



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

Google

Media Information

URL: google.com

Info: What's a Google? "Googol" is the mathematical term for a 1 followed by 100 zeros. Google's play on the term reflects the company's mission to organize the immense amount of information available on the web.

Description

Taken from www.google.com/corporate: **Company Overview**
Google's mission is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. ... Google is now widely recognized as the world's largest search engine -- an easy-to-use free service ... in many different languages [that allows you to] check stock quotes, maps, and news headlines; lookup phonebook listings for every city in the United States; search billions of images...

Related

Scripture:

Luke 18:1-8
Romans 8:24-26

Catechism:

#2752
#2684

Faith Connection

Have you noticed how Google has become the new all-knowing oracle? If you ask a question and no one knows the answer, likely someone will say "you could Google it." Likewise, there are some who treat God the same way: don't know what to do, ask God ("God it" never caught on like Google it!). And yet, appeals to both result similarly. Sometimes answers are perfectly clear (the first link on Google's results page or flipping open the Bible and boom there's the answer to your dilemma). Sometimes answers can be found, but take a bit of work (figuring out just how to word your Google search terms or praying about something for a while before a message finally comes out of the blue in idle conversation with a friend). And sometimes, answers just don't come (giving up after looking at result page 32 or accepting that sometimes God lets us figure things out). Furthermore, both seem ridiculously simple and yet beneath the surface require skills. For the best Google results you need to learn a whole set of search term labels, symbols, etc. For the best God results, you need to learn how to pray, see the world with eyes of faith, and be open. Have we taken the time needed to do either? And how much more important the latter?

Discussion Questions

1. Why don't we pray more?
2. Why is prayer hard?
3. Do you think hearing God should be easier? Why?
4. How could you bring God more into your life's questions?
5. How could it be easier to learn to pray more effectively?

