

## **Undefined Mind**

### **Titus 1:10-16**

Pauls writes after release from Roman prison to Titus young pastor on Crete Island 156 x 36 rough place w/ bad reputation, cheating, lying, immorality, pagan religion. Titus to organize & supervise new churches that sprung up after Pentecost. Particular need was to confront, correct & cast out if necessary those teaching false doctrine, heretical teachings.

*False teachers must be silenced :11 they upsetting whole households making merchandize, profiting off of them w/ their heresies.* A culture of liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons so job of leaders was to reprove severely so they might be brought to faith. Friendship over Gods word-the ruin of many

*10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.*

Jewish Gnostics--receiving esoteric-obscure-mystical personal knowledge of God (*gnosis*), supposedly freeing the spirit from sinful material world --body unclean, marriage taboo, natural instincts evil. **Sin** to touch, eat, marry, bare children. Turned natural & normal into something sinful. Made **harmless**--harmful, **pure**--impure, **good** into evil.

Jewish Laws longer the list of rules & regulations the greater potential to break them & be considered sinful. *Rom 14:20....All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.*

**Jewish myths**--another form or bondage in Crete. **Joseph Gaer a contemporary scholar of 'Jewish literature & legends'** writes 'In their nostalgic recollection of biblical times, preachers often went far beyond anything implied in the Scripture narrative. The more romanticized the stories, the more the people liked them. The Book of Jubilee, a commentary by Jewish authors on the book of Genesis, is embellished so much that the truth can hardly be discerned. Three of the points in that commentary say, 'The reason we keep the Sabbath is because the archangels kept the Sabbath, the reason we know that circumcision is so valuable is because angels were circumcised, & Jacob never tricked anybody.' When Abraham lifted the knife to sacrifice Isaac, angels wept & their tears fell from heaven falling on the knife in Ab hand melted it.

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**Jesus-In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men Mormons, JW, Mariology, Evangelicals id Anti-Christ, 88 reasons-speculations.**

**15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. As a child**

*To the pure all things pure* – Not sinful practices--what Cretans know for. But refers to one who doesn't read wickedness & perversion into simple ordinary things of life. **Doesn't have filthy mind polluting what see & hear**

Barclay: His mind soils every thought that enters into it; his imagination turns to lust every picture which it forms; he misinterprets every motive; he gives a double meaning to every statement; he cannot see the world except thru the uncleanness of his own mind.

Rorschach test psychological evaluation where Patients interprets unclear inkblots supposedly revealing a personality disorder.

A man goes to a psychiatrist for a Rorschach inkblot test because of obsessive feelings. The psychiatrist, hoping find out his problem shows him the first inkblot & asks what do you see? **A woman scantily dressed**. Doctors shows a second inkblot, now what do you see? **Two women on the beach sunbathing nude**. Doctors somewhat concerned shows a third inkblot, now what do you see? **He says a woman in the shower**. Doctors stares at the man & tells him you've got a sexual obsession. The patience looks shocked & says to the doctor what do you mean me, you're the one showing me all the dirty pictures.

*Defiled* living a lie--outward one thing inward polluted. *Defiled* conscience is one step away from **seared** conscience *1 Tim 4:2* **beyond feeling**. Things innocent & pure looked upon as sinful. **Marriage, meats**, Sabbath days, washings, ways of worship—More holy than other because you abstain.

**Recreation**-surf on Sunday, boxing, MMA matches....

How to escape a defiled conscience? Make a decision to live in the ever present consciousness of Jesus Christ, **"bring every thought captive..."**

**16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.**

*Defiled* character: First they are **fakes**—phonies--false. But deeds show who they are **detestable**, **disobedient** (**will not & cannot be persuaded**).

Their minds are closed to truth-like **cement all mixed up & firmly set**

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Jesus said of these *'they clean the outside of the cup but inside are full of wickedness...Lk 11:39...like whitewashed tombs ...appear beautiful but inside are full of dead men's bones & all uncleanness ....outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy & lawlessness. Matt 23:27-28*

**Detestable**-term for pagan idols—out of which **abomination** comes

Barclay There is something repulsive about a man w/ curious, prying, obscene mind, the kind of person who makes sniggering jests, & who is a master of the suggestive & unclean innuendo. There is always a simple & essential beauty in sheer cleanliness; and there is always a disgust in the presence of that which is soiled, & filthy & unclean.

**Disobedient** – unable to obey God because of a darkened conscience & in turn unable to discern truth **because** of all the wickedness cluttering the soul. He has judged himself unfit for the Masters use.

**Worthless**--word is used to describe a **counterfeit coin**--below standard grade--**cowardly soldier**--who fails on the battlefield. A **candidate** rejected for office. A flawed **stone** discarded by builders in construction. **sad condition**.

In 1984 an Avianca Airlines jet crashed in Spain. Investigators studying the crash made an **eerie** discovery. The “black box” cockpit recorders revealed that several minutes before impact a shrill, computer-synthesized voice from plane’s automatic warning system told the crew repeatedly in English, “Pull up! Pull up!” The pilot, evidently thinking the system was malfunctioning, snapped, “Shut up, Gringo!” & switched the system off. Minutes later the plane plowed into the side of a mountain. Everyone on board died.

Not allowing the word of God to correct your life. Soon you adjust to your surroundings to what is false unable to see error of your way all the while scriptures yells **'pull up' 'pull up' 'change course'** you ignore--turn off God's instruction & head toward disaster. 1Cor 6:11

**Not long ago research was conducted in which a group of individuals were fitted w/ special **prismatic glasses**. The glasses greatly distorted vision causing straight lines to appear curved & sharp outlines to blur w/ color. As the experiment progressed w/in a few days these unnatural shapes, blurred edges, curved lines gradually disappeared & the brain adjusted to see these sub-normal shapes as normal--the unnatural became natural. In other words the world around them was**

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*now perceived as ordinary, natural & normal as they were seeing thru their special prismatic glasses.*

W/o God's word to correct the sinners life...living seems normal & natural from sins point of view, when in reality it's distorted & irregular, because, **for so long**, we have been looking thru the worlds distorted view of life, unable to see what life w/ God is truly like. Only God's word can correct & give a right perspective of how we are to live.

Titus is told to deal w/ those in the fellowship who are causing distortions & not to stand by idly, letting it all happen. So appoint elders who will do the same, confronting those who ***vs 11 are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain*** in order to protect the church & ministry Christ died for.

Don't be like the pilot who turns off the warning system....God's word warns '**pull up**' '**change course**' – when life is headed for disaster....Your response will determine the outcome—**life & death**. What about you?