

Idolatry Is Alive & Well

by John Hines

Idolatry is alive and well. It is destroying this world. It is destroying this country. It is destroying this state. It is destroying our schools. It is destroying our communities. It is destroying our families. It is doing its level best to draw us away from God and “Christians” are falling for it hook, line, and sinker. 2000 years ago, Paul described the idolatry of the day. He saw the city where he was, Athens, given over to idolatry, so many that a writer at that time wrote “It is easier to find a god than a man in Athens.” Things have not improved much. Men are still hard to find. And while the gods may look different today, they are just as abundant.

The Politics Idol – Depending on where you shop, you can purchase your idol in either blue or red. Do not people bow down to their respective idol? Do they not lift them up as the messiah of the peoples? Do they not look to them as their benefactor, the giver of all blessings? You know it is true. Many are consumed with their political idol. They let politics mold their faith. They let politics lead them. They let politics define them.

The Sports Idol – It is all some people care about. They give their children to this idol as assuredly as Israel gave their children to the idol Molech with the same outcome (Jeremiah 32:35); their children are consumed. They burn for their idol. They sacrifice to and for their idol. They have zeal for nothing else in this universe, other than their idol. Their lives revolve around one thing, and it is their god.

The Sex Idol – Perhaps many lives do not revolve around just one god. After all, there is a whole slew of gods to worship. Many bow down to the sex god. You know her disciples often by how they dress. Turn on the TV. Turn on the computer. Look up at the billboard. What do you see? Idolatry is alive and well. Don't think it's a problem? Check the divorce statistics. Check the schools for pregnancy statistics. What, you think they are the only ones having sex? No. Idolatry is alive and well.

The Self Idol – The ugliest but most popular of all the idols. These are the people that are their own gods. “I'm going to do what I want to do!” “I don't have to listen to anybody else but me!” “Nobody is going to tell me what to do!” This idol promotes nothing but self, one selfish selfie at a time. “Look at me world. Look at how strong/pretty/smart/busy I am!”

How sad, for in the end, what is an idol? It is worthless and empty.

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A MEDLEY OF MATTERS —

What Do You See?

by Bill Crews

Are you able to see something beautiful in nature? something lovely in human character? and something unselfish in others? If you can see *only the imperfections*, you need to adjust your vision. If you have come to expect *only the worst* and to see *only the flaws*, you need to change your attitude and expectations.

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