Anxiety about adoring humans more than God frequently overshadows and sometimes derails the progress of romance in Victorian novels. By probing this anxiety and its narrative effects, *Strange Gods* uncovers how a central Protestant belief exerts its influence over stories about love and marriage.

'Here Are Your Gods!' Apr 25 2022

"Christians desperately need to name and expose the modern-day false gods of prosperity, nationalism, and self-interest. Combining a biblical study of idolatry with practical discipleship, Old Testament scholar Christopher J. H. Wright calls readers to fight the temptation of idolatry as we consider connections between Old Testament patterns and today's culture"--

The Idea of Idolatry and the Emergence of Islam Jan 29 2020 Why and under what circumstances did the religion of Islam emerge in a remote part of Arabia at the beginning of the seventh century? Traditional scholarship maintains that Islam developed in opposition to the idolatrous and polytheistic religion of the Arabs of Mecca and the surrounding regions. In this study of pre-Islamic Arabian religion, G. R. Hawting adopts a comparative religious perspective to suggest an alternative view. By examining the various bodies of evidence which survive from this period, the Koran and the vast resources of the Islamic tradition, the author argues that in fact Islam arose out of conflict with other monotheists whose beliefs and practices were judged to fall short of true monotheism and were, in consequence, attacked polemically as idolatry. The author is adept at unravelling the complexities of the source material, and students and scholars will find his argument both engaging and persuasive.

The Idolatry of God Jan 03 2023 Proposes that the courage to live a full life can be attained by embracing life's difficulties and doubts rather than relying on God to remove suffering and provide answers.

Idolatry of Christian Leaders Sep 18 2021 Idolatry in the Church is practiced through images of Christian leaders implanted in the hearts and the minds of believers. Christian leaders are not gods. There is a demonic spirit attached to this fleshly worship of man. *Idolatry of Christian Leaders* is a book which captures your heart from start to finish. Written in a straight forward, honest, and confrontational style, the Holy Spirit compels Christian believers to evaluate their true motives for Christian service and their love relationship with God. Proper heart alignment with God through the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit is the book's central theme. *Idolatry of Christian Leaders* confronts idolatry of Christian leaders, denominations and other aspects of the Church which cause believers to walk in religion, traditions of men and deception. About the Author - Debra A. Seaton Debra A. Seaton is called by God as a prophet and apostolic teacher in the Body of Christ. She is member of Crusaders Church in Chicago, Illinois where Apostle John Eckhardt is her pastor. Debra is an active part of the Prophetic and Intercessory Prayer Ministry of her church. Debra is a former prayer leader of the Crusaders International Women's Ministry. She has also participated in the altar workers' ministry and the dance ministry of her church.

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No Other Gods Dec 22 2021 Seeskin looks at the ways in which Judaism can help restore balance to our lives. He reviews the foundations of the Sabbath, exploring how it can help guard us against the incursion of the work-a-day world, preserving a private, personal time for each of us. And he shows Judaism has responded throughout the ages to the temptations of idolatry by helping to create and protect a private and sacred time and place in our lives

More Than Anything - a Study on Idolatry Oct 08 2020

Confronting the Idolatry of Family Nov 20 2021

Greed as Idolatry Oct 20 2021 What are the origin and meaning of the words "greed is idolatry" found in Ephesians 5:5 and Colossians 3:5? In what sense are the greedy guilty of idolatry? Many different answers have been given to this question throughout the history of interpretation. In fact, a consensus exists on only one score -- that the expression serves to vilify greed. Brian Rosner ably takes on the challenge of interpretation by tackling the phrase as a metaphor, structuring his argument around an intriguing comparison to mountain climbing. From this vantage point, he offers a thorough history of interpretation of the phrase, including a study of the origin of the concept of idolatrous greed in biblical and Jewish sources. Rosner concludes that the comparison of greed with idolatry teaches that to desire to acquire and keep for oneself more money and material things is an attack on God's exclusive right to human love, trust, and obedience. With this work comes a stunning, fresh understanding of familiar terms -- "greed," "idolatry," and even "God" -- challenging both the church as a whole and individual believers to consider the far-ranging implications of our materialistic world. The first full-length study of this intriguing Pauline expression, *Greed as Idolatry* has profound implications for theological ethics today.

