



TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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THE LORD OUR GOD

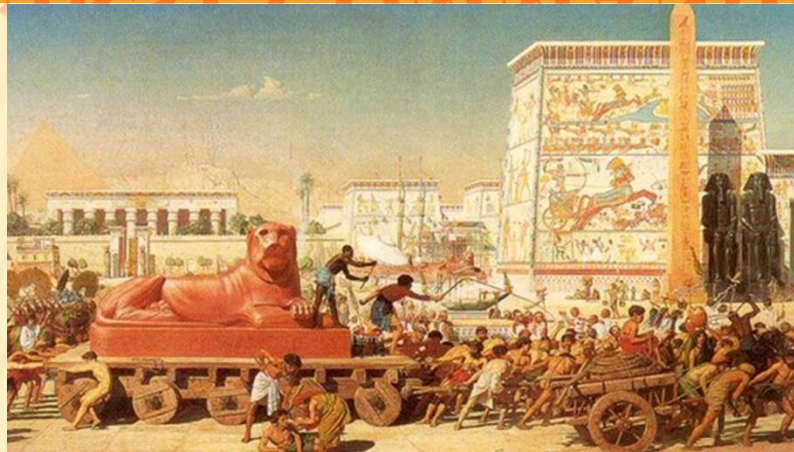


ONCE A LAWYER ASKED TO JESUS; “WHICH
COMMANDMENT IS THE FIRST OF ALL?”



Jesus answered, “The first is hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT



God is the Creator and Preserver of the universe and all the creatures.

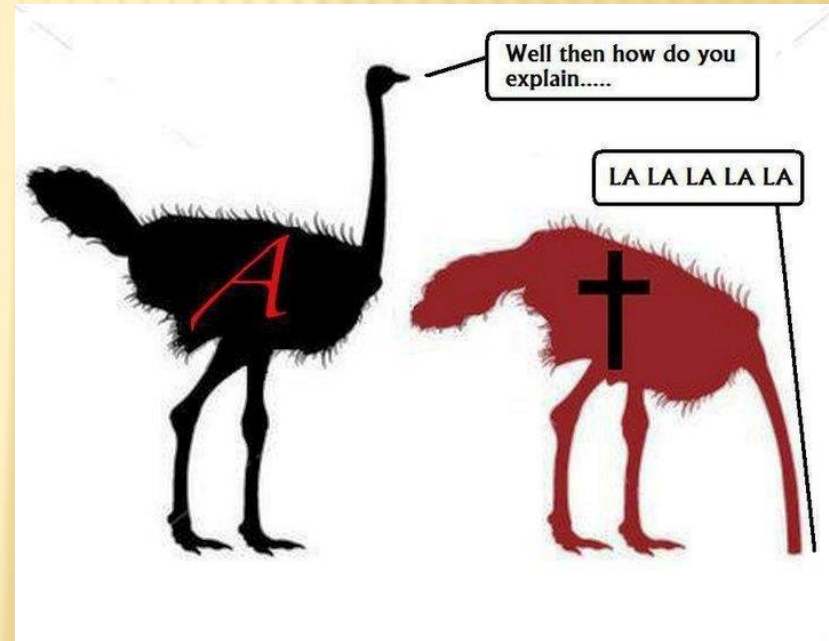
We must know and adore God.

The first commandment , God gave to the people of Israel was this; “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, you shall have no Gods before me.”

SINS AGAINST THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.....

ATHEISM

Atheism is the
act of denying
or rejecting the
existence of
God..



IDOLATRY

Idolatry is worshipping persons or creatures instead of God, considering them as God..



SORCERY

Sorcery, witchcraft, black magic etc. are those acts to attain worldly gains by depending on evil powers.



SUPERSTITION



It is the evil to accept such false beliefs which do not go along with the true faith and which do not have real basis.



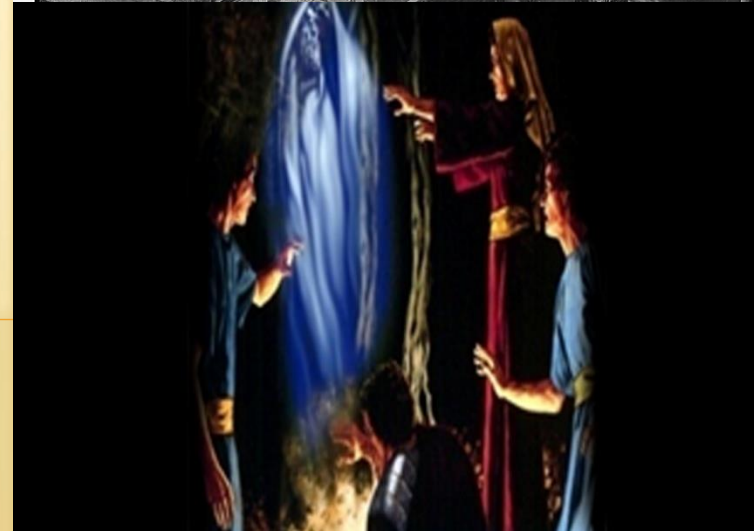
BLASPHEMY or SACRILEGE

**Celebrating and
receiving the
sacraments
unworthily is
Blasphemy or
sacrilege**



DEVIL WORSHIP AND SPIRITISM

It is worshiping Satan
by mocking God,
saints and holy
objects, doing all
kinds of evil deeds.



