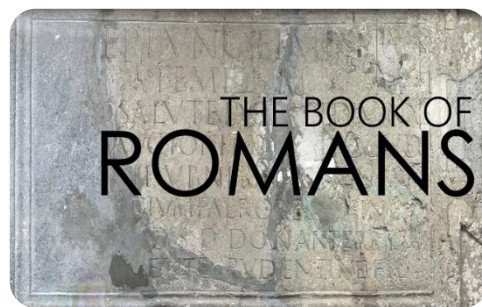


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²⁷ **And likewise also the men** / the word is not: **anthropon**. It is: **arrhaphos**... used 3 times in this verse; as well as when Jesus said, **God made them male and female**. It's not men... it's **male**. Only in this verse is it translated: men; all other times in the New Testament it's translated: **male**



And let's read on...

males leaving the natural use of the female, / now Paul, adding to the endless discussion over the meaning of these verses... will use this female word... one more time.

When speaking to the Galatians, he says: **There is no more Jew or Greek, bond or free, male or female**. Huh?! For you are one in Christ Jesus. But in the book of Romans, Paul is speaking to the world... and he says:

males leaving the natural use of the female / males sending away, putting aside... departing, and letting go... even divorcing,

burned / inflamed... **in their lust** / in their **orexis**. And that word is not translated buggery! In Greek, it means: their excitement of the mind... their craving ... their appetite -- used both in a good and bad sense. We know this word from the term: **anorexia**... those with **no** appetite,

in their craving one toward another / this phrase in Greek is one word: **allelone**; Paul uses this word 13 times in Romans. He says, be kind **one to another**; He says, prefer **one another**; love **one another**; and greet **one another** with a holy kiss. So again, NO... it's not the word for buggery!

Paul says...

males leaving / sending away, departing... letting go, **the natural use of the female** / and the natural use was to acknowledge God their Creator... and thank Him; and of course, women were created to be help-mates; and not just chatty, vapid busybodies.

But let's go on...

men with men working / and again, really... **males** with **males** working; performing fully, accomplishing. The word is: **katergazomai**. Paul uses it several times in this book of Romans. He says, knowing that tribulation **works** patience. To the Philippians he says, **Work out** your own salvation with fear.

But let's go on...

males working with males / and obviously, all men are males; but not all males are men.

males working with males, that which is unseemly / and that phrase is one Greek word: **aschmosune**. Every time in the Septuagint -- the Greek Old Testament, the word is translated: **nakedness**. So, get your stones ready!! Paul uses this word 3 more times; for example, when he speaks about: [Charity, agape... does not behave unseemly](#). So, that doesn't sound like buggery, does it? Paul's next example speaks about... those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, [upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our nakedness has more abundant comeliness](#). Hm?! Now I like the King James a lot! More clearly, today Paul would say literally our naked parts have super abundant charm. Yep! That's what Paul said. Now, keep focused we're trying to understand the phrase: **that which is unseemly** But, do you have your stones ready? One last time **aschmosune**... is used. And remember it's this 'nakedness' word; **males working with males nakedness**: John records the word when the Lord Jesus says to His people: [Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame](#) -- [Revelation 16:15](#), So it doesn't sound like Jesus is talking about buggery; and men bonking men. Does it? You know traditions... make void the word of God.

And the naked truth is: I don't know about you, but I've seen men watching sports events -- you name the sport... it doesn't matter... thankfully fully clothed -- with more passion and appetite and enthusiasm and excitement for one another than for their wives in the other room. I've seen men in 3-piece suits who just worked their corporate deal to destroy their competition... with the passion of a pack of wolves or a gang of thugs. You know **males working with males** that had a thrill more for their buds that I've ever seen, then for their wives. And I was glad they were clothed!

