

Welcome

mo·ral·i·ty

/mə'ralədē/

noun

principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior.

synonyms: [ethics](#), rights and wrongs, ethicality [More](#)

- a particular system of values and principles of conduct, especially one held by a specified person or society.

plural noun: moralities

"a bourgeois morality"

- the extent to which an action is right or wrong.

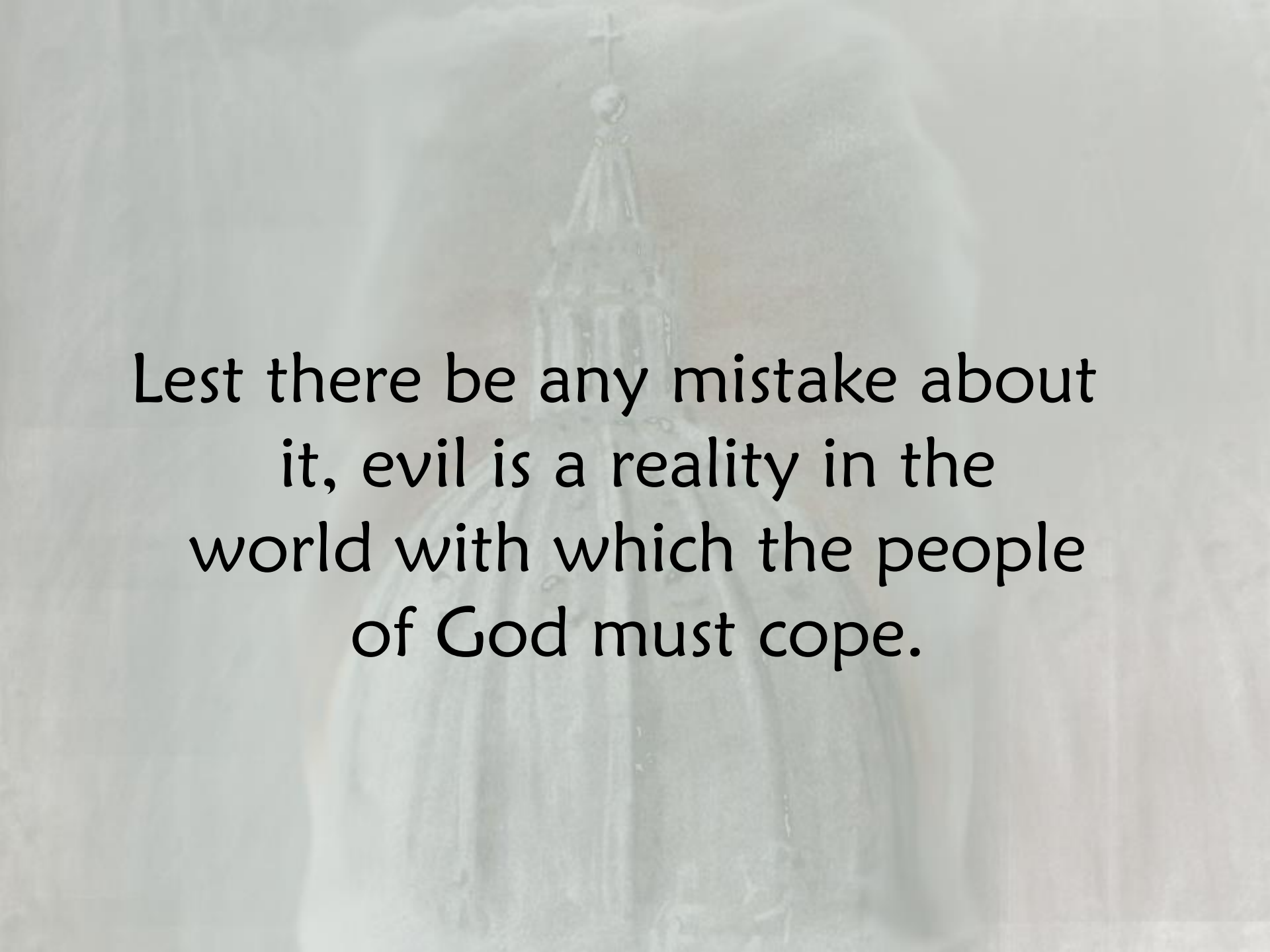
"behind all the arguments lies the issue of the morality of the possession of nuclear weapons"

What Is Right
and Wrong
and
How Do
We Know?





What is evil
In our
World?



Lest there be any mistake about
it, evil is a reality in the
world with which the people
of God must cope.

