‘Veneration of Idols’

The Lord, through Moses, gave us the following command:

(You shall not bring an abomination into your house and become a devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it. You shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.) Deuteronomy 7 : 26

Today the Lord gives us the following instruction based on the previous command:

"Likewise, do not bring a detestable thing into the temple of God, to profane it, provoking the Lord your God. Will you dare to challenge Him?"

It is clear that if we must not introduce a detestable thing into our house, then we must certainly not introduce it into the temple of God, for the reasons mentioned above.
The Lord hates that which is abominable or detestable in His eyes, such as that which robs Him of His glory, such as a material image made by our hands, called an 'idol', and before which we make the sign of the cross recognising in it the divinity of God, attributing to a corruptible object the Divine power of the incorruptible God, the Spirit of eternal life in heaven, who has spoken several times from heaven, as in the following seven circumstances:

1) To Moses, from the dark cloud at the time of the exodus of the Israelites, saying:
(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.) Exodus 20 : 22

2) To those present, from heaven, on the day of Jesus' baptism, saying:
(Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”) Matthew 3 : 17

3) To Peter, James and John, from the bright cloud on the day of Jesus' transfiguration, saying:
('This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him') Matthew 17 : 5

4) To Saul, on the day of his blinding, by the shining light of Jesus around him, saying:
('Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to turn against the goads')
Acts of the Apostles 26 : 14

5) To the undersigned, with the vision of darkness while awake and in broad daylight on 6th January 2017, making me realise the closeness of the Day of the Lord.
See ‘Two visions of darkness!.pdf’.

6) To the undersigned, on the day He showed me a big "?" of white clouds in the blue sky, 5th February 2022, answering my question and confirming it: ‘Am I Elijah?’.
See ‘Two great signs from heaven!.pdf’.

7) To all people of the earth, on the day of the appearance in space of a great ‘?’, 26th June 2023, confirming once again that I am Elijah.
See ‘Two great signs from heaven!.pdf’.

When the Lord speaks to us, He does not necessarily have to do so by letting us hear His voice.
Since He is an all-powerful spiritual Being, He may decide to give us a sign from heaven or earth so as to communicate His message to us, thus testing our faith, which is far more precious than gold, and which must be worthy of praise, glory, and honour, on the day when the Lord Jesus will visibly manifest himself from heaven in all his glory, on his great and terrible day.

For Jesus himself, the Son of God, declared that God is Spirit and wants to be worshipped as such, that is, recognised as a spiritual Being.
The following quotation from the Gospel confirms this:

(God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”) John 4 : 24

So we cannot worship, adore or venerate a material idol, whatever the image and material, because God is an immaterial living Being of pure spiritual energy, endowed with His own will. Can a material image have a will? The will belongs to the Spirit and not to an object.
We cannot therefore rely on an object that has no will.
If someone believes he can receive a miracle from an image, if he receives it, surely the miracle is not the work of God, but of Satan, since he can work deceptive miracles to mislead man, making him worship a false God, i.e. an abominable idolatrous object, an instrument of the devil.
By worshipping an idol, man shows his lack of faith by denying the existence of the glorious Spirit of God, and this also entails the impossibility of being able to obtain miracles from the Lord.
We can understand this from the following Gospel quotation:

(He didn’t do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.) Matthew 13 : 58

This justifies that miracles obtained by means of an idol are not performed by God but by the devil.
Satan's power through an idolatrous object or abomination is manifested for the following reason:
Satan a Spirit and a once-holy angel who became evil has the power to pass enter a material idol in order to possess it, has the power to pass through a material idol in order to possess it, leading man into temptation by deceiving him, making him worship what he should not worship, even making him believe that God's divinity belongs to a corruptible object, offending the glory of God. Once these abominable objects did not exist and one day they will no longer exist. How can we trust them? The right thing to do is to trust in the eternal Spirit of God, who has always existed and will exist forever. Otherwise, how could we believe in the eternal life announced by Jesus? By worshipping an idol we are worshipping the Spirit of the one who dwells in it i.e. Satan, provoking the Lord's jealousy for worshipping a creature and not the Creator.
Regarding the worship of a non-photographic two-dimensional idol or image, we can make three points:

(1)

The idol turns out to be merely a drawing. The alleged face depicted cannot even be called a face.
Can a face always have the same expression? For the image represented by the idol, even if it is three-dimensional, changing expression is only possible with a deceptive trick of the devil, such as when he animates the future statue of the beast by God's permission. The reference quotation is as follows:

(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 : 15

Even if the idol were the photographic image of the true face of the one who is represented, it would be wrong to worship it, because we have said that the Lord wants to be worshipped as Spirit; in fact Jesus manifested himself on earth at a time when there was not even a camera, so that we would not be mistaken by worshipping his picture.

(2)

The very name we give to the idol is deceptive because there is neither truth nor life in the image, since it's a dead work. Thus the alleged image of, for example, Mary, mother of Jesus, cannot be called Mary, and nor can we give it any other name. The same thing applies to the face of the Lord Jesus, whose representation is even more serious, since he is the Son of God.

The idol that we sometimes make ourselves as the patron saint of a city cannot have divine power and this is also demonstrable. Before its realisation, who was the patron saint of that city? Was it not the Lord? Or has the Lord delegated the protection of the city to an abomination, denying His own glory?
When the idol no longer exists, who will be the patron of that city? Will it still not be the Lord, our God?
The Lord, through Moses, said:

(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

It is up to us to purify the land desecrated by idols that make it unclean and abominable, by obeying the Lord's commands, otherwise we will be struck down by the curse, for disobeying and even offending God.
However, to tell the truth, we have already been struck by the curse, with all the evils we suffer, and if we do not do God's will, the last evil we will suffer will be eternal damnation.
