

Biblical Sexual Morality, Conversion Therapy and How We Got Where We Are Today. Romans 1:18-32

Introduction:

The attacks on the gospel of Christ are not new. Ever since the first sermon by Peter on Pentecost when 3000 souls were saved, the devil has been hard at work to stop the advancements of the church. Some have come in the form of false teachings, like the Judaizers in Paul's day that wanted to add works to the Gospel for salvation. Other attacks come in the form of false teachers that deny the Deity of Christ or the Orthodox view of the Trinity. We have seen the emergence of apostate forms of Christianity like the Roman Catholic Church and more recently, cults like the J.Ws and Mormonism that have twisted the Gospel and denied core components of the Christian Faith. Then there was in the latter part of the 19th century the rise of liberalism, that attempted to do away with the supernatural and miraculous of the Bible and to make it no more than a book written by men. In the most recent years we have seen more subtle attacks that come in the form of pragmatism, that does not attack the truthfulness of the Bible but just

says it is not enough, or it just not sufficient. So to help Biblical Counseling stop limping along we need to add atheist Sigmund Freud with Psychology and psychotherapy. To help the church grow, since preaching the gospel and evangelism and discipleship can't sufficiently accomplish the task, we add marketing technique and focus groups and target groups. And to help the world love the church we change its worship to appeal to the desires of the flesh.

Some of these attacks have come from within the church and some from without, and most are an attempt to redefine the gospel or to diminish the gospel or to prop up the gospel.

But now in recent days, we see a wholesale attempt to do away with the gospel and to say that it doesn't matter at all.

It's not just an attack on the gospel, it is an attempt to eliminate it altogether and to make any form of sharing it with certain segments of our society illegal and criminal.

And this is not the first time the preaching of the Gospel was made illegal.

In the Book of Acts

In these times it was made illegal because it was rejection of another religion or caesar worship.

In the Reformation and leading up to it, you could die and many did for preaching the gospel that did not agree with the Roman Catholic Church. It also was a rejection of a religious system. But today, we have leaders and politicians making the preaching of the gospel illegal, not because it disagrees with a religion or a creed, but rather because it disagrees with sin. It is attempt to make the preaching of repentance from sin illegal. But not just any sin, but the very sin which God has judged nations for. One of the very sins that brought fire and brimstone down on Sodom and Gomorrah. It is an attempt to silence the only message that can truly deliver and save a sinner from death.

It is a major overreach of the State to dethrone God and place itself over the souls of men. This hits at the very foundation of the need of the gospel. If sin is redefined to be no longer sin , then you no longer need a Savior. If the state can tell you that the sin you are committing is beneficial to your health and that it's dangerous for you to change, then the State has contradicted the Word and Authority of God and made itself God. Morality and right and wrong are no longer determined by God, but rather the State. This is a very dangerous place to be. When our absolutes of right and wrong no longer come from God and His Word but rather an

atheistic authoritarian State, you are just a few slippery steps away from the State deciding whether you work or starve, have shelter or freeze, or live or die.

We see an example of this with the new bill called C-4 that was voted unanimously with applause, in to law in December of last year, just over a month ago. The law makes it illegal, criminal for anyone to conduct or cause someone to undergo “Conversion Therapy”

It is illegal to promote it, advertise it, encourage it, participate in it, seek it, or to even take a child outside the country to find it.

If convicted, you or even the parent of child could a \$1000s of dollars in fines face 5 years in prison.

What exactly is “Conversion Therapy”

“Conversion therapy is any attempt to change a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.” <https://www.glaad.org/conversiontherapy>

The bill defines conversion therapy as any practice, treatment or service designed to change or repress a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

conversion therapy means a practice, treatment or service designed to

- (a)** change a person's sexual orientation to heterosexual;
- (b)** change a person's gender identity to cisgender;(gender assigned at birth)
- (c)** change a person's gender expression so that it conforms to the sex assigned to the person at birth;
- (d)** repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behavior;
- (e)** repress a person's non-cisgender gender identity; or
- (f)** repress or reduce a person's gender expression that does not conform to the sex assigned to the person at birth.

