The Catholic Way to Learn about and Display Idols, False Gods, False Religions, and Unbelievers

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Every god but the Catholic God is a false god. Every religion but the Catholic religion is a false religion. Philosophy, in the most common meaning of the word, is a false religion and thus philosophers are either pagans or formal heretics if they are baptized.¹ And all non-Catholics are unbelievers.

Catholics are living in an evil world and surrounded by unbelievers. Instead of hiding from these things and pretending they do not exist, Catholics must learn about idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers for historical purposes, to learn how to deal with unbelievers in secular matters, and how to refute and convert them. Catholics are to bring light (the Catholic faith) to the dark world of unbelievers. To do this Catholics must know what kind of darkness an unbeliever is in:

"I am come a light into the world; that whosoever believeth in me, may not remain in darkness." (Jn. 12:46)

"You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house." (Mt. 5:14-15)

"But rise up, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared to thee, that I may make thee a minister, and a witness of those things which thou hast seen, and of those things wherein I will appear to thee, Delivering thee from the people, and from the nations, unto which now I send thee: To open their eyes, that they may be converted from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and a lot among the saints, by the faith that is in me." (Acts 26:16-18)

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus." (2 Cor. 4:6)

The work of all Catholics, and especially Catholic evangelists, is to learn about the idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers in order to refute and convert them. To do this, Catholics must know what kind of evil an evildoer believes in order to refute and convert him:

"The just considereth seriously the house of the wicked, that he may withdraw the wicked from evil." (Prv. 21:12)

St. Paul learned about the many idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers in Athens before he attempted to refute and convert the pagan Greeks:

¹ See RJMI book *The Hellenization of Christianity by the Anti-Church Fathers and Scholastics*: The <u>Two Meanings of the Words</u> <u>Philosophy and Philosopher</u>.

"But Paul standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious. For passing by and seeing your idols, I found an altar also on which was written: To the unknown God. Him, therefore, whom ye worship while ye know him not, the very same I preach to you."² (Acts 17:22-23)

The Bible itself teaches about the many idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers of the nations.

The best way for Catholics to learn about idols, false gods, false religions (which includes philosophy), and unbelievers is from Catholic sources and thus from the perspective of the Catholic faith which condemns and hates all idols, false gods, and false religions and abhors unbelievers, such as by learning about them from St. Augustine's *City of God* but not from the scholastics because they are not Catholic.

But many times non-Catholic sources (such a non-Catholic books, audios, and movies) must be studied. But only good Catholics should be allowed to study these non-Catholic sources, as they will not be deceived or fall into sin when studying them. A good Catholic is well grounded in the Catholic faith (dogmas, catechism, the Catholic Bible) and is living a good Catholic life, meaning that he must be obeying all the commandments on the faith and morals.

A Catholic can know that he does not glorify idols, false gods, false religions, or unbelievers if he reads a book, listens to an audio, or views a video or movie that deals with them and he hates, abhors, and mocks the idols, false gods, false religions, or unbelievers.

However, if a so-called Catholic loves, likes, respects, honors, admires, or exalts idols, false gods, false religions, or unbelievers regarding their unbelief, then he glorifies them and thus is an idolater or a formal heretic. Therefore, to read about idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers in order to be enlightened or edified by them in religious matters (faith and morals) or to be enamored or obsessed by them is to glorify them and thus is idolatry or heresy. This is what the Hellenizing Anti-Church Fathers and Scholastics did.³

The Catholic way to display Images of idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers in Catholic places

Images of idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers regarding their unbelief in Catholic places must be presented in a negative light and thus must not be presented in a positive or neural light. And immodest or pornographic images must be covered or removed.

For example, it is good to show images of devils and damned humans as grotesque, as long as they are portrayed in a negative light, such as residing in hell, and as long as they are not immodest or pornographic. It is also good to show an image of Satan with Saint Michael stepping on Satan's head because Satan is portrayed in a negative light.

But a sole image of Satan, Jupiter, Venus, or Aristotle does not present the Devil, false god, false goddess, or pagan philosopher in a negative light and thus glorifies and favors

² St. Paul is not saying that they worship the one true God. He is saying that "This unknown god whom you do not know I will make known to you so that you can know and worship the one true God and thus have a hope to save your souls." (See RJMI book *The Salvation Dogma*: Athens' unknown god.)

³ See RJMI book <u>The Hellenization of Christianity by the Anti-Church Fathers and Scholastics</u>.

it and hence is idolatrous, formally heretical, blasphemous, sacrilegious, and scandalous when it is in a so-called Catholic place (such as, a so-called Catholic church, monastery, seminary, university, college, office, or home).⁴

The Catholic way to display images of idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers in a totally Catholic Nation

A totally Catholic nation is a nation that is not only Catholic in its laws but also in its deeds (its ability to enforce its laws).⁵

In a totally Catholic nation, images of idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers can be exhibited in museums for historical purposes, to learn how to deal with unbelievers in secular matters, and how to refute and convert them. But the immodest images must be covered.

And in a totally Catholic nation, images of idols, false gods, false religions, and unbelievers can be exhibited in public, such as in monuments that point out important historical events in the history of a nation. But the immodest images must be covered.

Two such monuments are 1) the Arch of Titus in Rome, which points out Titus' victory over the Christ-denying Jews and the destruction of the Second Temple in AD 70, which was prophesied by Jesus; and, 2) the Arch of Constantine in Rome, which points to St. Constantine's victory over Maxentius at the Battle of Milvian Bridge in AD 312, which led to the toleration of Christianity in pagan Rome, the eventual conversion of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine, and the eventual conversion of the pagan Roman Empire into a Holy Roman Catholic Empire.⁶

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⁴ See RJMI book *The Desecration of Catholic Places*: <u>Images that glorify evil things desecrate a Catholic place</u>.

⁵ FN## See On the De-Paganizing of Nations and Their Pagan and Immodest Images: ...4) The Catholic religion is the only religion and others are not tolerated in public.

⁶ See RJMI article On the De-Paganizing of Nations and Their Pagan and Immodest Images.