‘The true names of the idol suggested by the Holy Spirit'

(Abomination)

(You shall burn the engraved images of their gods with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is an abomination to Yahweh your God.) Deuteronomy 7 : 25

If the silver and gold covering the idol is an abomination to the Lord, the whole work is an abomination.

(‘Cursed is the man who makes an engraved or molten image, an abomination to Yahweh, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.’ All the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen.’) Deuteronomy 27 : 15

If an image placed in a hidden place is an abomination to the Lord, and therefore a cursed object, all the more so will it be a cursed object, if placed in a public place, exposed to the people.

(But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.) Jeremiah 32 : 34

It is clear from this quotation that the idols in which man trusts are abominable works, therefore abominations to the Lord. Placing an idol in the temple of God, hence in a church, is a contamination of a sacred place and hence a sacrilege.

(False Divinity)

(We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.) 1 John 5 : 19

If we acknowledge that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God, true man and true God, born of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, we cannot attribute to a corruptible object the sacred character and Divine power that belong to the Spirit of God.

(Not to us, Yahweh, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth’s sake. Why should the nations say, “Where is their God, now?” But our God is in the heavens. He does whatever he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they don’t speak. They have eyes, but they don’t see. They have ears, but they don’t hear. They have noses, but they don’t smell. They have hands, but they don’t feel. They have feet, but they don’t walk, neither do they speak through their throat. Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them.) Psalm 115 : 1

Our God is in heaven as the pure Spirit of eternal life and it is he who created all things visible and invisible, including the material used to make an idol. If it were not for the existence of God, the idol would not exist.

(They tell lies under oath and expect no punishment, because the idols they put their trust in are lifeless. But punishment will finally catch up with them, for two reasons: first, they were in error about God when they worshipped idols, and secondly, they had so little regard for holiness.) Wisdom 14 : 29

Since the idol is an inanimate object, we cannot trust in it as if it were the living God. This is tantamount to offending God's Divinity by drawing his wrath upon us.

(Foreign or unknown Deity)

("Therefore now Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Why do you commit great evil against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the middle of Judah, to leave yourselves no one remaining, in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to live, that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?) Jeremiah 44 : 7

(Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, but turn away out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.) Deuteronomy 11 : 26

The idols made with our hands in which man trusts, to which divine power is attributed and to which incense is also offered, are called foreign or unknown gods because apart from God we have never known another Deity.

(Silver or golden gods)

(Yahweh said to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall most certainly not make gods of silver or gods of gold for yourselves to be alongside me.) Exodus 20 : 22

Some idols being covered with silver or gold can be called that and in the plural, God becomes gods.

(Nameless idol)

(The worship of idols, whose names should never be spoken, is the beginning and the end, the cause and the result of every evil. People who worship them lose control of themselves in ecstasy, or pass off lies as prophecies, or live wickedly, or break their word without hesitation. They tell lies under oath and expect no punishment, because the idols they put their trust in are lifeless. But punishment will finally catch up with them, for two reasons: first, they were in error about God when they worshipped idols, and secondly, they had so little regard for holiness that they made false statements to deceive people. When unrighteous people commit sin, they will be hunted down, not by the power of whatever thing they swear by, but by the punishment that sinners deserve.) Wisdom 14 : 27

All idols are unnameable because being only soulless objects there is neither truth nor life nor salvation in them, therefore being deceitful works their name must not even be pronounced.

(Inanimate idol)

(They tell lies under oath and expect no punishment, because the idols they put their trust in are lifeless.) Wisdom 14 : 29

We cannot put our trust in a soulless idol; it would be better to trust in a human being who has a soul. The right thing to do is to trust in the Spirit of God, who lives eternally, and in the Lord Jesus, as the Son of God, who has received from God the Father all power in heaven and on earth.

(Idol that does not help)

(The priests didn't say, 'Where is Yahweh?' and those who handle the law didn't know me. The rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and followed things that do not profit.) Jeremiah 2 : 8

Idols cannot give us any help because they are only objects made by us, which do not have the power to listen to our requests. Those who claim otherwise are talking nonsense. The one who has the power and ability to hear and help us is undoubtedly the Spirit of the living God, our Lord and Creator who lives forever, for His glory and the glory of all who believe in Him.

(Useless idol)

(Has a nation changed its gods, which really are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doesn't profit. "Be astonished, you heavens, at this and be horribly afraid. Be very desolate," says Yahweh.) Jeremiah 2 : 11

Idols are useless objects because they can never represent the glory of God. We cannot confuse the glory or Divinity of God with the nothingness of an idol. If it were not for the glory of God, the idol would not even exist.