Those techniques can range from talk and behavioral [therapy to medical treatments](#), and [have been discredited](#) by major medical associations in many countries (including the U.S.) as well as the United Nations, World Health Organization, Amnesty International and other groups. Critics say the practice causes harm to its victims and is based on the false premise that sexual orientation and gender identity can or should be “cured.”

The [text of the bill](#) says it harms society because "it is based on and propagates myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, including the myth that heterosexuality, cisgender gender identity, and gender expression that conforms to the sex assigned to a person at birth are to be preferred over other sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions." <https://www.npr.org/2021/12/09/1062720266/canada-bans-conversion-therapy>

It may come as a surprise to you, that there are already laws on the books making "Conversion Therapy" illegal in 20 states, in America..... and it's growing. These currently mostly affect professional counselors and therapist and not religious organizations. Although the attempt to stop every effort in the religious world is gaining ground.

Just last year, here in Columbia SC, the City Council passed an ordinance making it illegal for licensed professional counselors to practice Conversion Therapy.

It needs to be clarified at this point and understood that the initial reaction that has produced laws banning "Conversion Therapy" come from a

reaction to some very bizarre and physically and mentally harmful practices that have been used in the past to attempt to change young people from homosexual to Heterosexual.

Practices included drugs, isolation, punishment, self-inflicted pain, shock treatment, hot irons, being bound for hours and days at a time, having to stand face a wall for 8 -10 hours at a time with a back pack of rocks on your back, to placing young men in labor camps to “make them a man”. Most of the things that men and women have said they went thru cannot be spoken of in public because of the horrific nature of it.

Sadly many of the the groups that practiced such things spoke of themselves as religious in nature.

These events along with a societal drift from the Judeo-Christian ethic have led many to believe that it is harmful to attempt in anyway to change someone from their sexual orientation. This had led to more and more attempts at wording laws to forbid any form of counseling or encouragement to change.

But based on the broad wording of bills like C-4 in Canada and the trends here in America, it is only a matter of time before all religious organizations are going to be affected.

Also currently in West Lafayette, Indiana, some are fighting Proposed [Ordinance 31-21](#) prohibits unlicensed persons from practicing “conversion therapy” with children under the age of 18.

For 45 years, Faith Church in West Lafayette, Ind., has operated a free Biblical counseling ministry for members of the community. But that outreach is now threatened by a city council proposal that would penalize anyone who talks with minors to help them overcome unwanted same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria.

Proposed [Ordinance 31-21](#) prohibits unlicensed persons from practicing “conversion therapy” with children under the age of 18, with the penalty of up to \$1,000 per day for violators. It defines conversion therapy as “any practices or treatments that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards individuals of the same gender.”

Regent School of Law professor Brad Jacob had two words for that: “Blatantly unconstitutional.” Jacob, a constitutional law expert, said the proposal contradicts decades of free speech law. “Essentially they’re saying the only acceptable worldview is that if you feel these impulses, you must act on them,” said Jacob. “That’s nuts.”

Faith Church senior pastor Steve Viars said the proposed ordinance strikes at the heart of a ministry that currently has 32 counselors offering 60-80 hours of Biblical counseling to members of the community each week. He argued the ordinance, by its breadth, could even bar parents from counseling their own children in sexual matters.

“We’re not fighters,” said Viars. “We’re not people who are just looking to get into it with somebody. We want to love our community, and Biblical counseling is one of the ways that we’ve chosen to do that.”

Faith’s ministry is an outgrowth of a form of counseling popularized by the late Presbyterian pastor Jay Adams in his 1970 book *Competent To Counsel*. Adams, who died in 2020, advocated for a strictly Biblical approach to counseling that remains popular today. <https://wng.org/roundups/conversion-therapy-ban-threatens-indiana-church-ministry-1642524571>

Licensed Counselors, both Biblical and Secular are not the only areas be sought out to be silenced. The attempts to stop any movement toward change for a Homosexual to heterosexual has not boundaries. The latest in the scope to silence is the Tech companies

According to two new reports from the nonprofit Global Project Against Hate and Extremism (GPAHE).

