

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, forces, materials, 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 and in cosmic dimensions, he is growing into with technological means, he will remain as miniscule as before, - called for is a larger understanding of God, nature and man than we have today by sharpening the tools of cognition.

1b) The Word of God

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

1b1) 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) He does not need to be thanked or praised or celebrated in rites, - to the contrary, 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)

1b3) His Teaching is divine pedagogic.

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

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

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

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

He wants to enable people to independently evaluate all human-mental-spiritual objects and to pass on life's wisdoms with its multifarious factors to succeeding generations for a long term future of man.

I 2 Revelation

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

The depositum fidei comprises the scriptures and testimonials.

As a living organism it is guided by the Holy Spirit.

2a) Language is mostly direct and clear to further understanding.

2b) Propagation is mostly by word, text and sense.

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

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

2e) Development of teaching is by His multiple gifts, promoting eg sound theology, raising of standards, contemplation, new grasping of issues, correction of errors and failures, recovery of new sources, advances in scientific and technological knowledge, public discussions and enlargement of context.

2f) It reaches out in inter-confessional dialogs by respect for basic rights and interdependencies, rectification, compensation, forgiveness, reconciliation, tolerance, hospitality, cooperation, integrative praxis to arrive at incorporating statements of faith with superseding, generalizing 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)

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)

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

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

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

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

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

3f) 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 lays out the paths of life and death to find the way to prosper. (Deu 30,15; Acts 2,28)

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

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

4d) He guides man in abundance of eg 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), generosity (Mat 5,38), spiritual hope (Mic 7,7; 1Pet 1,21) and real hope. (Pro 13,12; Rom 4,18) towards responsibility for all, man, society and nature.

4e) He guides the spear tips of growing spiritual-mental-human capabilities along the lines of sound arguments out of faith, reason and maturity towards new horizons.

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

I 5 Faith

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

Faith is man's bond to God by divine inspiration and interwoven human vision.

As a living organism it is guided by the Holy Spirit.

It develops an independent and interacting spiritual dimension.

Faith stands directly in front of the Lord himself.

It accepts the Lord as creator of the heavens and the earth and as savior.

It asks: What do I need to act according to Your will?

5a) Faith lives in His spiritual grace and His intellectual light to pursue right over wrong.

It enables to grasp spiritual issues.

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

5b) It is like a mustard seed, that grows into a tree, (Luke 13,18) pointing towards heaven.

As a grown tree it entails a question, curiosity, study, vision and a spiritual endeavor.

5c) It stays away from evil.

It abhors power, prestige, possessions and hedonism, especially by deception and coercion.

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

5e) It directs spiritual vision, mental esprit, emotional enthusiasm, cognitive efforts and practical actions to give a positive contribution to life and matter.

It addresses and overcomes with will, enlightenment and conflict solving any inhibiting factor.

5f) It recognizes its frailty towards hypocritical seduction, corruption and criminalization.

I 6 Reason

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

Natural objects are explained in reason.

As a living organism it is guided by the Holy Spirit.

It develops an independent and interacting mental dimension.

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

6b) It abhors contradiction. It addresses present day problems for problem solving.

6c) It questions with curiosity all objects. Basic questions are:

Who is man? What is life? What is death? What is nature? Who is God?

What are the essentials of man, society and environment?

6d) It collects and manages knowledge in the ethos to pursue true over false.

6e) It enlarges the mental horizon, radius of endeavors and human boundaries.

6f) It recognizes its limitations, being not more than a drop out of the ocean.

I 7 Maturity

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

Human-social objects are understood in maturity.

As a living organism it is guided by the Holy Spirit.

It develops an independent and interacting human-psycho dimension.

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

7b) It abhors omission. It addresses present day issues in public discussions.

7c) It forms out an independent mind, able to question, look, think and act for itself by generation, training and self-reflection of its psycho forces.

7d) It gains emancipation, acting with self-understanding, -determination, -reliance, -preservation, -realization and -presentation in telos of mind to pursue merit over demerit.

7e) It enlarges the human horizon, goals for new endeavors and comprehension.

7f) It recognizes its vulnerabilities in nature and to transgressions of human boundaries.

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

Overall comprehension is a figure of faith, grown out of man's holy image before the Lord.

It entails individual and collective, vertical and horizontal factors

Vertical towards realization of a project: question; search; cognition; vision of a positive contribution to life and matter; description, interpretation, evaluation in universal treatment of objects.

Horizontal in realization of a project: intent; conception; decision; application of values, priorities, responsibilities, tasks and means.

Generated is a spiritual-mental-human intent in His grace and ethical-administrative-technical treatment of the multifarious, complex factors of life and matter for survival in growing cosmic dimensions.

Preconditions

Physiological precondition is autonomy of the body in free movement.

Psychological precondition is autonomy of the mind in free movement.

Cultural prerequisites are language, mathematics, logic, method and data processing.

Together they allow meshing of His Spirit, faith, comprehension and action.

8a) Values

8a1) Definition

Man's standard, a self-set and self-interpreting value, is human dignity.

8a2) Intent

a2,1) Intent is to protect man, society and environment that human actions in freedom of choice with positive and negative consequences do not to fall back on themselves, but promote objective benefits.

a2,2) Scaled up intent is to further telos of mind with sound mental concepts.

