

LOGOMACHY

(Definition: Contention about words; a war of words.)

Realize it or not, we are in the middle of a ferocious war of words. No, I'm not going to call it a "Peace Keeping Mission of Words" or an "Operation of Words". It is a literal "War of Words". For today, I will be a *logomachist!* (One who contends about words.)

In our society, we are seeing certain terms switched for other, less alerting words, when that is to their advantage. If they want to cast scorn, they will use more offensive sounding words. It is all a game, or should I say "war" of words. It also has a name. It is metonymy - A word that is put for another.

Religious words are being switched out subtly changing the faith, one step at a time. Words such as "sorry" for "repentance"; "mistake" for "sin" and "Higher Power" for "God". We even see the holiday "Thanksgiving" being switched for "Turkey Day" taking our eyes from being thankful to God.

Another area of transgression in words, is found in irreverent speech. It is common for even those calling themselves "Christians" to trivialize issues, people or things of scripture in a jest. The enemy scorns those repulsed by such as "Victorian", "Puritan", or "prude" (remember "prude" is shortened from "prudence").

Part of the result of such, is immodesty in talk has become most common. There is an over-familiarity in speech with others. Things which

should remain private, are openly and unashamedly talked about with almost anyone. Women seem to have no shame of talking openly of matters in front of men that basic modesty would never allow.

There is the twisting of virtue, such as the use of the word "honor". I've seen literature defining "honor" as "standing behind the current political/social agenda" instead of "standing to do what is right, no matter what the cost".

I've seen that which shows shame brandished for the purpose of alluring buyers, such as the company name of "Naked®". I've seen the name of ill repute, "Jezebel" given to children with no shame.

We tolerate words such as "Pro-Choice" to be substituted for "Pro-Abortion". We need to call it what it is, and not cater to their whitewashing of terms.

There is the massive move to "neuter" all terms, such as chairman to chairperson. Even so far as the desecration of God's Holy Word.

We see terms, which engender biblical respect, swiped away, destroying the honor to be shown to those elder than us. The terms "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" being forcefully switched out for addressing with over-familiarity on a first name basis.

The contempt of God's established authority in the family is being destroyed by women refusing to take

their husband's last name.

These are just some of the degradations surrounding us. You may wonder, "What's the big deal over the switching of terms?". The scriptures do address this issue and it is important. Let us start with this important passage out of Isaiah:

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: 28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all

their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. 29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it. 30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof. Isaiah 5:20-30

This passage epitomizes the heart of what has been taking place in our language. The thrust being at giving a good name to wickedness, while giving a bad name to righteousness.

In this passage, found in Isaiah, we can see God is enraged at such and He will take action! The heart of the crime is in switching out good for evil and evil for good. Maybe I should say, passing off good as evil and evil as good. Such is the heart of this generation.

In our examination of this, I will take us through a tour of the original 1828 Noah Webster's Dictionary. It's proper name being, "American Dictionary of the English Language". Such a tour will help us to see the bait and switch that has been pulled on us.

Hopefully, it will also help in understanding why certain things are so important that we may be presently confused on.

HOUSEKEEPER

Believe it or not, "Domestic Engineer" is being switched out for "Housekeeper".

I believe we are seeing that done because of the connection to the distinction of roles such a term

indicates. “*Housekeeper*” too easily leads a literate person to think of the Biblical reference reflecting on the particular role of wives:

4 *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.* Titus 2:4,5

TITLES

We find “*Ms.*” switched for “*Miss.*” or “*Mrs.*”. The reason being the desire of the women-libbers. “*Ms.*” speaks of a woman of power and control. “*Miss*” speaks of dependence and subjection.

The titles of “*Mr. and Mrs.*” is blatantly trodden under foot by the youth of today. I have encountered youth who even refused to address an adult with the respect of the titles of “*Mr. or Mrs.*”

GOD

We are seeing the very title of “*God*” being replaced with “*Higher Power*”. You will see such clearly in the 12-Step programs. It is a term that holds arms wide open to pluralism, a one-world religious system.

LORD’S DAY

The terms “*Lord’s Day*” and “*Sabbath*” were the common terms used for “*Sunday*”.

This is a term that leaves people feeling uncomfortable when they treat the “*Lord’s Day*” with indifference. The term “*Sunday*” is a lot more comfortable, for it leaves no sense of responsibility or accountability before God, as to how such a day is used. We

can easily see why such a term was switched out in society.