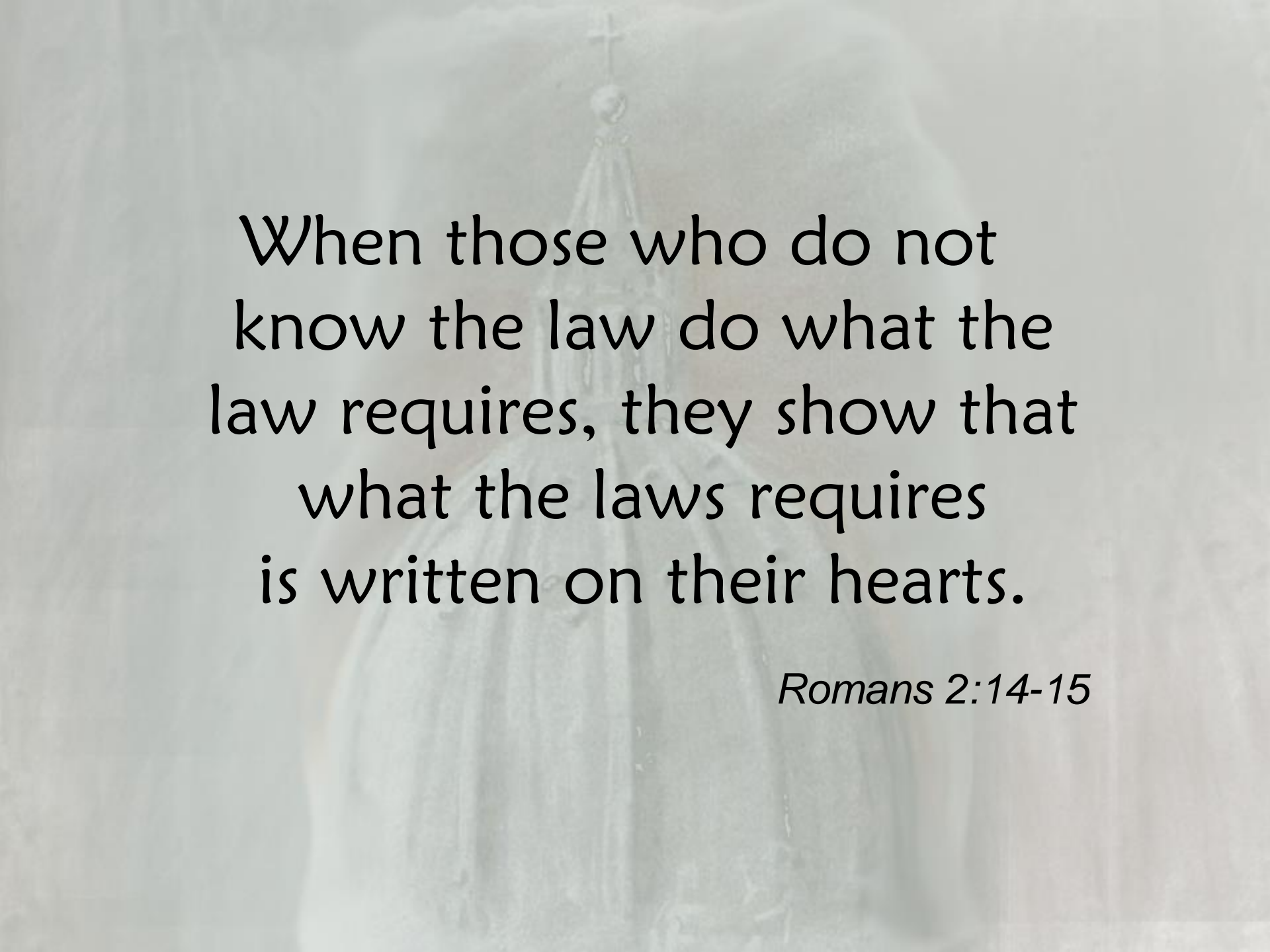


How was your
conscious
formed?



