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 truth/avoid telling the people the truth about their sins are the best tools  
 that the devil could have to work with. The sixth thing is they change the  
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glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like the corruptible man,  
birds, four-footed beasts, and creeping things. He simply creates religion  
 to suit himself. He worships at the altar of selfishness, but all such religion  
 is going to be vain. Now God counts the wisdom of the world ~~for~~ foolishness here.  
 Now this did not spring up overnight. But the long procession of rebellion  
 seeking to have ~~his own~~ one's own way without God. Paul says you begin to worship  
lions, frogs, flies, lizards, trees, fetishes, and this is the degeneration, the  
depravity of man as he goes down. Now these are human characteristics about which  
 Paul speaks in a man's downward change. He is unable here to accept God. He rejects  
 the knowledge, and he changes God's glory into the likeness of an ox that eateth  
 grass, Psalm 106:20. Like the dieties that prevailed in Greece, the sacred bull  
 in Egypt, the serpent worship in Chaldea, the awful goddesses and gods as practiced  
 in Rome. Paul is telling it like it is.

Second, God gave them up. Now on three different occasions Paul says  
 here that ~~God~~ God gave them up. They had no soul, no interest to seek God, and God  
 is going to turn them away, and his wrath is going to abide upon them. Now there  
are three things in which God gave them up to, and these are the three things to

which God is giving people up to today. Now I am telling you like it is.

And we can find out what causes the hate and the fear. And we need to find out

before like quickly passes ~~and~~ away and quickly disappears.

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First, V. 24 - God gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their

own heart and the dishonor of their own bodies. He gave them up as brute beasts.

This was a mark of corruption. They had changed the truth of God into a lie, and

the heart was after the flesh, and man had been delivered from divine restraint.

Now what does this mean? Clearly this, that God took off the reins.

He withdrew the restraints. He left their sinful hearts to follow their own

natural gravitation. That's why today you see a person on the road downward. He

seems to be highly intelligent, and yet God has cast him off, his animal passions

are unchanged. One sin leads to another, and so God hath given him up <sup>to</sup> the

unspeakable sins that are discussed here by Paul. Man so degraded and low. They

tell us that in the museum in Naples, there is a sign in the corridor which says

in Italian and English, "Prepare for what is to follow." And the person telling

about that experience said, "No wonder, no wonder Paul wrote to the Roman Christians

as he did. The scenes portrayed in marble and in the coins which had been discovered

from the ruins of the city of Pompeii were unspeakably vile and corrupt." Now

this is a graphic illustration of what truly happens to an individual. It is a

realistic description of the depths to which evil plunges men and this corruption. Paul had seen this in many places during his day, and what he wrote was not just a morbid view of life, but was a declaration of the truth of those that had turned to ruin instead of repentance, so God gave them up because of their resistance, because they had willfully deserted God.

What was the result of giving them up to uncleanness? Well, men dishonored their bodies. They changed the ~~xxx~~ truth of God into a lie, and they forsake reality for unreality. And there was emptiness, and they violated God's purpose in sex, and they made that which was ~~hx~~ holy to be unholy.

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 Second, God gave them up to their vile affections, V. 26 - 27. Their vile passions. Now Paul did not hide the truth. He was telling it just like it was. He had declared the facts of life that unregenerated man and women violated every standard of decency, they abandoned all restraint, they practiced unspeakable vices contrary to the rights and the laws of nature itself. As a result. They had consuming passion one for another. And as Paul uses the word here to talk about men and women, he uses male and females, and they sink to animal level. In reality, a lower level still, for their evil minds conceived unnatural ways to satisfy their ~~hx~~ lusts, and so they are going to reap the harvests of their own corruption. Now this is the story of improper ~~xxxxx~~ sex relations which go ~~hd~~ beyond even the

standards of ~~xxx~~ adultery to beastly life of abnormal minds. And men leave the natural use of a ~~xxx~~ woman and burn in lust toward another man. This is desecrating all relationships of marriage and plunging into nameless horrors unnatural things. What a fearful account is here. Men plunge deeper by their desire. Missionaries abroad tell us about what they find, and we in this, in a large city, can see some of these same things that you are really unprepared to believe that exist in the private lives of many people in this city.