Look at Webster’s definition:

Sabbath: 1. . . . This was originally the seventh day of the week, the day on which God rested from the work of creation; and this day is still observed by the Jews and some christians, as the sabbath. But the christian church very early begun and still continue to observe the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ on that day, by which the work of redemption was completed. Hence it is often called the *Lord’s day*. The heathen nations in the north of Europe dedicated this day to the sun, and hence their christian descendants continue to call the day *Sunday*. But in the United States, christians have to a great extent discarded the heathen name, and adopted the Jewish name *sabbath*.

Sabbath-breaking, *n.* A profanation of the sabbath by violating the injunction of the fourth commandment, or the municipal laws of a state which require the observance of that day as holy time. All unnecessary secular labor, visiting, traveling, sports, amusements and the like are considered as *sabbath-breaking*.

I’m sure you can see why such words have been dropped from our language. People don’t like to be classified as “*Sabbath-breakers*”.

PROVIDENCE

Providence, *n.* 3. In *theology*, the care and superintendence which God exercises over his

creatures. . . . A belief in divine *providence*, is a source of great consolation to good men. By *divine providence* is often understood God himself.

The word “*Karma*” has been switched for “*Providence*”, and wasn’t even in the dictionary in 1828.

Providence tells us of God’s hand working behind the scenes to bring about His will and justice. Karma takes us to a pagan system of reincarnation. People tend to believe a wicked person will have his wickedness come back on him. To hold such a view requires a judgment system of some kind. Pop culture willingly accepts a “*law of nature*” kind of balance, that clears accountability to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Karma also works well with the faith of evolution. It is part of the Yin/Yang forces of balance. Providence, on the other hand, brings us face to face with God, justice, accountability and His Holy Word. It stands in direct opposition to the faith of evolution.

SIN

In the religious arena, it is very popular to switch out “*mistake*” for “*sin*”. There is a good reason for this switch. The term “*sin*” brings up one’s position of guilt more brightly. A person can simply say they made a “*mistake*” and avoid admitting being personally responsible for wicked behavior.

Sinner, *n.* One that has voluntarily violated the divine law; a moral agent who has voluntarily disobeyed any divine precept, or neglected any known duty.

2. It is used in contradistinction to

saint, to denote an unregenerate person; one who has not received the pardon of his sins.

3. An offender; a criminal.

Mistake, *v. i.* To err in opinion or judgment.

There is a big difference between “violating divine law” and “erring in judgment”! I have seen this switch in supposed, “*Sinner’s Prayers*”.

REPENT

“*Sorry*” has been switched for “*Repent*”. No folks, the terms do not mean the same. Look at Webster:

Repentance: 2. In *theology*, the pain, regret or affliction which a person feels on account of his past conduct, because it exposes him to punishment. This sorrow proceeding merely from the fear of punishment, is called *legal repentance*, as being excited by the terrors of legal penalties, and it may exist without an amendment of life.

3. Real penitence; sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God, a violation of his holy law, and the basest ingratitude towards a Being of infinite benevolence. This is called *evangelical repentance*, and is accompanied and followed by amendment of life.

Repentance is the relinquishment of any practice, from conviction that it has offended God. (Johnson)

Sorry: 1. Grieved for the loss of some good; pained for some evil that has happened to one’s self or friends or country. It does not ordinarily imply severe grief, but rather a slight or transient grief.

GOVERNMENTAL WORDS

Toleration, *n.* The act of tolerating; the allowance of that which is not wholly approved; appropriately, the allowance of religious opinions and modes of worship in a state, when contrary to or different from those of the established church or belief. *Toleration* implies a right in the sovereign to control men in their opinions and worship, or it implies the actual exercise of power in such control. Where no power exists or none is assumed to establish a creed and a mode of worship, there can be no *toleration*, in the strict sense of the word, for one religious denomination has as good a right as another to the free enjoyment of its creed and worship.

This word of “*toleration*” has become a big word in recent years. It has been applied outside of the governmental restrictions this definition covered. Nevertheless, there is an important lesson to be alerted to. The word did speak in particular to the limited power of government to regulate religion. In the United States, the issue of this type of toleration cannot be in active force. The only way for the government to start spouting “*toleration*” is if it transgresses into the realm of regulating religious freedoms. Seeing how much so many government leaders have been spouting “*toleration*” talk, this is a scary trend. It is something that should stay outside of their jurisdiction.

Unconstitutional, *a.* Not agreeable to the constitution; not authorized by the constitution;

contrary to the principles of the constitution. It is not *unconstitutional* for the king of Great Britain to declare war without the consent of parliament; but for the president of the United States to declare war, without an act of congress authorizing it, would be *unconstitutional*.

