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“That’s a foolish question to ask! Of course not. My religion has been around for a long, long time. As a matter of fact, for hundreds and hundreds of years. And there are thousands upon thousands of followers of my religion. It’s the truth, so I know that I’m not worshipping the wrong God.”

“But there are many other different religions in the world whose followers can say the same thing, and they are just as sure that they are not worshipping the wrong God. Do you think that all religions are right?”

“No, of course not. They all cannot be right.”

“I’ll agree with that. It is obvious in view of their vast differences and contrary beliefs that they cannot all be right. If God is a God of truth, He cannot be behind them all. In fact, because of the very nature of truth itself it is obvious that only

one out of the many can be true. So my question is really not foolish at all.”

“Well, that may be so; but I’m still sure that I am not worshipping the wrong God, or a false God.”

“But you must admit that it is possible. In fact if you have never honestly investigated the possibility, then it may very well be that you really are worshipping the wrong God and just do not know it.”

“Look, why are you making such a big deal out of this anyway? What difference does it make to you? Or are you just trying to convert me to your religion?”

“It is true that I am not a follower of your religion. However I am asking you to consider the possibility that you are worshipping the wrong God, because the God of The Bible says that He is ‘the true and living God,’ the creator of the heavens, and the earth, and all things that are therein. He also says that His book, The Bible, is ‘the word of truth.’ And in it He even explains where other religions come

from and how they are not pleasing unto Him. Now if this is true, as He says it is, then you truly are worshipping the wrong God. And not only that, but there are very serious consequences for you in doing so.”

“What do you mean?”

“Well, listen to what He says in this portion of His word:”

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (Romans 1:18)

“This verse is the first part of the message that God says He wants all men to hear. And as you can see it says that God wants men to know that His wrath is against them because of all of their ‘ungodliness and unrighteousness.’ But then He goes on to say that the very first act of ungodliness and unrighteousness that angers Him is the issue of men not responding to Him properly. And this includes not only men who do not respond to Him at

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all, but also ones who do not respond to Him as ‘the true and living God’ that He is.”

“Well, I’m not an atheist that’s for sure.”

“Yes, that’s right. But if the God of The Bible is the ‘true and living God’ that He says He is, then you still have not responded properly to Him as such. And this means that His wrath is still against you, just as He says it is.”

“That’s only what this book you call The Bible says. And you are the one who is convinced that it is right. But I don’t think that it is.”

“Well, I don’t expect you to think that it is right. At least not at this time. In fact, for you to think that The Bible is not right is simply part of the ‘ungodliness and unrighteousness of men’ that God is talking about. So I understand that. However, all that I would like you to do is to honestly consider whether what I originally asked could be true of you. Could you possibly be worshipping the wrong God?”

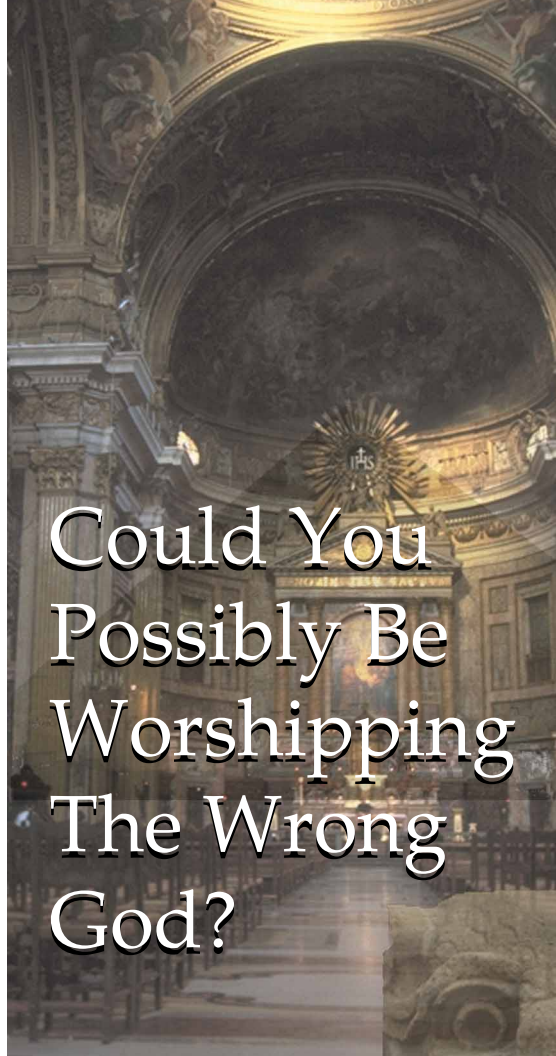
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“Maybe.”

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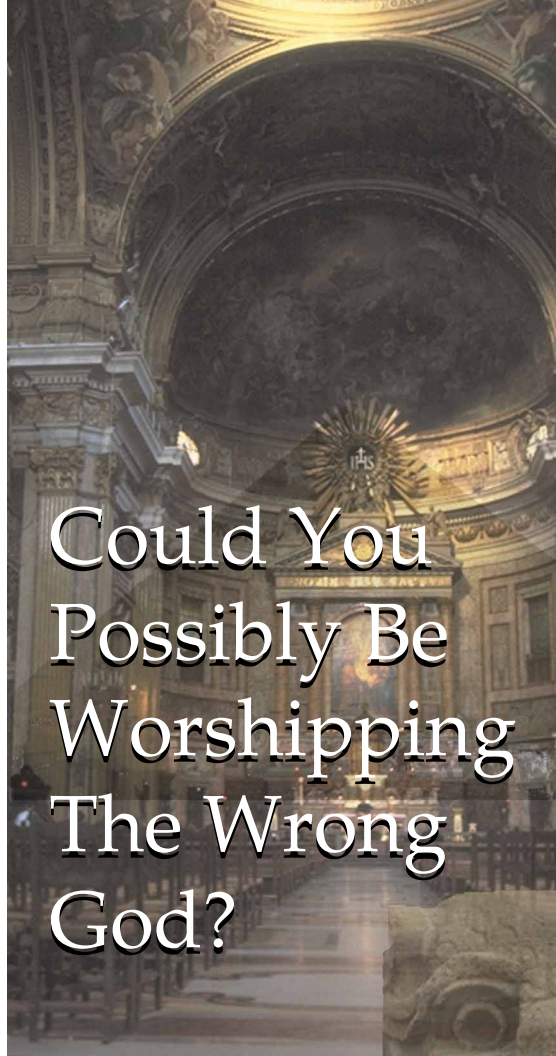
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