Gospel Treason Nov 28 2019 Why do we find it so hard to change? Is it because modern-day idols trap us to commit treason against the gospel? Brad Bigney shows, using poignant testimonies, how to live joyfully and free.

The Idols of Death and the God of Life Mar 01 2020 Contents I. Biblical Theology of Confrontation with Idols by Pablo Richard II. The Gods of Oppression by J. Severino Croatto III. Divine Judgment In History by George V. Pixley IV. The Epiphany of the God of Life in Jesus of Nazareth by Jon Sobrino V. The God of the Strategic Covenant by Victorio Araya G. VI. The Task of Making God Exist by Joan Casa--as

VII. Meditation on the God of the Poor by Javier Jimenez Lim—n VIII. God Bursts Forth in the Experience of Life by Frei Betto (Carlos Alberto Libanio Christo) IX. The Economic Roots of Idolatry: Entrepreneurial Metaphysics by Franz Hinkelammert X. The Faith of the Poor in Their Struggle with Idols by Hugo Assmann
Soul Idolatry Excludes Men Out of Heaven Dec 10 2020 Learn to recognize the subtle ways that a person's inner life bows down to various false gods. David Clarkson details a list of everyday idols and the worship of them that one can use to detect soul idolatry in their lives. His call is that God is very serious about idols and Christians should be serious as well. This edition is the complete sermon as published by James Nichol in 1864.

Saving God Aug 30 2022 A bold and persuasive case for abandoning old religions and still believing in God In this book, Mark Johnston argues that God needs to be saved not only from the distortions of the "undergraduate atheists" (Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris) but, more importantly, from the idolatrous tendencies of religion itself. Each monotheistic religion has its characteristic ways of domesticating True Divinity, of taming God's demands so that they do not radically threaten our self-love and false righteousness. Turning the monotheistic critique of idolatry on the monotheisms themselves, Johnston shows that much in these traditions must be condemned as false and spiritually debilitating. A central claim of the book is that supernaturalism is idolatry. If this is right, everything changes; we cannot place our salvation in jeopardy by tying it essentially to the supernatural cosmologies of the ancient Near East. Remarkably, Johnston rehabilitates the ideas of the Fall and of salvation within a naturalistic framework; he then presents a conception of God that both resists idolatry and is wholly consistent with the deliverances of the natural sciences. Princeton University Press is publishing *Saving God* in conjunction with Johnston's forthcoming book *Surviving Death*, which takes up the crux of supernaturalist belief, namely, the belief in life after death. Some images inside the book are unavailable due to digital copyright restrictions.

Identity and Idolatry Jul 29 2022

Brave by Faith Aug 18 2021 Learn from the book of Daniel how to live confidently for Christ today. What does it look like to live with joy in a society that does not like what Christians believe, say or do? It's tempting to grow angry, keep our heads down, retreat or just give up altogether. But this isn't the first time that God's people have had to learn how to live in a pagan world that opposes God's rule. In this realistic yet positive book, renowned Bible teacher Alistair Begg examines the first seven chapters of Daniel to show us how to live bravely, confidently and obediently in an increasingly secular society. Readers will see that God is powerful and God is sovereign, and even in the face of circumstances that appear to be prevailing against his people, we may trust him entirely. We can be as brave as Daniel if we have faith in Daniel's God! "The message of Daniel is incredibly relevant for us in our generation. Not because it maps out a strategy for how to deal with our new lack of status ... or because Daniel was a great man and we need to follow his example. The reason is that it will

help us to believe in Daniel's God." Alistair Begg, author.

Snakes in the Temple Mar 13 2021 The Secret to Unlocking Gods Favor, Power, and Visitation We hear about healings, miracles, dead-raising and other breakthroughs happening in other parts of the world. Why not in our own nation? Despite our best church growth strategies, we tolerate a powerless, spiritually anemic culture. In *Snakes in the Temple*, David Orton, boldly confronts modern idolatry in the church. He exposes its ancient roots and how it impacts every single believer from church leadership to everyday Christians. Open your eyes and discover how: Idolatry is the hidden stronghold that prevents the church from enjoying Gods favor. The beast, the spirit of Jezebel, and power structures of ministry leadership restrain breakthrough. To break strongholds of idolatry and build new cultures based on Heavens blueprint. Gods breakthrough solution to recapturing His presence and reaping the global harvest is deep repentance. If you're tired of doing church as usual, learn how to unmask this hidden idolatry and start experiencing the supernatural life God has made available today!

