

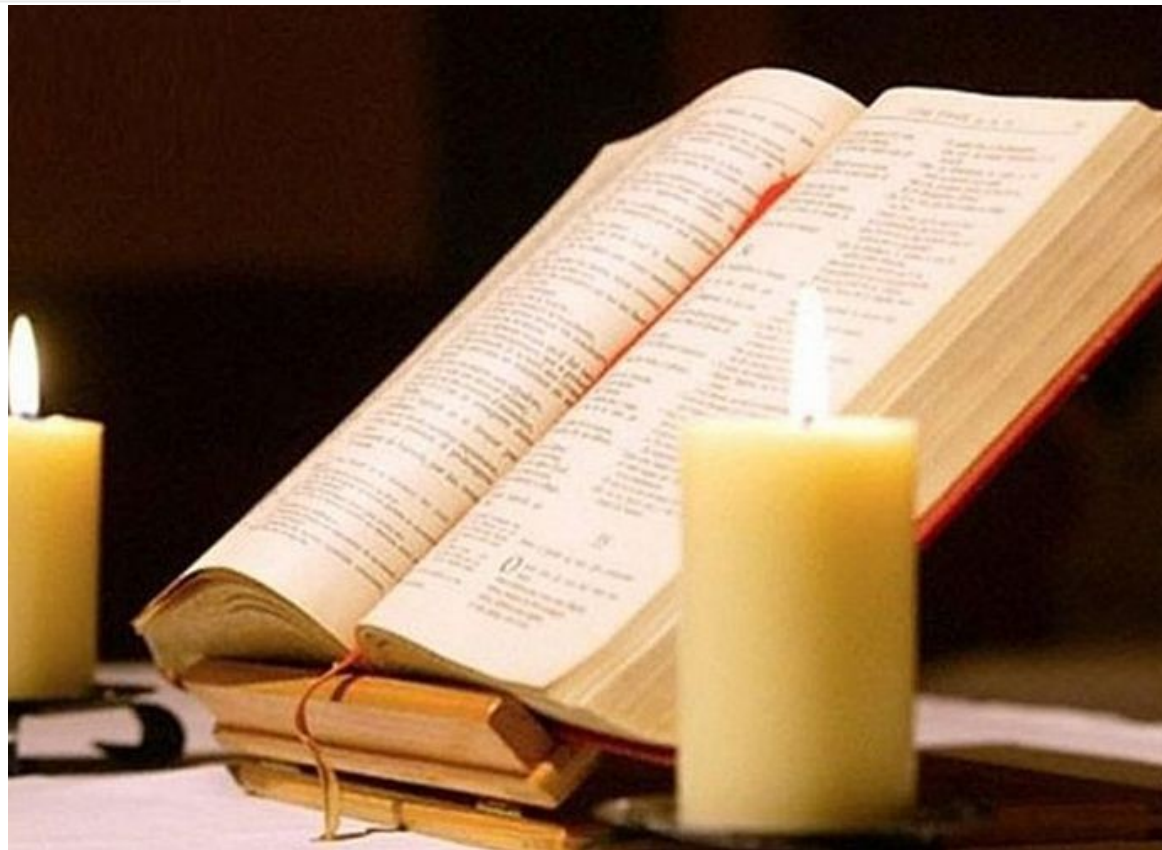
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## Animalism and environmentalism

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*One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things. (Luke 14: 1-6)*

Without diminishing the value of heartfelt acts of devotion, Jesus wishes to remind us that what counts most are the commandments, whose observance serves to guide people every day on their paths to salvation. By keeping His commandments, we will always know how to give the right weight to things: for example, for us, people will always have precedence over animals. We will never fall for the animalism and environmentalism that dominate societies today!