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## Exodus 20:3-5

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

## Isaiah 44:18-20

18 They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see, and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend. 19 No one remembers, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, “I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I bow down before a block of wood!”

## Isaiah 44:18-20

20 He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has misled him.  
And he cannot save himself, nor say, “Is there not a lie in  
my right hand?”

# **The Desire to Replace God**

**Exodus 20:3-5; Isaiah 44:18-20**



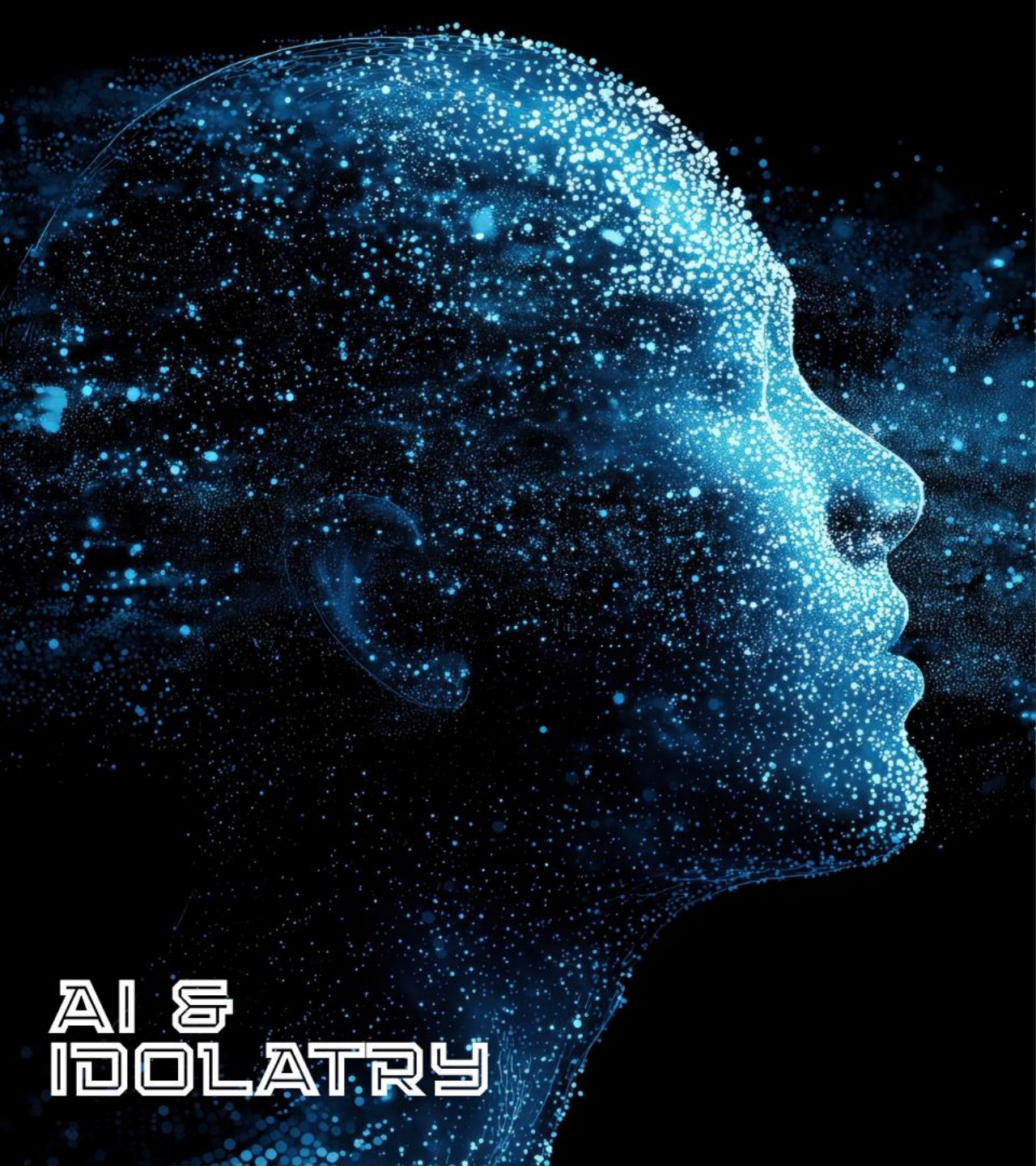
“An idol is a physical representation of a deity, usually used as an object of worship...” (**Anchor Bible Dictionary**)

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“Man-made images or representations worshiped as deities; any natural or manufactured objects worshiped as deity; anything receiving worship other than the one true God. Idolatry is the spiritual worship of an idol.”  
**(Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible)**

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“Just as ancient idols promised access to divine power, AI promises a form of pseudo-omniscience, where vast amounts of data are centralized, processed, and used to make decisions that affect nearly every aspect of human life. AI systems have become the new gods of our digital age, promising predictive power and control.”

**Big Idea:** God has created humanity with the capacity and propensity to worship. Yet, the only appropriate object of worship is God Himself. Neither things, people or ourselves are substantive enough to put in God's place.

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# 1. Nothing Before YHWH

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## 2. The Futility of Idolatry