

The Three Eternal Destinies #65 The Degeneration of Man

Rom 1:29 — Children will be disobedient to their parents. If you are now an adult, and you were disobedient to your parents, this is the proof that you have acquired a dulled conscience, as verse 28 says. All these kind of sins listed between 28-31 are sins committed by only those who are in the first category in Rev 22:11; not the righteous or the Holy. Rom 1:28 — since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done (verses 29-31). *Ought* means that all mankind are held bound in duty, or moral obligation, to be necessary, as disciples are (1 Jn 3:16). They were given over to do things not proper for humans beings who retain the knowledge of God, the knowledge of good and evil in their conscience (Rom 1:32), although they are fully aware of God's righteous decree (Rom 1:28; Gen 2:9,17), the only way man can live, to not die the second time, since he has fallen. Heb 9:27 — The judgment will determine whether Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7 was kept, which is the natural law of conscience, which Rom 1:28-32 violates.

The nations (Gen 9:1) are supposed to be fruitful and multiply. That means to have children after them, and fill the earth. This is a mandate, on its way to fulfillment. But children are to have parents to raise them according to the knowledge of good and evil, the conscience (Rom 2:12-15) because all men will, or must, stand in judgment (Rom 2:16). We want to *alarm* the nations to make them see that they are *responsible* to their own conscience and will be held accountable at the judgment. Heb 9:27 is the first death, but the second resurrection in Rev 20:11-15 is the judgment that determines their Eternal Destiny.

Since Gen 3:16-19, God intended that there would be families consisting of father and mother with children. He never intended man to have children apart from marriage. Gen 2:24 confirmed by the Messiah Himself (Mt 19:4-6) and divorce was never intended once married (Mt 19:8-9). This is how it was in the beginning, and so it is today, and all who violate it violate their conscience, the natural law of God.

So sexual urges are only to be relieved by the person alone, or with his spouse. Sexual urges are necessary to the propagation of children, in the only way God intended... in marriage... makes the two one flesh (Mt 19:4-6).

For if one who is not married, when he has sexual urges, has sexual relations with a woman, they become one flesh, and they have unwanted children. This is an abomination to God, who, in the beginning, established the marriage bed (Gen 2:24). So all mankind who have sexual urges, which is natural, and necessary for the propagation of the races of man, are to exercise their God given sexual desires in marriage, never outside of marriage, which causes havoc and destruction, breaking the everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5-6).

Sexual urges can be suppressed, or they can be relieved in a natural, normal way, a God-given way, by either man or woman who is single — but alone, not with one another, which breaks the everlasting covenant. God is not a tyrant, expecting that man would entirely suppress their sexual drive that He put into them, if they cannot find a spouse. But God is not one to overlook perversions which man may be tempted to explore with one another, as Rom 1:24-28 states. Then, as a result of this sexual perversion (Rom 1:29-32) came into the mind of men, also becoming filled with every other kind of perversion against the conscience, even to call evil good, and good evil (Gen 18:20-25).

The word *masturbation* is a satanic term made up to condemn the natural right of conscience to relieve sexual urges, causing a guilty conscience for doing what God intended for man who does not violate his conscience by breaking the everlasting covenant, by illicit sex with the opposite sex — or how much more evil with one of his own sex.

If a person has an illegitimate child, that person is responsible for it in every way the law of God requires (Rom 2:14).

A person who is worthy of a second life will suppress his sexual desires or naturally relieve them while waiting for a mate, so as to fulfill Gen 9:1. If a person can suppress His sexual desires without being tempted in a gross way of sexual expression, it is up to him, but relieving these tensions in the God-given, normal way could be better, since the temptation would be subsided. To relieve your sexual tension does not result from a temptation.

Satan does not tempt a person to do what is normal and right, but what is abnormal and wrong (Gen 2:9,17). But of course, even here, if the relieving of oneself becomes an obsession or fetish, then seek advice or help.

This is what those of the nations, who are in the second category of the Righteous in Rev 22:11, would do, due to the covenant of conscience that they keep. They are not in either classification of the first category, since the sins of both the unjust and the filthy are listed in Rev 21:8; 22:15 as abominable, as vile, fornicators (sexually immoral). This sin is connected to hurting others with their sin. The righteous did not give themselves to these things as the unjust and filthy did. They still reflected the image of God. The Holy, which is the third category, were forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness, and made Holy (Jn 1:12-13).

