



Go North!

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At a recent Juneau Life Teen meeting, one of the high school students posed an excellent question. She asked what the Catholic Church says about the teachings of other religions, such as Buddhism, Mormonism, and so on.

The answer is that the Catholic Church does not reject everything about other religions. The Church only rejects what is false in them. The Church gives a

thumbs up to whatever is true in other religions.

If truth were a compass, the Catholic Church would be absolute North because she has 100% of the truth about God, man, and the meaning of life. That leaves room for other religions to have a wide range of compass readings, some that are closer to North, and some that are farther away.

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A.D. = *Anno Domini* (Latin) = Year of Our Lord
Annus: Year *Dominus*: Lord

Happy New Year



The Connection Between Adam and Eve & Jesus and Mary

THE NEW YEAR REMINDS US OF ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING

When Adam and Eve were created, they had no sin. By deciding to obey the devil instead of God, Adam and Eve turned themselves into slaves of the devil. Since they were the first parents, all future humans were born into that slavery, so in order to escape that slavery, mankind needed a whole new start. We needed a new Adam and a new Eve. We received this in Jesus and Mary. Jesus was the new Adam and Mary was the new Eve.

The difference is: when Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan, they failed the test. The new Adam and the new Eve (Jesus and Mary) were also put to the test by Satan, but this time, they conquered Satan by remaining obedient. Mary said yes to the Incarnation. Jesus was obedient all the way to the Cross. It took their obedience to win our freedom.

NARNIA 3

BoxOfficeMojo.com indicates that the latest installment in the Chronicles of Narnia movie series is heading towards \$200 million dollars at the box office over the Christmas holidays. In *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, Aslan says that he is known in our world by another name. For those who have seen this very popular movie, what do you think that name is?

Check out the past few weeks of postings on LifeTeen.com to find out!



Word Nerd: Adam's Apple?

The word 'apple' is never used in Genesis.