

I God

'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.'
(Ex 20,4)

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The writer confesses the Christian Faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Mat 28,19)
Intended is a guide to spiritually, mentally and physically responsible treatment of all objects.
Definition of truth for the essay is: have all points of responsible treatment been considered?
All bible quotations are out of TNIV.

1a) God's self-description

1a1) God is creator of heaven and the earth with

a1,1) Space, time, energies, materials, forces, plants, animals and humans. (Gen 1,1)

a1,2) Grace, revelation and spirit for man to exhaust His sources of life. (Ps 36,8-9)

1a2) God said to Moses: 'I am who I am.' (Ex 3,14) and

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.' (Ex 20,2)

1a3) 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.' (Deu 6,4)

1a4) 'Great is the Lord, most worthy of praise; his greatness no-one can fathom.' (Ps 145,3)

1a5) 'I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.' (Isa 44,6)

1a6) 'They [the earth and the heavens] will perish, but you remain;... ' (Heb 1,11)

1a7) 'No one has ever seen God.' (Joh 1,18)

1a8) '... the Lord ... does not live in temples build by human hands.' (Acts 17,24)

1a9) Any image of the Lord would be in man's existential situation completely inadequate, calling for a larger understanding of God, nature and man than we have today.

1b) The Word of God

His Word speaks through revelation, prophets, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. (Rom 8,26)

The Word of God is comprehensive life science. 'Seek me and live' (Amo 5,4)

'See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.' (Jer 21,8)

Look at life, disease, danger, war and death. Question them. Choose life.

1b1) His Teaching is divine pedagogic.

He wants to inscribe his instructions into man's hearts and minds. (Jer 31,33; Heb 10,16)

He wants people to proceed on their pilgrimage with courage (Deu 31,7), virtue (2Tim 2,15)

and in His Spirit over generations (Deu 11,21) and the future to come. (Rom 8,38)

He does not want to be worshiped with sacrifices, - to the contrary, He gave His Son as a sacrifice that man may overcome sin and in faith work in His vineyard (Luk 20,9) for man, society and nature to 'Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.' (Luk 3,8)

1b2) Essential components are

b2,1) Faith, abhorring violence.

b2,2) Reason, abhorring contradiction.

b2,3) Maturity, abhorring omission.

1b3) Overall comprehension comprises

b,3,1) Values

b,3,2) Responsibilities

b,3,3) Priorities

b,3,4) Tasks

b,3,5) Results

I 2 Revelation

'In your strength you will guide them...' (Ex 15,13)

The depositum fidei comprises the scriptures and testimonials.

2a) Propagation is mostly by direct word and sense.

2b) Exegesis is by empirical, scientific, aesthetic and spiritual means.

2c) Evaluation is by standards of accuracy, plausibility, credibility, sincerity and significance, also checking for eg gaps, add-ons, changes, corruption, instrumentalization and deception.

2d) Development of teaching is by recovery of new sources, public discussions, advances in scientific and technological knowledge, raising of standards, sound theology and new grasping of issues, as well as in inter-confessional dialogs by reconciliation, tolerance, hospitality, respect of human rights, integrative praxis and recognition of interdependencies to arrive at transformed statements of faith with higher, more general and unifying principles.

I 3 Jesus Christ

'You are the salt of the earth.' (Mat 5,13)

Jesus is the Messiah, the example, how to renew life and to overcome death. (Mar 8,29)

3a) He made by his death a new covenant for the forgiveness of sins. (Jer 31,31; Luk 22,20), not to condemn, but to redeem the world. (Ps 97,2; Joh 12,47)

3b) His message initiates spiritual sources of life through grace, faith, love, repentance, confession, forgiveness, reconciliation, freedoms, comprehension, justice, healing and peace.

3c) He demonstrates the corruption of worldly powers, eg deception and murder. (Mat 15,19)

3d) He initiated a following to emulate him and to teach the Word to all nations. (Mat 28,19)

3e) He rose from the dead three days after crucifixion. (Mar 16,4)

3f) He rose up to heaven (Luk 24,51) and send his disciples the Holy Spirit. (Joh 14,15)

3g) He will come again and call to judgment the living and the dead by their faith. (Joh 5,24)

I 4 The Holy Spirit

'... The spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.' (1Cor 2,10)

The Holy Spirit touches people over all times and places. (En Redemptoris Missio 21-27)

4a) He addresses the heart (Jer 31,33), spirit and body in union to be reborn. (Tit 3,5)

4b) He lays out the paths of life and death to find the way to prosper. (Deu 30,15; Acts 2,28)

4c) He guides man in love (Deu 6,4; Joh 15,12), truth (Deu 5,20; Joh 16,13), wisdom (Deu 4,6; Joh 5,13), righteousness (Ex 23,1) and generosity. (Mat 5,38)

4d) He guides faith to spiritual self-responsibility (Neh 13,14; 2Pet 1,5), spiritual-mental-practical gifts (1Cor 12,1) and proper management (Gen 39,2).