Desiring God Sep 30 2022 Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

God, Israel, Idolatry and Christ Sep 06 2020 Hamilton Smith conducts a verse-by-verse study of chapters 40 to 57 of the Old Testament prophecy of Isaiah. Emphasis is placed on the dispensational approach to its interpretation, distinguishing prophecies as already fulfilled, or yet to be so. The focus of chapters 40 to 48 is seen as the issue of idolatry; and that of chapters 49 to 57 to be the coming of Jesus as the humble servant of God, to be followed by his future return to rule. Throughout the exposition valuable practical lessons are drawn for Christians today.

Counterfeit Gods Jan 23 2022 The issue of idolatry has been with the human race for thousands of years; the subtle temptation is always to take what is good and turn it into the ultimate good, elevating it above all other things in the search for security and meaning. In this timely and challenging book, New York pastor Timothy Keller looks at the issue of idolatry throughout the Bible -- from the worship of actual idols in the Old Testament, to the idolatry of money by the rich young ruler when he was challenged by Jesus to give up all his wealth. Using classic stories from the Bible Keller cuts through our dependence on the glittering false idols of money, sex and power to uncover the path towards trust in the real ultimate -- God. Today's idols may look different from those of the Old Testament, but Keller argues that they are no less damaging. Culturally transforming as well as biblically based, COUNTERFEIT GODS is a powerful look at the temptation to worship what can only disappoint, and is a vital message in today's current climate of financial and social difficulty.

How (Not) to Speak of God May 03 2020 With sensitivity to the Christian tradition and a rich understanding of postmodern thought, Peter Rollins argues that the movement known as the "emerging church" offers a singular,

unprecedented message of transformation that has the potential to revolutionize the theological and moral architecture of Western Christianity. How (not) to Speak of God sets out to explore the theory and praxis of this contemporary expression of faith. Rollins offers a clear exploration of this embryonic movement and provides key resources for those involved in communities that are conversant with, and seeking to minister effectively to, the needs of a postmodern world. "Here in pregnant bud is the rose, the emerging new configuration, of a Christianity that is neither Roman nor Protestant, neither Eastern nor monastic; but rather is the re-formation of all of them. Here, in pregnant bud, is third-millennium Christendom." —Phyllis Tickle "I am a raving fan of the book you are holding. I loved reading it. I have already begun widely recommending it. Reading it did good for my mind and for my soul. It helped me understand my own spiritual journey more clearly, and it gave me a sense of context for the work I'm involved in. In fact, I would say this is one of the two or three most rewarding books of theology I have read in ten years." —Brian McLaren, from the Foreword

Idolatry and Infinity Oct 27 2019 Some unwritten stories only exist in fragments. In this book, for the first time, the histories of the injunction against idolatry and the dread of infinity are uniquely woven into one. The spectre of idolatry has haunted the three Western religions since the biblical prohibition. The story of iconoclasm runs from ancient times, where Jews largely ignored the ban on images, through the iconoclastic episodes in Islam and Christianity, and into modern times during the French Revolution. A perhaps surprising thesis of this book is that a conceptual and secular form of iconoclasm continued as the revulsion of illusionism in Modern Art. More recently it flared-up in the dynamiting of two large statues of the Buddha by the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001. The phobia of infinity arose from Pythagoras's discovery of irrational numbers and it runs through Zeno's paradoxes and Aristotle's philosophy, with only rare cases of defiance, such as Archimedes searching for pi. The angst over infinity continued through the Middle Ages with the theological encounter of an infinite God, as in the writings of Thomas Aquinas, only to be confronted in the Renaissance philosophy of Cusa. At the same time, infinity arose unexpectedly in visual art with the discovery of linear perspective where God was identified with the vanishing point. In the 17th and 18th centuries infinity further emerged not only in the very, very large (the cosmos itself), but in the very, very small (within calculus). This paved the way in the 19th and 20th centuries for the idea of different orders of infinity codified by Georg Cantor, where the concept mingled again with theology. Math and science buffs familiar with some aspects of infinity may first learn of its link with art, as well as a long association with theology - right up to the present. With lucid visual aids for the uninitiated, this book may likewise grant the Art lover access into a previously uncharted territory - a math venture to stretch the mind.