Tyranny, *n.* 1. Arbitrary or despotic exercise of power; the exercise of power over subjects and others with a rigor not authorized by law or justice, or not requisite for the purposes of government. Hence tyranny is often synonymous with *cruelty* and *oppression*.

In a look at what Webster said about “*unconstitutional*” and “*tyranny*”, it is interesting to note the latest war was declared in exactly the manner detailed as “*unconstitutional*”. Such is the power not authorized by the highest law of the land, as covered in the definition of “*tyranny*”.

These are very strong terms. You may have noticed, though, that such terms weren’t bandied about in the mainstream media. They wouldn’t dare. Instead, these important words were switched for positive sounding press. Such neglect of true coverage, is a switching good for evil and evil for good.

MARRIAGE

On another front we are finding the definition of “*marriage*” being redefined.

The Sodomites are pressing heavily for the public approval of Sodomite marriages. There are many important issues at stake on this front, but we will just take a brief look on what Webster helps bring to light.

First, there is the defiance of God Himself. Since God is the creator of the covenant of marriage, it is Him alone who can define its terms. Man does not possess the right to redefine God's covenants.

Second, an official "state approved" seal of recognition on Sodomite marriage would be a blatant blasphemy of God's Holy Word. It would actually be declaring a vile sin to be holy, honorable and pure.

Lets take a close look at Webster's definition. It is very enlightening:

Marriage, *n.* . . . The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children.

Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled. Heb. xiii.

Did you notice the detail that marriage is both "*civil and religious*"? Maybe you can understand why the Sodomites pushed first for the recognition of "*Civil Unions*". That is the first ground of forwarding their iniquity, but it is not enough for them. They also have to have it "*religiously*" approved. Only in that way can they defy God's Word and redefine holiness. You see, marriage cannot simply be "civil", for it is God's covenant. He established it and defines it. Webster himself, made that clear in his very definition.

You might have also noticed the position of authority the married couple is invested with by God. The couple is commissioned as the responsible authority in care and education. NOT THE STATE. At one time, this was more widely known.

Notice the scripture reference Webster included. Based upon that reference, for Sodomite marriage to be "*legalized*" is tantamount to proclaiming Sodomy is approved, honorable and undefiled before God. That is blasphemous and that is why they desperately want to redefine marriage. They will spit in God's face in declaring their acts to be no longer a sin.

We find such words of holiness of the marriage covered by Webster in the following:

Sacredness, *n.* 2. Inviolableness; as the *sacredness* of marriage vows or of a trust.

SODOMY

Another term being switched out is the use of the terms: gay, lesbian, transgender and homosexual instead of Sodomite.

They know the term Sodomite will immediately bring back the memory to the crime in Sodom. We were also shown how God views such perversion. That is why they wanted to desperately change the word.

Back in Webster's day, the crime of Sodomy was considered so vile that they wouldn't want to give too many details. You will see that reflected in Webster's definition:

Sodomy, *n.* A crime against nature.

Technically, that is a very broad definition. That is the whole definition

listed. Dumping oil in a creek could meet that definition. The people, back in 1828 America, knew what that particular crime was, so for the sake of decency, the definition was limited to the most basic of details.

When we cater to the use of the modern terms I listed, we help in doing just what they want, in removing the stigma of the crime.

With a little use of my dictionary, I see the so-called “Gay Pride Parade” literally translates out as “Sodomite Haughty Pompous Procession”. That definitely fits!

ABORTION

Next is the definition of a child. In the war of abortion, we find two camps. First we have “*Pro Life*”, then we have what? They like to call themselves “*Pro Choice*”. The media is more than pleased to accommodate such a name. Such a name removes the stigma of what they really are. In the utmost truth, they are “*Pro Abortion*”.

Part of their smokescreen is to redefine what a child is. They don’t like to refer to the child in the womb as a “child”. It leaves the stain of their crime too bright for all to see. They switch words and call the children: fetuses, embryos or blastocysts.

Now look at Webster’s:

Child, *n.* . . . *To be with child*, to be pregnant. Gen. xvi. 11. xix. 36.

and

Pregnancy, *n.* . . . The state of a female who has conceived, or is with child.

Webster makes it very clear that to be “*pregnant*” is to be “*with child*”. Like the old joke goes, you are either very pregnant or you’re not, there is

no in-between. You are either “*with child*” or you are not. If you are pregnant, you are “*with child*”.

