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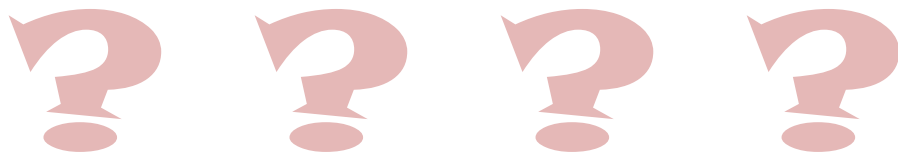


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“The men of that generation [Noah’s] were not all, in the fullest acceptation of the term, idolaters.

“Many professed to be worshipers of God.

“They claimed that their idols were representations of the Deity and that through them the people could obtain a clearer conception of the divine Being. This class were foremost in rejecting the preaching of Noah.

“As they endeavored to represent God by material objects, their minds were blinded to His majesty and power; they ceased to realize the holiness of His character, or the sacred, unchanging nature of His requirements.” Patriarchs and Prophets page 95.

“The king of Israel, (Ahaziah) turning from God to ask help of the worst enemy of his people, proclaimed to the heathen that he had more confidence in their idols than in the God of heaven. **In the same manner do men and women dishonor Him when they turn from the Source of strength and wisdom to ask help or counsel from the powers of darkness.**” Conflict and Courage, 219

“Are we followers of God as dear children, or are we servants of the prince of darkness? Are we worshipers of Jehovah, or of Baal? of the living God, or of idols?”

“There may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practicing idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone.

“Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal.

“Are we worshiping the true God as He is revealed in His Word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place?”

“God is a God of **truth. Justice** and **mercy** are the attributes of His throne. He is a God of **love**, of **pity** and **tender compassion**. Thus He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. He is a God of **patience** and **long-suffering**. IF such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshiping the true God.” Lift Him Up, page 143 (Emphasis supplied)

"**Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.**" "The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it." Hosea 4:17; 9:7.

“Many who speak to others of the need of a new heart do not themselves know what is meant by these words. The youth especially stumble over this phrase, "a new heart." They do not know what it means. **They look for a special change to take place in their feelings.** This they term conversion. Over this error thousands have stumbled to ruin, not understanding the expression, "Ye must be born again." Messages to Young People, page 71

“The Israelites were **"mingled among the heathen, and learned their works."** Psalm 106:35. They intermarried with the Canaanites, and idolatry spread like a plague throughout the land. **"They served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils: . . . and the land was polluted with blood. . . . Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance."** Psalm 106:36-40. Patriarchs and Prophets, page 544

“And the worshipers of idols were at last to learn the lesson that false gods are powerless to uplift and save. "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens." (Jeremiah 10:11) Only **in allegiance to the living God, the Creator of all and the Ruler over all, can man find rest and peace.**” Prophets and Kings, page 97

“By continual resistance the sinner places himself where he knows nothing but resistance. When he disregards the calls of God's mercy, and continues to sow the **seeds of unbelief**, the dread mark is placed over his doorway, "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone" Letter 51a, 1895

**Anything that men love and trust
instead of loving the Lord
and trusting wholly in Him
becomes an idol
and is thus registered in the books of heaven.
Even blessings are often turned into a curse.**

Reflecting Christ, page 110

"In the life of a Christian, the things of this world, **the idols of pride, extravagance, and self-indulgence, are to have no place.** God did not form the eye to be used for selfish purposes. He gave us the power of vision in order that we might behold and admire the Saviour in His works, which He has created for our pleasure." Reflecting Christ, page 188

These thoughts have a controlling power upon the whole character. I want to impress upon your mind that you may have a divine companion with you, if you will, always.

"Oh God!
Be not far from me.
Oh my God,
make hast for my help."

Psalm 71:12

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Messages to Young People, page 159

"Let us walk carefully before the Lord; let us think how often we have broken our vows and marred our best resolutions, how often in the face of great light we have turned from God and sought our idols. It is highly proper for us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God." Selected Messages Book 1, page 312

“Pride and idols must be laid aside. I saw that rich food was destroying the health of bodies, was ruining constitutions, destroying minds, and was a great waste of means.” Selected Messages Book 3, page 274

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.” Ezekiel 36:25.

“The work of sanctification begins in the heart, and we must come into such a relation with God that Jesus can put His divine mold upon us. We must be emptied of self in order to give room to Jesus, but how many have their hearts so filled with idols that they have no room for the Redeemer of the world.

“The world holds the hearts of men in captivity. They center their thoughts and affections upon their business, their position, their family. **They hold to their opinions and ways, and cherish them as idols in the soul.** . . . We must be emptied of self. But this is not all that is required, for when we have renounced our idols, the vacuum must be supplied.” That I May Know Him, page 165

The temple of the soul
is to be cleansed from moral defilement,
altars of sacrifice set right,
selfishness cleansed away from the soul,
idols sacrificed.

The Upward Look, page 370