Tech companies have failed to deplatform anti-LGBTQ+ groups pushing conversion therapy disinformation online, allowing false claims about these practices to spread like wildfire

Tech giants like Google, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram all claim to have taken steps to crack down on conversion therapy information posted online. But a GPAHE report published last week claims it is “distressingly easy” to find related anti-LGBTQ+ content and conspiracy theories through “simple searches.”

“Tech companies say they have taken steps to ban harmful content related to conversion therapy, but

they have to do more, especially in non-English languages,” Wendy Via, president and co-founder of GPAHE and the one of the report’s authors, said in a statement.

“Until online searches lead people to only authoritative information about the dangers of conversion therapy, tech companies are complicit in spreading anti-LGBTQ+ hate and disinformation that causes mental and physical harm for individuals, and furthers societal harm,” she said.

“We hope these reports help tech companies clean up their platforms when it comes to anti-LGBTQ+ conversion therapy material,” Heidi Beirich, report co-author and co-founder of GPAHE, said in a statement. “Getting rid of this harmful material online is an important step toward creating a society where LGBTQ+ people are accepted and loved and nobody feels like they want or need to change who they are.”

“No more hate. That’s the overall goal,” she said.

<https://thehill.com/changing-america/respect/equality/590002-conversion-therapy-disinformation-thriving-online-report>

Running right along side of all the attempts to silence and to a make it criminal to convert anyone from a lifestyle of Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Transgenderism is the constant promotion of all of these sins as normal, acceptable and sometimes even preferable.

Thru the means of TV, internet and social media, every attempt is being made to normalize this.

The recent and very popular contestant on Jeopardy who won over a million dollars and has gained headlines all over is a transgendered man.

Women's sports, most recently in running, swimming and weight lifting are all in a uproar over the transgendered men, who are winning and running over all the women who can't compete with the strength of the man (who thinks he's a woman)

It doesn't stop there. Recently there have been men who believe they are women who have won beauty pageants and one young man was elected homecoming queen in a high school.

Even in the cartoon world of the emoji's apple is coming out with a pregnant man.

Add to all of this, the promotion of this in our public schools and universities has hit an all time high. In our local area schools, it has been in the news recently of parents very upset at school board meeting about the books that are being found in the libraries. They are so explicit in their sexual descriptions that the school boards would not allow them to be repeated publicly.

I also was given some first hand information this week of a person who supervises the distribution of materials for the public school system who is leaving his job, because he says that the LGBTQ+ agenda is saturating the material. Men and Men together and women and women together being promoted as a normal family.

Also, the christian community is not without its own problems. The inroads the LGBTQ+ community has made into Christians evangelical denominations is nothing short of astonishing. Examples of this have been the recent embracing of “Revoice” that attempts to normalize same sex attraction as not sinful.

The statements made by well know SBC Presidents that God “whispers about the sin of homosexuality”

The ordination of homosexuals and lesbians into the ministry in some of the denominations.

But, probably, the seductive and destructive inroads have come thru the Contemporary Christian Music Movement. More and more christian artist are coming out as gay or either gay affirming. It has become so regular now that it is not a shock to hear of another gay affirming christian artist.

More recently there have been openly gay artist who claim to be Queer Christians, that have #1 songs promoting the gay lifestyle in the Christian music categories of Apple music. One of these Lesbian Artist is attempting to get her songs played on K-LOVE radio, which I fully expect her to succeed.

This and all the influence thru culture and public schools is radically changing the view of the young people in the Christian Community towards Homosexuality and Transgenderism.

So how did we get here? How did we get to a point that is normal and predictable to have a homosexual couple appear on TV as a normal family? How die we get to point that our culture is willing to accept a man as a woman and allow him to compete as a

man in women's clothes in sports? How did we get to the point that we can have a man who is a high ranking political official be married to another man and adopt a baby and then take paternity leave for weeks? And how did we arrive at a point where it is even possible to entertain the thought that a man can be pregnant and give birth and nurse a child?

And then, How did we get to a point where we believe that trying to help someone stop a harmful practice is illegal? What brought us to the point that we are willing to say that calling on someone to stop sinning is bad or harmful? Or what got us to the point that as a society we are willing to say that what God says is wrong and harmful to your health, and what the State and the medical, scientific and psychiatric community says is best and right? How can a people and a legislative body get to the point that the most obvious biological distinctive of a male and female are considered untrue. Males are no longer males and females are no longer females and what your gender is at birth is not necessarily real.

