

A photograph of a simple stone altar with a rectangular top and a single pillar, set within a circular stone-walled enclosure. The ground is dirt and the walls are made of rough-hewn stones.

# ALTARS

*“I lay down my life”*



# *I. ALTAR: A definition*

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Altar - a place of slaughter,  
offering and worship to a **god** or  
**idol**, generally erected in  
conspicuous places.

**A L T A R S**

- >God – *Supreme, divine authority*
- >Idol – A man-made representation or symbol of divine authority.
- >Idolatry – The worship and pursuit of false representations of divine authority.

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***\*\*Series Orientation: Romans 12:1***

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## *Romans 12:1*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

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## *II. Our story: A history of dis-orientation*

“You shall have no other gods besides me.”

“Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

**A L T A R S**



**Altars in conspicuous places**

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Altars in conspicuous places

Sex Stuff Science State

**A L T A R S**

Altar in the *most* conspicuous  
place

**A L T A R S**



Altar in the *most* conspicuous place

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*SELF*

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### *III. Deadliest Altar: “Autonomy”*

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*Autonomy's Avatar: "ME!"*

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*Autonomy's Lifeblood: "PRIDE"*

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>The 'legs' that carry Self to the slaughter:  
\**Entitlement*

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>The last gasp of the SELFISH: *MINE!*

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*IV. Re-Orientation to  
“True and Proper”*

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## *Romans 12:1*

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*A. Die...daily*

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*B. Strive to SEE what the selfish don't.*

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*C. Strive to DO what the selfish won't.*

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