Now, there is a warning here. Do not hold up your hands as self-righteous and say now these verses do not describe me. Paul is telling it like it is. There is a story written by a man, an educator from the University of Minnesota from "children of the x jungle". And he tells about how they learn to live in tribes and groups and with bums, and how that a girl tramps about from place to place and disguises herself and lives in the jungles in box cars, and becomes a mistress and a maid, and lives on the road where they treat all boys and men alike, and girls are available to any and all in the camp. And occasionally a pair of girls travel with a gang for weeks. Others prefer variety - they go from jungle to jungle without discrimination. They know that they are welcome. Was Paul telling it just like it was?

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Third, God gave them up to a reprobate mind. That means to that which was

convenient to them. They refused God in their knowledge. Now this means that they tried God and they rejected him, and God abandoned them as fools in moral matters. They persist in sin, they lost their capacity to distinguish between moral values. They do not even have the ability to choose that which is right and that which is wrong. When men are abandoned to a mind and to corruption and vanity and falsehood, they have a mind that is utterly void of God and truth and right, and they will do things which they think which seem fitting to them. Now there should be no surprise at the outcome of such a moral state. Men who have rejected God are the victims of their own iniquity. Now Paul closes his indictment with a catalogue of ~~many~~ vices, and he ~~portrays~~ portrays the depths to which men go. Paul does not leave anything to a man's imagination. And anyone who wants to see just how it is, all you have to do is read these verses of scripture. In fact, Paul uses about 22 different nouns and adjectives to tell you just how it is.

29 1- V. 29 - One, unrighteousness, all injustice, selfishness is enthroned against all the rights of others.

2- Second, fornication, destructiveness. That is, you become host to Satan, and wicked in your hostile activities.

3- Third, coveteousness, literally, to itch for more. More greed, more grasping, to take advantage. *Robbery - up 146070 in last 18 yrs.*

4 Fourth, malice. This is the desire to injure.

5 Fifth, full of envy. This is to be full of breath, it is really meet in hell's catalogue. It arises in the heart toward those above you. Pilate knew the envy that they had delivered him.

6 Sixth, murder. The ~~W~~ Holy Spirit brings these words to your mind. They have no concern about sustaining life.  
*1970s 5 yrs - M<sup>rate</sup> rose 44% per 100,000*

7 Seventh, debate or strife, which means to beat down on, full of strife.

8 Eighth, deceit, which means guile, that is to capture a fish by bait, to lure him.

9 Malignity, nine. That is to take all things in an evil sense.

10 Ten, whispers, secret slanders. Like a snake charmer you tell evil reports. You ought to remember God's view of the tongue. It is remarkable how secret slanders can charm others into believing slanders because of jealousy and so forth.  
*a minister castigated Billy Graham, a calling Vietnam war a holy war - (only hearsay) -*

V30  
 11 V. 30, eleven, backbiters. Open slanders. They speak against and incriminate ~~with~~ somebody. They rail on others.

12 Twelve, haters of God. Hateful to God because they show their feelings that they hate. The Thief had turned a picture toward the wall - pict. of Christ.  
*Mrs. ego Man robbed a house - Next Am, owner Noticed*

13 Thirteen, spiteful, that is insolent, always taking pleasure in insulting

others.

14 Fourteen, proud, arrogant, pride toward others.

15 Fifteen, boasters, contrary to him who said, "Come unto me."

16 Sixteen, evil, that is inventors of bad things. They were progressive

in evil.

17 ~~Disobedient~~ Disobedient to parents, seventeen. Without obedience, not

*Over 1/2 of all crimes are committed by youth under 24 yrs -*  
able to be persuaded by their parents. What a photograph this is of some young  
*58% Violent Crimes*  
*80% Property "*  
people. It's amazing how they reject the parents and their control in mind development.

Now this is just exactly what the Bible says is going to happen in the last days.

II Tim. 3:1-2 says it will bring a curse upon the families.

How did such a condition begin and development when even children

rejected the leadership of their parents. It was that they refused God in their

minds and they were darkened. Parents are supposed to mold their ~~mind~~ minds for God.