The reality is that we have been sowing to the wind for sometime and now we are going to reap the hurricane.

But before we go there and talk about how we have been sowing to the wind, let me clarify something for the record.

God has spoken to these matters and He has spoken very clearly.

When God created everything, created man and woman, male and female.

Matthew 19:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’**⁵ and said, ‘*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’?”

And then as a result of the fall of man into sin, everything became corrupt. The mind and heart of man was evil and his thoughts were evil continually.

Even what righteousness he could do was filthy in the sight of God.

No evil was out of bounds, so sin was off limits. No perversion was too perverted.

So as God chooses to raise up a people, He is going to bring them into the land God is going to

give them and He tells them not to be like the pagans of the nations.

Deuteronomy 22:5 (NASB95)

5 “A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 23:1 (NKJV)

23 “He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the Lord.

Leviticus 18:20–30 (NKJV)

²⁰ Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her. ²¹ And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the Lord. ²² You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination.

²³ Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It *is* perversion.

²⁴ ‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. ²⁵ For the land is defiled;

therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. ²⁶ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you ²⁷ (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who *were* before you, and thus the land is defiled), ²⁸ lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you. ²⁹ For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.

³⁰ ‘Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that *you* do not commit *any* of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I *am* the Lord your God.’ ”

Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV)

²² You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

7901. שָׁכַב **shakab** (1011d); a prim. root; *to lie down*:— actually lies(1), has(1), laid(6), laid low(1), lain(3), lain down(2), lay(22), lay down(15), lie(26), lie down(31), lie still(1), lies(25), lies down(10), lodged(1), lying(7), lying down(4), make your bed(1), recline(1), rest(4), rested*(1),

sleep(4), sleeps(1), slept(37), take ... rest(1), taking(1), tip(1)

Thomas, R. L. (1998). In [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Foundation Publications, Inc.

to have intercourse ⇔ **lie with** v. — to have sexual intercourse, conceived of as euphemistically as lying with someone.

Genesis 19:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Now before **they lay down**, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.

Genesis 19:30–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. ³¹ Now the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father *is* old, and *there is* no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. ³² Come, let us make our father drink

wine, and we **will lie with him**, that we may preserve the lineage of our father.”

Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV)

²² You shall not **lie** with a male **as with a woman**. It is an abomination.

מִשְׁכָּב (mškb), n. *lodging (place), bed*; **marriage bed**. Greek equiv. fr. LXX: κοίτη (35).

Noun Usage

1. **bed** — a piece of furniture that provides a place to sleep. See also מִשְׁכָּב. Related Topic: Bed. Related Entity: Bed.

2. **sexual intercourse** — the act of sexual procreation between a man and a woman.

Brannan, R., ed. (2020). In [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Hebrew Bible](#). Lexham Press.

Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV)

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תועֵבָה **tôw'êbâh**, *to-ay-baw'*; or

תַעֲבָה **tô'êbâh**, *to-ay-baw'*; fem. act. part. of 8581; prop. something *disgusting* (mor.), i.e. (as noun) an *abhorrence*; espec. *idolatry* or (concr.) an *idol*:—abominable (custom, thing), abomination.

Strong, J. (2009). In [A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and The Hebrew Bible](#) (Vol. 2, p. 123). Logos Bible Software.

(*tô'êbâ*), n. *abomination, abhorrence*. Greek equiv. fr. LXX: βδέλυγμα (61), ἀνομία (26). LTW תועֵבָה (Sin), תועֲבָה (Idolatry), תועֵבָה (Abhorrence).

Noun Usage

1. **abomination** — something that is an abomination which causes horror and disgust in others

Brannan, R., ed. (2020). In [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Hebrew Bible](#). Lexham Press.

The Law and its penalty

Leviticus 20:13 (NKJV)

¹³ If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

nor homosexuals

μαλακός, ή, όν (s. two prec. entries; ‘soft’: Hom. et al.; ins, pap, LXX, Philo; Jos., Ant. 8, 72 βύσσοσ μ.; Mel., P. 80, 594 στρωμνήσ μ.)