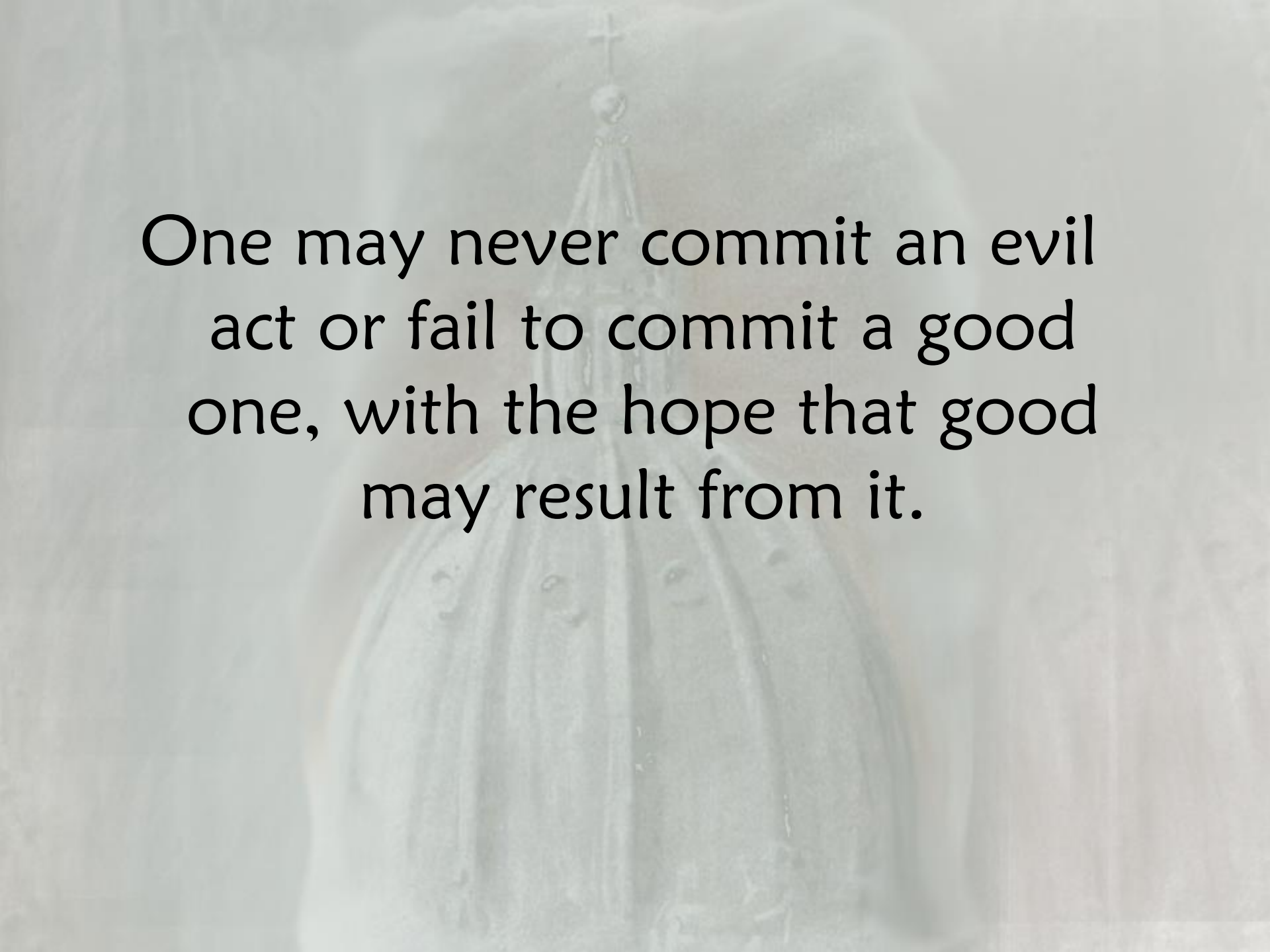
What is Right And What is Wrong?

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When those who do not know the law do what the law requires, they show that what the laws requires is written on their hearts.

Romans 2:14-15



One may never commit an evil
act or fail to commit a good
one, with the hope that good
may result from it.




In order for us humans to commit evil acts, we must operate against our own nature, breaking the law which is written on our hearts.



What is Right And What is Wrong?

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*It is important to hear
and follow the voice of
conscience.*



Like Jesus we
must also take
time alone, to
think and pray.



Reflection

It is necessary for us to pause in life, to think about our actions and thoughts, to examine our conscience and our consciousness and to reconcile ourselves with the gospel.