Maybe you also noticed the Bible reference Webster gave. Those references also show us that God’s Word makes the same clear declaration. An unborn child is still a child. Now maybe you can see why they so desperately wanted to come up with new words to help smokescreen the crime of abortion. It helps cover up their purposely killing children.

FANATIC

Another term that is being twisted to cast an ugly shadow on God-fearing Christians is the term “*fanatic*”.

Look at these two definitions first:

Fanatic, Fanatical, *n.* A person affected by excessive enthusiasm, particularly on religious subjects; one who indulges wild and extravagant notions of religion, and sometimes exhibits strange motions and postures, and vehement vociferation in religious worship. Fanatics sometimes affect to be inspired or to have intercourse with superior beings.

Heretic, *n.* . . . In strictness, among christians, a person who holds and avows religious opinions contrary to the doctrines of Scripture, the only rule of faith and practice.

Webster’s gave a clear definition of “*fanatic*”. You may wonder why I followed that up with “*heretic*”. The general media now seeks to apply the title of “*fanatic*” to those who hold to the “*Scripture, the only rule of faith and practice*” found in the “*heretic*” definition. In Webster’s time, the sound Christian people were those

who held the Scripture to be the only rule of faith and practice. It was those who departed from that who were defined as “heretics”, in the common sense of understanding the word.

The fanatics were those who left the sound moorings of the Scripture as the only rule of faith and practice, and went into unrestrained physical excesses in their religious practices.

Webster’s definition defended the “*Scripture, the only rule of faith and practice*” as being those of proper and sound behavior, not fanatic.

WATERING DOWN

This is predominantly in the area of specific sins. People don’t feel comfortable perceiving themselves, or being tagged as, “impious, blasphemers, lecherous, lewd, wicked, profane, sacrilegious, smutty, obscene or pornographic”. Due to the societal shift from Biblical Christianity, there has been the erosion of such words.

It is this area of word change that I think to be the most dangerous work of the devil yet. This kind of change helps to blind men and women to the exceeding sinfulness of their sins. When we see we have committed the very crimes detailed in the following words, we stand the chance of truly perceiving our lost state. We may have conducted ourself in a smutty manner with customers at work, but we watered down such behavior as being “joking around”.

Before we go into these words, lets take a quick look at some Scripture:

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

These words to Timothy reflect on this issue. Christians need to be very careful in their choice of words. We need to take care that our speech reflects true purity. When we switch out terms, that truly identify the sinfulness of sin, for words that write off a “sin” as simply a “mistake”, our speech is not reflecting purity. The example of our speech in our very “words” is being unfaithful in the proclamation of God’s words on the issues.

Next, lets note Paul’s words to Titus:

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
Titus 2:6-8

These verses also match Timothy and show the great seriousness our speech should contain. Likewise, watered down terms also reflect a corruptness to the doctrine of holiness and purity. Again, our speech should be specifically “sound”. To go along with those dealing in abortion and call the child an embryo, we assist in their deceitfulness in not seeing the child as a child, according to the Biblical view.

Finally, we have this passage from Ephesians:

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
Ephesians 5:3,4

These verses are quite broad, but

the “*not be once named among you*” is quite strong. That injunction isn’t only applied to the first verse, it is also required of the second verse through the use of the term “*neither*”. Filthiness of speech, foolish talking and jesting are the characteristics of terms such as those I listed of “*impious, blasphemers, lecherous, lewd, wicked, profane, sacrilegious, smutty, obscene or pornographic*”. Most can perceive that easily enough. The problem lies in that most don’t really know what such really is. When we do get a glimpse of their true character, we will cry out like Isaiah did when he found himself in the throne room in heaven:

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Isaiah 6:3-5

Let us begin our journey with these terms:

Impious, a. . . . 1. Irreverent towards the Supreme Being; wanting in veneration for God and his authority; irreligious; profane. The scoffer at God and his authority is *impious*. The profane swearer is *impious*.

2. Irreverent towards God; proceeding from or manifesting a contempt for the Supreme Being; tending to dishonor God or his laws, and bring them into contempt; as an *impious*

deed; *impious* language; *impious* writings.

Whenever we see someone scorning God’s laws, that is “*impiousness*”. When we see a cartoon that cracks a joke in relation to anything that shines back on God, that is *impiousness*. A cartoon that starts with something like “*God in the laboratory...*” or “*Moses as a child*”, is *impious*. As the definition shows, such is irreverent toward God, is irreligious and profane. Until we comprehend the vision that Isaiah received, we will not begin to perceive how utterly sickening such *impiousness* toward the things of God is.