4e) He encourages (Ps 23; Rom 1,11) and consoles the oppressed. (Ps 17; Mat 5,1)

4f) He points at false visions (Jer 23,25), dreams (Zec 10,2) and spirits (1Joh 4,2).

I 5 Faith

'By their fruit you will recognize them.' (Mat 7,16)

Spiritual objects are grasped in faith.

5a) Its result oriented priorities are non-violence and address of major issues

5b) 'Faith is being sure... of what we do not see.' (Heb 11,1)

5c) Faith is a selfless intent to help man and nature now and tomorrow.

5d) Theology transforms the mystery of the hidden God (Isa 45,15), His will (Eph 1,8), works (Ps 92,5) and incarnate Son Jesus (Heb 1,3) into truth and presence. (Joh 16,13)

5e) 'The fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.' (Eph5,9)

5f) Faith forms out a chain of small pearls on a string adaptively to carry an envisioned human project with spirit, reason, maturity in overall comprehension of values, responsibilities, priorities, tasks and results throughout all single steps of realization.

5g) As an intent it stands before His judgment, - not with accumulated good deeds. (Tit 3,5)

I 6 Reason

'- let the wise listen and add to their learning,...' (Pro 1,5)

Natural objects are explained in reason.

6a) Its categories are quantity, quality, relation and modality.

6b) Knowledge

6b1) Man questions all objects. Basic questions are

- Who is God? What are faith, truth, love and hope?
- What is nature? What are reason, energy, matter, time and space?
- What is man? What are maturity, intentions, conceptions and mental operations?
- What is life? What is death? Which is the best way to proceed?

6b2) Questions, search and cognition generate knowledge about objects' forces, characteristics and relations in the ethos to pursue true over false. Compiled knowledge about the cosmos generates its laws of behavior, technologies, applications, innovations and expansion of boundaries.

I 7 Maturity

'...and be taken forward to maturity,...' (Heb 6,1)

Human-social objects are understood in maturity.

7a) Its categories are content, reality, functions, logical and mathematical space, presentation, environments, cosmic environments and inhibiting factors.

7b) Emancipation

Man is centered in his faith and convictions, delineating his intentions, conceptions, values, responsibilities, priorities, tasks, results in relation to himself, society, nature and the infinite.

7b1) He enlightens people towards a sound feeling for good and evil and a personal will to question, search, see, think, act for themselves and to proceed towards new horizons.

7b2) He acts with self-determination, -preservation, -interpretation and -realization.

7b3) He generates the essentials for man and society.

7b4) Telos of mind aims at moral utopia, ethical awareness for a long term future of man.

I 8 Overall comprehension

'To act justly and to love mercy...' (Mic 6,8)

Overall comprehension is a figure of faith, grown historically out of man's holy image before the Lord. It represents present day knowledge about God, nature, society, man with their causal factors to be practically applied on envisioned human projects according to values, responsibilities, priorities and tasks to reach with a positive intent an acceptable result.

A value gives a direction to a course of action, not to fall back on itself.

A responsibility combines a value and hope with the betterment of man in unity and environment in respect as long time challenges over succeeding generations.

Priorities concentrate on non-violence and address of major issues.

Means are cognition and enlightenment of the general population.

Tasks requires the fitting spiritual-natural-human tools like out of a well stacked tool chest of a technician to be applied in sound theory and praxis to achieve universal treatment of all objects with their causal forces and properties in the

- Dimensions of God, nature and man within faith, reason and maturity.
- Range from the micro- to meso- to macro-cosmos.
- Process from generating intention and conception to cognition, planning, decision, pooling of resources, public relations, realization, regulation, supervision and correction.
- Accompanying usages, formalities, etiquettes and liturgies.

8a) Values

Man adopts for free self-interpretation as a self-set, defining value and standard: human dignity, being universal, invariable, inalienable, codifiable, falsifiable and livable.

Scaled up intent is to expand sound theology's, maturity's, reason's and ethic's freedoms.

8a1) Value classes are universal existential, humanitarian, framework and object ones.

8a2) Value scale is ordered hierarchically according to significance and range of validity.

