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Welcome, prayer

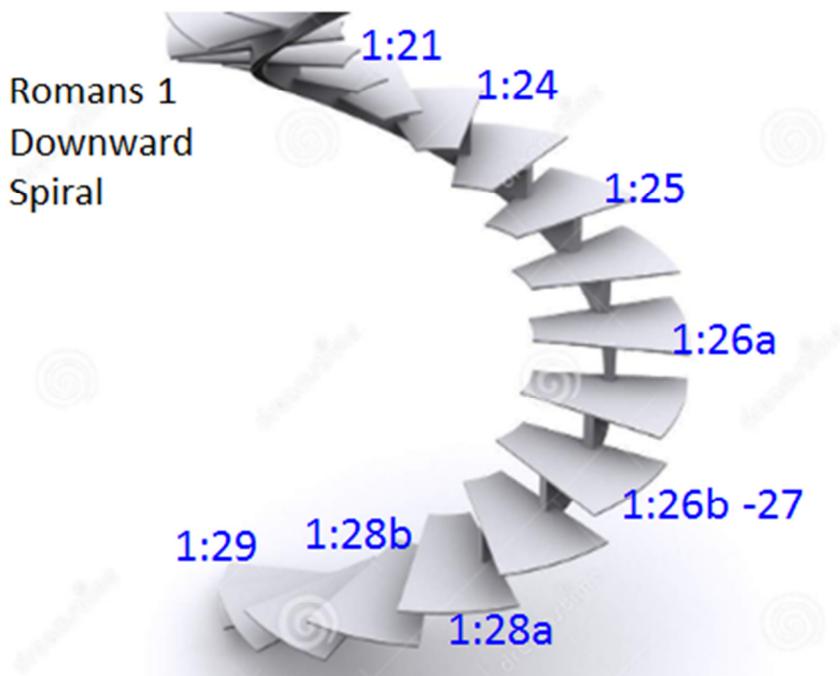
Last week we covered how sinful thoughts gestate and manifest themselves in our words & actions
And how continual focus on anything physically shapes the brain (play dough illustration)

Now that we understand Bobby can't just try not being a mutant

Let's finish walking down Romans 1's spiral, then look at the gospel as it pertains to reaching those around us.

It's a series of Step, Effect, Response

1. Man's step
2. God's response to the step



Romans 1 ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

They knew God – everyone knows God is real. **What gives me the right to say that?**

:19 b/c God made this evident to them, there is a God

:21 even though they knew God...

Step

But they did not honor Him as God.

Anyone ever steal your work before & take credit for it?

How do we honor God? (how are we SUPPOSED to honor God)

- first fruits – time/money/resources
- life's work
- decision-making / how we arrive at decisions
- what we take in, body/mind
- relationships with others,
- how we treat other people (who are made in God's image)

We know we have a flesh that responds to lust that entices us & carries us away.

We dishonor God by ignoring this and even rationalizing it.

But became **futile** in their speculations –
similar words

- **1 cor 15:17** some said there's no resurrection from the dead
 - Paul says if this is true then Christ wasn't resurrected,
 - and if Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is **(in vain)** and you are still in your sins
- **Tit 3:9** ¶ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and **worthless**.

It's taking aim at a life, at a goal, but that goal leads you over a cliff!

When this happens the heart, which is foolish at this point, becomes darkened.

Unmooring from truth, how would you know what truth is when you see it?

How do you discern when you lose your reference? Explain **(what is discernment?)**

They declare themselves the captains of their own souls, no longer needing the Crutch Christians so cling to
...exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures

We laugh at how they worshipped these idols of stone and yet we are largely oblivious to the exact thing all around us

Baphomet in Springfield, IL capitol building

<https://nypost.com/2021/12/23/satanic-display-inside-illinois-statehouse-days-before-christmas-draws-protesters/>

Baphomet Little Rock, AR Capitol building

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/satanic-monument-arkansas-capitol>

Read about the satanic architectural layout of Washington DC sometime

Aside:

Normally this would be a rabbit trail but given the insane march toward war with Russia:

Symbolism on the Dollar

Don't believe it? Read **Michael** Ruppert's Crossing the Rubicon

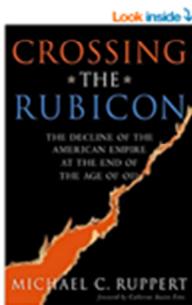
- Investigative journalist, joined LAPD for deep narco trafficking
- Discovered US Military & high level gov involved, changed his life!
- 911 was a planned event, proof is in his book,
- no immediate justice will come because of Habakkuk 1



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Crossing the Rubicon: The Decline of the American Empire at the End of the Age of Oil Paperback – September 15, 2004

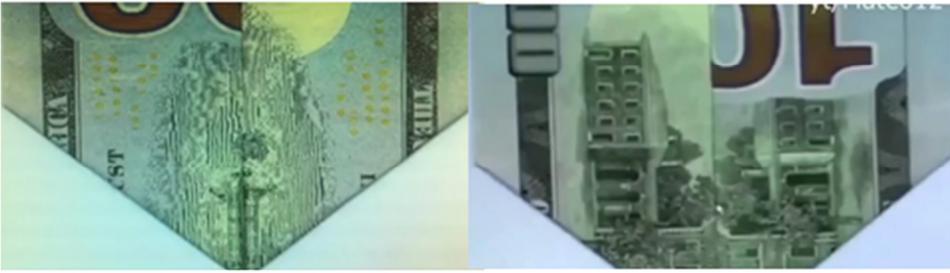
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STANISLAV LUNEV: THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF AMERICA



Why am I **showing** you this? I want to rehash 911?

