

The Three Eternal Destinies #186 *What Shows in their Countenance*

There is an apparent countenance, which betrays their conscience as in Rom 1:27. They receive on their countenance the outward show that betrays the inner guilt. This is the due penalty for their perversion (Pr 3:32). So Rom 2:15 says, “who show the work of the Law written in their heart.” This is speaking of the nations who have Gen 3:22 as a law within them — as a covenant (Isa 24:5). Their conscience bears witness and their thoughts accuse or excuse them.

To be accused gives off an outward expression, which is in time fashioned or molded in their facial expression, giving away their secret or betraying them. Their facial expression betrays them. Just observe a sodomite whose face is fashioned after the accusation of his conscience. Then look at the honest man whose countenance is fashioned after his conscience, showing the approval of his conscience. It is an observable difference. The honest and the upright are distinguished from the guilty, even the white-collar crook.

Rom 2:14-15 — “Who show” indicates show forth, denoting a good or a bad conscience. Their countenance is indicative of an evil conscience, which explains why they look the way they do. It shows in their mannerism and the way they walk (Mic 4:5) and the way they talk, which is a sign of guilt. It is the guilt of overstepping and transgressing the boundaries of the line between the good and the evil, which is the natural law God gave man in His love for him. He did this so that they may not transgress to the kind of sins that make them unworthy of a second life after the first death (Heb 9:27; Rom 2:14-16; 1:28-32; and 2:1-10).

Observe the show on President Clinton’s face, and that of other presidents and politicians. Observe those who were honest and those who were guilty. This shows the work of the law (the natural law) written in their hearts (Rom 2:14-15). This goes on to Judgment when all men of the nations must stand before the Son of Man (Rom 2:16) to be this way which they show *still* (Rev 22:11), even as Ps 33:13-15 says: *shaped, formed, and fashioned* into their permanent state. In this state their heart remains eternally fashioned and formed. *The Sovereign looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; from His dwelling place He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works. (Ps 33:13-15, NAS)*

He fashions their hearts together with, or according to, their works.