## God's Omniscient Wisdom vs. Man's Infernal Confusion

Confusion is stressful, and leads to hurried, ill-formed decisions that often have detrimental effects. I don't like being confused. I like knowing where I am, what's going on, and how I need to proceed. I have little experience with being "dazed," but I certainly don't like being "confused."

And yet mankind, either intentionally or unintentionally separated from God's omniscient wisdom (<u>cf. Psa.139:1-6</u>; <u>Isa.46:10</u>), is doomed to perpetual confusion. Thus, when mankind either unintentionally loses or intentionally misplaces *knowledge of God* and His *divine wisdom*, confusion is the inevitable result. This confusion manifests itself in several separate but related forms...

**Spiritual Confusion- Who/What is God?** In the absence or rejection of knowledge of the one true God, man's confusion allows him to 'worship' and pay obeisance to practically anything as 'god.' <u>Isa.44:16-17</u> illustrates such futility with a man cutting a tree and with part of it making a fire to warm himself and cook his food, *"but with the rest of it he makes into a god"* and *"falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, 'Deliver me, for thou art my god."* Indeed, one who rejects truth will wind up believing (and worshiping!) anything. Without knowledge of the one true God, man, in his confusion, has and will continue to "worship" anything/everything else, <u>Rom.1:25</u>.

**Moral Confusion- Who/What is** *Right?* In the absence or rejection of knowledge of the one true God, man's confusion renders him unable to accurately discern "right" and "wrong," <u>cf. Heb.5:12-14</u>. Without an objective and absolute standard from the omniscient God, each one winds up doing *"what is right in his own eyes"* (Jud.21:25) resulting in mass confusion and anarchy, and ultimately destruction, <u>Rom.10:1-3</u>. Think about it: Can there be any real standard of "right" and "wrong" without God?

**Gender Confusion- Who/What am /?** From the very beginning, God *created* humans as *"male and female,"* <u>Gen.1:27</u>. But what happens when mankind rejects this knowledge for his own infernal theories? Confusion results to such a degree that an individual can't even know for sure whether they are *male* or *female,* or perhaps one of the purported other 200+ genders. Though there is tremendous pity for and even sympathy toward such surely miserable confusion and angst, I cannot truly empathize for the condition is purely resultant from the rejection of obvious and objective truth specified by God. He created us *"male and female"* as confirmed by Jesus, <u>Matt.19:4</u>.

**Sexual Confusion- Who/What do I want?** Confusion multiplies itself. If we reject what is revealed and can be observed about *God* Himself, then what is *right/wrong* is blurred, and even *who/what I am* is in doubt, then how can I possibly determine who/what (gender) *I want* as a mate? God's omniscient wisdom on this point has been long disclosed by both *inspired revelation* and *nature*. God's first codified Law specified homosexuality as an "abomination" and "detestable," (Lev.18:22; 20:13); and the New Testament adds that it is "degrading," "unnatural," and "indecent," Rom.1:26-27. So how did mankind arrive at such a confused acceptance of a practice God detests? "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie" and "did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer," Rom.1:25,28.

Such "confusion" is not of God who speaks only truth from omniscience, but of Satan who through *lies* seeks only to *destroy* and *kill*, <u>1Cor.14:33</u>; John 8:44. Want confusion? Continue to reject God and His wisdom for Satan and his lies, James 3:13-<u>16</u>. Want knowledge and surety? Seek God and His peaceful wisdom, James 3:17-18. (Philip C. Strong; Viking Drive Church of Christ; 3791 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA; online at <u>vikingdrivechurchofchrist.com</u>; email to <u>mrpcstrong@hotmail.com</u>)