

	Idolatry of in the Bible	Examples of with Mary
Altars to Idols	2 Chron. 33:15 , "He also removed the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the Lord, as well as all the altars which he had built on the mountain of the house of the Lord and in Jerusalem, and he threw them outside the city."	"From the beginning of Christianity special veneration was paid to the Mother of God, which in the language of theology is called hyperdulia, to distinguish the honour rendered to her from that given to the other saints. It is not strange, therefore, that after the main or principal altar, the most prominent is that dedicated in a special manner to the Mother of God; and to indicate this specific preference, this altar is usually placed in the most prominent position in the church, i.e. at the right (gospel) side of the main altar. In general it signifies any altar of which the Blessed Virgin is the titular." 18
Bowing Down to Images	Lev. 26:1 , "You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, <u>nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it;</u> for I am the Lord your God." See Joshua 23:7	All across the world, images of Mary are elevated in Feasts and Churches. In those churches, people very often bow down to statues of Mary. This is a violation of scripture.
Images in the House of God	2 Chron. 33:6-7 , He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger. 7 Then <u>he put the carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God,</u> of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;	Roman Catholic Churches are full of images of all sorts in, what we could call, the houses of God, the Roman Catholic Churches. The most prominent are those of Mary.
Idols in the hearts	Ezek. 14:3 , "Son of man, <u>these men have set up their idols in their hearts,</u> and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?"	Veneration of Mary is accomplished in the heart. " <u>The Blessed Virgin,</u> as manifesting in a sublimer manner than any other creature the goodness of God, <u>deserves from us a higher recognition and deeper veneration than any other of the saints;</u> and this peculiar cultus due to her <u>because of her unique position in the Divine economy,</u> is designated in theology hyperdulia, that is dulia in an eminent degree." 19
Kissing statues	Hosea 13:2 , "And now they sin more and more, And make for themselves molten images, Idols skillfully made from their silver, All of them the work of craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"	All over the world, Catholics not only bow to statues of Mary but also will ceremoniously kiss the statue's feet. There is no record found from the Vatican that denounces such a practice.
Making Graven Images	Exo. 20:4-5 , " <u>You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath</u> or in the water under the earth. 5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,	It should go without saying that statues and images of Mary are too countless to number within the Roman Catholic Churches around the world. If Mary is in heaven and they make images of her, then they violate the Scripture.

Making Male and Female Images	Deut. 4:15 , "So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, <u>16 lest you act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,</u> "	The Roman Catholic Church is full of male and female statues representing Jesus, Joseph, Mary, and others. They are often used in worship services, and many people bow down before them.
Prays to	Isaiah 44:17 , But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; <u>he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god."</u> See also Isaiah 45:20 , "Gather yourselves and come; Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations; They have no knowledge, Who carry about their wooden idol, <u>and pray to a god who cannot save.</u>	CCC par. 2675, "Beginning with Mary's unique cooperation with the working of the Holy Spirit, <u>the Churches developed their prayer to the holy Mother of God, centering it on the person of Christ manifested in his mysteries . . .</u> "
Request for Deliverance	Isaiah 44:17 , But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god."	Par. 966, " . . . <u>You [Mary] conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.</u> "
Worshipping Images	Deut. 4:19 , "And beware, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, <u>and be drawn away and worship them</u> and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven." Ex. 20:4-5 , "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God . . ."	" . . . <u>when she [Mary] is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son . . .</u> " (Vatican Council II, p. 420). Statues of Mary often have her depicted with Stars in her crown, an allusion, says Catholicism to Revelation 12:1-2 , " And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth." 20
Worship of false gods	Acts 10:24-26 , "And on the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am just a man." Rev. 22:8-9 , "And I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book; worship God."	

CATHOLIC IDOLS

By David J. Stewart

"Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations." —Ezekiel 14:6

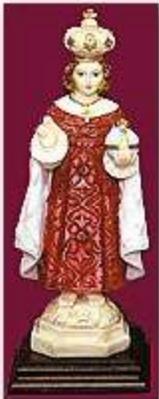


The Catholic church declares unto all that are of her church to embrace and gather as many statues, medals, relics, and artifacts to themselves as a sign of holiness unto the Lord God. However, the Creator specifically states...

Exodus 20:4, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:"

among them:)

Deuteronomy 29:17, "And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were



The Catholic church teaches it's followers to bow down before statues when in prayer. Anyone can walk into a Catholic church and see kneelers before every statue place within. However, the Creator specifically states...

Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;"

Leviticus 26:1, "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God."

