

THE DEPRAVITY OF HUMANITY



THE LOWER EARTH MENTAL PROCESSES OF THE NATURAL MIND

- Love yourself.
- Love the darkness.
- Distrust God.
- Think for yourself. (Lean on your own understanding.)
- Never acknowledge or honor God as God.
- Be wise in your own eyes. (Trust what seems right.)
- Reverence humanity, not God.
- Live in the darkness. (Do not turn from evil.)
- Refuse to accept anything “outside the box” of naturalism.
- Reject the supernatural world of the Bible as foolishness.



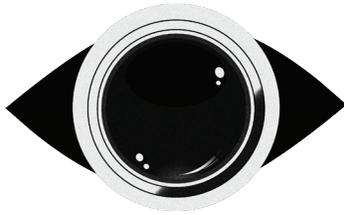
THE WAYS & THOUGHTS OF A FALLEN PLANET

The Blindness & Darkness of the Natural Mind

- (John 3:19 ESV) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, **and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.**
- (John 8:12 ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. **Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,** but will have the light of life.”
- (John 12:46 ESV) I have come into the world as light, so that **whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.**
- (Ephesians 5:7–8 ESV) Therefore do not become partners with them; **for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.** Walk as children of light.
- (Ephesians 6:12 ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, **against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,** against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- (Colossians 1:13–14 ESV) **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- (1 Peter 2:9 ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of **him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**



- (1 Thessalonians 5:4–5 ESV) **But you are not in darkness, brothers,** for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. **We are not of the night or of the darkness.**
- (1 John 1:6–10 ESV) **If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,** we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness (Matthew 6:22–23 ESV)!

- (1 John 2:8 ESV) At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, **because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.**
- (1 John 2:11 ESV) **But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

(1 CORINTHIANS 2:9–16 ESV) NOTES ON THE NATURAL MAN VERSUS THE SPIRITUAL MAN ...

9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

1. The things that God has prepared for those who love him are beyond what any human has seen, heard or imagined.

*10 **these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.** For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.*

2. We only know these things when God reveals them to us through the Spirit.

*11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? **So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.***

3. The Spirit is the only Person who comprehends the thoughts of God—see Isaiah 55:8–9.

*12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **that we might understand the things freely given us by God.***

4. We have received the Spirit so that we might understand the thoughts of God—the things freely given us by God.

13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

5. The truth of God is not communicated in words using the lower way of human thinking—humans words and concepts, but it is taught using the words and concepts that are described and defined in the Bible.

*14 **The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.***

6. The natural person—the unsaved man or woman—does

not accept the higher ways and thoughts of God.

7. The ways and thoughts of God are outside the realm of human understanding, so the natural person discounts them as foolishness.
8. The natural person is incapable of understanding the ways and thoughts of God because the words and concepts are beyond the natural realm, thus beyond his ability to examine.
9. So the natural person is incapable of understanding the ways and thoughts of God as described and explained in the Bible.
10. The natural person is only capable of judging/examining things in the natural realm. This is like a black box in which the natural person cannot escape. And he stumbles along blindly, as he is left alone in the universe to figure out things which are beyond him—truth and reality beyond his reach.

15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

11. However, the spiritual person—because of the work of the Holy Spirit revealing the mind of God to him—can examine both the natural and the supernatural realms. He sees both worlds—the seen and the unseen—but focuses his attention on the eternal.

(2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

*16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.***

12. Our transformation involves being transformed by the renewing of our minds that we might know experientially and intellectually the will of God. We have and are being given the mind of God—specifically in this text “the mind of Christ.”

*(Romans 12:2 NLT) Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, **but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Claiming to be wise, they became fools.
(Romans 1:21 ESV)