Blasphemy, n. An indignity offered to God by words or writing; reproachful, contemptuous or irreverent words uttered *impiously* against Jehovah.

This follows using that word we just covered. We have seen what “*impiousness*” is, so this background will help to comprehend just how far reaching the crime of “*blasphemy*” goes. If we take pleasure in such cartoons, as I mentioned, we are actually taking pleasure in sheer *blasphemy*. How do you think God views that in those who claim to be His children?

When someone writes something that criticizes God’s Word as untrustworthy, THAT IS BLASPHEMY. It is an indignity aimed directly against His very Words for us. It is similar to mistreating an ambassador from some other country. The mistreatment of him is understood as contempt upon the country he represents. God’s Word is like an ambassador to us to represent the message from His Kingdom. This is serious folks. Many Bible versions today do just that in their footnotes,

if not in the direct text!

When someone mocks the Gospel, that is blasphemy. Isn't it interesting that many who say they think they will get to heaven just fine, who say they are not some really bad person, fit this very definition of "blasphemer"? They say they are not bad, but they openly blaspheme the Gospel. If only they could see and repent.

Profaneness, *n.* Irreverence of sacred things; particularly, the use of language which implies irreverence towards God; taking of God's name in vain.

Profaneness in men is vulgar and odious; in females, is shocking and detestable.

Here we find that impiety again. Clearly the use of that which refers to God, whether it be His clear name of "Yahweh", "Jesus" or even his title of deity being "God", is "profaneness" or "profanity". It is a desecration of that which is "sacred".

Some may think they wouldn't be a robber of a grave or church. They are more decent than that! Think again, if you treat with any irreverence the things of God. This very word applies to you. Note the sentence example Webster included. That which you may have been writing off as not so bad, fits the content of that sentence. Only when we begin to see that such conduct is vulgar, odious, shocking and detestable, will we begin to see just how God views us in such conduct.

Shock, *v. t. . . . 3.* To strike, as with horror or disgust; to cause to recoil, as from something odious or horrible; to offend extremely; to disgust. I was *shocked* at the sight of so much misery. Avoid every thing that can *shock* the feelings of delicacy.

In the previous section we saw "shocking", so I thought it good to take a look at this word here.

It has been the fad for some time for performers to try and introduce something "shocking" to help make them famous. In the general public, we see that mirrored in people always trying to adorn themselves in some sickening, bizarre manner. Now, society has gone so far they are finding it hard to come up with anything else that is "shocking".

Look closely at the definition of this word. People love to be shocking today, but what do we find as the base of being shocking? It is not that which is pleasant and lovely, it is that which is "offensive, disgusting and repulsive to feelings of delicacy". People no longer have any sense of respect for delicate feelings or the pleasant and lovely.

"Shock" is a tag word of this age. The scriptures are very clear in the path Christians are to go:

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

Are things such as death lovely? Why do we see those proclaiming the love of God wearing T-Shirts with symbols of death, blood and the like on them? How is it many "so-called" Christians wear T-Shirts expressing some supposed Christian message as a play on some vulgarity? Those I have seen clearly intended to bring the vulgarity to defile one's mind. They love to shock with such hints of vulgarity while they blaspheme God's

name in saying they are one of His.

Sacred, *a.* . . . 1. Holy; pertaining to God or to his worship; separated from common secular uses and consecrated to God and his service; as a *sacred* place; a *sacred* day; a *sacred* feast; *sacred* service; *sacred* orders.

. . . Secrets of marriage still are *sacred* held. *Dryden.*

We have seen the use of the word “*sacred*”. When something is set aside for God, it is sacred. To treat such things as common, with irreverence, is to defile that which is sacred, or holy. People who use God’s name in vain little consider how great is their offense in the desecration of sacred things. To deal with a word play for jest on ones T-Shirt, like we saw, is the desecration of sacred things. Oh how little we see the vileness of our transgressions.

I included the sentence, in reference to marriage in the definition, for it is common for people to feel they can violate the sacredness of the marriage in such immodest conversation. Just recently I heard a pagan, on the radio, ask a Christian minister and his wife of the most intimate subject. Such a questioning is in clear violation of such sacredness of the marriage. Such are vile beasts that know no shocking bounds!

Sacrilege, *n.* . . . The crime of violating or profaning sacred things; or the alienating to laymen or common purposes what has been appropriated or consecrated to religious persons or uses.

