

Canadian Idols: Ideology

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Question: What are some things that you can't see and have difficulty understanding or accepting?

It's not if we have idols; they are hidden in all of us.

Read Joshua 24:14–15

Question: What would you understand to be “old gods” and “new gods” in what you see around you today?

With the possible exception of career, politics has become today's most popular replacement religion.

David Zahl

If politics is the religion, then political ideology is the belief system (doctrine). Ideology and idolatry are cousin words.

We live in a society that values individual choice. The emphasis is on individual autonomy, embraced as a sacred right. Our culture challenges any barrier to choice including tradition, custom, revelation, conscience and even biology.

Bruce Clemenger

Summed up: “You do you!”

Read Judges 17:6; Romans 1:1; John 15:15



Question: What is your understanding of what it is to “serve the LORD” as Joshua said?

One of the best ways to identify your idols is to identify what makes you really angry or afraid.

Christian Nationalism: using Christian language, symbols or ideas for political purposes or gain political power; to confuse patriotism for your country with your faith in Jesus.

Read Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18

The angrier we get on a subject, the less likely we are to be right about it.

Christians are susceptible to conspiracy theories because:

- we have been taught to be skeptical of science
- we believe in evil (Satan)
- we believe that God has a plan for the end of the world
- we feel empowered because “we know what really going on”

We need to be discerning with current events. **Read** Luke 17:22–24; Acts 1:6-8

Be more:

- aware of the bias of our sources
- careful about what we post / forward on social
- humble: we don't know it all
- focused on the main thing

Question: Which one will you give some attention to?