



**What is this TXT Fondue program about?**

This program is about disruptions in your relationship with God the Father. We usually don't write about things we do not do, but this time we will make an exception. We want to seriously warn you: idolatry is dangerous. How can you withstand the temptations? And when you do have an idol in your life, in what way do you get rid of it? In a later TXT Fondue, in fundament 5, we will dig even deeper into temptations and demons.

**How is a TXT Fondue played?**

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

*Not the answer but the process*

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

*Referee*

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

*Feedback*

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through [HuisfeestNetwerk.org](http://HuisfeestNetwerk.org)! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](https://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork).

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**What is the House Feast Network?**

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

*Networking*

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](https://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork). Elders can exchange their experiences at [facebook.com/groups/Oudsten](https://facebook.com/groups/Oudsten).

*Share impressions*

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

**What is the Learnhouse?**

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

**Previous program:**  
2.06 Old Testament

**This program:**  
2.07 Idols

**Next program:**  
2.08 Tabernacle

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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**1a. Name two places in the Bible, that forbid serving idols.**

(answer) It is forbidden in several places. The most important ones are:

1. In the covenant with Moses (the Torah).
2. The apostles confirm it in Acts 15:20.

**2a. An idol is everything you worship besides God the Father. In which way does that affect your relationship with Him?**

(answer) An idol takes the first place, so that you will first seek refuge with this idol, before you go to God the Father.

**3a. Name four idols that are named by name in the New Testament.**

(answer) The Old Testament names various idols, including:

- Ares (Acts 17:22; the Areopagus was named after him)
- Artemis of Ephesus (Acts 19:24,28,35)
- Baal (Romans 11:4)
- Castor and Pollux / sons of Zeus / Twin Gods / the Dioscuri (Acts 28:11)
- Dikē / goddess of Justice (Acts 28:4)
- Dioscuri (see: Castor and Pollux)
- Hermes (Zeus 14:12)
- Jezebel / the whore (Revelation 2:20)
- Justice goddess (see: Dikē)
- Mammon / Money god (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:9-13)
- Molekh (Acts 7:43)
- Money god (see: Mammon)
- Reifan / Remphan (Acts 7:43; the same one as Chiun / Kiyun)
- Sons of Zeus (see: Castor and Pollux)
- Twin Gods (see: Castor and Pollux)
- Zeus (Acts 14:12)

*(comment) The antichrist (1 John 2:18), the beast (Revelation 11:7) and the dragon/snake (Revelation 12:9) may also be counted as a correct answer, but they actually fall under the servants of the devil.*

**4a. In which two ways can you wind up in idolatry?**

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. Responding to temptations from idols.
2. Consciously turning your back to the great and mighty God the Father and following your own choices.

**5a. Why does God the Vader not allow other gods?**

(answer) There are several possible answers. The other team only needs to name one:

1. God the Father explains in Exodus 20:5 that He is a jealous God.
2. Idolatry is a form of adultery towards your heavenly Father.



**6a. If you serve idols, then how do you on one hand get rid of the curse, and on the other hand get rid of the judgment?**

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. The curse is carried by King Jesus, because He was hung upon a pole.
2. The judgment is taken away by the blood of the Lamb.

*(comment) This way, we can be redeemed from the devil thanks to King Jesus. The guilt and punishment were passed on to Him. About this, Galatians 3:13 explains: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.'"*

**7a. In our times, we still know many stories about the Greek gods. May we use these stories to learn from them? Please explain.**

(answer) Yes, we may. The Bible recommends to investigate everything and to keep what is good. But make sure you don't get infected and fall into temptation.

*(comment) 1 Thessalonians 5:21 sayst: "Test everything; hold on to what is good." Even the apostle Paul stood in the middle of the idols on the Areopagus in Acts 17.*

**8a. Freemasons, the Illuminati, satanists and occultists have already chosen whom they serve. You actually always have an idol when you do not serve King Jesus alone. So how do you get rid of that idol?**

(answer) Only by accepting the sacrifice of King Jesus; then you are redeemed through His blood that was shed on the cross at Calvary, His completed work.



**9a. All world religions have idols. Who is the idol of the Islam? Choose from:**

- a. Muhammed.
- b. The Quran.
- c. Allah.
- d. The Kaaba (black cube in Mecca).

(answer) The correct answer is: "c. Allah."

**10a. What was the error Adam and Eve made, when they ate the forbidden fruit?**

(answer) They wanted to become as God the Father; it was egoism.

*(comment) Genesis 3:4-6 says:*

*"'You will not certainly die,' the serpent said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."*



**11a. One form of idolatry is superstition, or “false belief”. Believing does not go together with falsely believing, just like love does not go together with “false love”. False love does not exist; you either love someone for 100%, or not at all. Having someone else outside of your marriage is destructive for your relationship. Similarly, “false belief” is not possible, because that will be your only belief.**

In Genesis 31, we read about Rachel, who steals the household idols from her father Laban, when she moves away with her husband Jacob. When Laban pursues them and wants to search their belongings, in verse 32–34 the following happens:

[Jacob said:] **If you find anyone who has your gods, that person shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself whether there is anything of yours here with me; and if so, take it.”** Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods.