Following “*sacred*”, we have this little used word of “*sacrilege*”. This word denotes the seriousness of violating sacred things. Little do many consider that such violation

is the great crime of sacrilege. How many think they are perfectly decent and will find no condemnation from God, who commit open sacrilege. If you have forgotten some examples “*sacred*” can apply to, remember that in the definition of sacred: “as a *sacred* place; a *sacred* day; a *sacred* feast; *sacred* service; *sacred* orders.”

Though I do not hold to “orders” such as one might find in the Roman Catholic Church, we see this special care to be taken towards elders mentioned in Timothy:

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. *1 Timothy 5:19*

Smutty, *a.* 3. Obscene; not modest or pure; as *smutty* language.

I have heard people who call themselves “Christians” carrying on immodest and impure conversation. Maybe they write it off as “*jesting*”, which we saw the warning about, but I say to call it most seriously by the proper names. Such conversation is “*smutty and obscene*”. As we saw earlier, it shouldn’t once be found among those professing the name of Christ.

Obscene, *a.* . . . Offensive to chastity and delicacy; impure; expressing or presenting to the mind or view something which delicacy, purity and decency forbid to be exposed; as *obscene* language, *obscene* pictures.

We’ve seen “*obscene*”, but now it is time to see its definition. That which is “*obscene*” is offensive. Some may question as to who’s standards of “*offensive*”. That little detail isn’t left in the dark. The standards of chastity, which is purity in sexual conduct, and delicacy. I have seen this violated

to great extremes, but also such violations come when people want to pretend purity, so make references to some offensive thing in an off-handed manner. What hypocrisy! If their conversation or conduct is intended to put that offensive image or word into your mind, *they are being obscene*.

In the Webster's dictionary of 1828, they didn't have the word "pornography" yet. If it was "*obscene*" it was what we would understand as "*pornographic*" by that more recent term. Take a look at the definition of "*pornography*" found in the Webster's 1946 dictionary:

Pornography: Obscene or licentious writing or painting obscene - 1. Foul, disgusting. 2. Offensive to chastity or to modesty; lewd.

As you may have noticed, pornography is not just what some would rate as XXX movies. Look carefully at the definition of "*obscene*" and "*pornography*". Wouldn't that picture of the female in the bikini next to the car fulfil the definition? You can't tell me that female is modestly dressed! Let's take this one step further, what about the bathing suit worn to some public beach or swimming pool? Is it any less immodest than the female in the car photo? Yet once more, what about the bathing suit the man is wearing, or the bicyclist spandex outfits? Pornographic, or obscene clothing of immodest design abounds on those professing Christianity. There are even churches that have their own bicycle clubs. If you attend such a church, I must ask you, "Is pornographic attire banned and condemned there?"

Lecherousness, *n* Lust, or strong propensity to indulge the sexual appetite.

If you have heard the statistics of those addicted to pornography entering Bible Colleges, you would realize this is a major problem. In this age of the internet and video tapes, this has become a major drug of addiction. This word of "*lecherousness*" needs to be remembered. Few would face the accusation of being a lecher, but if you have fallen prey to the pornographic industry, you have become a lecher. Don't whitewash it with more pleasing sounding terms. Don't excuse it, don't join The 12-Step Club of Lechers. Face the charge, repent and cry before God for deliverance. After that, FLEE! AVOID all areas of temptation. If so be, stay off the internet, stay out of the video stores, stay out of the shopping centers where it is unashamedly displayed. Nothing is worth your soul. Flee it like you would leprosy!

Lewd, *a.* . . . 1. Given to the unlawful indulgence of lust; addicted to fornication or adultery; dissolute; lustful; libidinous. Ezek. xxiii.
3. Wicked; vile; profligate; licentious. Acts xvii.

Under "*pornography*" we saw "*lewd*". So here is the meaning of that word. As Jesus said:

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Matthew 5:27,28

Those who do such, fit the definition of "*lewd*". You don't have to be some

dirty old man who sneaks down to the XXX movie theater to meet this definition. Do you get pornographic magazines? Do you get the girly sports calendars? Do you wear T-Shirts showing scantily clad, or outright naked, people on them? This is the meaning of being “*lewd*”.

The definition makes the clear categorization of being “*wicked*”. In this definition, we have also seen “*unlawful*”, which raises the question of, “Whose law?”. If the state doesn’t make it illegal, is it then no longer *lewd*? With those thoughts, let’s take a look at the definitions of “*law*” and “*wicked*”:

Law, n. Under 1. ..The *laws* which enjoin the duties of piety and morality, are prescribed by God and found in the Scriptures.

