



“THE DEVILUTION OF MANKIND!”

ROMANS Chapter 1:18-32

Go for God!

Introduction: In this passage we'll come to realize our sinful state and discover our great need for a Savior. Mankind is deserving of judgment, but God offers humanity grace and mercy through His Son Jesus Christ. The human species is not evolving into a superior being; on the contrary, we're devolving because of our pride, power, prejudice, and perversities.

> LET'S REALIZE FOUR DECEPTIONS IN THE DEVILUTION OF MANKIND:

> (v18-19) Deception #1 – truth be damned!

- Pride is at the heart of mankind's conscious rebellion. An unwillingness to admit that he's wrong, that he has sin in his heart, mind, soul, and spirit. We're not basically good, we are evil! We are sin filled! Jeremiah tells us - "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.*" (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

- We need help, a transformation. Therefore, Jesus said, "*You must be born again!*" (John 3:7).

- Without Christ's salvation we'll face God's wrath from heaven due to our *ungodliness*, that is our lack of reverence for, devotion to, and worship of the true God, our creator; this would include our defiance and rebellion against the first four commandments of the *Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20).

- Observe the commandments:

#1 - *You shall have no other gods before me;*

#2 - *You shall not make for yourself a carved image and bow before it;*

#3 - *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain;*

#4 - *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

- God's wrath will come against us because of our *unrighteousness*.

Unrighteousness coincides with the last six commandments:

#5 - *Honor your father and mother;*

#6 - *You shall not murder;*

#7 - *You shall not commit adultery;*

#8 - *You shall not steal;*

#9 - *You shall not bear false witness;*

#10 - *You shall not covet.*

- We're told that unrighteous men will suppress the truth of GOD and RIGHTEOUSNESS! Jesus explains this revelation in John 3:16-21, 36.

- In verse 19 we're given two infallible proofs of God:

(1) *What is known of God is manifest in us (via the spirit of life & conscience);*

(2) *God has shown it to us (through creation).*

- John, the beloved, reveals this reality in John 1:3-5, 9-13 - *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it . . . That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

- In a Time magazine article regarding the brain, they said the following concerning the existence of the conscience, “After more than a century of looking for it, brain researchers have long since concluded that there is no conceivable place for such a self to be located in the physical brain, and that it simply doesn’t exist . . . It may be that scientists will eventually have to acknowledge the existence of something beyond their ken—something that might be described as the soul.”

> (v20-21) Deception #2 – CREATION CORRUPTION! (Mankind’s fairytale – the big bang theory/evolution!)

(v20) “*Since the creation*” - Dr. Mark Eastman writes in his book *So You Want Evidence*, “The question of the origin of life has been debated by philosophers, theologians, scientists for thousands of years and is at the very core of the debate between the materialists and the creationists. Creationists see the creation of life as a powerful, visible, manifestation of an awesome designer, creator, God. To the creationist, life is the product of the greatest chemist, biologist, mathematician, and engineer in or out of the universe! To the materialist (atheist), life is viewed as an incredibly lucky result of billions of years and countless violations of the laws of nature acting on non-living matter. As some have put it, life is “the fortuitous occurrence of accidental circumstances.””

- Nobel Laureate Francis Crick, PhD, writes, “An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to have been satisfied to get it going.”

- Regarding the orderly state of the universe, evolutionist and physicist H. J. Lipson wrote, “I think however that we must go further than this and admit that the only accepted explanation is creation. I know that this is anathema to physicists, as indeed it is to me, but we must not reject a theory that we do not like if the experimental evidence supports it.”

- Bible scholar and teacher, John MacArthur solidifies our faith in God our creator when he writes about the magnitude and perfection of creation, “The earth is 25,000 miles in circumference weighs 6 septillion, 588 sextillion tons, and hangs unsupported in space. It spins at 1000 miles per hour with absolute precision and careens through space around the sun at the speed of 1000 miles per minute in an orbit 580 million miles long.”

- Psalm 19:1 says, *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork.*

- Scientific observation of the DNA defines that each species of animal has its own code; there are no transitional forms, no missing links. In Genesis 1:21 it says that each species was made “*according to their kind.*”

- Listen to Dr. John Medina, a genetic engineer, University of Washington, describe the miraculous human body.

- Embrace Psalm 139:14- *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knows right well.*

- Remember, lies and theories are perpetrated to suppress the truth of God because of man's unrighteousness; humankind's lusts, greed, perversions, and immorality!

(v22-23) Deception #3 – CHANGING GOD INTO THE IMAGE OF MAN!

Mankind professes to be wise, yet they became fools. False religions abound throughout our world; the Hindus worship over 330 million gods, Islam wants to take over the world and destroy the infidels, Buddhism, New Age thought, Humanism, and many others have led our world into the worship of nature, the stars (astrology), extra-terrestrials, statues (idols); or individuals, such as Caesar is lord or god, emperor/god worship in Japan, Germany's super race through Adolf Hitler, socialism and communism, that is serve the state, and its dictators; and then there's the Islamic Caliphate. This is the brain washing in preparation for the NEW WORLD ORDER, a one world government and humanity's allegiance to the ANTICHRIST!!!

- What does Jesus say? "*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*" (Jn. 14:6);

- Jesus also said, "*Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.*" (Matthew 24:4-5)

(v24-32) Deception #4 – CULTURAL PREJUDICE, BIGOTRY, AND PHOBIA!

- The wrath of God is coming upon a God rejecting and sin loving world! The Bible declares that in the last days our world will be like the times of Noah (Genesis Ch. 6 – 8); the sins of Sodom & Gomorrah (Genesis Ch. 19); to that which declared in the New Testament such as Matthew Ch. 24; 2 Timothy Ch. 3; 2 Peter Ch. 3; the lust for sin is evident, prevalent, and destructive (physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually).

- John brings these daunting words from Revelation 21:5-8 - *Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*