

UNNATURAL

America and the world are being troubled by a disease known as “Mad Cow” disease. Our news media repeatedly shows the same cow standing with nerve damage, trembling, shaking and falling, unable to get up. People are afraid to eat beef because of the obvious dangers.

Do you know how Mad Cow Disease was contracted? Someone came up with the idea that we can improve cow feed by taking the remains of dead animals, including the bone, grinding it up and mixing into the feed. They were violating what is natural for a cow to eat. Cows eat grass. They are not carnivorous. Thus we have put at risk the food chain.

Let’s carry this logic to the scripture. We are being greatly affected because of the abuse of nature in our time. When natural law is violated someone is going to suffer.

1Corinthians 11¹⁴ **Does not even nature itself teach** you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

If there was no bible, nor God, nature would tell us that there are severe penalties for violating natural law.

2Timothy 3¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ **Without natural affection**

Where does unnatural affection or desire begin?

I. Changing the NATURE OF GOD.

Romans 1¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them ; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. ²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: ²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ **And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into**

an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. ²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵ **Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator**, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶ For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

v 20 states that nature reveals the invisible God. Everything around me screams there is a God. But when man rejects the revelation of God everything becomes “perverse” which means “twisted or to twist”.

V 25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**

They make God unnatural. They knew God but did not glory in him nor give thanks to him. Result:

- a. vain imagination and heart is darkened
- b. they make the uncorruptible God like corruptible man.

holy	unholy
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- c. they make God an animal

birds, beast and creeping things v-23

2. Changing the NATURE OF MAN

Thus God gives man up to unnatural affections.

Romans 1 26.... ²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the

same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men,

A violation of nature or natural law brings severe penalty.

Any sexual sin outside of marriage has penalty.

Rom 1 27 NIVreceived in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

A. Incest

Leviticus 18 1-21 Warns of having sex with any family member; this is incest.

The penalty:

1. deformed children,
2. confusion of identity
3. dishonoring family.

B. Homosexuality

Leviticus 18 ²² “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

The penalty:

1. diseases--Aids, HIV, etc.
2. loss of ones identity.
3. hates purity (reprobate mind Romans 1 28)

Proverbs 14² He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.*

C. Bestiality

²³ “Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion. NIV

The penalty:

1. diseases
syphilis originated from sheep
HIV from chimpanzees

2. Deep shame

D. Fornication

The penalty:

1. STD (Socially transmitted diseases)
 - Aids- death sentence
 - Herpes- no cure, if pregnant 50% chance of the baby dying or having brain damage.
 - Gonorrhea-
 - HPV (human papillomavirus) –warts- 90% will have cancer
 - Chlamydia- cannot have children

1,300 per hour contract STD

2/3rds are under the age of 25

2. Jealousy and lack of trust in marriage partner
3. Loss of innocence

E. Adultery

1. Soul ties (emotional bonding) 1Corinthians 6 15,16
2. Jeremiah 23 14 “walk in lies”
3. Loss of emotional stability

Proverbs 6³² *But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding : he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.*

4. Ezekiel 16 29 “...cannot be satisfied”
5. A stigma- mark of dishonor to God and family.

3. Changing the **NATURE OF FAMILIES.**

Same sex- perversion (Episcopal and United Methodist allow it in their clergy)

Living together without the legal commitment of fidelity.

Blended families- may have issues of fairness in discipline of children, loving one another's children equally, or children have difficulty in submitting to authority figure that is not their natural parent etc. etc. Children may have an identity crisis and may also experience jealousy of other sibling or even

the parent that has married another person.

Families are the key to existence of any society. Do away with the family and you destroy a nation.

God's design for the family was to have a father, mother and their children. Identity, security, and purpose of life are found in the family.

Ephesians 6 ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. ⁴ And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Children are a heritage of the Lord. We are responsible for their welfare. When a family is torn apart it leaves emotional scars. No wonder God speaks in Malachi 2 ¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. ¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ **For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:**