V,3 18. ~~Without~~ without moral understanding, eighteen. Moral and spiritual

understanding means without any understanding of divine things.

19 Covenant breakers, nineteen, without good faith, they were ~~fix~~ faithless.

It was like a disease. They did not intend to carry out any pledge or any of the

~~Word~~ word of God's message. Like a broken business contract.

20 Without natural affection. They were heartless.

21 Number twenty-one, implacable. They were without truce. They never ceased hostilities. They were ruthless in their evil. They never wanted peace. This I guess could be illustrated by (Viet Nam,) the war. There are perhaps some people in connection with this that really may prefer ~~not~~ not to have peace. They like war.

*3 out of every 4 persons who commit crimes repeat evil*

22 ~~V~~ - unmerciful. They are without mercy. As someone told the story of ~~Nero~~ Nero as a child, he amused himself by pulling the legs and wings from insects. Now perhaps your heart rebels against this. But how about people? Some people never think about God or never think about any kind of mercy toward anybody in the human race.

Now sin always is the same in every age among every race among all classes of people, and the wrath of God is always the same revealed from heaven in judgment against the ungodly and the ~~unrighteousness~~ unrighteous.

V, 32 - We have seen something of what sin is. It's mean, it's ugly. And Paul describes it in a truthful fashion when it enters into a man's life reduces him to bondage and makes him a transgressor.

There are at least three things that are terrible here. First, they have complete inner knowledge from God. Second, they persist in their practices despite the witness of conscience. And third, they are in fellowship of evil with other evil doers. They not only practice them, but they have fellow delight in those that



11,000 Major Crimes in a Year  
147 cars Stolen -  
25 Rapes  
849 Burglary - Robbery -

F.B.I. - Crime Report 1969 - all crimes up!  
do them as well.

Now let's check it out before life quickly passes and before it

~~dis~~ disappears, and let's really tell it like it is. In summary.

1- First, God gives in the works which he has made sufficient knowledge

of himself for you to understand the things that are made.

2 Second, man's religious evolution is not upward but downward, and these

descending systems of idolatry and the restraint of the animal passion and the complete violation of all the commands until men become haters of God, hateful to God, is a danger.

3- God punishes sin sometimes with sin. This is his wrath. If men will not

honor him, he takes away from them the power of chastity and morality. The word that God finally cast them off. This is a sad list of sins set down by the pen of

Paul. Let your judgment today ~~see~~ survey them. Do you think one of these sins ~~has~~ ceased to have existence among man? The light today in the Lord Jesus Christ is a many times more intense, and men still refuse to turn.

4 In the fourth place, you can see now what Paul meant when he called the

gospel the power of God. And when he declared that he was not ashamed of it. It can rescue the believer from the judgment of God upon his sin. He sent a life-boat into the judgment tide. Jesus Christ came. The tide will not leave the world, but

Howland men may leave the tide. He can be saved if he will believe. Men's souls -  
shouted so loudly as to be heard the doom of sinners -  
He replied - I once saw 3 men buried by a cave in of a gravel pit in  
which they were working - you remember I called for help so loudly that I was heard  
a mile away help came so that we did rescue the men, I was called a hero for  
saving their lives. Now I cry out that I might save

The fiery serpents that bit the people and much of the people of Israel  
died, Numbers 21:4, when in repentance they prayed that God would take away the  
serpents, he did not answer them in this form. ~~Max~~ The serpents were not taken  
away. God's punishment of their sin could not be lightly removed. But a remedy  
was provided in a brazen serpent put on a pole. He who looked upon it lived.  
That's the estimate of remedy for judgment.

The cross and the resurrection are sometimes great outrages to human  
wisdom as the serpent upon the pole, but when men learn that there is no other  
escape from the wrath of God, they will not be ashamed of the gospel. This  
is telling ~~is~~ it just like it is. God never ceases to punish the worlds. Sin with  
sin. And God is the power for salvation.

1938. Man, Long Island thought lovely barometer -  
Disappointed as hung on the wall -  
Pointed to hurricane -  
Letter in mail that night complaint to Co.  
Next day hurricane swept L.I. & his own house was destroyed.  
Many sinners hear warning of God to forsake sin, will not  
believe -  
They wait only to be destroyed.