There are many types of law, but this one point should suffice to answer the question of “Whose law?” It is the law of God’s Word we are accountable to. It is just like the sodomite marriage issue. Even if the state “*legalizes*” such under the name of “*marriage*”, it cannot alter what God tells us is wickedness. God made the law of marriage, none has the authority to alter it. No matter what a state says, it will always be unlawful.

The other term in question was *wicked*:

Wicked, a. [Sw. *vika*, to decline, to err, to deviate, also to fold; Sax. *wican*, to recede, to slide, to fall away; *wicelian*, to *vacillate*, to stumble. It seems to be connected in origin with *wag*, and Sax. *wicca*, witch. The primary sense is to wind and turn, or to depart, to fall away.]

1. Evil in principal or practice; deviating from the divine law;

addicted to vice; sinful; immoral. This is a word of comprehensive signification, extending to every thing that is contrary to the moral law, and both to persons and actions. We say, a *wicked* man, a *wicked* deed, *wicked* ways, *wicked* lives, a *wicked* heart, *wicked* designs, *wicked* works.

3. Cursed; baneful; pernicious; as *wicked* words, words pernicious in their effects. *Obs.* [This last signification may throw some light on the word *witch*.]

Witch, n. [Sax. *wicca*. See *Wicked*.] A woman who by compact with the devil, practices sorcery or enchantment.

I appreciate that part of the definition of *wicked* where we see, “deviating from the divine law”. We have looked a lot at the varying forms in which people deviate from the divine law. All such is group classified as “*wicked*”.

Not all *wickedness* is punishable by civil authorities, but all *wickedness* is a deviation from God’s law. Some may think they will stand fine before God since they haven’t murdered, or committed some criminal violation. They aren’t in jail! Ah, according to God’s Word, *wickedness* is also found in coveting something of your neighbor. No man is arrested for simply coveting, yet such is “*wicked*” in deviating from the divine law.

7 *When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.*

Proverbs 11:7

The *wicked* may be holding a false confidence of eternal bliss in heaven, but that simple expectation will vanish in the day of his death. It is

a false confidence that did not deal with the wickedness. Consider also that even if someone professes to be a “Christian”, that confidence in some prayer will prove false, if they die in their unrepentant wickedness. What wickedness? I think we have had a pretty good overview in just perusing these words that other wicked men have done their best to alter.

Following the word “*wicked*”, I have included the word for “*witch*” because it is the same root word. The movement of witchcraft, that is rampant now, in part due to such as the “Harry Potter”[®] series, prefers to go by the name of “*Wicca*”. Undoubtedly, they prefer this name since such has less stigma to its sound. Another word swap of the age. Pay attention to its real meaning, though. Even that more innocuous sounding word of “*Wicca*”, is really the base of our word for wicked. Also, when a “*Wiccan*” tells you they are not dealing with the devil, don’t believe them!

COMPLETE SWITCHOVERS

We saw Isaiah talking about switching good for evil and evil for good. We are seeing that take place as clear as day. The term “*voluntary service*” has recently made its debut in the news for “*impress, inthrall*” in upcoming government training camps for all Americans. Oh, sorry, they decided to use the word “*campuses*”, my mistake.

We see “*bad, wicked and evil*” used for “*good*”. How blatant a switch can you get! If that isn’t “*bad*” enough, and I mean “*bad*”, we now find “*decadent*” and “*sinful*” to indicate “*extremely good*”. Definitely appealing to a “*decadent*” society, and I mean “*decadent*”!

Maybe here, I have saved the worst for last. Though so common and little

thought about, “*Mother Nature*” takes the place of “*Father God*”. If you think this might be a stretch, consider the news reports of natural disasters, such as a hurricane. The reporters never consider God the Father is ultimately in control and He has His reasons for such happenings. That thought could make the public squirm a little. It is so much easier to talk of Mother Nature, who never acts as the Judge of wicked men.

Mother Nature is not found in the 1828 Webster’s, but is come into common usage rather recently. In the Mirriam Webster’s of 2009, we find this definition:

Mother Nature: *n.* Nature personified as a woman considered as a source and guiding force of creation.

Why would we want to make reference to her? It is God who is the “guiding force of creation”.

SOME ASSORTED ODDS AND ENDS

I’m sure there are quite a few more, but here are just a few more I thought worth mentioning in this “War of Words”.