So Laban went into Jacob’s tent and into Leah’s tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he found nothing. After he came out of Leah’s tent, he entered Rachel’s tent.

Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them inside her camel’s saddle and was sitting on them. Laban searched through everything in the tent but found nothing.

**Without knowing it, Jacob put a curse on his wife Rachel, and she died prematurely. How does this show that you cannot serve an idol “just a little”?**

(answer) A small amount of idolatry does not exist: like the life and death of Rachel shows, it has dire consequences for your entire life when you are involved with a small lucky charm.



**12a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**Having an idol immediately disrupts your relationship with God the Father. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read, what the first commandment says about that. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) “I am the LORD your God.”

(comment) *This is written in Exodus 20:2.*

**Closing question (both teams): The Bible says: cast out all occult and idol-related matters from your midst. Read Acts 19:19–20 (question 10b) again. Discuss how you can do this very thoroughly together (hint: see this program’s icon at the top right of the page) and ask God the Father in prayer for forgiveness of your sins.**



**1b. What is the second commandment of the Ten Commandments?**

(answer) "You shall have no other gods before me."

(comment) *It says this in Exodus 20:3.*

**2b. Exodus 23:13 specifically forbids to name the names of idols. An exception for this is, when it is for the sake of study. Name four idols that are named by name in the Old Testament.**

(answer) The Old Testament names many idols, including:

- Adrammelek (2 Kings 17:31)
- Amon / Amon-Ra (Jeremiah 46:25)
- Anammelek (2 Kings 17:31)
- Anat (Judges 3:31)
- Asherah (1 Kings 15:13)
- Ashima (2 Kings 17:30)
- Ashtoreth (see: Astarte)
- Astarte / Ashtoreth / moon goddess (1 Kings 11:5; the English and German name for Pesach are also derived from this name: "Easter" and "Oster")
- Azazel (Leviticus 16:8-10)
- Baal / sun god (Jeremiah 32:35)
- Baal of Peor / Ba'al-P'or (Numbers 25:3)
- Baal-Berith / Ba'al-B'rit (Judges 9:4)
- Baal-Zebub / Ba'al-Z'vuv / Beelzebub (2 Kings 1:2-3)
- Baäl Zephon / Ba'al-Tz'von (Exodus 14:2)
- Bel / Marduk / M'rodakh (Isaiah 46:1, Jeremiah 50:2)
- Beelzebub (see: Baal-Zebub)
- Chemosh / K'mosh (Numbers 21:29)
- Chiun / Kiyun / star god (Amos 5:26)
- Copper snake (see: Nehushtan)
- Dagon (Judges 16:23)
- Gad / god of luck (Isaiah 65:11)
- God of destiny (see: Meni)
- God of luck (see: Gad)
- Heaven Queen (see: Venus)
- Ishtar (see: Venus)
- K'mosh (see: Chemosh)
- Kiyun (see: Chiun)
- Lucky god (see: Gad)
- M'rodakh (see: Bel)
- Marduk (see: Bel)
- Melecheth of the heavens (see: Venus)
- Meni / god of destiny (Isaiah 65:11)
- Milkom (see: Moloch)
- Molekh / Milkom (1 Kings 11:5,7)
- Moon goddess (see: Astarte)
- Nabu (see: Nebo)
- Nebo / N'vo / Nebo (Isaiah 46:1)
- Nehushtan / Coppersnake (2 Kings 18:4)
- Nergal (2 Kings 17:30)
- Nisrokh (2 Kings 19:37)
- Nivchaz / Nibhaz (2 Kings 17:31)
- Queen of Heaven (see: Venus)
- Rimmon (2 Kings 5:18)
- Sikkut / Succoth (Amos 5:26)
- Star god (see: Chiun)
- Succoth (see: Sikkut)
- Sukkoth Benoth / Sukkot-B'not (2 Kings 17:30)
- Sun god (see: Baal)
- Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14)
- Tartak (2 Kings 17:31)
- Venus / Ishtar / Melecheth of the heavens / Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 7:18)

**3b. There are all kinds and types of idols, but ultimately you can reduce them to two "main idols". Which two are they?**

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. The devil.
2. You yourself; when you rather obey yourself than God the Father.

(comment) *1 Samuel 15:23a explains that stubbornness (arrogance or obstinacy) is equal to idolatry: "For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry."*



**4b. Mankind has the right to declare something as a god. Someone from the team asking the question names twelve types of idolatry. The other team indicates for each of these examples, who you serve with it: the devil, or yourself.**

- 1. Hedonism (indulgence)**
- 2. Artist worship**
- 3. Astrology**
- 4. Buddhism**
- 5. Gluttony**
- 6. New World Order**
- 7. Hooligans**
- 8. Witchcraft**
- 9. Vanity**
- 10. Egoism (selfishness)**
- 11. Satanism**
- 12. Pride**

(answer) The other team may have at best two answers wrong:

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Hedonism (indulgence) | Yourself |
| 2. Artist worship        | Devil    |
| 3. Astrology             | Devil    |
| 4. Buddhism              | Devil    |
| 5. Gluttony              | Yourself |
| 6. New World Order       | Devil    |
| 7. Hooligans             | Yourself |
| 8. Witchcraft            | Devil    |
| 9. Vanity                | Yourself |
| 10. Egoism (selfishness) | Yourself |
| 11. Satanism             | Devil    |
| 12. Pride                | Yourself |



**5b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**Someone from the team asking the question will describe what the Bible says idols eventually become for you, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".**

(answer) Trap (snare).