The Catholic church proclaims loudly that Jesus is dead and unable to help you. Walk into any Catholic church and you will see a DEAD Jesus on a cross, a



DEAD Jesus in the arms of His mother, or an INFANT Jesus in the arms of His mother. However, look at the MEN and WOMEN depicted in statues. Look at Mary, Joseph, Peter, Anthony, and hundreds of other saints. They are all displayed as alive and well and very capable of helping you and hearing your prayers. However, it is written...



Acts 25:19, "But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive."

Matthew 28:6, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The Angels were more concerned with us gazing unto the place where Jesus lay, than the place where He hung!



The Catholic church declares that you must bow before and display acts of worship unto a MAN called Pope. The very words of these Popes are such that they proclaim themselves "God on earth" for all Catholic to adore...

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, he is **Jesus Christ himself**" -*Catholic National* July 1895.

"**We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty**" -*Pope Leo XIII*

The title "**Lord God the Pope**" is found within a gloss of *Extravagantes of Pope John XXII*, title 14, chapter 4 (For more info see "[The Words of a Beast](#)" page)



However, the Word of God exposes them graphically when it is written...

Romans 1:25, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."



The Catholic church declares that all should pray unto Mary, Joseph, Therese, and hundreds of other saints. The Catholic church even goes so far as to declare Mary as your Saviour!

May 7, 1997 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist News Service, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277) - On May 7 Pope John Paul II dedicated his general audience to "the Virgin Mary" and urged all Christians to accept Mary as their mother. He noted the words spoken by Jesus on the cross to Mary and to John-- "Woman, behold thy son!" and "Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26,27), and he claimed that in this statement "IT IS POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THE AUTHENTIC MEANING OF MARIAN WORSHIP in the ecclesial community ... which furthermore is based on the will of Christ" (Vatican Information Service, May 7, 1997).



John Paul II underlined that "the history of Christian piety teaches that **MARY IS THE PATH THAT LEADS TO CHRIST**, and that filial devotion to her does not at all diminish intimacy with Jesus, but rather, it increases it and leads it to very high levels of perfection." He concluded by asking all Christians "to make room (for Mary) in their daily lives, **ACKNOWLEDGING HER PROVIDENTIAL ROLE IN THE PATH OF SALVATION**" (Ibid.).

However, Jesus said rather plainly... John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Catholic church demands that all its members wear medals, crucifixes, scapulars, etc. Even the demons that appear unto them masquerading as Mary and Jesus state...



"Wear the brown Scapular and other sacramentals." Also it states everyone should "-Keep the statues in your homes." - *Bayside "The Lourdes of America" Jesus and Mary Speak to the World Through Veronica Lueken*

"Wear any size crucifix that you can find. It does not have to be big or small, but an image of My Son" *Directives from Heaven* From the vision of "-Our Lady, Sept. 7 1985"



"You must keep them upon you, with a crucifix. We demand a crucifix. *Directives from Heaven* From the vision of "-Jesus, June 18, 1987."

The Pope himself stated in 1981, "*When Pope John Paul II was shot and operated on in 1981, he told doctors not to remove the brown scapular he was wearing. One of the two 'most recommended' devotions of the Church...*" Pope John Paul is convinced that Our Lady of Mount Carmel, along with Our Lady of Fatima, saved him from the bullets of Mehmet Ali Agca [See *Inside the Vatican*, July 2001, page 44].

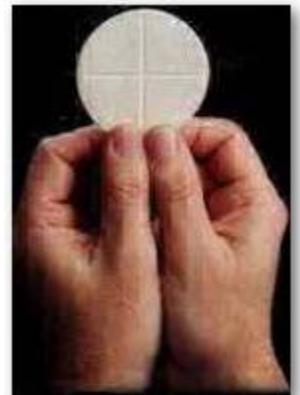


"*The Virgin Mary appeared at the final apparition of Fatima (Portugal) and at Lourdes (France), wearing the brown scapular. The pontiff, a Third Order Carmelite, has worn the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel since he was a young boy. He frequent asks Our Lady of Mount Carmel to help him make important decisions.*" -*Vatican Magazine*.

If only the Catholics would open their Bibles and see that what these demons are saying, and what the Word has penned are two different things! For it is written...

1st John 4:1, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*" Acts 17:24, "*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.*"

The Catholic church declares that Jesus Christ incarnate is in the Catholic Eucharist that is made with human hands. It also states rather boldly that...



"*If anyone denies that in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist (communion wafer) are contained truly, really and substantially the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ, but says that He is in it only as a sign, or figure or force, let him be anathema.*" (One exhausted definition of "Anathema" = To be damned and put to death) *Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent*. Original text with English translation, by Rev. H.J. Schroeder, O.P., B. Herder Book Co. 1960, p.79, Canon 1.

The Creator God could not have said it plainer when it was written...

Acts 7:48, "Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

