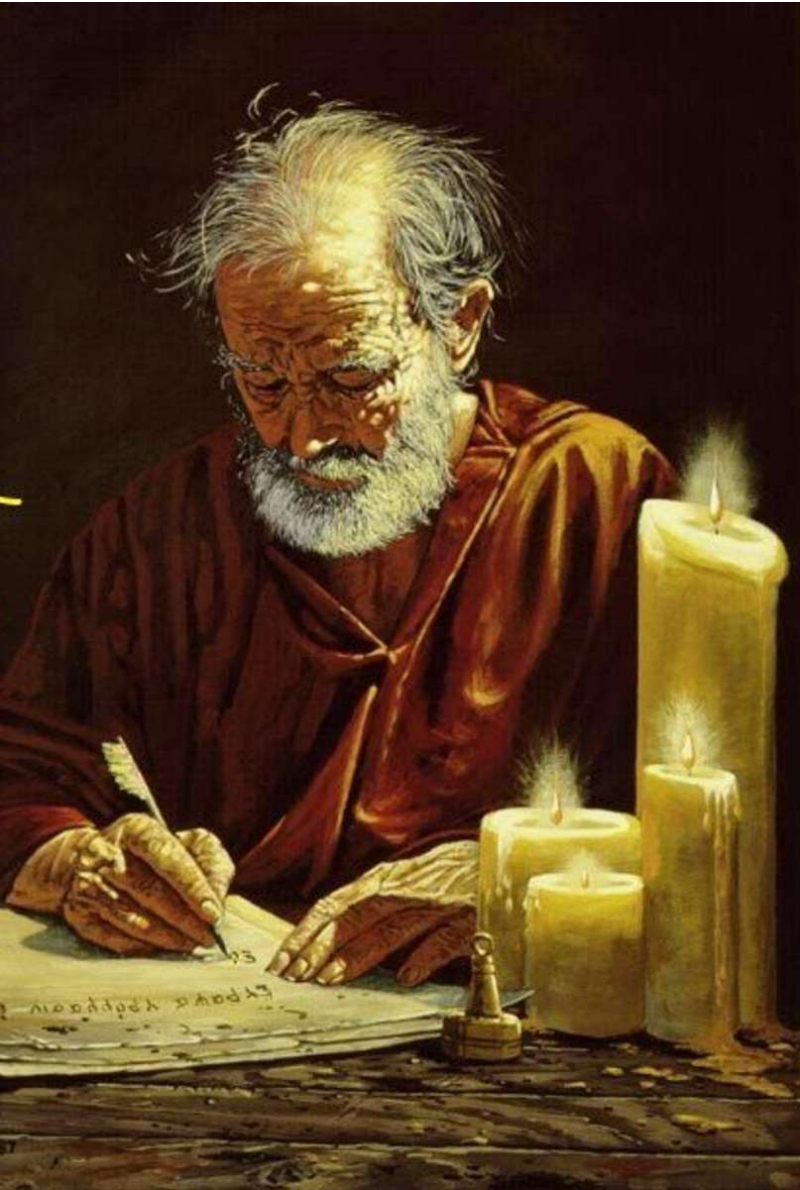


“He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.”
— John 3:31



Pauline Epistle

- “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, **counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing**, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Heb. 10:29)



Distinguishing Between the Common and Holy

Part 1

Outline

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- Significance of distinguishing between the common and holy
- What are the dangers of disregarding the differences between the common and holy?

Part 2

- In what areas of our life are we called to make this distinction?
- How to better make this distinction in my life?

Significance of Distinguishing the Holy and Common

- Definitions
 - Holy = sacred
 - Unholy = not wrong or sinful; common
 - Clean = pure
 - Unclean = adulterated
- Scriptural references
 - Leviticus 10
 - Ezekiel 22, 42, 44



Leviticus 10

- And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'" (Lev. 10:3)
- "It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, 10 that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean, 11 and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses." (Lev. 10:9-11)



Ezekiel 44:23

“And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.”



Ezekiel 42:20

“He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred cubits long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.”



Ezekiel 22:26

“Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.”



Dangers:

1. Disrespectful to God

- “He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations...” (Is. 66:3)
- EX: Cleansing the Temple
 - And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'” (Matt 21:13)



Dangers:

2. Desacralization

- When we do not distinguish what is holy, then the holy things will no longer be revered, obeyed, nor honored.
- EX: 3rd of the Ten Commandments
 - “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...” (Ex. 20:7)
- EX: Sacredness of the human body

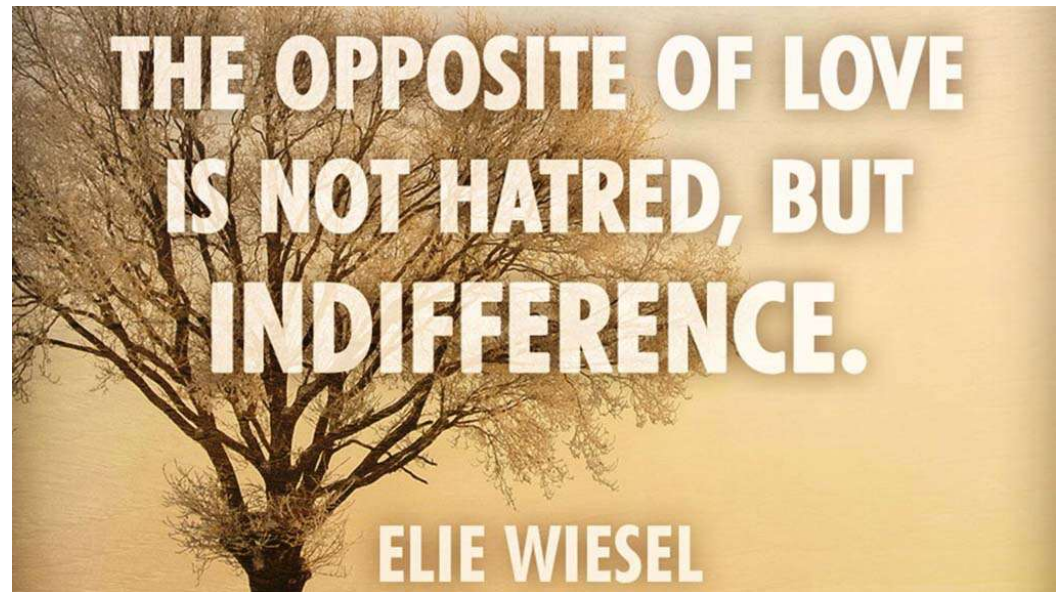


Dangers:

2. Desacralization

What is the result of
desacralization?

1. Indifference
2. Loss of moral and
spiritual guidance



Summary

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