

IDOLATRY

"The distortion of ultimate concern" - another word for it is idolatry. Whether we are conscious of it or not, for however long a particular addiction controls our attention, it has become a god for us. However short-lived or minor our concern for something other than God may be, when we give it more priority than we give our concern for God and God's will, we commit idolatry. Thus we all commit idolatry countless times every day. ¹

In our culture, the three gods we do trust for security are possessions, power, and human relationships. To a greater or lesser extent, all of us worship this false trinity. ²

¹ Gerald G. May, M.D., *Addiction and Grace* (New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 1988), 30.

² Gerald G. May, M.D., *Addiction and Grace* (New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 1988), 32.