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**‘UPSIDE-DOWN HUMANITY’**

**Isaiah 29:10-16**

The Lord calls man’s willful ignorance and rebellion toward Him “your turning of things upside down” ...

**1. UPSIDE-DOWN BEHAVIORS (v.16a)**

 \* Murdering innocent children \* Worshipping the devil, occultism

 \* Trafficking and enslaving powerless people \* Crushing / cancelling honest differences of opinion

 \* Confusing binary genders \* Perverting human sexual relations

 \* Using two standards of justice \* Punishing the innocent and acquitting the guilty

 \* Cheating and lying-in public interactions \* Glorifying violence and conflict

 \* Hurting the ones who love us \* Making speech vulgar instead of inspiring

 \* Spending money with no future thought \* Giving promises with no intent to honor them

 To name a few...

 PERSONAL PATH -

 **Proverbs 16:25** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. NKJV

 PUBLIC POLICTY -

 **Esther 3:15** The couriers went out, hastened by the king’s command; and the decree was proclaimed

 in Shushan the citadel. So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was

 perplexed. NKJV

 **Proverbs 29:2** When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules,

 the people groan. NKJV

**2. UPSIDE-DOWN VALUES (V.10-12)**

The Bible becomes a “closed book”

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16** **But** the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they

are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who

is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind

of the **Lord** that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ. NKJV

 The mind is darkened, the soul is deadened

**Ephesians 4:17-18** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the

rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being

alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of

their heart; NKJV

 The heart is hardened

 **Ephesians 4:19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all

 uncleanness with greediness. NKJV

 The values are reversed – “Who switched the price tags?”

**Isaiah 5:20-21** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light

for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to *those* who are wise in their

own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! NKJV

**Romans 1:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to

a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; NKJV

**3. UPSIDE-DOWN BELIEFS (V.13-15)**

 LOST People invert Reality (v.14-15)

 Man replaces God – v.16b

 Wrong replaces Right

 Self replaces Society

 Today replaces Eternity

 LORD’S People invert their Relationship (v.13)

 Words and habits replace Heart Surrender

 Regulation of laws replace Relationship of Love

**4. GOD’S RIGHTSIDE-UP [RIGHTEOUS] RESPONSE**

 Holy justice (v. 9,15,20)

 Mercy and grace (v.14, 18-19)

 ... “TURN OR BURN”