

The Nature of Man is to Destroy

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“... you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ...”
Genesis 2:17

This well known story about Adam and Eve being cast out of the Garden of Eden was the transformation of mankind from knowing only good to knowing good and evil. The story sets the stage for the history of mankind to “destroy” whatever he touches.

In looking at the history of mankind through the millennia we really see a story of destruction rather than progress.

Since the ejection of Adam and Eve, we have been on a pathway of destruction. Let's look at some examples.

To prepare a field for wheat, it must first be cleared, tilled, seeds planted, the grain harvested, and then tilled again for the next harvest. From the initial clearing through the harvesting and replanting, the field is destroyed over and over.

When building shelters, the materials used (bricks and lumber) come from areas that have been destroyed in order to make the materials. To make the bricks, land is made unusable for food production and forests are destroyed in many ways (consider the deforestation of the Amazon forests).

The creation and manufacturing of new products destroys our environment (air, water, and land) in many different ways. In some cases the effects are known almost immediately but the long-term effects are unknown. Consider the impact of many products that have been replaced by newer ones. We are just now realizing the effects that plastic containers have on bottled water. Not only do they affect the body but also the land and seas.

In other words, as we build in the name of progress, we destroy that which we leave behind. New technologies have left behind a myriad of old technologies that clutter our homes, landfills, and oceans. In 1942, Joseph Schumpeter coined the term “creative destruction” in an article on economics. What an apt term describing lost jobs, failing businesses and collapsing social structures.

It is pure conceit to believe that everything we do is in the name of progress, regardless of whether it is political, economical, or socially, when in fact. It is destruction.

Throughout the Bible, and historically checked, we read incident after incident of destruction. In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, there is much destruction. The most significant being:

- Adam and Eve eating forbidden fruit –removal of the Tree of Life from earth
- Cain killing his brother Able – destruction of life
- Israelites fleeing Egypt – Pharaoh’s army destroyed by the Red Sea
- The earth corrupt in God’s sight – the earth was flooded and cleansed
- Grievous sinful ways of a people – Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed

Fast forward to the 20th century and we find the beginnings of weapons for mass destruction. These weapons were touted as innovative and progressive for their respective owners. The concept was that they would save lives by destroying those of the enemy. Long after the ending of a conflict, many of these weapons would continue to take a toll on human life for both sides of the conflicts.

As we moved into the 21st century we were hit with an explosion of technology, political turmoil, and social immorality and impropriety. The movements in these areas have endangered or destroyed many aspects of daily life. They have caused us to wonder if we are now living in **The End Times**.

In recent decades we have seen increased and more severe atmospheric, geologic, and, ecological changes, along with political, economic and social changes, all of which appear apocalyptic in nature. Some pundits believe we need a great reset, a one world government and a new world order. The Bible does mention that there would be a one world order and that earth will be remade.

The climate change narrative attests to man’s proclivity to destroy. This narrative destroys on two fronts. First it destroys our fossil fuel industry and has essentially depleted our oil reserves, making our nation dependent on other nations including our enemies for energy. Second it destroys our environment – air, water and land – by creating alternative so-called “green” energy. To create these alternatives, man has to take from the earth which causes more destruction. Study after study discusses the environmental destruction of land, air and water. All one needs to do is look at the impact of making batteries for EV cars and/or the negative impact of wind turbine farms on birds and sea life.

There are more than 50 Bible verses on taking care of the earth. In Genesis 1 God gave man dominion over all of the earth. Numbers 35 directs man not to pollute the land. And in Revelation 21, we are told that the Lord will destroy and remake the earth and make all things new. In the same chapter, those who have done evil and have violated the commandments will no longer exist on the earth.

In other words as we continue to destroy, we will bring about not only the destruction of earth but also those who have carried out destructive acts.

“The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the heavens languish with the earth. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.”

Isaiah 24:4-5

“And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.”

Jeremiah 2:7

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.”

Revelation 21:1

“And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.’”

Revelation 21:6