

Caritas Fellowship
 7 Deadly Sins—#1
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EVAGRIUS' "8 EVIL THOUGHTS"

Gluttony, Lust, Avarice, Sadness, Anger, Spiritual Lethargy, Vainglory, Pride

7 DEADLY SINS OF POPE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Avarice, Gluttony, Lust

4 CARDINAL VIRTUES

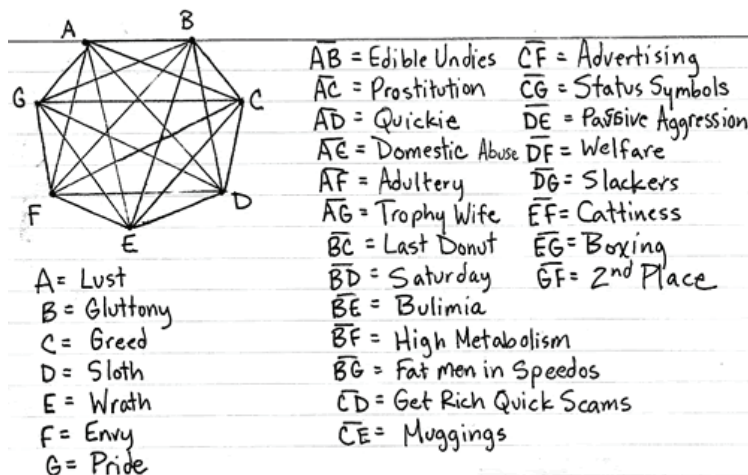
Wisdom, Justice, Courage, Moderation

3 THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Faith, Hope, Love

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A PRIEST'S MANUAL, 15TH C (cited in The Stripping of the Altars, Eamon Duffy. 1992/2005)

Have you had any envy of your neighbors or to your fellow Christians and been glad to hear of their harm or of their evil faring and loath of their good, or of the adversity or disease that has fallen to them, and been sorry or heavy of their prosperity or welfare...and of their good name and good reputation. Have you back-bitten and despised your fellow Christians or told evil tales of them to impugn their good name or would not hear any good spoken of them by your will but prevented it or stopped it as much as you might... Also when you have met them that you hate or have anger toward: have you made them good cheer and fair face on the outside and hated them on the inside. And said worse behind him then you would avow before him because of the hatred and envy that you had toward him.

CORNELIUS PLANTINGA, JR.

The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call *shalom*. We call it peace, but it means far more than peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies. In the Bible, *shalom* means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight—a rich state of affairs in which the natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. *Shalom*, in other words, is the way things ought to be...

All sin has first and finally a Godward force. Let us say a sin is any act—any thought, desire, emotion, word, or deed—or its particular absence, that displeases God and deserves blame. Let us add that the disposition to commit sin also displeases God and deserves blame, and let us therefore use the word *sin* to refer to to such instances of both act and disposition. Sin is a culpable and person affront to God...

God is for *shalom* and *therefore* against sin. In fact, we may safely describe evil as any spoiling of *shalom*, whether

physically (e.g. by disease), morally, spiritually, or otherwise. Moral and spiritual evil are agential evil—that is, evil that, roughly speaking, only persons can do or have. Agential evil thus comprises acts and dispositions. Sin, then, is any agential evil for which some person (or group of persons) is to blame. In short, sin is culpable shalom breaking.

Peter Kreeft

Sin is any deliberate thought, word, or deed contrary to God's law. Sin is disobedience to God's law, thus God's will, thus God himself... "Sin" means more than "evil" or "vice." It is a specifically religious term. It means *evil in its relation to God*. It means damaging or breaking the relationship with God, the spiritual marriage covenant.

Ps 51.1-4

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

GENESIS 1

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

JEREMIAH 31.11-14

11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.
13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
14 I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the Lord."

REVELATION 21.1-7; 22-26

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this