(comment) *Psalm 106:36 says: "They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them."*

**6b. Some people choose a terrible idol, but most choose a very friendly idol. Do good idols exist? Please explain.**

(answer) No, ultimately every idol is a demon of the devil, or the devil himself.

(comment) *2 Corinthians 11:14 says: "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."*

*And 1 Corinthians 10:19-20 says: "Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons."*



**7b. The opponent of God the Father is the devil. Besides being called "devil" and "satan", he is also referred to with other names. Name two of them.**

(answer) There are several possible answers. The other team must name two of these:

- Abaddon, the destructive angel / Apollyon, the Destroyer (Revelation 9:11)
- Accuser of our brothers (Revelation 12:10)
- Ancient serpent (see: Dragon)
- Angel of light (see: Masquerader as the angel of light)
- Angel of the abyss (Revelation 9:11)
- Apollyon (see: Abaddon)
- Beelzebul, prince of demons / Ba'al-Zibbul, ruler of the demons (Luke 11:15)
- Belial / B'liya'al (2 Corinthians 6:15)
- Destroyer (see: Abaddon)
- Dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13)
- Dragon / Great, fiery red dragon / Ancient serpent (Revelation 12:9)
- Enemy (1 Peter 5:8)
- Evil one (Matthew 13:19)
- Father of lies (John 8:44)
- God of this world/age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Great, fiery red dragon (see: Dragon)
- Inventor of lie (John 8:44)
- Lawlessness in person (see: Man of lawlessness)
- Leviathan, the sliding, coiling serpent / Livyatan, the fleeing, twisting serpent (Isaiah 27:1)
- Liar (of nature) (Johannes 8:44)
- Lucifer / morning star (Isaiah 14:12)
- Man doomed to destruction / Son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
- Man of lawlessness / lawlessness in person (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
- Masquerader as the angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- Morning star (see: Lucifer)
- Murderer from the beginning (John 8:44)
- Prince of demons (see: Beelzebul)
- Prince of this world (see: Ruler of this world)
- Ruler of the demons (see: Beelzebul)
- Ruler of the powers/kingdom of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
- Ruler of this world / Prince of this world (John 12:31)
- Ruler over death (Hebrews 2:14)
- Serpent (Genesis 3:1; 2 Corinthians 11:3)
- Son of perdition (see: Man doomed to destruction)
- Tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- Thief (John 10:10)

**8b. While Moses was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days, the people of Israel could not be patient any longer and wanted to worship a visible god, just like the nations around them. They collected their jewelry, and used it to make a golden calf. What was wrong about that?**

(answer) God the Father is invisible. The people of Israel wanted a visible god, and because of this they were disobedient, serving themselves this way, and that is what made it idolatry.

(comment) God the Father says to Moses in Exodus 32:8: "They [Israel] have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them."



**9b. Who is the idol of New Age? Choose from:**

- a. Yoga.
- b. Yourself.
- c. Zen.
- d. Music.

(answer) The correct answer is: "b. Yourself."

**10b. What should you do when you have an image of an idol in your possession, for example if you have one in your back yard?**

(answer) In obedience to God the Father, you should burn it in a barrel.

(comment) When the apostle Paul came to Ephesus, where there was a lot of idolatry, in Acts 19:19–20 the following happened: "A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power."

In Judges 6:25–26, God the Father commissions Gideon to do the following: "That same night the Lord said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.""

**11b. Name five examples of superstition.**

(answer) There are several answers possible. For example, you could think of:

- Objects, such as: horseshoes, rabbits feet, lucky stones, irradiated objects, talismans, four-leaf clovers, physical idols (such as Rachel's household idols).
- Situations that bring luck or misfortune, such as wishing upon a star, blowing out candles, walking under ladders, breaking a mirror, spilling salt, Friday the 13th, lending certain objects, certain traditions at birth, marriage and death, certain weather phenomena, horoscopes.

**12b. The Bible describes that throughout world's history, Elijah comes three times, every time whenever the idolatry thrives. Elijah was there for the first time during the reign of the idol Baal, in the days of king Ahab. He then returned as John the Baptist, in the time of the idol Mammon. In the end time, Elijah returns during the antichrist's reign. Which task does Elijah have all three times?**

(answer) He calls for repentance.

(comment) Every time, he does it in a different way. With Baal, fire came from heaven; with Mammon, he laid the axe by the foot of the tree, and with the antichrist, he will prepare the way for the Messiah to come and judge.

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