Sexual Perversions

Fetish, or fetishism — a pathological condition in which sexual arousal and gratification is induced by handling of objects or non-sexual parts of the body belonging to members of the opposite sex. Fetishes are typically articles of clothing, stockings, lingerie, etc., handkerchiefs, the hair, or the feet.

Perversions which make the nations unclean, filthy (which "some of us were" — 1 Cor 6:9-11 as Gal 5:19-21) are unacceptable conduct. Sodomy, or homosexuality, fetishism, sadism, and masochism are the most common types of perversion. Such things are not fitting for the saints (Eph 5:3-7) or the Righteous of the nations even, since Rev 21:8 is only the unjust and filthy of the nations. Even the righteous were blameless of these kind of sins, called abominations.

The Holy in Rev 22:11 are those who imitate God (Eph 5:1-7; and verses 8,11,12; 1 Jn 1:5). The filthy are perverted, even socially unacceptable, especially unacceptable to the Kingdom, as Gal 5:21; and Eph 5:5 says.

One of the great kinds of perversions involves the penis as a *phallic symbol*. In the past history, in Bible times, and throughout history, the phallic symbol was worshipped as God, or an idol. Church steeples or spires go back to the phallic symbol religion, or fertility rites which involved worshipping the phallus, an artifact designed to represent the male organ. The phallus is a representation of the penis, utilized as an object of veneration in ancient Greek cults also. This shows the reason why there is a perversion today called phallic love, or love for the penis by pride in the penis, and by masturbation, exhibitionism, and phallic primacy, which is the fixation of erotic interest in the penis. In infantile periods the child discovers the pleasure-giving possibilities of the penis, or in girls the clitoris. Although this pleasure is natural, the evil spirits have taken the advantage. Many perversions and aberrations have developed associated with the penis.

In becoming a disciple one must go through much hardship and tribulations to enter the Kingdom (Gal 5:21; Eph 5:5). That means one must change his affected personality. *Redirection* is the essence of repentance (Acts 2:38) — redirection of values, goals, and healing of the hurts. The personality mal-adjustment has, in the world, interfered with our social relationship, and also in the Body. But Eph 4:2-3 is understanding and compassion (Col 1:9-11). Feelings of inferiority, and jealousy, and excessive preoccupation with sex must be re-directed. As Jms 1:21 says, this is the saving of the souls.

The Social Degeneration of Man

We had many problems, personality problems, motivation, emotional problems — in fact we were a problem in itself. Many of the world's problems were in us — every social, mental, sexual, emotional and marital problem (Heb 10:13; 1 Jn 3:8).

Personality disintegration is the breaking of the unified organization of traits that make up the personality, which had deteriorated in demoralization, loss of motivation, and very bad judgment. We had great personality disorders, social mal-adjustment neurosis, or psychosis, inadequacies in motivation and emotional processes, even what may be termed schizoid-paranoid, and every kind of psychotendencies, as well as sociopathic, or societal disturbances.

As Paul said, not many were well-adjusted. We may have been, at least some of us, well-adjusted to this abnormal society (which means we may have looked good), but deep down we were wretched, poor, blind, lame, etc. You could always predict what we would do in any given situation, or how we would respond to life's problems.

Yes, we had every kind of disorder — psychological, problematic, personality, or temperament. Anti-social or sociopathic behavior and disturbances were rampant in us. So to be saved from our sins takes

Yahweh's salvation — no less than God with us (Mt 1:21,23; Jn 14:18; Lk 3:6; Isa 53:11; Lk 1:32).

God was not kidding when He said that we were a foolish nation — the lame, blind, deaf, and everything else; intellectual deterioration, demoralization, lost motivation, could not judge the matter. Yes, we were inadequate emotionally. We were schizoid, paranoid, and we were, if there is such a thing, cyclothymic, whatever that may be. We were also creating disturbances, as well as being social outcasts.

Most of these things are impulsive spirits that feed off of us most of our lives, but now (#2307) *thelema*... we were willing. Just think how many well-accepted people in the world are not willing (Jn 7:17), and rejected the sent one (Lk 10:16; Jn 7:18; Mt 10:40,41; Rom 10:14-17), the good news about Mt 1:21. Being His people — what could be greater? *God with us!* Right here in our community every day with Him, we are being healed, saved from all our maladies... cured! freed!