



Worship

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“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is for ever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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“Furthermore, just as they did not think it worth while to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practise them.

- *immanent*
 - within
 - creation
- *transcendent*
 - beyond
- Creator and creation
- Limiting, specific
 - givenness

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

Anthony Kennedy, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 1992

“... for the glory of the Creator and the relief of man’s estate.”

Francis Bacon, 1605

- CRISPR
- Trans-humanism, singularity
- Trans-genderism
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Values

- *sebō*
 - revere
- *proskyneō*
 - kiss towards
 - subservience
- *latreuō*
 - serve
- Otherness
 - immanent
 - transcendent

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and
knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgements,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

‘Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?’

‘Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?’

For from him and through him and for him are all
things.

To him be the glory for ever! Amen.

Romans 11:33–36

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?

Psalm 113:4–6

“The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son, who
came from the Father, full of grace and
truth.

John 1:14

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to
God—this is your true and proper worship.
Do not conform to the pattern of this
world, but be transformed by the renewing
of your mind. Then you will be able to test
and approve what God’s will is—his good,
pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1–2

Awe → Humility → Obedience

Ignorance → Pride → Rebellion

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4