

September 26, 2023 – Day 2,111,436 of the Crisis of Identity

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Mankind has lived with death so long that it has become part of the existence. We consider death as a part of life, and for many people what makes life beautiful. But, why do we die? “We die naturally because our cells die”. The other side of this is Christianity, who believes in eternal life, but only after we die. What is death and why is mankind subject to the degradation and decay of his physical being?

We read the accounts of the biblical narratives and letters and call this the wrath of God.

What is the Wrath of God? This word wrath is the Greek word:

G3709 ὀργή orgē or-gay'

From G3713; properly desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), that is, (by analogy) violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment: - anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.

G3713 ὀρέγομαι oregomai or-eg'-om-ahee

Middle voice of apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary (compare G3735); to stretch oneself, that is, reach out after (long for): - covet after, desire.

Demographers estimate that before our generation roughly 100 billion people lived and died, and not one of them has returned to confirm the existence of an afterlife, at least not to the high evidentiary standards of science. This is the reality of the human condition. Memento mori, as medieval Christians reflected—Remember that you have to die.

Why do we have to die? Theologians and religious believers have long had a ready-made answer: death is simply a transition from this stage to the next in a cosmic proscenium. In the religious worldview death needs no explanation other than “God wills it” as part of a deific design that will be disclosed once we get to the other side, usually involving a cosmic comeuppance for one’s actions and a settling of all moral scores. (ref: <https://www.sciencefocus.com/future-technology/the-immortalists-can-science-defeat-death>)

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<https://www.logosapostolic.org/greek-word-studies/3709-orge-wrath.htm>

<https://www.livescience.com/32477-why-do-we-die.html>

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We hold what truth to be self-evident?

How does this happen? Who is the writer speaking to? One of the more difficult thoughts for mankind in general is this unrighteousness. In many ways we choose not to think about it, and we leave it to men whom we call pastors, teachers, theologians, professors of theology, etc.... you get the idea. In simple terms this word means, "not right". So, the question then becomes how do we hold the truth of God in unrighteousness?

1. This is not about freedom, as some would say.
2. What rights do men have?
3. How mankind himself is the truth of God, image and likeness, but have no right to exist.

G93 ἀδικία adikia ad-ee-kee'-ah

From G94; (legal) injustice (properly the quality, by implication the act); moral wrongfulness (of character, life or act): - iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.

G94 ἄδικος adikos ad'-ee-kos

From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1349; unjust; by extension wicked; by implication treacherous; specifically heathen: - unjust, unrighteous.

G1349 Δίκη dikē dee'-kay

Probably from G1166; right (as self evident), that is, justice (the principle, a decision, or its execution): - judgment, punish, vengeance.

G1166 Δεικνύω deiknuō dike-noo'-o

A prolonged form of an obsolete primary of the same meaning; to show (literally or figuratively): - shew.

When you see the word righteousness used it all leads back to this obsolete primary word:

G1343 Δικαιοσύνη dikaiosunē dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay

From G1342; equity (of character or act); specifically (Christian) justification: - righteousness.