Morality



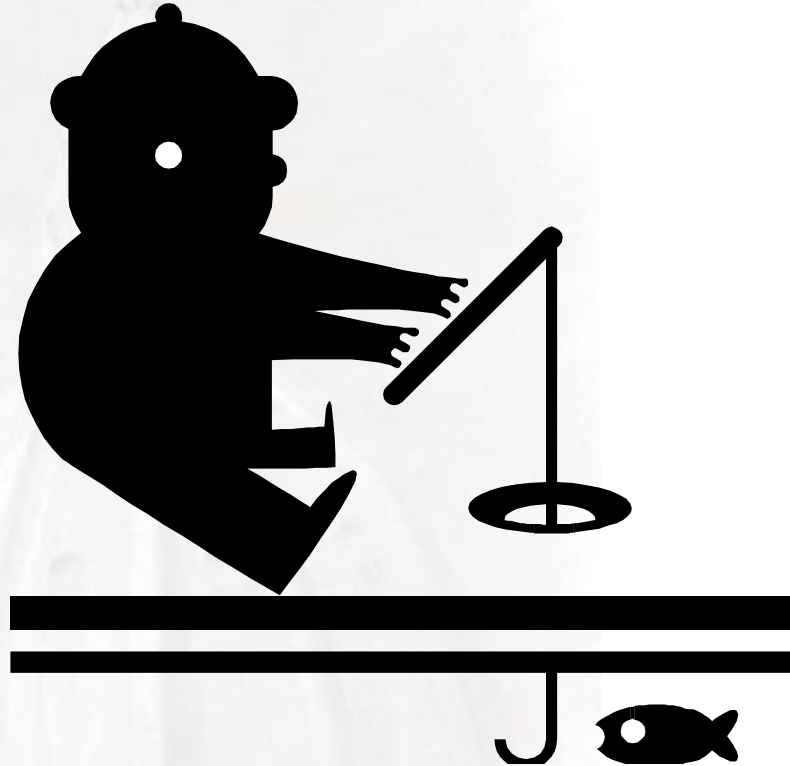
A simple look at how to
make a moral decision

What moral problem do you find interesting?



old proverb

- ◆ Give a hungry person a fish, feed him for a day, Teach him to fish and feed him for a lifetime



Practical LIVING

- ◇ There are three criteria to consider when making a judgment about morality



Three Criteria

- ◇ The object
- ◇ The intention
- ◇ The circumstances



The Object

- ◇ We refer to the good outcome of our action and to the person



The intention

- ◇ We refer to inner movement of the will and the goal of the activity



The Circumstances

- ◇ The real situation in which our actions occur



The balance

- ◇ All three must be in balance



Conscience

- ◆ The voice of our inner being that calls us to love and to always do what is good, right and just. The voice of God.



Forming Conscience

- ◆ As Catholics you are called to form your conscience. This takes time, years, and lots of experience.



Prudence

- ◇ Right Reason in action
- ◇ *Prudence must precede every action that we undertake; for if prudence be wanting, there is nothing, however good it may seem, which is not turned into evil.*

Discernment

- ◇ A decision-making process that attends to the implications and consequences of an action or choice.
- ◇ *For good decisions on big and important issues, discernment is needed.*



Search
Think
Others
Pray



Jesus
Reason and
Revelation
Imagination
Law
Church
Values
Law
Instinct
Conscience

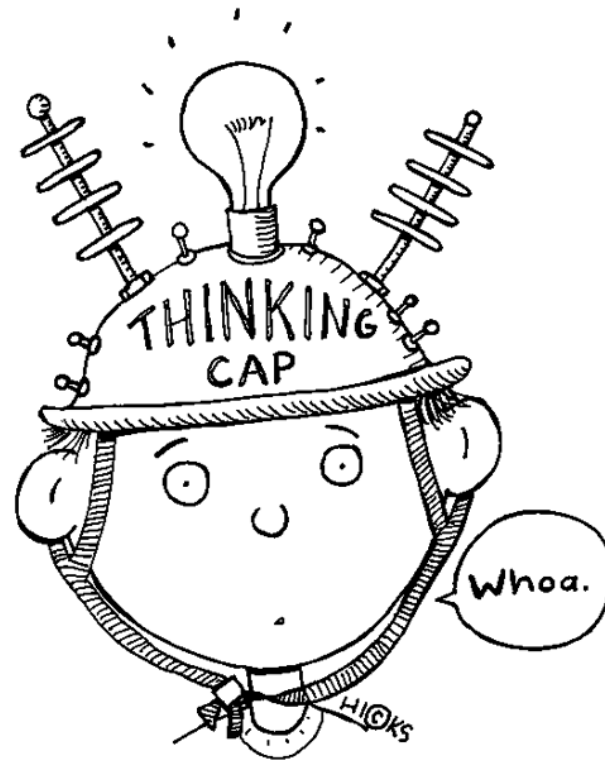


Search

- What?
- Who ?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?