① **pert. to being yielding to touch, *soft***, of things: clothes (Hom. et al.; Artem. 1, 78 p. 73, 10 ίματίων

πολυτελῶν κ. μαλακῶν; PSI 364, 5 ἱμάτιον μαλ.) μ. ἱμάτια *soft garments*, such as fastidious people wear **Lk 7:25**. (τὰ) μ. *soft clothes* (Sb 6779, 57; s. λευκός 2, end) **Mt 11:8ab**.

② **pert. to being passive in a same-sex relationship, *effeminate*** esp. of *catamites*, of men and boys who are sodomized by other males in such a relationship

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). [*A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature*](#) (3rd ed., p. 613). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

1 Corinthians 6:9 (NASB95)

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

ESV

nor men who practice homosexuality

[*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (1 Co 6:9). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

The two Greek terms translated by this phrase refer to the passive and active partners in consensual homosexual acts

[*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

1 Timothy 1:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites,

ἀρσενο-κοίτης, (κοίτη) *lying with men*, N.T.

Liddell, H. G. (1996). [A lexicon: Abridged from Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 119). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Jude 6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to **sexual immorality** and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

ἐκπορνεύω 1 aor. ἐξεπόρνευσα; pf. 3 sg. ἐκπεπόρνευκε Gen. 38:24 (Poll. 6, 30; TestDan 5:5; LXX) ***indulge in illicit sexual relations/ debauchery Jd 7.***—DELG s.v. πέρνημι. TW.

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 309). University of Chicago Press.

Gross immorality translates a compound word (*ekporneuō*), which suggests that their homosexual behavior and attempted fornication was especially deviant from the God-ordained design for human sexuality

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2005). [2 Peter and Jude](#) (p. 166). Moody Publishers.

That they **went after strange flesh** indicates that, like the apostate angels, the men of Sodom pursued creatures (angels) outside of what was proper for them

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2005). [2 Peter and Jude](#) (p. 166). Moody Publishers.

58.37 ἄλλος^b, η, ο; ἕτερος^b, α, ον: pertaining to that which is other than some other item implied or identified in a context—‘other, another.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 589). United Bible Societies.

ἄλλοτερος, α, ον (Hom.+; in the NT it is entirely lacking in 1 and 2 Pt; 1, 2, and 3J; Rv; found in Mk only in the bracketed ending **16:12**; in J only **19:37**) as adj. and subst., gener. ‘other’

① **pert. to being distinct from some other item implied or mentioned, *other***

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 399). University of Chicago Press.

2 Peter 2:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

For those who want to say that the sin of Sodom was a lack of hospitality

I offer this

Genesis 19:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”

⁶ So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, ⁷ and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! ⁸ See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

We did not get here overnight. This has been brewing for sometime. We have been sowing the seeds of this permissive immorality for a while now and the fruit is beginning to ripen.

[So to see how we got where we are today, we need to look at Roman 1](#)

The Suppression of the Evidence

The Suspension of the Intelligence

The Supplanting of the Omnipotent

The Sexualization of the Society

I. The Suppression of the Evidence

Romans 1:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

men, **who suppress** the truth

κατέχω P.A. Pt. who are suppressing

impf. κατεῖχον; fut. καθέξω LXX, 3 pl. κατασχήσουσι (JosAs 16 [p. 64, 18 Bat. and cod. A]); 2 aor. κατέσχον. Pass.: fut. 2 pl. κατασχεθήσεσθε Ruth 1:13; aor. 3 sg. κατεσχέθη LXX (s. ἔχω; Hom.+). Trans. in all mngs. below, except 7.

① **to prevent the doing of someth. or cause to be ineffective, *prevent, hinder, restrain***

Ⓐ to hold someone back from going away *hold back, hinder, prevent from going away* (Ⓑ) *hold down, suppress τὴ someth. stifle the truth by unrighteousness/ wickedness* **Ro 1:18** Ⓒ to prevent someone from exercising power, *restrain, check*

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). [*A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature*](#) (3rd ed., p. 532). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

to check ⇔ hold down v. — to lessen the intensity of, temper, hold in restraint, or keep within limits; conceived of as physically holding something down.