**These all acts obstructs us from loving and
worshiping God whole heartedly.**

**HOW WE WILL
FOLLOW THE FIRST
COMMANDMENT????**



DIVINE VIRTUES

It is God's will that we
live in these divine
virtues



FAITH



HOPE



LOVE



FAITH

Faith is the total surrender and response of man to God who reveals Himself



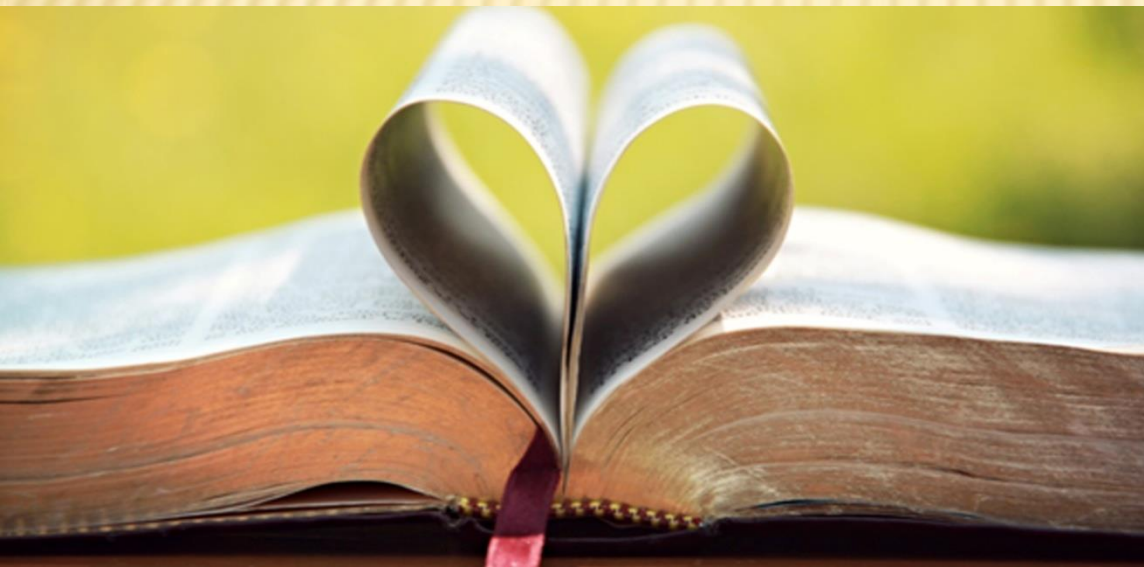
HOPE

Hope is a confidence that God will prepare the way to enable us to live like the children of God and help us to attain eternal salvation.



LOVE

It is the virtue that enables us to love God above everything else and to love others as we love ourselves



WORSHIP OF GOD: OUR DUTY



We must offer worship , praise and thanks to the Lord our God.
The first Commandment expects of us, creatures, to worship our
creator.

Jesus teaches us the importance of worshipping God.
We must overcome the temptations to worship any object other than
God.

VENERATION OF THE SAINTS

But In churches and houses, we keep the pictures or statues of saints.

Its purpose is not to worship them but to revere and respect them.

It will help us to remember their holy lives, to imitate their example and to seek their intercession.



Through the first commandment God asks us to recognize and accept God as our Lord, the creator and protector, with humble hearts, worship Him, with our whole heart, Love Him with all our strength, give Him first place throughout our lives.


SAINTS





LET US PRAY

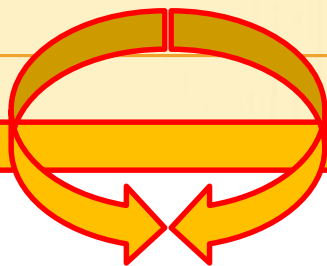
O Lord, our God, help us to proclaim always that you are
our God and our Lord.



READ THE WORD OF GOD AND NARRATE

Dan3:1-30



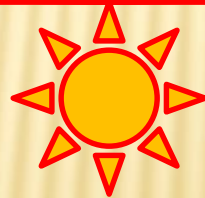


WORD OF GOD FOR GUIDANCE

“Love God our Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mk: 12:30)

LET US DO:

By-heart the prayers of faith, hope and love



MY RESOLUTION

I will worship God by my active participation in the
Holy Qurbana

FIND OUT THE ANSWER

1. What is the essence of the first Commandment?
2. What is Idolatry?
3. What are the sins against the first Commandment?
4. What are the divine virtues?
5. Veneration of saints does not become idol worship, Why?



THANK YOU