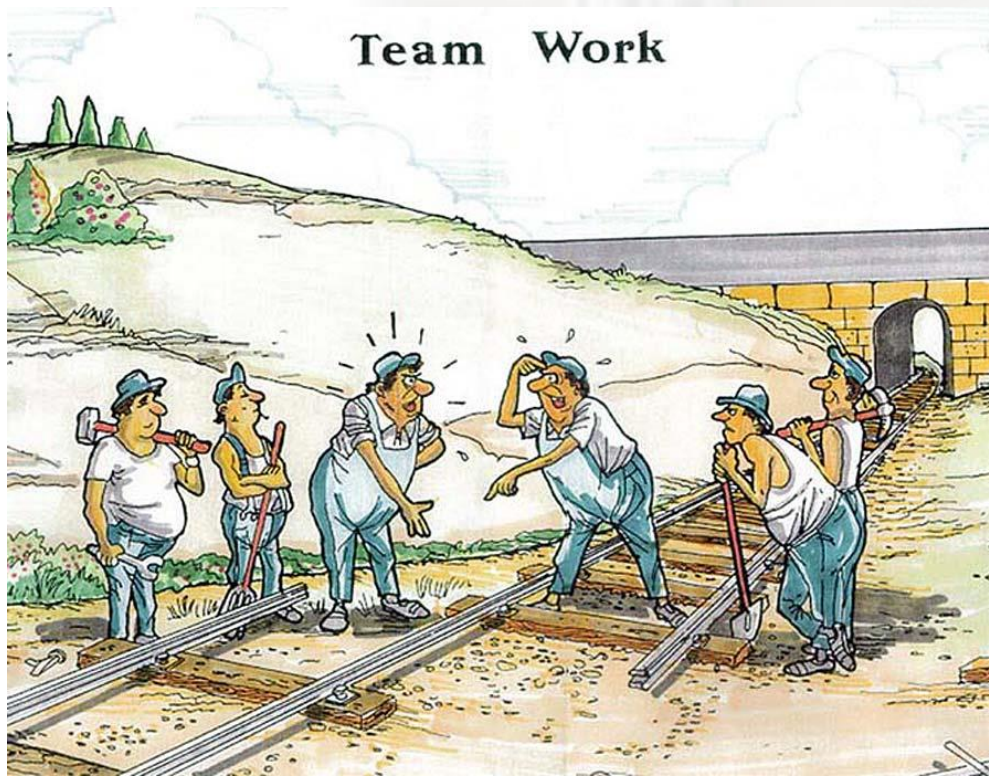
Think

- What are the alternatives?
- What are the consequences?




Others

- How our actions affect others?
- Consult others



Pray



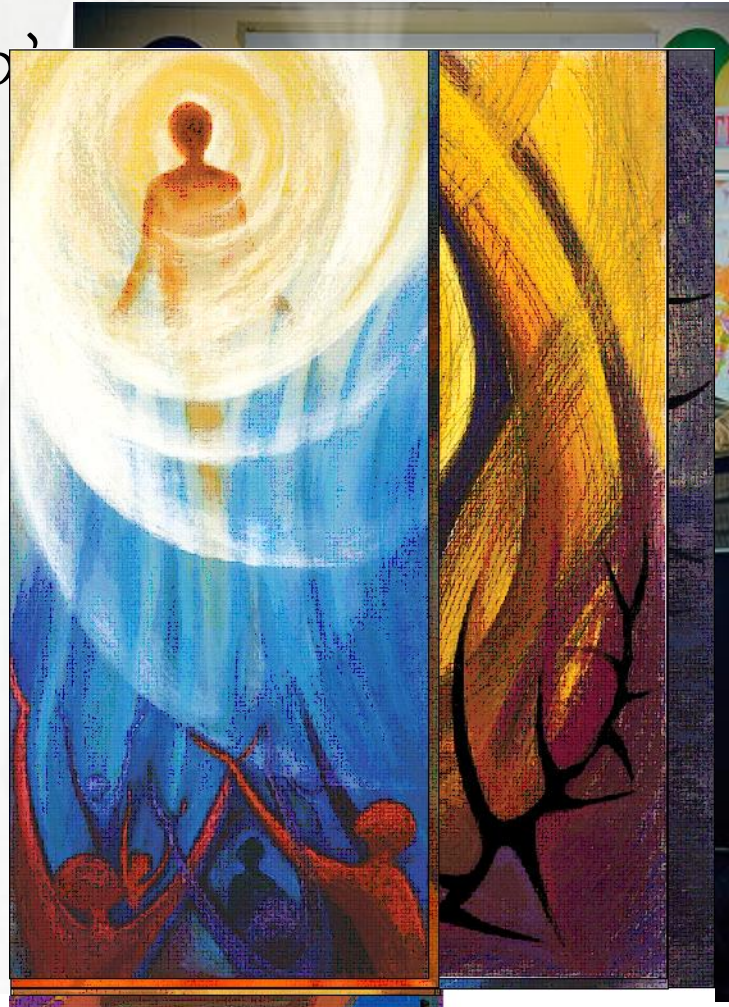


After saying farewell to [the
crowds, Jesus went up on
the mountain to pray.

