

ACTS
Worship and Culture
Acts 19:21-41

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1. At the foundation of every culture is the issue of

_____.

“Culture is religion externalized.” - Henry Van Til

- a. The worship of the goddess Artemis, dominated Ephesian culture.
 - 1) It dominated the _____.
 - 2) It demanded the people’s _____ allegiance.
- b. The gospel directly confronts the sin of idolatry with the truth that there is only one true God. Jesus Christ is _____.
- c. When a culture’s idol is threatened, the people will often respond in _____ and aggressive ways.

2. Idolatrous worship leads to a _____ system that is based more on conjecture and superstition than on truth.

- a. The beliefs surrounding the worship of the goddess Artemis were based on superstition, but these superstitions was considered to be _____ facts.
- b. The gospel directly challenges unsubstantiated belief systems with the _____ of the Word of God.

3. Those who engage in idolatrous worship will actively _____ their belief system from outside attacks.

- a. In spite of the attacks and attempted protection of idolatrous worship within a culture, believers must hold firm to the _____.
- b. *“Christianity _____ all other cultures for the good. It has freed more people spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and even literally, than any other movement in history.”*
- Joseph Bianchi