Used in

2 Thessalonians 2:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

The revelation of the wrath of God is directly related to the the suppression of

“the Truth” not just any truth. But the overarching
supreme truth of all truth.

what truth could that be?

That God exist and what kind of God He is and that He is the only GOD.

so the wrath comes

⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.

BUT they suppress it.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen,

BUT They suppress it.

being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead,

BUT they suppress it.

and as a result.... “they are without excuse”,

So what is the primary means that we have used to suppress the existence and attributes of God. What is the one thing that has been used from elementary school, all they way thru the universities that has categorically and consistently denied the existence of God and His Character.

What is the overarching dominating theme of the reason why everything exist and how it came into existence that is promoted and pressed in every scientific documentary, every school age biology

class, and every anthropology, zoology, physiology, geology, astronomy, class in the universities.

Answer, Atheistic, Darwinian Evolution.

This is the beginning point, right here. When the elites of our educational institutions decided to reject the existence of God as Creator and Sovereign of the Universe and to adopt Darwinian Evolution as truth, it plunged our society into a free fall toward Atheistic Immorality.

Belief in Evolution produced a man like Hitler

Belief in Evolution gave rise to legalized Abortion

Belief in Evolution produced the Sexual Revolution.

The scholastic community is dominated by it, the children in public schools are educated in it, and the entertainment industry promotes it.

Our society is where it is today because the seeds of evolution, that were planted in the hearts and minds of our children long ago have become full grown now and we see its fruit.

You cannot deny God and His word without there being huge consequences.

The Suppression of the Evidence has led to.....

II. The Suspension of the Intelligence

Romans 1:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

This is how we get to the point that the insane is sane and the obvious is not reality.

That basic common sense is ruled unintelligent and harmful.

Where male is not male, female is not female. Men can have babies and men can dress as women and we are suppose to call him, Ma'am.

but became **futile** in their thoughts

to be futile v. — to be or become useless as a consequence of being purposeless or incapable of producing results.

μάταιος G3469 (*mataios*), vain, empty, worthless, futile, deceptive; **ματαιότης** G3470 (*mataiotēs*), emptiness, futility, worthlessness; **ματαιόω** G3471 (*mataioō*), to render futile or worthless; **μάτην** G3472 (*matēn*), in vain, to no end; **ματαιολογία** G3467 (*mataiologia*), useless talk, empty prattle; **ματαιολόγος** G3468 (*mataiologos*), babbling, *subst.* idle talker

Concepts: Lie; Word; Worthless

GL This word group derives from the noun **μάτη**, “folly, error”

Silva, M. (Ed.). (2014). [New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Exegesis](#) (Second Edition, Vol. 3, p. 247). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

but became **futile** in their **thoughts**

διαλογισμός, οὐ, ὅ ① **the process of reasoning, reasoning** of polytheists ἐματαιώθησαν ἐν τοῖς δ. αὐτῶν **Ro 1:21.**

② **content of reasoning or conclusion reached through use of reason, thought, opinion, reasoning, design**

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 232). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

: to think or reason with thoroughness and completeness—‘to think out carefully, to reason

thoroughly, to consider carefully, to reason, reasoning.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 350). New York: United Bible Societies.

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their **foolish** hearts were darkened

uncomprehending adj. — lacking the ability to understand the meaning or importance of something (or the knowledge acquired as a result).

ἄσύνετος, *ov*: pertaining to a lack of capacity for insight and understanding—‘without understanding, senseless, foolish.’ ἀκμὴν καὶ ὑμεῖς ἄσύνετοί ἐστε; ‘are you still without understanding?’ Mt 15:16; ἐσκοτίσθη ἡ ἄσύνετος αὐτῶν καρδία ‘their foolish hearts are filled with darkness’ Ro 1:21. Care must be exercised in the rendering of ἄσύνετος in Mt 15:16 and Ro 1:21, since a **lack of capacity for understanding may result from mental deficiencies or from a lack of the proper use of mental capacity.** It is, of course, this latter meaning which is involved in the use of ἄσύνετος in these contexts.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 385). New York: United Bible Societies.

and their **foolish** hearts were **darkened**

to become inane ⇔ **darken** v. — to be or become unable or unwilling to perceive or understand; conceived as becoming more deficient in light or brightness.