Hollow Gods Jan 11 2021 There is little doubt that we are quick in Western culture to follow after idols. Why are we so easily led astray? Could it be because postmodern thinking has

masked idols so that we do not recognize them? What if you really are an idolater at heart? What can you do to remedy this cultural disease? Do you want answers? If so, then *Hollow Gods* offers a glimpse into the connections between postmodern culture and its rapid decline into idolatry, providing the biblical reasons and solutions to this problem for both your Christian life and church health. [Identity and Idolatry](#) Nov 08 2020 In this *New Studies in Biblical Theology* volume, Richard Lints argues that "idol" language in the Bible is a conceptual inversion of the "image" language of Genesis 1. He shows how the narrative of human identity runs from creation to fall to redemption in Christ, and examines the recent renaissance of interest in idolatry with its conceptual power to explain the "culture of desire."

Too Many Lovers Jun 15 2021 This book is a wake-up call for Christians who are suffering from the rampant - yet unrecognized - effects caused by the deception of idolatry. Idolatry is not an outdated practice of extinct religions; it is very much alive and flourishing today. Most Christians who practice idolatry aren't even aware of it. They are suffering spiritually, emotionally, and even physically but can't connect the dots between their misery and their practice of idolatry. How does this happen? Instead of giving the best of our love To The God who deserves it, many Christians have gradually fallen more and more in love with what God created, instead of the Creator Himself. With our lips we tell God we love Him, but our everyday thoughts and actions may be revealing that we have other "lovers." These so called lovers seem innocent enough because they offer to give us what we want. But in the end, they betray us by taking the best of what God has given, only to leave us poor, empty, and dead inside. Now For The Good News: Our God isn't afraid of idols or idolaters! He is a compassionate and merciful God who may be saying to you today, "Do you know why I stopped you from running after your other lovers?" We may even sense His anger, but it is really the passion of a loving God who hates to see His children damaged by the sin of serving false gods. Like any good father, He wants His children to have the best, and it just so happens, HE IS THE BEST! Even though you are a Christian, do you find yourself battling emptiness, hopelessness, loneliness, or despair? it may be that you are suffering from "Too Many Lovers."

Same God, Other god Jun 03 2020 Jews often consider Hinduism to be Avoda Zara, idolatry, due to its worship of images and multiple gods. Closer study of Hinduism and of recent Jewish attitudes to it suggests the problem is far more complex. In the process of considering Hinduism's status as Avoda Zara, this book revisits the fundamental definitions of Avoda Zara and asks how we use the category. By appealing to the history of Judaism's view of Christianity, author Alon Goshen-Gottstein seeks to define what Avoda Zara is and how one might recognize the same God in different religions, despite legal definitions. Through a series of leading questions, the discussion moves from a blanket view of Hinduism as idolatry to a recognition that all religions have aspects that are idolatrous and non-idolatrous. Goshen-Gottstein explains how the category of

idolatry itself must be viewed with more nuance. Introducing this nuance, he asserts, leads one away from a globalized view of an entire tradition in these terms.

The Idolatry of God Dec 02 2022 You can't be satisfied. Life is difficult. You don't know the secret. Whether readers are devout believers or distant seekers, *The Idolatry of God* shows that we must lay down our certainties and honestly admit our doubts to identify with Jesus. Rollins purposely upsets fundamentalist certainty in order to open readers up to a more loving, active manifestation of Christ's love. In contrast to the usual understanding of the "Good News" as a message offering satisfaction and certainty, Rollins argues for a radical and shattering alternative. He explores how the Good News actually involves embracing the idea that we can't be whole, that life is difficult, and that we are in the dark. Showing how God has traditionally been approached as a product that will render us complete, remove our suffering, and reveal the answers, he introduces an incendiary approach to faith that invites us to joyfully embrace our brokenness, resolutely face our unknowing, and courageously accept the difficulties of existence. Only then, he argues, can we truly rob death of its sting and enter into the fullness of life.