Mark 6:46

Jesus

- ◇ What would Jesus do?



Reason and Revelation

- ◇ Is what I am choosing to do the best that I can do as a person made in the image and likeness of God?



Imagination

- ◇ Dream dreams, how can even the most unbelievable scenario work in this case?



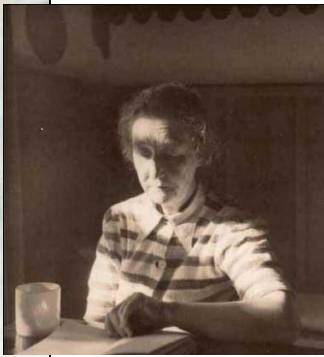
Law (principles and authority)

- ◆ Natural Law
- ◆ Civil Law
- ◆ Divine Law
- ◆ Church Law



Church

- ◇ Church
- ◇ What does the church say about this?
- ◇ What do Religious guides say?
- ◇ What are other Catholics doing?



Values

- ◇ Identify the values that are in conflict
- ◇ Rank said values
- ◇ Compromise?



Instinct

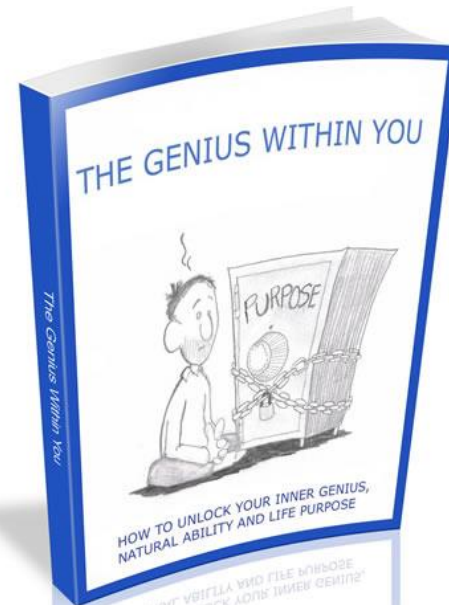
- ◇ What does your gut say?



Conscience

◆ This is an informed conscience

- Study
- Elect
- Execute
- Review







Reflection

Sometimes we find it difficult
to do the right thing -
to practice the charity that
leads us to help and respect
our neighbor.