22 Professing to be wise, they became **fools,**

μωραίνω, μωρία, μωρολογία, μωρός
mōrainō, **to be dazed, mad, foolish, act stupidly; lose savor, become insipid; mōria, disorder, folly, nonsense; mōrologia, foolish talk, nonsense; mōros, foolish, dull, insipid**

Spicq, C., & Ernest, J. D. (1994). *Theological lexicon of the New Testament* (Vol. 2, p. 536). Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers.

And when you go back and look at the roots of it all, you really could start with Charles Darwin. Once the thinking of Charles Darwin, which I believe was certainly spawned by Satan, invaded the world and said, "We are not the creatures of God, we are simply the products of chance," then all morality was questionable. If we are nothing but the result of a collection of atoms that occurred

sometime in the past or something that crawled out of some primeval ooze somewhere, then there is no real morality.

Charles Darwin influenced people like Karl Marx, who took Darwinian evolution to its logical extreme politically and he influenced people like Sigmund Freud who took Darwinian evolution to its extreme in terms of psychology and personal behavior. They influenced people like Friedrich Nietzsche, who decided that really there was no God, God was dead, family life was unimportant. All that was important was pleasure and fulfillment. They influenced philosophers like Bertrand Russell who mocked all Christian values and along came people influenced by them: Margaret Sanger who founded Planned Parenthood, Ernest Hemingway, probably the most classically famous hedonist in western culture. Havelock Ellis, Margaret Mead, Alfred Kinsey, Hugh Hefner, and they all flow out of that same basic line of philosophical thinking.

What you have is a sexual revolution produced by atheistic, hedonistic, pleasure-mad, anti-family, homosexual, pornographic, perverted people. It starts, as it were, supposedly in the environs of science and philosophy, it ends up in behavior. Mix

that kind of behavior with alcohol and drugs and you have the American culture.

And what is so frightening about it is that the church doesn't seem to be aware of what's happening and it jumps on the self-fulfilling, feeling- good bandwagon, unwittingly capitulating to the philosophy of atheists and evolutionists.

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/52-15/abstaining-from-sexual-sin-part-2>

In 1881, it was Sigmund Freud who came along and said, “Well, I’ve studied homosexual behavior, and I’ve concluded it’s a psychological disorder that comes from a domineering mother.” Later stating it was a mental disorder.

In 1930s, there was a man named Ellis who published a manual on this, bringing sodomy into the open, and he said it is a genius gene. In other words, it’s a genetic gift that homosexuals are uniquely geniuses. And then he had a whole litany of supposed homosexuals from Erasmus, the Dutch humanist; and Christopher Marlowe, the English poet; Michelangelo; Lord Byron; Francis Bacon; Oscar Wilde; Walt Whitman; on and on and on. So, for him it was an elevated human being at another level of genius. It was in the ‘40s and the

'50s Albert Kinsey came along and fabricated lies, saying one out of ten people in America were genetically homosexual.

American Psychiatric Association declassified sodomy as a sickness or mental illness , and now it's not only acceptable, but it's advocated.

According to the American Psychological Association,

Since 1975, the American Psychological Association has called on psychologists to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with lesbian, gay and bisexual orientations. The discipline of psychology is concerned with the well-being of people and groups and therefore with threats to that well-being. The prejudice and discrimination that people who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual regularly experience have been shown to have negative psychological effects.

In answer to the the question, Is Homosexuality a Mental illness,

No, lesbian, gay and bisexual orientations are not disorders. Research has found no inherent

association between any of these sexual orientations and psychopathology. Both heterosexual behavior and homosexual behavior are normal aspects of human sexuality.

<https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbtq/orientation>

American Psychological Association:

Affirms that same-sex sexual and romantic attractions, feelings, and behaviors are normal and positive variations of human sexuality regardless of sexual orientation identity;

Scientists have found that the psychological and social aspects of committed relationships between same-sex partners largely resemble those of heterosexual partnerships.