- New \$100 looks like a bomb & tsunami
- Stanislav Lunev – highest level soviet defector
- hidden weapons in the US
- Off the coast in the sand – can detonate and produce a mega tsunami

Our Naivety meter – how much you think “this is just a coincidence”

They have a hard time squaring

- “They could never pull that off,
- the people wouldn’t do that,
- the rulers wouldn’t allow that”

with

- Jesus in Jn 12, 14, 16 referring to Satan as “The ruler of this world”
- 2 Cor 4 “the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving
- 1Jo 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Ancient Greek
Goddess
The Siren



Current
Starbucks
Logo



CERN's God of destruction – Shiva

- <https://cds.cern.ch/record/745737>
- Shiva is believed to be at the core of the centrifugal force of the universe, due to his responsibility for death and destruction. Unlike the godhead Brahma the Creator, or Vishnu the Preserver, Shiva is the dissolving force in life. But Shiva dissolves to create since death is necessary for rebirth into a new life.

To say nothing of the satanic dance of the Gothard Tunnel

Starbucks

From HuffPost, no less... Steve Murray, Creative Director at Starbucks - “[The siren] is from the sea and coffee comes from across the ocean. Seattle is a kind of seafaring town and it seemed to fit together well, adding a mythical feel to it too.”

Anyone know what a Siren is?

Greek mythology, a Gen6 creature whose songs would lure sailors to their death
Homer's Oddessy describes them.

The modern version of Oddessy = O Brother Where Art Thou, the scene earlier

But they're a good corporation. Their policies aside from pro gay-marriage and pro abortion, from Acting EVP Sara Kelly

Regardless of where you live or what you believe, partners enrolled in Starbucks healthcare will now be offered reimbursement for eligible travel expenses when accessing abortion or gender-affirming procedures when those services are not available within 100 miles of a partner's home

Not enough for you to believe 1) man has not changed (nothing new) and 2) Rom1 is repeating?

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/entertainment/2023/february/full-on-openly-satanic-sam-smith-unholy-grammy-performance-with-devils-horns-called-diabolical>

Grammy performance??

Response

THEREFORE (Rom 1)

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

God gave them over – paradidomi –

- **Mt 4:12** Now when Jesus had heard that John was **cast into** prison,
- **Mt 10:17** But beware of men: for they will **deliver you up** to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
- **Ac 8:3** As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women **committed them** to prison.

There's 2 'parts' to this:

- 1) There is the abandonment aspect where God's RESTRAINER pulls back out of the way but not all the way
- 2) There is the action of handing over the subject

(so their bodies would be dishonored among them)

Sexual Immorality

1 **Thes 4: 3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ *and* that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*. ⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸ So, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

Step

They exchanged truth for lie,

They worshipped the creation

Ro 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

How do you see this happening in the world today?

Theologian C. Neil –

A physician has merely to retire when his orders have been repeatedly disregarded, to deliver his refractory patient over in his disease to protracted suffering and possibly to a premature grave. In like manner, if God judicially delivers over men who wilfully reject Him to their lusts, they will sink into the lowest depths of degradation, and come to everlasting destruction.

Response

Ro 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions;

“vile” – low, base, vile = the worst word that can be used

“gave them over” again = like John was “cast” into prison

Step

for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, **27** and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

That which is unnatural –

https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/rom/1/26/t_conc_1047026

Phrase “against nature” – correlates with Jesus – he who is not with me is against me

received in their bodies the due penalty of their error – **how might this be seen?**

Greek Scholar Archibald T. Robinson

1. Health impaired and bodily frame debilitated.

2. Mental faculties enfeebled.

Remember how pornography – a form of intense sin chasing – shapes the brain?

- Remember how sin is deceptive, promises that if you go down this road (porn/homosexuality) you'll be rewarded?
- How does sin deceive you in this case?

JAMA Psychiatry Journal – “Experts at Germany's Max Planck Institute found: Higher hours per week/more years of porn viewing correlated with a reduction in grey matter in sections of the reward circuitry (striatum) involved in motivation and decision-making. Reduced grey matter in this reward-related region means fewer nerve connections. Fewer nerve connections here translates into sluggish reward activity, or a numbed pleasure response, often called desensitisation