(Cursed idol)

(A blessing was on Noah's wooden boat that allowed righteousness to survive, but a curse is on an idol made by human hands. A curse is also on the one who makes it, because he works on this perishable thing and then calls it a god.) Wisdom 14 : 7

All idols are cursed because they are corruptible objects to which we attribute the Divine power of the incorruptible Spirit of God, who lives for ever, offending the glory of the Lord.

(Stumbling object)

(And so God's judgement will fall on pagan idols, because, even though they are made from something God created, they become horrible things that trap the souls of foolish people.) Wisdom 14 : 11

Idols are considered stumbling blocks by the Lord because they cause us to fall into error by sinning against the Lord, by worshipping an idol instead of God.

(Unclean object)

(You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, "Go away!") Isaiah 30 : 22

Idols are considered unclean or impure objects because they are made under the inspiration of the impure Spirit of the devil, to induce us to sin against the Lord, disobeying his will by worshipping and serving untruthful works and not the truthful Spirit of God.

(Object of defilement)

("For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight," says Yahweh. "They have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.) Jeremiah 7 : 30

Idols are objects of defilement because by placing them inside the temple of God, i.e., inside a church, they make impure the holy place in which the name of the Lord is invoked. We cannot make impure or defile what is holy by committing sacrilege in the eyes of the Lord.

(Useless and ridiculous object)

(They are vanity, a work of delusion. In the time of their visitation they will perish.) Jeremiah 10 : 15

Idols are useless and ridiculous objects because being the work of our hands, it is useless to trust in them. Their fate is destruction, either by us or by God.

(Work of our hands)

(Their land also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.) Isaiah 2 : 8

We cannot make a material object with our hands and then worship it, provoking the Lord, God of heaven and earth. It is the truthful Spirit of God whom we must worship.

(I will utter my judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.) Jeremiah 1 : 16

The worship of idols made with our own hands is an act of wickedness towards God, because to turn our gaze and our hearts to the idol is tantamount to turning away from the Lord, forsaking Him, denying His glory and the truth revealed to us out of love by the Lord Jesus, having said:
(God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.) John 4 : 24

(A blessing was on Noah's wooden boat that allowed righteousness to survive, but a curse is on an idol made by human hands. A curse is also on the one who makes it, because he works on this perishable thing and then calls it a god.) Wisdom 14 : 7

Idols have been cursed by the Holy Spirit because they are only "the work of our hands" and by trusting in them we offend the glory of the Lord, never being able to replace His Divinity.

(Deceitful work)

(Every man has become brutish and without knowledge. Every goldsmith is disappointed by his engraved image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.) Jeremiah 10 : 14

Idols are deceitful works for the simple reason that there is no life in them; they are only a deceitful instrument of the devil to lead us away from the true worship of God, worshipping the Spirit of the devil and his evil works and not the Spirit of the Lord who lives for ever.

(Work of iniquity)

(“Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah. Behold, today they are a desolation, and no man dwells in them, because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods that they didn’t know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers.) Jeremiah 44 : 2

The worship of idols and the offering of incense to them is regarded by the Lord as a provocation to him, drawing misfortune upon us because of our iniquity or wickedness.

(Work of foolishness)

(And so God's judgement will fall on pagan idols, because, even though they are made from something God created, they become horrible things that trap the souls of foolish people.) Wisdom 14 : 11

Idol worshippers are considered fools by the Lord because of the work of foolishness they worship.

(Work of nothingness)

(Hear Yahweh’s word, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel! Yahweh says, “What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after worthless vanity, and have become worthless?) Jeremiah 2 : 4

This quotation from Holy Scripture refers to the nothingness of idols, so called because they cannot be trusted and are of no use. It is in the Spirit of the Lord that one must trust, not in an object.

(Lifeless work)

Idols are a lifeless work because there is no life in them, being the work of our hands, hence soulless.
If a lifelessw work manifests signs of life, this is surely the invisible action of the Spirit of Satan,
who acts on divine permission by receiving from God the power to animate the idol, always as a deceptive action to induce us to worship a material idol instead of the Spirit of God. The following quotation from John's vision of the Apocalypse with reference to the future idol "Statue of the Beast" makes us understand this:

(I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.
He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of people. He deceives my own people who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast who had the sword wound and lived.
It was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn’t worship the image of the beast to be killed.) Revelation 13 : 11
