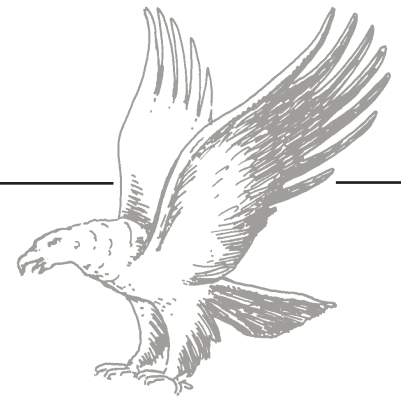


# Wings

*“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.”  
Isaiah 40:31*



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## Suppressing the Truth

The alarming descent of our culture into bizarre behavior is not mere chaos. It is the deliberate rejection of a divine natural order, a rejection that will have a devastating impact on society's future.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them” (Rom. 1:18-19).*



In these few words, Paul summarizes the problem that is destroying Western culture. It is not that people are ignorant of the truth; it's that they choose to *suppress* the truth they know.

How else can we explain some of the crazy headlines of recent months? Marriage is now defined as whoever loves each other (soon not to be limited to two people, either). Young women are brainwashed by their older feminist sisters to embrace a lifestyle of sexual liberation—but also to shout “Rape!” if a man so much as looks at them the wrong way. Bruce Jenner decides he is not a man but a woman. Lily-white Rachel Dolezal self-identifies as a black.

The common element in all these developments is a deliberate rejection of the most basic elements of our nature:

gender, sexuality, race. These traits are embedded in our very DNA, and to deny them is to deny our identity. Previous generations had no problem recognizing these traits, along with the moral rules and/or cultural etiquette that governed them. This generation is hell-bent on repudiating all of it, whatever the cost.

We must understand what is going on here: *People are twisting reality to fit their lives, rather than ordering their lives to fit reality.* It is not enough for them merely not to accept the truth; they want to *suppress* it—they want to stomp on it, defile it, abuse it, spit on it in every conceivable way in order to establish their absolute rejection of it.

Furthermore, this suppression does not end with their personal choices. They are determined to force this new understanding upon all of society; *everyone* is required to embrace these new definitions of normal—or else!

Paul points to the consequences of this rejection of the truth using the present tense: “the wrath of God *is* revealed” (not *will be*). That is, the consequences of distorting the truth are experienced

here in this life. When people will not accept the most basic elements of their nature, how can they avoid inflicting grave injury upon themselves and others? The social, emotional, legal, economic, and moral repercussions from these efforts to redefine reality are already being felt in our society. And the process is just getting started.

The solution to this crisis is not lobbying the government to pass more laws. Instead, Paul lays out the answer in the rest of Romans: it's *the gospel*. Our task is to teach people about God and Christ and the life of redemption. To the extent that people can understand that message, their broken hearts and minds can be healed and their lives can be restored. There is no alternative.

But what if people refuse to accept God's solution, and continue their mad descent into denial? The result is inevitable: society will eventually collapse in a self-inflicted catastrophe. But somewhere down the road, the survivors will build a new society from the ashes, based on a renewed respect for the truth—the truth that was there all along.

– David King