

Right Thinking
Romans 1:21-25
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All of humanity is made in the image of the Creator God whom we read about in the pages of Holy Scripture. (Gen.1:26; 5:1; 9:6) Having been made in His likeness is foundational to right thinking. How long will any two people remain in agreement if the foundational, fundamental points of truth are not accepted? Not far.

Computer programmers are quick to tell us that if the programming is faulty the system will fail. If that is easy to grasp concerning a computer why is it so hard to accept about mankind? The truth is for every piece of information that a person accepts as true that is in fact false their ability to draw right conclusions about some future event decreases exponentially. The larger the lie believed, the larger the mistake in their ability to think through to a right choice.

If a person rejects the idea that God is God, how long do you think their thinking will draw right notions about life and from that place make right decisions? Each generation inherits problems in their thinking but each are held accountable for what they choose to order their lives by. (Jer.10:14-15; 16:19; Gen.8:21) Paul helps shed some light on the direction that wrong thinking takes a person when he tells the Roman church about man's thinking. (Rom.1:21-25) He says their thinking became futile and their hearts darkened when they rejected the truth concerning what and who God is.

By replacing the Almighty God with a lesser god as god their thinking changed and with that change came a change in how they felt and ultimately in how they acted. Truth helps limit and govern the impulses of our hearts. The world around is, all of humanity who has not taken Jesus

invitation of salvation, is yet and still trapped in delusional thinking. Since the thinking is off the base line of truth so are the truths that help limit and govern their impulses and so their actions remain corrupt. (2Cor.10:5; 2Tim.2:25-26)

Notice what Paul says concerning these truths in Eph.4:17-19 and then in 2Cor.4:4 In Eph.4:17-19 we can see the line of progression from hardness of heart to ignorance to darkened understanding. From that place of lost sensitivity they have lost the restraints to indulge in every kind of impurity all the while lusting for more and more.

In the Corinthian passage it can be seen that the darkness or veil that covers a person's intellect is a blindness that is caused by the god of this age. The mind is blinded so that it cannot see the truth. This is the truth that satan, the god of this age, does not want you to know: Jesus is our example of the perfection of what men and woman are capable of looking like when we submit to God's finishing process. (God's hands the master Potter and we the clay.)

Notice 2Cor.4:4 "...the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Hebrews 1:3-4 tells us that Jesus is the "Radiance of God's Glory and the exact representation of His being,..." Later in verse 4 we see that "He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs." The devil in his conceit hates that notion and he also hates this truth: we are being remade, refashioned in the likeness and image of Jesus. (1 Cor.15:49; Phil.3:20-21; Rom.8:29; 2Cor.3:18; 1Jn.3:2)

We are becoming like Jesus in every respect including being above angels. (no offence to the good angels) This is a conclusion satan can not tolerate. The right thinker is the person who thinks from the perspective that they are God's Child and as His child fellow heirs with Christ. (Rm.8:17)