



Christian Idolatry: The worship of Selfies

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In this short book, we are going to look at selfies and how they are idols. Just so we have a working knowledge of idolatry, let's look at what an idol is:

With that being said, an **idol** is defined as:

noun

1. a material object, esp a carved image, that is worshipped as a god
2. Christianity Judaism any being (other than the one God) to which divine honour is paid
3. a person who is revered, admired, or highly loved

We also have the origin of this word, so let's take a look at it here:

- o mid-13c., "image of a deity as an object of (pagan) worship,"
- o from Old French *idole* "idol, graven image, pagan god,"
- o from Late Latin *idolum* "image (mental or physical), form," used in Church Latin for "false god,"
- o from Greek *eidolon* "appearance, reflection in water or a mirror," later "mental image, apparition, phantom," also "material image, statue," from *eidōs* "form" (see -oid).
- o Figurative sense of "something idolized" is first recorded 1560s (in Middle English the figurative sense was "someone who is false or untrustworthy"). Meaning "a person so adored" is from 1590s.

From the origins of the word, you see the words 'pagan', 'false god', 'statue', so we can correctly infer that an idol is NOT a good thing that a Christian should be looking at or dealing with. The Lord has given strict instructions about idols as you can see in scripture here:

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.

Deuteronomy 5:9 - Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto 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,

The devil knows this, so he sets up idols so the worship will go to HIM, as this is what he wanted from the time when iniquity was found in him. Worship means that much to the devil, and he will do anything he can to get those creations of the Lord to give HIM their worship.

So what is **worship**?

Worship is a public show of deep respect and devotion towards someone or something that you are in awe of/have full admiration for that you show profound, intense love and honour to in recognition of the qualities of holiness, excellence and wisdom.

As you already know, the Lord is not sharing his worship with anyone, and the sole purpose of an idol is to get people, who are built to worship the Lord, to worship a substitute. The devil puts idols around everyone because he knows that human beings will worship anything.



You see this all of the time these days – people taking pictures of themselves with their smartphones or iphones. These pictures are called **selfies**, and in most cases, it is really just a goofy, silly thing that people do with their phones that is seemingly harmless.

The operative phrase is **seemingly harmless**.

You see, the people already look ridiculous taking pictures of themselves with their lips all puffed out, looking like they are kissing something (I don't know what), and it looks like good clean fun. I am sure that many of you have done this in public, looking silly, but no one cared because that is what they would have done as well.

What is going to come as a shock to many of you is that **taking a selfie is self-worship**, and **the selfie itself is the idol**.



'How is taking a selfie worship?', you ask.

Well, this is really simple to see. If you are taking a picture of yourself, **you are putting YOURSELF as the idol** and **you are worshipping yourself**, using the smartphone to record your dastardly deed.

'No, I am not worshipping myself', you protest.

Indeed you are.

You are worshipping yourself, and by extension, **the selfie**. You will go to exotic places to make sure you have a picture of yourself that you can look at later and admire.

You are into yourself.

You are making yourself an idol.

You know, you remind me of someone I read about in the Bible. Do you want to know who that was? It is satan himself, as he was all into himself even when he sinned and iniquity was found in him. Let's consult scripture:

Ezekiel 28:17 - Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.



Lucifer, now known as satan, did the same thing in Heaven many eons ago, and because of his beauty, **he got proud as he was all into himself**. You, with that selfie stick, **have lifted up yourself in PRIDE and you are admiring yourself** in an image by your smartphone. **Selfies are idols**, and the idol is the very PROUD person who is taking pictures – of themselves.

Let's see what the Lord does with people who are **proud** in scripture:

1 John 2:16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Mark 7:21-23 - For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, **pride**, foolishness: **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**

Obadiah 1:2-4 - Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. **The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee**, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, **thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.**

You see, the Lord HATES pride, and now you have a device that does nothing more than puff you up and make you proud. Do you really think that the Lord will make an exception for you? Do you think that the Lord will NOT notice that your worship is off of Him and onto yourself?

O foolish Christian, who has bewitched you?



In each case that was cited from scripture, **the Lord ALWAYS brought down low those who were proud and into themselves**. Didn't you learn that from satan? Can't you see that satan has been kicked out of the Heavenly Host and was brought down low, banished to be here on earth?

Taking selfies is NOT a good thing if you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and **taking selfies can get you killed**. As you can see in the article [here](#), a woman actually died while taking a selfie.

The woman was not paying attention because she was too busy trying to take the 'perfect' selfie, and she fell off of the railing that she was on and died. Do you really think that the Lord Jesus Christ welcomed her at all?

The answer is no.

Why?

Because she was an idolater, as she was into herself, and the Lord has made it very clear that NO idolaters will EVER make it into the Kingdom of God.



Check it out for yourself in scripture:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, **nor idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

Taking selfies is unrighteous, and those who persist in doing this **are in danger of losing their salvation and even their lives.** As a 'Christian' or a follower of Christ, we are to be humble and a servant to all and not try and puff ourselves up so we can be idolized.

The devil created this selfie for a reason, Christian, as he is going to cull out all of the people who are like him – arrogant and proud - and make sure that there is a record of them idolizing themselves so they can be damned with him.

The devil is a dirty dog.

Christian, if you were doing these things, get rid of your selfies, throw away the selfie stick, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness so you can clear this from your ledger.



As always, **take NOTHING that you have seen here in this book as the truth.** It is **YOUR responsibility to study and check out everything that you see and hear**, and you have an advocate in the Lord Jesus Christ who will help you if you would just ask Him.

Take this upon yourself, Christian, as **YOU** need to get **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, **YOUR** pens/pencils, **YOUR** notepad and then **YOU** need to seek out the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to help **YOU** so **YOU** can make it into His Kingdom, since it will be **YOU standing alone in front of Jesus** when **YOU** are being judged.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure **YOU** are in the faith and that **YOU** have completed **YOUR** sanctification during the sanctification process and **YOU** have gotten **YOUR** forgiveness and **YOU** have repented of all of **YOUR** sins before **YOU** are judged by Jesus.

Scripture tells us that hell will enlarge itself to accommodate all of the people who will be sent there because of idols like the pope, as you can see in scripture here:

Isaiah 5:14 - Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Take this as a warning, Christian, as the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT desperate for people, as **there were only 8 people** who got on the ark before the flood, and **only 2 people** from the Hebrews from Egypt made it into the Promised Land.

Be wise, and stay IN Jesus so you are not lost.



Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

“Jesus, is what I just read true?”

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.