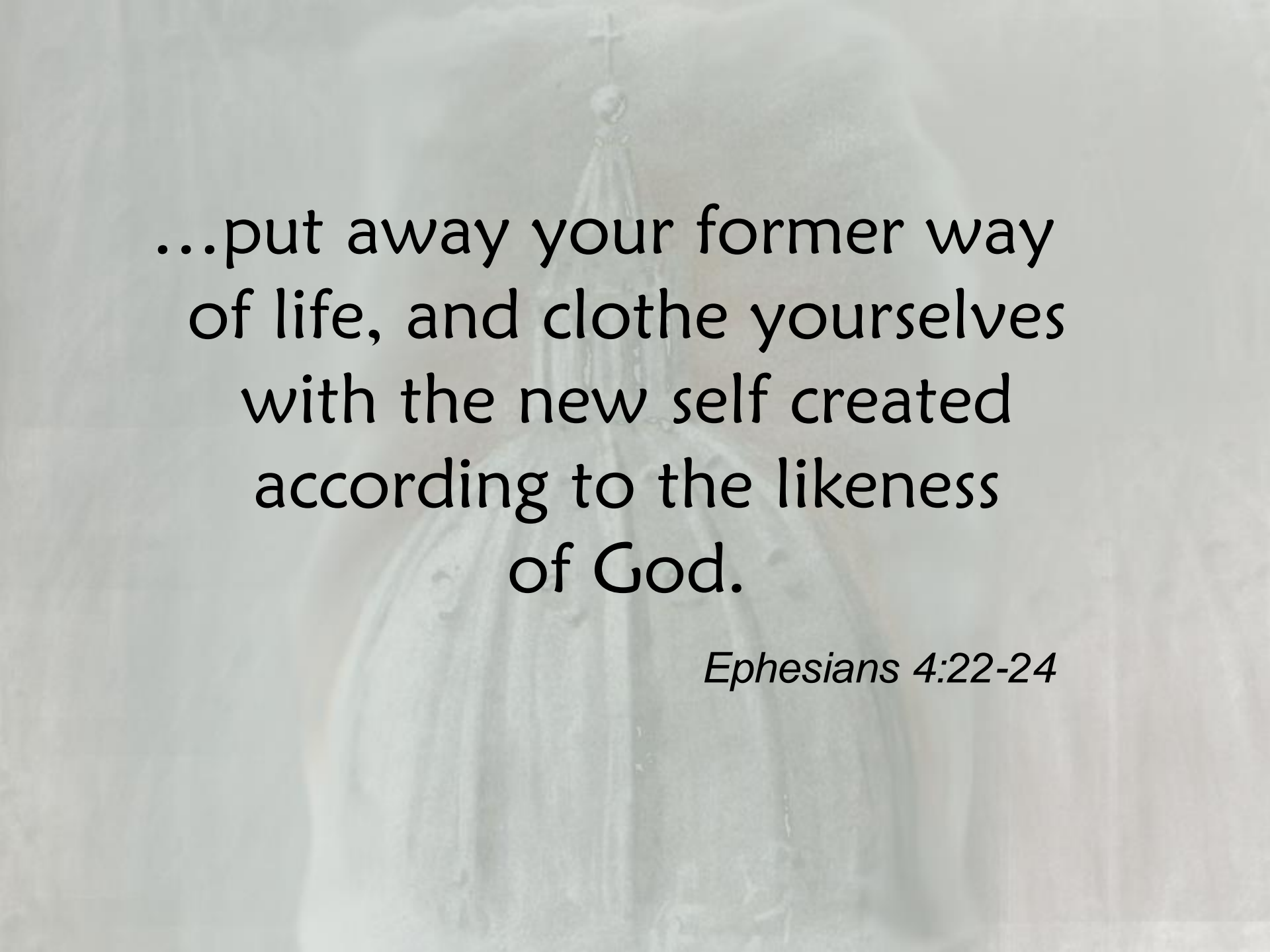


Seven Deadly Sins

- ◇ Pride
- ◇ Greed
- ◇ Envy
- ◇ Anger
- ◇ Lust
- ◇ Gluttony
- ◇ Sloth







...put away your former way
of life, and clothe yourselves
with the new self created
according to the likeness
of God.

Ephesians 4:22-24





The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- ◇ Wisdom
- ◇ Understanding
- ◇ Right Judgment
- ◇ Courage (fortitude)
- ◇ Knowledge
- ◇ Reverence (Piety)
- ◇ Wonder and Awe



Norms

- ◆ We may never do evil with the hope that good will result from it.

Norms

- ◇ The "golden rule" always applies that we should treat others in the same way we want to be treated

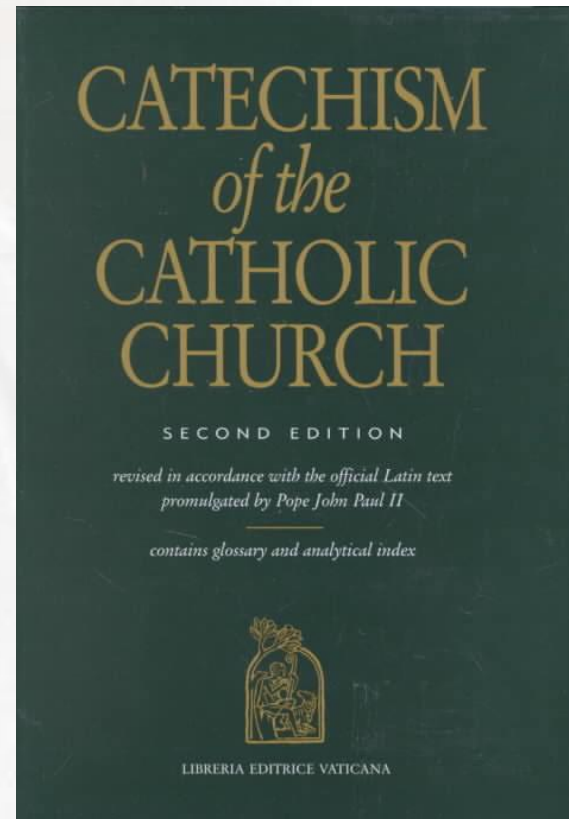
Norms

- ◇ Charity always leads us to respect our neighbor and to avoid scandal.

Little know truths

One must always obey
the certain judgment
of his or her
conscience.

Catechism 1790





Now to Practice

End thoughts

If we fail to take the trouble to form our consciences to find out what is true and good, or when we are blinded by habits that are selfish and unilateral, we are responsible for what we do.



