

Reference Sheet – Idols

“To use the power He has given you as He would have it used is natural.” (T.26.VII.18:1)

“You do not want the ego but you don’t realize you do not want it because you are blinded by illusions.”
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“Yet though he tries to keep its (ego) halo clear within his vision, still must he perceive its tarnished edges and its rusted core.” (W.133.10:1)

“The slave to idols is a willing slave. For willing he must be to let himself bow down in worship to what has no life, and seek for power in the powerless. What happened to the Son of God that this could be his wish; to let himself fall lower than the stones upon the ground, and look to idols that they raise him up?” (T.29.IX.I)

“Guilt asks for punishment and its request is granted. Not in truth, but in the world of shadows and illusions built on sin.” (T.26.VII.3:1-2)

“Sees the Will of God destroyed, It dreams of punishment and trembles at the figures in its dreams...” (W.pII.12:4)

“Not see (take off the glasses) the ego and its thoughts, its works, its acts, its laws and its beliefs, its dreams, its hopes, its plans for its salvation and the cost belief in it entails.” (W.pII.12:4:1)

“Think we stand beyond the Everywhere, apart from All, in separation from the Infinite.” (W.pII.12:2)

No one who comes here but must still have hope, some lingering illusion, or some dream that there is something outside of himself that will bring happiness and peace to him. (T-29.VII.2:1)

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“False god, (substitute for God) which we worship (express love and devotion to), believing it holds our salvation (it has the power to save us from suffering) (Glossary of Terms)

“A concept of the self is...an idol, made to take the place of your reality as Son of God.” (T.31.V.2:1,3)

“Idols are but substitutes for your reality.” (T.29.VIII.2:2)

“Seek(s) for one that yet might offer him a gift reality does not contain.” (T-29.VIII.8:4-5)

“Made tangible and given form and thus perceived as real and seen outside the mind” (T.29.VIII.3:2)

“In this world you believe you are sustained by everything but God. Your faith is placed in the most trivial and insane symbols: pills, money, “protective” clothing, influence, prestige, being liked, know the “right” people and an endless list of forms of nothingness that you endow with magical powers. (W.50.1:2-3)

“In some way you believe (idols) will complete your little self; for safety in a world perceived as dangerous, with forces massed against your confidence and peace of mind. They have the power to supply your lacks and add the value that you do not have. No one believes in idols who has not enslaved himself to littleness and loss.”
(T.29.VIII.2:3-5)

(OVER)

A Idols do not work

B Idols do not bring you happiness

“They are but toys, my child, so do not grieve for them. Their dancing never brought you joy.” (T.30.IV.4:6)

“Heaven cannot be found where it is not, and there can be no peace excepting there....All your pain comes from a futile search for what you want, insisting where it must be found. What if it is not there?” (T.29.VII.1:3,7)

C Idols do not satisfy

“No idol can establish you more than God. But you will never be content with being less.” (T.29.VIII.9:11)

“Today we list the real criteria by which to test all things you think you want. Unless they meet these sound requirements, they are not worth desiring at all, for they can but replace what offers more.” (W.133.3:1-2)

PUT THE IDOL TO THE TEST

#1 Is what you want a thing that will last forever?
No? Than what you want is valueless

#2 Is what you want taking away from someone else?
(Money, time, you being right means they are wrong, having more knowledge, control)
Yes? Than what you want is valueless

#3 Is what you want an attempt to protect you from harm or suffering in the dream? (relationships, job,)
Yes? Than what you want is valueless

#4 Is what you want an attempt to provide something that you lack?
(by having “it”, it will prove your worth)
(Relationships, prestige, recognition, knowing the right people)
Yes? Than what you want is valueless

When the dream of punishment shows up in your virtual reality game & you are tempted to reach for an idol to “save you and protect you”.....

Look at it for what it is:

An illusion that appears in form because the Son of God believes he is not the Son of God

Say:

- “I remain as God created me”
- “I see the Light that I am, and know that God is the strength in which I trust”
- “No thank you”
- “I only search for what is truly valuable”
- “I seek to know myself entirely”

“Be glad that search you must. Be glad as well to learn you search for Heaven, and must find the goal you really want. No one can fail to want this goal and reach it in the end.” (W-pI.131.4:1-3)

“You are not bereft of help, and Help that knows the answer. Would you be content with little, which is all that you alone can offer yourself when He Who gives you everything will simply offer it to you? (T.14.III.11:2-6)

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God (Light that you are)and all will be given you”

“In time, He gives you all the things that you need have, and will renew them as long as you have need of them. He will take nothing from you as long as you have any need of it. Leave then your needs to Him. He will supply them with no emphasis at all upon them.” (T.13.VII.12:4-5)