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Dear Associates and Friends,

“[Pagan Images of Christians Today](#)” is the June 2026 Doctrinal Article. Dr. Martin presents information first published in 1992 that no images of Christ should ever be made. Not only should no human being create any images, models, or sculptures of God or Christ, but no representation of any non-physical creature should be made.

God and Christ are real, but no representation could reflect or represent what they are like. After all, we are physical, they are not.

If you want a representation of God and Christ in a miniature sense — go look in a mirror. After all, you, me, and every other human being since Adam, were created in the **“image and likeness”** of God, as we are told in the first chapter of Genesis:

“And Elohim said:

‘Let US make HUMANITY [1] in OUR image and [2] according to OUR likeness.

Let THEM hold sway over the fish of the sea and over the flyer of the heavens, over the domestic beast, over every land animal and over every creeper that is creeping on the earth.”

• Genesis 1:26 CLV

The term “humanity” is literally **“the Adam”** in Hebrew. The first Adam represents every human being that will come after Adam and Eve (anticipating the two being together, represented in the “Let THEM” Phrase.

Think about this 2-part statement that describes **“image”** and **“likeness.”** Why would you need more information about God’s appearance?

Why do human beings need some other representation of God, whether made from clay or drawn on a wall in a cave or outside on a rock?

Idolatry Defined

ISBE (the [“International Standard Bible Encyclopedia”](#)) has a detailed article on [“Idolatry.”](#) Here is part of the article ...

“IDOLATRY

There is ever in the human mind a craving for visible forms to express religious conceptions, and this tendency does not disappear with the acceptance, or even with the constant recognition, of pure spiritual truths (see IMAGES).

IDOLATRY originally meant the worship of idols, or the worship of false gods by means of idols, but came to mean among the Old Testament Hebrews ANY WORSHIP of false gods, whether by images or otherwise, and finally the worship of Yahweh through visible symbols (Hosea 8:5–6; 10:5); and ultimately in the New Testament IDOLATRY came to mean, not only the giving to any creature or human creation the honor or devotion which belonged to God alone, but

[IDOLATRY is] the giving to any human desire A PRECEDENCE over God's will (1 Corinthians 10:14; Galatians 5:20; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 4:3).”

According to the second definition, idolatry is a desire to impose your will in your own life, rather than living your life according to God’s will. Making idols, owning idols, looking at idols, praying to idols, and

worshipping the minor gods. All are minor “gods” and they are as “nothing” compared to YHWH). But, who knows, spirits may respond to your attention to idols, whereas YHWH is distant.

God does not call many now, but eventually all will be called and saved. Christ died for everyone. He was resurrected for everyone.

Remember, compared to YHWH, other deities (and all spirit beings) are as nonentities (Leviticus 19:4; Isaiah 2:8,18, 20; 19:1, 3; 31:7; 44:9–20).

What If God Does Not Answer

Read John 6:37, 44–45, 65. No one can have a relationship with God unless He calls them and opens their mind and heart to communicate with YHWH, the Creator, or His only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

If a person cries out to God and He does not respond or does not help the way you want, but a spirit or supernatural being does answer, you will grasp at whatever help is offered, and you will do what they tell you to do (so long as it is beneficial for you).

If your spirit “helper” tells you to make a statue or pray to a certain tree, make sacrifices, or even tell you to do what the Kings of Israel and Judah did ... sacrifice their own children — you will do such things, especially if your neighbors and community do similar things.

Whoever answers inquiries or cries for help, that “god” will receive worship.

For Israel, the laws were clear:

“I, Yahweh, am your Elohim Who brought you forth from the land of Egypt, from the house of servants. There shall not come to be other elohim for you in preference to Me.

YOU SHALL NOT make for yourself a carving nor any physical representation of that in the heavens above or that on the earth beneath, or that in the waters beneath the earth.

YOU SHALL NOT bow yourself down to them, nor be made to serve them, for I, Yahweh your Elohim, am a jealous El, visiting the depravity of the fathers on the sons, on the third and on the fourth generation, to those hating Me,

YOU SHALL NOT make for yourself a carving nor any physical representation of that in the heavens above or that on the earth beneath, or that in the waters beneath the earth.”

• *Exodus 20:2–5 CLV*

Remember Ephesians 1:11 and 1 Timothy 2:4-6 in my article “[Universal Salvation in Two Verses.](#)”

Thank You

You do not need to have contact with any spirit entities. You and I as children of God can go directly to the source of all love, God our Father. Think about miracles? Your next heartbeat and breath are miracles, as are all the autonomic functions that your body performs every moment. God has them functioning operating without you having to think about them. You can now go on with your life and do important things — like learning more about God (your Father) and Christ (your elder brother).

Yes, **YOU** are a living miracle; and your mind is designed to understand truths about God, even if human logic tries to defy the facts. God is real and He has revealed Himself to you through creation and through the revelation of His written word.

God willing, ASK is part of that “stream” of information about God. “God is in control and prayer changes things” — even though we must go through and endure evils in this world, we have hope and expectation of seeing God and Christ. Actually, they want to interact with you also, face-to-face. Again, I have to stress this again ... go read 1 John 3:1–3 in its full context. When you are done, memorize verse 2.

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