So, one last time...

males working with males nakedness, and received in themselves that recompense / in this male dominated world, they got what they were craving; and in their wandering error, they were paid in full,

which was meet / and proper. In other words, they got what they deserved. [Now we know in Leviticus God did not create men and women to adulterate, with one another; or with animals](#). And it sure seems the best way to have kids is the way C.S. Lewis said; who would have thought? And I doubt the 21st century has better insight as to the proper sexual relationship of men and women resulting in the children who come from them. I doubt the Lord is thrilled about the abortions in America that = those living in Washington, Oregon and California as if the total population of those 3 states were suddenly missing. But If this chapter is only talking about same sex relations, then Paul didn't get translated clearly.

And again... it's males and not necessarily **anthropon** -- men. And here's an interesting fact: that gorillas and chimpanzees and monkeys and orangutans... have an affection toward anthropon -- women, and not anthropon -- men. Ask the actress Julia Roberts about her life-threatening experience. And like I said, Paul starts with the juiciest in the world gone wild! He certainly got our attention. But let's go on! Do you still have your stones ready?

²⁸ **And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge** / and repeating: of the 3 most common thoughts people have **regularly playing in their heads** all through the world: are things related to God; things related to sex; and things related to death... the most common is related to God.

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God **gave them over** to a reprobate mind / and notice, He didn't even stand in their way and say, **STOP!** He said, your will be done; they betrayed and delivered and handed themselves over -- these senseless anthropon men and women... who hold the truth **not**-rightly... who no longer acknowledge Him; and are unthankful; so they are still on probation; they can't seem to learn their lessons and pass their tests; like driving an Aston Martin...by sitting on the trunk and pushing,

God gave them over to do what doesn't fit / like a puzzle piece that has no place. It doesn't fit what God planned.

²⁹ being filled with all wrongness / each, and every and anything that is not right; starting with...

fornication / and though some say it is not in the oldest bible. It is in the oldest Greek and Syriac and Ethiopic bibles. And since God who is spirit must be worshiped in spirit and truth Paul tells us about what is furthest from worshiping God – evidence of falling off the wagon, and fornicating and bleeping around seems to be at about the top of the list that includes the addictive, angry, loveless, lonely folk, bombarded with images of boobs, butts and biceps in our sensually inflamed society of one-night stands; and those senseless discontents in hot pursuit of the next STD fling don't fit what God has plan.

Do you still have your stones ready?

being filled with all unrightness = wrongness

fornication, wickedness / poneria; whoever labors to be a pain,

maliciousness / to cause others to suffer,

covetousness / a sign of dissatisfaction and insatiable greed;

full of envy / that is what Pontius Pilate noticed about the religious leaders,

murder / killing always starts with secret hatred,

debate / always arguing. Do you know people like that?

deceit / concealing or distorting truth,

malignity / intense, deadly hatred;

whisperers / huh? You know, Hey! Hey you!... Did you hear?



You got your stones ready, right?



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³⁰ **backbiters** / slanderers, **haters of God**,

despiteful / insulters, Do you know anyone like that?

proud / arrogant, prideful huh?!

boasters / braggarts, bigmouths,

inventors of evil, **disobedient to parents**,

You've got your stones ready, right?

³¹ **without understanding** / stupid and foolish, with no insight,

covenant breakers / unreliable, defective fly-by-nights,

without natural affection / the word is: astorgos. unloving. You know, **to hate your parents is not natural**; **to ignore and neglect your children is not natural**,

You have your stones ready though, right? And finally, last on this list...

merciless / lacking mercy. Do you know anyone like that? heartless, even toward the strangers in our midst; C. S. Lewis said, our little errors that we so easily dismiss – in ourselves, though not in others; they might not appear so little after a million years: King David erred in showing mercy, even to those who were despicable; and the people criticized him. But the Word declares: He was a man... after God's own heart.

³² **who knowing the judgment of God**,
that those who commit such things / and
practice and exercise such things, **are worthy of death**,

You have your stones ready though, don't you?

not only do the same, but find pleasure in them that do them / and together approve and applaud them, and practice and perform them.



Do you have your stones ready? Because Paul is not finished.

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