End thoughts

We might also be uniformed about the teachings of Christ and the Gospel.

or we might be following bad example, or act only according to our unbridled emotions, or think our conscience is private and self-directed,

or reject the church's teachings

or simply not be walking with Christ,

or have become persons lacking in charity.



End thoughts

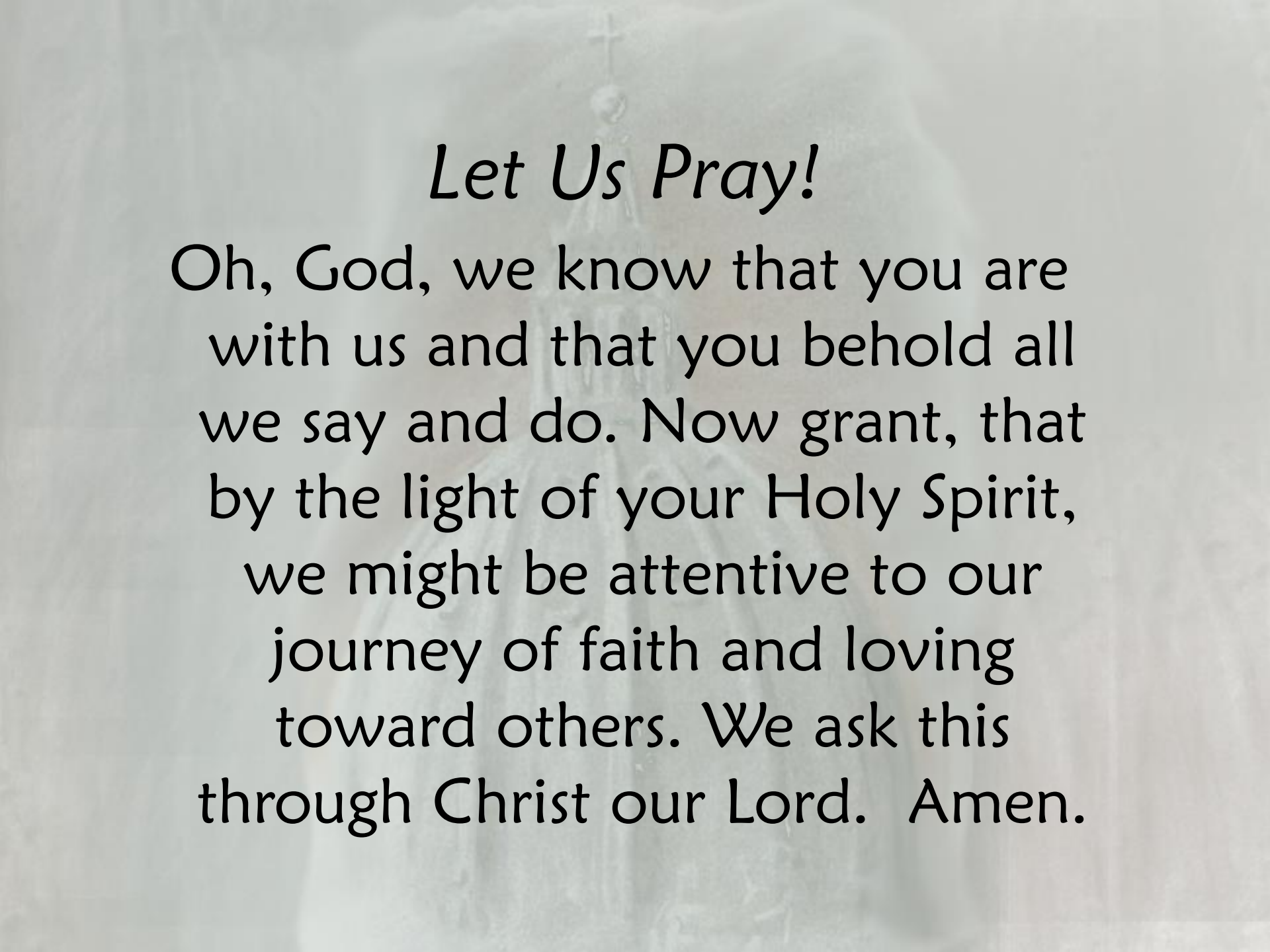
In the end,

Our conscience is enlightened by faith
and driven by charity

End thoughts

The more we follow our conscience in all things, the more we grow to be persons of intentional love and not blind choice.





Let Us Pray!

Oh, God, we know that you are with us and that you behold all we say and do. Now grant, that by the light of your Holy Spirit, we might be attentive to our journey of faith and loving toward others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.