

There Is No Wisdom In Sin

This worldly society divides humans into two classes, the stupid good people and the clever wicked people.

This false classification runs through much of the literature of the last few centuries, from the classics to the comic strips.

In the Holy scriptures, the Christian Bible, things are quite the opposite.

There, righteousness is always associated with true wisdom and evil is shown to be stupid.

Whatever other factors may be present in an act of wrongdoing, folly is one that is never absent.

To sin, a person must for a moment think foolishly, they must exercise bad judgement.

Ezekiel 28:11-15 [NIV] *“The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **“You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.”**”*

The king of Tyrus is symbolic of Satan who was created by God to be “full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”

He had everything going for him to become a great success.

Satan was one of the cherubs that were at the very throne of the Creator God.

Ezekiel 28:16-17 [NIV] *“Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. **Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour.** So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.”*

But sin, the result of pride, brought all this opportunity and glory to an end.

What foolish decision did Satan make to cause this opportunity destroying sin?

Isaiah 14:12-15 [NIV] *“How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. **I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.**” But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.”*

Satan is creation’s prime fool, for he gambled on his ability to unseat the almighty Creator God.

He was guilty of an act of judgement so bad as to be imbecilic.

Satan was created with a great amount of wisdom, but his wisdom must have deserted him at the time of this first sin.

Surely he grossly underestimated the power of God, the very Being who had created him, and has grossly overestimated his own power and ability.

Genesis 3:1 [NIV] *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”*”

The devil is **not** now pictured in scripture as wise, but only as crafty, a deceiver.

James 4:7-8 [NIV] *“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

We are warned to resist this deception.

Sin is always an act of wrong judgement lacking true wisdom.

To commit a sin a person must always for a moment believe that things are different from what they really are.

The sinning person must have confounded values, and seen the moral universe out of focus.

Genesis 3:2-6 [NIV] *“The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”*

Just like Adam and Eve, any person who sins must accept a lie as if it was the truth and ignore all the warnings that God has given them in His Word, the Christian Bible.

2 Corinthians 5:10 [NIV] *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”*

The person who sins acts as if they will never be accountable for the moral choices they make.

Sin is never a thing to be proud of or to boast about.

Any act or decision that ignores the consequences is foolish, **not** wise.

Sin sees only today, not the future.

Romans 6:23 [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Judgement and eternal death are pushed aside in the mind of a person who sins, just as if they did not exist.

The sinning person for a time becomes a practicing atheist, who by their act denies not only the existence of the eternal Creator God but also denies any concept of life after physical death.

Anyone who considers a careless sinner as smart and the serious-minded Christian, though well intentioned, is stupid, is themselves out of touch with reality.

We Christians must stop apologising for our moral position and start to make our voices heard.

We must start exposing sin as the enemy of the human race.

We must set forth righteousness and true holiness as the only worthy pursuits for moral human beings who have any hope of an eternal future.

Proverbs 16:31 [NIV] *“Grey hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained by a righteous life.”*

If grey hairs are a crown of splendour when found on a righteous person, then a fool’s cap and bells are found to crown one who lives a life of sin.

An old sinner is an awesome and very frightening spectacle.

One feels about such a lifetime sinner as we feel about a condemned person on the way to the gallows.

A sense of numb terror and shock fills the heart and mind.

The knowledge that this condemned person was once the pride and joy of their parents when young, only heightens the feeling, and knowledge that this aged rebel is now beyond reclamation.

I believe, among many other thinking people, that our Western civilisation is on its way to perishing.

It has many commendable qualities, most of which it has borrowed from the Christian ethic, but it lacks the element of moral wisdom that would give it permanence.

Future historians will record this as a period of time that had intelligence enough to create a great civilisation but **not** the moral wisdom to preserve it.