

FUN QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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The Church's Teaching on Evil

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1. The Catholic Church teaches as part of her official doctrine that:

- a. the Devil as a scary creature exists;
- b. evil exists and is a very powerful force in the world;
- c. there is no devil;
- d. evil usually conquers good.

2. As Catholics, we believe that:

- a. God can lead us into temptation;
- b. the unbaptized belong to the devil;
- c. like Christ, we too can conquer evil;
- d. Christ alone can conquer evil.

3. The Bible uses these titles for the Devil:

- a. The Prince of darkness;
- b. Beelzebul;
- c. The Father of lies;
- d. all of the above.

4. The Church teaches that without Baptism, infants are:

- a. condemned to Hell;
- b. go to a place called Limbo;
- c. remain in Purgatory forever;
- d. none of the above.

5. One of the ways in which the power of evil manifests itself is:

- a. in asking questions about our Faith;
- b. in helping those in need;
- c. in social injustice;
- d. in following our conscience.

6. Earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes are all categorized by the Church as:

- a. evils in nature;
- b. acts of God;
- c. demonic punishments ;
- d. punishments from God.

7. The Church teaches that Moral Evil includes:

- a. the destruction of human life;
- b. adultery and abusive behaviour of every kind;
- c. destroying the reputation of others;
- d. all of the above.

8. In the Church, the sin of Adam and Eve as recorded in Genesis is referred to as:

- a. Parental Sin;
- b. Original Sin;
- c. Ecological Sin;
- d. none of the above.

9. As Catholics, we believe that:

- a. the world belongs to Satan;
- b. Hell is here on earth;
- c. Christ, the King will eventually rule the world at the end of time;
- d. Christ, the King rules the world already.

10. The Church teaches that cancer, heart disease, hatred, poverty and abortion are:

- a. all evils in themselves;
- b. sent by God to convince atheists to have faith;
- c. all visible signs of a person's inward evil disposition;
- d. tests from God.

11. Catholics believe that war and capital punishment are usually:

- a. moral actions in all cases;
- b. evil manifestations of society;
- c. morally acceptable in certain specific circumstances;
- d. never morally acceptable.

12. The Church categorizes bullying, racism, prejudice and discrimination as:

- a. neutral evil in the natural order of existence;
- b. social evil in all circumstances;
- c. justifiable evil in certain circumstances;
- d. socially acceptable in society.

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. **b.** The Church does teach that the devil exists but as the personification of evil, not as a creature, ('d' + 'evil' = the name, 'devil').
2. **c.** Christ conquered evil by His death and we are empowered by Christ to do the same.
3. **d.** Other titles like "serpent" are also used.
4. **d.** We now believe that they will directly enter heaven by God's compassionate mercy.
5. **c.** This is evil perpetrated against humanity. The other three are good moral actions.
6. **a.** They occur in nature but God does not cause them to punish (as the Jews believed).

7. **d.** Moral evil is the willful and malicious causing of pain, hurt and destruction.
8. **b.** Baptism washes us clean of Original Sin.
9. **d.** He established His Kingdom on earth at His birth. We are part of His Kingdom here.
10. **a.** They are categorized by the Church as evils 'in nature', 'social' evil and 'moral' evil.
11. **c.** In very exceptional circumstances like self defence or ensuring the common good.
12. **b.** Once evil negatively effects not one person but groups on a universal scale, it is categorized as 'social evil in all circumstances'.