8a3) Scope

It applies to all objects in space-time.

Every object entails at least a subjective, relational and objective factor with its properties.

Every object entails at least a natural, human and ethical dimension with its standards.

8a4) Generation

Human dignity deduced values are generated by designation of goods as worth of protection.

8a5) Classification

a5,1) Spiritual values protect divine gifts to man.

a5,2) Existential values protect basic human rights to life.

a5,3) Humanitarian values protect basic personal rights to growth.

a5,4) Environmental values protect basic rights of nature.

a5,5) Cosmic values further life, truth, unity and environment for a long term future of man.

a5,5) Universal values apply to all objects on the globe in past, present and future.

a5,6) Framework values combine all proper values of a social fabric.

a5,7) Object values combine all proper values of a single object.

8a6) Scale

Values are ordered hierarchically by significance and range of validity and connected by an unbroken interlinked tree structure. There are no values, which cannot be deduced from human dignity.

a6,1) Primary values

Primary spiritual, existential, humanitarian and universal value is love. It abhors violence.

Primary universal natural value is integrity of nature.

a6,2) Secondary spiritual, humanitarian, universal and natural value is truth. It abhors deception.

a6,3) Tertiary, existential, humanitarian, universal - primary social value is unity of mankind.

It abhors segregation. It is based on equity and justice with the rule of law.

a6,4) Fourth humanitarian, universal values are freedoms, emancipation, common welfare.

a6,5) Professional standards are guidelines of state of the art field knowledge and praxis.

a6,6) Item specific standards are bench marks of properties and performance.

8b) Priorities

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

8b1) Non-violence stays away from physical, psychic and mental harm against man, society and the environment. They eradicate the spiritual dimension altogether. Spirituality points into the other direction: even, 'If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to him the other also.' (Luk 6,29)

8b2) Major issues are enlightenment and conflict solving to preserve the essentials of man, society and nature. Constitutionality serves as aspirational red thread for a long term future of man.

8c) Responsibilities

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

They are universal and existential duties for the betterment of man and the natural environment as long time challenges over succeeding generations.

8c1) 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.

8c2) General responsibility rests with the sovereign, the people, on a global, timeless scale.

8c3) It is shared according to contributing parts by eg the political representative, researcher, developer, producer, salesperson, end user, commentator and affected party.

8c4) Its scope comprises all values of life and matter in cosmic dimensions, where man's variety and radius of action are expanding with the number of operable factors.

8c5) From today on, 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 misuses of man's steady expanding radius of action with his possible self-extinction.

8d) Tasks

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

A task realizes, protects and advances a value.

It requires the fitting spiritual-human-material tools like out of a well stacked tool chest of a technician to address each factor in a vulnerable, interdependent, complex, global techno-city.

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.

d2,1) It sets up a list of man made and natural objects with their forces, properties, applications, significance, environments and consequences.

d2,2) It sets up a list of values with their priorities, promotive/protective tasks and means.

8d3) It sets up a structure of supportive, supervisory, protective and corrective institutions to

d3,1) Provide foresight of opportunities and promote spiritual-human-material projects.

d3,2) Guard against hidden and open inhibiting factors out of criminal drives for material-social-political gains by search, investigation and public education.

Especially positions of power are under close scrutiny, as 'statesmanship' regards power tools as the only reality creating, controlling, securing means of an historic achievement.

d3,3) Investigations address violations to the point with action and motivation. 'Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.' (Eph 5,11)

d3,4) Solve conflicts of opposing interests with undue advantages at the expense of others.

8d4) It adheres to due process of law.

d4,1) A local, state, national and international court system and mutually recognized legal institutions practice public and private mediation, arbitration and litigation.

d4,2) Legal processes run along a determined, long winding, complex chain from regulation to supervision, subpoena, court decision, law enforcement, compensation to reconciliation.

8d5) Ethics takes a stand against gross criminal corruption.

8e) Means

His spirit will overcome any inhibiting factor. (Rev 19,11-21)

8e1) Means are the non-violent tools of enlightenment.

They entail leading standards of truth, justice and peace, questioning, search, cognition with description, interpretation, evaluation and publication, public discussion, regulation, realization and supervision.

Major steps are cognition, public discussion and supervision.

8e2) Cognition strives at universal treatment of objects of any class, magnitude and complexity with their properties, forces, dimensions, realities, conceivable risks, dangers, possible inhibiting factors and aspects, contributed by the public, in all applications in any context and environment.

Management of knowledge provides collection of objects' properties, forces and relations, applications with merits and demerits, sources, check, classification and storage.

8e3) Public discussion applies seamless argumentation to convince and correct.

8e4) Supervision comprises preparation, regulation, oversight, reporting and enforcement.

8f) 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 destroy man, society and nature. They can

8f1) Move in transgression of boundaries towards

f1,1) Planetary catastrophes through depletion of resources, pollution and climate change.

f1,2) Enslavement and collapse of political-social systems through open-hidden combat.

f1,3) Self-extinction of mankind through A-B-C-G-R-N warfare.

8f2) Move in a collective enterprise towards

f2,1) Realization of a durable society with international conflict solving.

f2,2) Expansion of theological and mental knowledge and boundaries of social and natural living conditions into the micro-macroscopic ranges over ages.

f2,3) Envisioning cosmic survival and emancipation.

19 Peroration

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