The vast majority of scientific studies that have directly compared lesbian and gay parents with heterosexual parents have consistently shown that the same-sex couples are as fit and capable parents as heterosexual couples, and that their children are just as psychologically healthy and well adjusted.

<https://www.apa.org/topics/marriage/same-sex-marriage>

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III. The Supplanting of the Omnipotent

Romans 1:23 (NKJV)

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God ἀλλάσσω,—make other than it is, change, alter,

Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., Jones, H. S., & McKenzie, R. (1996). *A Greek-English lexicon* (p. 68). Oxford: Clarendon Press.

57.142 ἀλλάσσω^b; μεταλλάσσω^a: to exchange one thing for another—‘to exchange, to substitute.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 573). New York: United Bible Societies.

In the book, “The AIDS Epidemic”.

....written by a couple of medical doctors, Glen Wood and John Dietrich.

”A society spends the most time and energy once the basic necessities of life are satisfied on what it deems most important. In ancient Hebrew and American Puritan writings one can hardly read a single paragraph without encountering a reference to God Almighty. What items have replaced God in our communications media? Only sex, money, and self-love satisfy the time and energy requirements for what is sacred in our culture. These are the gods of a new age,” end quote.

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/52-15/abstaining-from-sexual-sin-part-2>

2 Timothy 3:1–4 (NKJV)

3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Men will worship something... When you reject the existence and supremacy of the one true God, that void will be filled with something. And in most cultures, it is self and the fulfillment of self. Man becomes a worshipper of man. And since man wants what man wants, and what ever pleases man is the most desirable for his self-deification. Then he naturally goes to the sexual sins.

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

μετ-αλλάσσω, Att. -**ττς**, f. ξω, *to change, alter*, Hdt.

II. to exchange,

1. to take in exchange, adopt, assume, ὀρνίθων φύσιν Ar.; so, μ. τόπον, χώραν *to go into a new country*, Plat.

2. to exchange by leaving, to quit, μ. τὸν βίον Isocr.; so, μεταλλάσσειν alone, Plat.

Liddell, H. G. (1996). [*A lexicon: Abridged from Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon*](#) (p. 503). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

They exchanged, they took something in exchange for another. left something for another. quit one for something different

The text says the left the truth of God

The truth of God's existence
and supremacy and Authority

for

“the Lie”

This is “the lie” of the beginning.

Genesis 3:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The Lie is that you will become God, live forever and be the determiner of what is right and wrong.

Being like God knowing good and evil, was not that God knew something that know one else knew and He knew something that existed outside of his will.

No God knows Good and evil because He determines what is good and evil by his very character. Good is good because God is Good and He is the standard. Evil is evil because it is

opposites of God who is good. His very existence is the constant Absolute of what is Good and Evil.

Satan lied to Adam and Eve and told them, they could become their own god and they would determine what is good and what is evil.

This is what our society has done. We have exchange the truth that God is the Sovereign determiner of absolute right and wrong, good and evil and we have substitute ourselves as God and we now determine what is right and wrong, good or evil.

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IV. The Sexualization of the Society

Romans 1:24–32 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of

evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

As horrible and sad as this is, to watch a once Biblically saturated culture be turned over by God to a debased, reprobate, and sexually perverted mind...We need to remind ourselves that all of these who have given themselves over to sexual immorality are the mission field. They are not the enemy. They are the souls that need saving. They need the same repentance and salvation by grace that you have been given to be made with with God.

No one is so deep in sin that God can save him. No sexual sin is so grievous to God that he can't forgive it.

As 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor

homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 1:16–18 (NKJV)

I started with verse 18

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Paul begins with the word “For” which is “gar” in greek and it means because and is a

1063. γάρ gar; a contr. of γε ἄρα ge ara (*verily then*); *for, indeed* (a conjunc. used to express cause, explanation, inference or continuation

Thomas, R. L. (1998). [*New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

The verse that begins with the “gar” is explaining the previous verse.

15 So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

why Paul?

- 16** For **(because)** I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for **(because)** it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- 17** For **(because)** in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *“The just shall live by faith.”*
- 18** For **(because)** the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,