They are deduced from the dignity of man by an unbroken interlinked tree structure.

a2,1) Primary universal values are love, dignity and integrity of nature.

a2,2) Secondary universal spiritual, human and natural value is truth. It abhors deception.

It extends to all objects as far as self-awareness, curiosity, imagination and ambition do.

a2,3) Tertiary universal and primary value for society is unity of mankind. It abhors segregation. As existential value it is based on equity and justice with the rule of law.

a2,4) Fourth universal, humanitarian values are freedom, emancipation and welfare.

a2,5) Professional standards are guidelines of state of the art field knowledge and praxis.

a2,6) Item specific standards are bench marks of properties and performance.

8b) Responsibilities

Man is responsible to act in stewardship for the creation (Gen 2,15), followed by judgment on the last day. (Joh 12,48)

8b1) Man can be held accountable, as he can research, know, precalculate, restrain and advance his singular and habitual, individual and collective, present and future actions.

8b2) General responsibility rests with the sovereign, the people, on a global, timeless scale.

8b3) It is shared according to contributing parts by eg the political representative, researcher, developer, producer, sales person, end user, commentator and affected party.

8b4) Its scope comprises all values and tasks within man's radius of action.

Standard values of life and corresponding executive tasks cover human rights, the essentials of a durable society and integrity of nature.

Today, it does not suffice anymore to 'Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock... Be shepherds of the church of God...' (Act 20,28), but requires raising the standards of care for all people to establish legal and practical safeguards against the self-extinction of mankind.

8c) Priorities

Priorities of faith with sound theology are non-violence and address of major issues.

8c1) Non-violence

His Spirit with faith, truth and justice overcomes hostile forces (Rev 19,13), abhorring violence.

'If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also.' (Luk 6,29)

Means are cognition and enlightenment in seamless argumentation to convince and correct.

8c2) Major issues to be promoted systematically, institutionalized, generations running are

d2,1) Public education in the basics and training in a professional field.

d2,2) Acquisition of knowledge about God, nature, society and man.

d2,3) Provision of the essentials of a durable society.

d2,3) Public political-legal information about possible misuses of power.

d2,4) Public political-legal supervision of positions of power.

d2,5) Conflict solving and correction of violations in due process of law in a determined, though long winding, complex causal chain from conception of projects to regulation to supervision to law enforcement to compensation to reconciliation.

8d) Tasks

A task is faithfulness to His Word (Neh 13,30) and obedience to righteousness. (Rom 6,16)

8d1) A task is contended for and accepted with conviction, initiative and expertise.

8d2) It defines the object of attention, value, legal protection and benefit.

8d3) It sets up a structure of values, a codex of local, state, federal and international laws with a corresponding court system to cover standard tasks.

8d4) Supervision controls compliance with legal regulations.

8d5) Conflict solving by mediation, arbitration and litigation constitutes the most urgent task as individuals and social forces are mostly in conflict, in a permanent war with opposing interests. It constitutes an essential part of a durable society aside of a physiological base, freedom, development, public discussion, conviction, problem solving, defence and ethics.

8d6) Ethics takes a stand against gross criminal corruption.

8d7) Constitutionality serves as man's aspirational red thread in cosmic dimensions.

8d8) Guarded is against inhibiting factors of

d8,1) Prestige, greed, hate, as most of man strives for advantages, predominance and elimination of opposition, employing any power methods of deception and violence conceivable.

d8,2) 'Statesmanship', regarding power tools as the only reality creating, molding, controlling and securing means of an historic achievement.

d8,3) Power as the most narrow, vile, hateful, persistent, scheming archaic notion, falling in its criminal capacity indefinitely low and running into its self-destructive end, if not arrested.

'Evil will slay the wicked' (Ps 34,21); 'Scatter the nations who delight in war.' (Ps 68,30)

8e) Results

Active social forces bring into interaction originators, populations, man made objects, nature and God. They determine the state of political-social affairs and are able to advance or destroying man, society and nature. They can

8e1) Move in transgression of boundaries towards

e1,1) Collapse of political-social systems through open and hidden combat.

e1,2) Planetary catastrophes through depletion of resources, pollution and climate change.

e1,3) Self-extinction of mankind through A-B-C-G-R-N warfare.

8e2) Move in a social enterprise towards

e2,1) Expansion of theological and mental learning and boundaries of natural conditions into the micro- and macrocosmic ranges over ages.

e2,2) Realization of a durable society with international conflict solving.

e2,3) Envisioning cosmic emancipation as a co-religious-human task.

19 Peroration

'Let those who are thirsty come;
and let all who wish
take the free gift of water of life.'
(Rev 22,17)