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PLURALISM is the state of holding multiple positions. Often the positions conflict. People can get away with this in many aspects of life. It is more serious when we take multiple, conflicting positions in matters of faith, but it is common around the world. People trust in Jesus and in a rabbit's foot and the lucky cap.

The photo on the left was taken in a shop in Hong Kong last week where carvings of Jesus and Buddha sit side by side on the shelf. (The Buddha's were actually less expensive than Jesus.) Some people wish to choose where to place their trust by measuring the usefulness of their god. If they need more than one, so be it.

Our God chooses us. He is a jealous God who knows the fruitlessness of trusting in carved idols or lucky charms. There is no need to trust luck or fate, we have

a loving Lord.

HONG KONG - Ted and John arrived in Hong Kong on August 9th and spent a few days setting up the apartment and setting Ted up for school. As you can see in the photo to the right, Ted did the usual thing young men do with boxes after their room has been set up. The empties became vehicles of all sorts.

Susan made sure Katrina and Louisa were in school at St. Paul Lutheran High in Concordia, MO and then flew to be with Ted and John on the 16th. Jetlag is in the past for this round. Thanks for all your prayers for the Mehl family.

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