We have been so inundated with “evolutionary” propaganda, that a definite confusion has been created in the minds of the people. As you go over the mountain range in Wyoming’s Big Horn Mountains, you will see tax-payer funded signs pointing to different strata of rock, giving it a name and age of “millions of years”, as if this is based on proven fact. Folks, those dates are based on evolutionary theory. Those dates are lies. The signs, however, present their ages as if they were proven fact. We constantly see “*theory*” passed off as “*fact*”.

Another significant change, is found in words that have been just dropped from the language. If you have done genealogical research, you might have seen the prominence of the term “legitimate” and “illegitimate” in the birth records. Since such “illegitimacy” is becoming an increasingly larger portion of society, that was one uncomfortable term they would want dropped. It casts a stigma on fornication and adultery. There was even a “Christmas” special, that won awards, whose message was the acceptance of illegitimacy and the condemnation of those who frowned upon such.

The term “mistress” has been reassigned to racy novels. Now, when some man lives with some woman out of wedlock, they refer to their “mistress” as their “significant other” or “live-in girlfriend”.

Not far from Cheyenne, there is what is called a “Gentlemen’s Club”. They try and distinguish what is literally a house of lewd conduct, with a refined name of nobility. Truly, such is really another form of a “brothel” and the customers are no less than “brothelers”.

In that same vein, we find the term “carouse” has been dropped for heavy drinkers. Though alcoholism is still frowned upon, you would seldom see those who get drunk at the company party referred to as “carousers”.

Even the medical industry has joined the bandwagon. The Biblical disease of “leprosy” has been replaced with “Hansen’s Disease”.

Finally, this changing of words is not new to our age. There has always been this “War of Words”. I found the tell-tale marks in the old Webster’s Dictionary. According to the changing face of society in Webster’s time, I found the term, “Freethinker”. This

was undoubtedly put forth by the people in that class. It was a term for “Deist; an unbeliever; one who discards revelation”. “Freethinking” was given for “Unbelief”. We see the same name change game amongst the “Mormons”. They call themselves the “Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ”. Seeing the claims of their own chosen name is not the case, such a name is actually blasphemous. None the less, such a name game is all too common.

LEARNED SPEECH

We learn speech much like anything else. As toddlers we learned a few words. As we grew, we built upon those few words. We no longer had to think about those earlier words, we communicated the older words by habit. We become fluent in speech through that very technique of use by habit. When we realize we are using the “politically” sanitized words, we will also realize we use those words by habit. To use the words of true meaning will mean a concerted effort to relearn correct speech. To correctly refer to the “Pro Abortionists” instead of the “Pro Choice” may take some training usage, but the seriousness of the crime makes it worth using the proper names. Just like it is inappropriate to cater to the blasphemous claim “Latter Day Saints”, we must train ourselves to use at least a none blasphemous name such as “Mormons”.

IMPORTANCE OF WORDS ACCORDING TO JESUS

I thought one last verse of scripture to be a good ending place for meditation. In Matthew we find:

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:34-37

A BRIEF WORD TO UNBELIEVERS

After hearing this message, maybe you have come to see the situation doesn't look so good between you and God. If you realize you need to get on the path of life, the answer is quite simple. Such conviction is a sign of hope. God has been working upon your conscience and heart to bring you to repentance and a surrender to Him. He has provided for your need, so you can stand before Him in holiness and righteousness. Christ Jesus paid the price and stands in the gap to cleanse you from your iniquity. Look to Jesus as your hope for that life! He is indeed willing to have you as one of His own. The answer is to repent and believe upon Jesus for your very salvation. The life of following Him as your new Lord, is not an easy one, but His provision of ability will bring you through in a faithful life with Him.

You may think, "What's in it for

me?" Indeed, there is much in many ways, but first you should consider it will deliver your soul from an eternity of suffering in the Lake of Fire. That is a terror of unimaginable proportion! We will all have to stand before a Judge who will judge in righteousness. He cannot judge in any other manner, or He Himself would be wicked. He is merciful, but that mercy is not unconditional. He has paid a great price in the sacrifice of His Son for us. If we harden our hearts against Him, His mercy cannot be granted to us in the judgment of our iniquities. Truly, this may be the last opportunity you have. You may sense conviction now, but if you harden your heart to delay repentance and faith in Christ, there is no promise you will ever have the opportunity to see your wickedness as you do right now. Now may be your last chance. Don't risk your eternal soul:

34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. *Mark 8:34-38*



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