

## The Suppression of the Truth in Exchange for a Lie

1. How is the truth of God known to all mankind?
  - a. God has put it in us Romans 1:19
    - i. Moral Law written on our hearts Romans 2:14
    - ii. Logic, reason, search for purpose, desire to worship
  - b. God has revealed it through Creation Romans 1:20
  
2. What happens when the revealed truth of God is suppressed?
  - a. People dishonor God Romans 1:21
  - b. People become fools who profess to be wise. Romans 1:22
    - i. Futile in speculations
    - ii. Darkened hearts
  - c. People dishonor their own selves Romans 1:24
  - d. People worship the creature instead of the Creator. Romans 1:25
  - e. People participate in evil and encourage others in the same. Romans 1:29-32
  
3. What's God's response to this suppression of truth?
  - a. He gives them over to:
    1. Lusts of their heart Romans 1:24-25
      - a. Worship the creature instead of the Creator
    2. Degrading passions Romans 1:26-27
      - a. Homosexuality instead of heterosexuality
    3. Depraved mind Romans 1:28, 1:32
      - a. Full, unashamed, proud, approval of evil instead of condemnation of evil

Romans 1:18-32

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4. A warning of God's wrath to come

**Romans 1:18-23**

God reveals his wrath against mankind because they are ungodly and unrighteous. Since the creation of the world, He has shown Himself to them through creation, yet they **suppress the truth** in their unrighteousness. This means no one has an excuse for the rejection of the true God. They refuse to honor or thank Him, instead in their foolishness, coming up with pointless and empty reasoning about the nature of the universe, causing their hearts to be darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they are now fools by giving the glory and honor, that is rightfully God's, to created things.

**Romans 1:24 -**

Because they worship the creature instead of the creator, God has judged them, by removing the natural sexual order and restraint, leading to homosexuality. When God is no longer acknowledged, He will execute judgement by removing restraint which causes humanity to no longer function properly. People will become filled with greed, evil, envy, strife, murder, deceit, malice, gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobeying parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful.

They know that these things are evil because they know the ordinance of God, and that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do them but heartily approve of those who practice them.

The rejection of the known truth and the devastating consequences to follow