

forth from simple words. An improper translation and understanding of these simple words would lead to an improper foundation, would it not? Does it matter at all for those who simply seek political power, and not proper government that ensures protections for an individuals' unalienable God given rights of life, liberty, and private property?

So what of human nature-*phusis*? Is it "sinful", "fallen", and inherently "depraved"? For whatever it may be worth to the camps, nowhere in scripture is the word *phusis*, or any of its derivatives, used in any relation to "sinful", "fallen", "depraved", or any of the other negatives that may be found in the aforementioned orthodoxies. As you can see for yourself in this listing of all the usages of *phusis* in the Greek NT scriptures:

Ro.1:26 Therefore God gives them over to dishonorable passions. For their females, besides, alter the natural use into that which is beside nature

Ro.2:14 For whenever they of the nations that have no law, by nature may be doing that which the law demands, these, having no law, are a law to themselves,

Ro.2:27 And the Uncircumcision who, by nature, are discharging the law's demands, shall be judging you, who through letter and circumcision, are a transgressor of law.

Ro.11:24 For if you were hewn out of an olive wild by nature, and, beside nature, are grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much rather shall these, who are in accord with nature, be grafted into their own olive tree!

1Co.11:14 Is not even nature itself teaching you that if a man, indeed, should have tresses, it is a dishonor to him,

Ga.2:15 We, who by nature are Jews, and not sinners of the nations

Ga.4:8 But then, indeed, having no perception of God, you were slaves of those who, by nature, are not gods.

Eph.2:3 (among whom we also all behaved ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the will of the flesh and of the comprehension, and were, in our nature, children of indignation, even as the rest)

2Pe.1:4 through which have been presented to us the precious and greatest promises, that through these you may become participants of the divine nature, fleeing from the corruption which is in the world by lust.

Here also is a listing of all the occurrences of the adjective form *psuchikon*:

Ro.1:26 Therefore God gives them over to dishonorable passions. For their females, besides, alter the natural use into that which is beside nature

Ro.1:27 Likewise also the males, besides, leaving the natural use of the female, were inflamed in their craving for one another, males with males effecting indecency, and getting back in themselves the retribution of their deception which must be.

Ro.1:27 And according as they do not test God, to have Him in recognition, God gives them over to a disqualified mind, to do that which is not befitting,..unintelligent, perfidious, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful...

Ro.11:21 For if God spares not the natural boughs, neither will He be sparing you

2Ti.3:3 Now this know, that in the last days perilous periods will be present...for men will be selfish...without natural affection, implacable, adversaries, uncontrollable, fierce, averse to the good

Is there anything here that proves that scripture is adamant on the point that human nature is "inherently fallen, sinful. and depraved"? **Ro.1:26** speaks of "dishonorable passions", but these homosexual passions are seen as "altering" the NATURAL, not as being the sinful NATURAL state of humanity. These passions are said to be "beside NATURE", that is, opposed to human nature. **Ro.2:14** speaks of the humans of the nations that are unaware of Yahweh's law given to the nation of Israel, that they are somehow "by NATURE doing that which the law demands". This verse is pivota. Anything that accords with Yahweh's law surely would not be viewed by Him as "inherently fallen, sinful, and depraved". It would be rather the opposite. Here we have the humans of these nations, by means of their HUMAN NATURE, doing something quite sinless and undepraved. It is said that though they had no knowledge of Yahweh's law, by their HUMAN

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