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### **Holy Horrors!**

If you have better things to do today than to read these somewhat satirical pokes and jabs, you may hit the Delete and go on about your own rat killin'. You may be in no mood to read anything intended to amuse, pique, or provoke. Some things are just plain sacrilegious and disrespectful – well, sort of. So much of our viewpoint depends upon the balance of previous teaching, customary practice, years of conditioning, and deep emotional attachment. You may read this with that enigmatic Mona Lisa visage – an uncertain smile -- or is it disdain, or a grimace?

It is a bit sacrilegious to drink Welch's grape juice as a beverage.

A person shows outrageous disrespect for the holiness of God when addressing him in prayer as though he were a man with "you" instead of "Thee" or "Thou."

For a mother to baptize her own child would be a blasphemous show of rebellion against her submissive role, a defiance of the Scriptures, and endangering her child's welfare.

You have a feeling that something holy has been omitted when an assembly is dismissed without a closing prayer.

Those who lift up holy hands in prayer are profaning prayer by making a show of it.

For women to pass the trays in the Communion would be to profane the body and blood of the Lord.

For a child of God to be cremated is to commit sacrilege against the temple of God and the dwelling place of his Spirit by destroying it and hindering the resurrection.

It is an affront to God to presume to perform two acts of worship at the same time, like singing during the Communion.

Because some sinner may be ready to respond, it is tragic for a preacher to close his discourse without reviewing the "plan of salvation" and offering "the invitation."

The preacher is showing lack of interest and setting a poor example when he fails to sit at the front in the assembly.

It is disrespectful for men to serve at the Lord's Table without a coat and tie. After all, they would not attend a friend's funeral dressed that way.

For a person to admit the possibility of progressive creation is to swallow the materialistic, atheistic evolutionary theories ascribed to Charles Darwin which belittle God.

People diminish the power and majesty of God's Word when they translate it into common, every-day language.

A wedding is just not as holy when the ceremony is performed by a civil authority as it is when a preacher, acting as a civil authority, is involved.

To eat the bread and drink the cup during a pot-luck meal would be profaning it in a blasphemous manner – never mind that Jesus instituted it in a Passover meal and Corinthian disciples were doing it. (It was the abuse, not the practice, that Paul took issue with.)

It is sacrilege to throw a worn-out Bible in the trash or to incinerate it.

On becoming nauseated after eating the bread which Jesus said is his body, to vomit it and flush it down the toilet would desecrate his body. (Catholics have procedures regulating disposition in such a case.)

It would be a holy horror to use tortillas in the communion service instead of matzos.

It would be next to blasphemy to allow a Baptist to speak or lead a prayer in our assembly.

To produce the Bible in hardback instead of flexible leather makes it look too common and secular.

It would be a disrespect of the holy commandments to conduct a Sunday morning assembly without serving the Lord's Supper – so the Bible says somewhere.

For the printed program to list a "benediction" instead of a "closing / dismissal prayer" is an evidence of liberal drifting and desire to be like the denominations.

An article about religion that quotes no Scripture elevates the writer's authority and treats the Scriptures lightly.

A person who would prepare the preceding list is disdainful of God, disrespectful of the convictions of others, and purposely creating disunity.

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