Gospel-Centered Idolatry Sep 26 2019 Thomas Chalmers, in his classic sermon entitled, "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection," correctly ascribes subjective power to subjective affections, for love does have an expulsive power, whether one loves God to the despising of self, or loves self to the despising of God. But he incorrectly sides with objective justification, full pardon and gracious acceptance as the power that creates love and the engine that empowers sanctification. He is right to suggest that a new affection has expulsive power, but wrong to suggest that the source and power of a new affection is primarily in the indicative benefits. Jonathan Edwards, on the other hand, sided with regeneration for the obvious reason that without a new nature, the natural man can only be constrained by outside considerations (the indicatives) to superficially walk in newness of life (the imperatives). Such considerations might produce change that rises as high as the outward performance of the Legalist, but it is still only the superficial height that self-love alone can achieve. The Spirit's work of illuminating the higher glory and beauty of Christ to the soul is the only source of an affection that can be called new. If the expulsive power of a new affection does not dethrone self as one's primary concern in life and theology, then what exactly is being expelled by the power of the gospel? If one's religion does not surpass one's primary concern for what's in it for oneself, then one's self-love may have an expulsive power, but it will be the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus that is expelled by the power of self-love. The irony of the cross was that Christ was crucified by those who already had a knowledge of God's steadfast love and rejoiced in spiritual privileges. The proper force and source behind the believer's love for God is not found in the objective benefits as they reflect upon the believer's high privileges, but God's power alone as it is exerted in the soul by the Spirit

imparting a new heart, new affections and a new principle of action that did not exist prior. Good fruit is produced only by a good tree, and however constrained by outside forces, a bad tree cannot be manipulated to produce fruit contrary to its nature.

No Gods But God Aug 06 2020 Why is it that so many of us settle for a less-than-satisfying Christian life? We suffer the symptoms-spiritual dryness, dissatisfaction, and unanswered prayers-of a yet-unidentified problem that creates an obstacle between God and us. We seem unable to connect the dots between our symptoms and the problem causing them: God is no longer first in our hearts. Pastor Dennis Newkirk shares how God revealed to their church their idolatry. The lessons were difficult, but the result was an extraordinary spiritual revival and much deeper fellowship with God. No gods but God is about learning to confront our modern-day idolatry and how God uses a four-step pattern to call our hearts back to him. Examining our own lives before God and admitting that our hearts have strayed isn't easy, and it is most certainly humbling. But that's what God wants-a humbled, repentant person standing before him willing to be used in service for him. Let No gods but God show you the way.

Idolatry of Blood Jul 05 2020 The preponderance and influences of religions in our world need not be established. Religions are largely represented in two categories of fundamental beliefs regarding the deity: those who claim monotheism and polytheists. If there is a single common thread between all religions, it is that they are all founded on at least some elements of beliefs that defy logic. Those unexplainable beliefs are accepted as faith by their devotees. If this observation is correct, one has to reflect on a few basic questions. If intelligent supernatural forces created humans, they are also the creators of logic. This suggests that the religions of our world should not be short on logic, but a simple analysis of their beliefs appear to show otherwise. The same could be said of the monotheist God; why does he expect a persons faith to be founded on elements lacking sound logic? The author answers the question in a rather surprising way. The lack of logic is only due to human interference in the affairs of God. The divine system designed to regenerate love originally created in the human heart has been corrupted beyond recognition. This book is a search for Gods rational plan of action to help humans grow true love in their hearts.

[Idolatry](#) Dec 30 2019 Presenting a study of the nature and significance of idolatry, this work covers theoretical perspectives, the Old Testament, Early Judaism, the New Testament, and Christian Theology. The contributors include Tim Jenkins, Robert Hayward, John Barclay, and James Dunn. It is aimed at scholars, students, clergy, church workers and educated lay people.

The little book Of idolatry and self-giving Apr 13 2021 »A god means that, to which you should provide all good and refuge in all needs. So that a God is nothing else, because trust and believe in him from the heart, as I have often said, that only trusting and believing in the heart makes both God and Abegott. [...] Because the two belong together, faith and God. Wherever you hang (I say) your heart and

leave, that's actually your God. « This is how Martin Luther wrote in the Great Catechism to explain the first commandment. According to

Luther, idolatry and adequate belief in God resemble each other in that the heart of a person can depend on both an idol and God

himself. The fact that the human heart clings to something has made the heart a god.
“Enjoyable reading in this book”