

World vs. Worldliness

The world
is God's creation,
and He deems it as
"very good;"
worldliness
is conceived by people,
and the result is
extremely bad.

The world
is a gift;
worldliness
turns it
into a goal.

The world
offers potential;
worldliness
wants it
as a prize.

The world
is an icon
of the Creator;
worldliness
converts it
into an idol.

The world
is suffused with
God's Spirit;
worldliness
conspires to suppress
our spirituality.

The world is
an arena
in which our lives
are played out;
worldliness is
a desert
where our existence
shrivels up.

The world should be
a garden
in which we flourish;
worldliness is
a jungle
where we perish.

Use the world,
therefore,
and enjoy it;
but do not
destroy it
by worldliness.

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