

God doesn't 'exist':  
God is not a 'creature'  
ie. doesn't inhabit  
existence in the way  
that we do

→ early Xns  
were  
accused of  
'atheism'

err...  
MYSTERY!

→ Kierkegaard  
(19th c.) talked of  
an "infinite  
qualitative distinction"

- or -  
"You don't talk about  
God by talking about  
Man in a loud voice"  
(K. Barth, 20th c.)

via negativa

(ie. Theology  
is a spiritual  
process)

IDOLATRY  
FOR BEGINNERS

→ "No Gods but  
me"  
(Commandment #1)

→ "Don't make an  
image"  
(Commandment #2)

→ So what's the alternative?

↓  
Problems with language  
- ANALOGY

↓  
Natural Theology  
(and its problems)

↓  
REVELATION!

(P.T.O.)

→ Why is idolatry bad?

↓  
'Those who serve them  
shall become like them'

e.g.

→ Oppression of  
the poor  
(God becomes commodified)  
"I hate your festivals"

→ Human  
sacrifice

REVELATION!

Adam + Eve  
Noah

What is it?

① CALLING

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Abraham               | ISRAEL |
| Moses                 |        |
| Jeremiah, Isaiah etc. |        |
| ↓                     |        |
| Mary and Joseph       |        |
| Simeon + Anna         |        |
| John the Baptist      |        |
| JESUS                 |        |
| Disciples             |        |
| Apostles              |        |
| -----                 |        |
| THE CHURCH            |        |

② UNVEILING

JESUS  
Isaiah  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Ephesians

JESUS' BAPTISM  
TRANSFIG<sup>N</sup>  
CRUCIFIX<sup>N</sup>  
RESURRECT<sup>N</sup>

③ WITNESS

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

- LAW } SCRIPTURE
- PROPHETS }
- JOHN THE BAPTIST
- EVANGELISING CHURCH
- Apostles →
- "Surprise Guests"

CREEDS

teaching tools  
points of unity

part of worship

④ WORSHIP

- The Mode of Receiving
- The Means of "Comprehending"
- The Moment of Encounter with mystery