

The Man Without Mixture

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The God without Mixture

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

The Christ without Mixture

Christ . . . who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth . . .

1 Peter 2:22

The Apostle without Mixture

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:9) . . . Therefore I urge you, imitate me (1 Corinthians 4:16) . . . Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. (Philippians 3:17) . . . Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

The Christian without Mixture

Keep thyself pure.

1 Timothy 5:22

Purity

Unmixed, clear and separate from foreign matter, freed from anything of a different nature; not intermingled with anything unlike or dissimilar.

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1 Timothy 5:22

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;** and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

But How Can I Know What is “Foreign Matter” and that which is “Of a Different Nature,” and that which is “Unlike or Dissimilar?”

And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 44:23

. . . And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean . . .

Leviticus 10:10

The Foreign Fire (That which is Strange, Opposite, Different, Unlike, Dissimilar, and Alien)

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered **strange fire** before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Leviticus 10:1-2

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

Ezekiel 22:26

A Short List of Foreign Fires

When the Real Fire is Replaced with a False Burning Desire

Ye shall offer no strange incense . . .

Exodus 30:9

- **Addiction** - when you cannot do without a particular substance, a thing, or an activity
- **Obsession** - when the mind cannot think of anything but a particular person, substance, thing, or activity
- **Over-Fascination** - when the mind is pre-occupied with every detail, piece of information, and trivial fact regarding a particular person, substance, thing, or activity
- **Lust** - when a desire for a particular person, substance, thing, or activity is so strong that a person is willing to harm others in order to gain and satisfy that desire

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints . . .

Ephesians 5:3

But (all false fires), let (them) not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints . . .

Ephesians 5:3

Marshmallows

Goey, Sticky, Sugary Allurement. That which clogs the arteries. That which stops the heart. The enemy of health, the great opponent of life; the wages of which are death (a.k.a. - Sin).

The Anatomy of Innocence

The Ignorance of Marshmallows

If . . .

I don't know what a marshmallow is

If . . .

I don't even know marshmallows exist

Then . . .

I will have absolutely no interest in marshmallows and no temptation to obtain one

Thus . . .

I cannot be harmed by their sugary powers and will not be under their spell

The Anatomy of Sin

to Know the Sweet Allure of Marshmallows and their Artery-Clogging Danger, and yet Still Eat Them

If . . .

I find out about the allure of marshmallows

If . . .

I find out that marshmallows clog your arteries and ultimately kill you

Then . . .

I must stay away from them

But . . .

What if I just can't seem to stop myself from reaching into the bag and sticking that gooey, sticky, sugary allurements into my mouth?

Hmmm . . .

then I will die

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, **to him it is sin.**

James 4:17

The Anatomy of Purity

To Know the Power of Marshmallows and still to say “No!” to their Enchantments

The Purity Pop-Quiz

Is it okay to have one accidental impure thought?

- Is it okay to look twice at something that you know is bait for a foreign fire?
- Is it okay to have moments of less guardedness - times when it's okay to flirt with foreign fire?
- Is it okay to set down your guard during your dreams?
- Is there any moment of your life that is to be excluded from the absolute necessity of purity?
- Do you believe you are a victim to foreign fire?
- Do you believe that there is actually a solution to addictions, obsessions, over-fascinations, and lusts?
- If so, what would you be willing to do in order to access that solution?

Foreign Fire Comes Cheap

- Top Ramen - 5 for \$1.00
- Addiction - Ruin your life with one injection

- Obsession - Destroy your soul with one look
- Lust - Get a free ride to Hell with only one fling

The Cost for Real Fire

It's way beyond what we can afford

- How much strength does it take to halt impure thoughts?
- How much strength does it take to flee the magnetic pull into sin?
- How much strength does it take to look away when enticed?
- How much righteousness does it take to offer the real thing (The Holy Fire)?

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

Real Purity

The Man without Mixture Must Make The Exchange

- God will give you the courage, but will you accept the cost? For it likely may cost you your life? (Remember the Three Boys in Babylon? Remember Peter's Death?)
- God will supply you the strength, but will you receive the persecution? For it likely will lead to the world rejecting you, and casting you out. (Remember Athanasius? Remember Richard Wurmbrand?)
- God will provide you the Holy fire, but will you embrace the scorn that is certain to come with it? (Remember David the Shepherd boy?)

So, How Do I Get this Holy Fire?

Unlocking the Secret to Purity

The Secret

A Sweeter Song and a Strong Stand

The Sweeter Song

The “Something Better” that we all know is out there

Which Lens are You Looking Through?

The Earthly Lens or the Heavenly one?

- The Palace or the Cave? You Pick Your Residence
- The Phylacteries or the Leathern Girdle? You Pick your Clothing
- The Pleasures of the Moment or the Pleasures only gained through Patient Endurance? You Pick your Pleasure Source
- The Applause of this World or the Applause of Heaven? You Pick Your Audience
- The Fires of Hell or the Everlasting Joys of Heaven? You Pick your Destiny
- The Old Man or THE Man? You Pick Your Beloved

Why Would Anyone Ever Choose a Cave?

Purity is not merely the absence of the bad; it's the exclusive presence of the Perfect

The Secret

A Sweeter Song and a Strong Stand

The Strong Stand

Accessing a heavenly strength that is not your own

Purity Involves Judgment

- **Heile** - The Sun's Rays, The Light of the Sun, The Light of God's Word, The Light of Truth
- **Krinō** - To judge; to decide with governing authority, to oversee and arbitrate what is truth and what is error, to bring finality of judgment; to determine punishment and sentence based on revealed evidence

Heile + Krinō = HeileKrinōs

- *To Be Judged, Examined, Inspected by the Light of God's Word*
- *To Judge, Examine, and Inspect using the Light of God's Word*

Eilikrinēs - Ay-lee-kray-nay-s

Pure, sincere, and unsullied; found pure when unfolded and examined by the sun's light. Without mixture, clear, and separated from foreign matter, freed from anything of a different nature; not intermingled with anything unlike or dissimilar.

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; **that ye may be eilikrinēs** and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your **eilikrinēs** minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior . . .

2 Peter 3:1-2

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up (agitate the waters, awaken, arouse) your pure (**eilikrinēs**) minds (way of thinking) by way of remembrance (by reminding you): That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior . . .

2 Peter 3:1-2

The Eric Edition

I am writing this second epistle, beloved, so that I can rouse you once again to judge, examine, and inspect, by the Light of God's Word, everything that attempts to come into your mind. I will continue to press this point over and over again, that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior . . .

2 Peter 3:1-2 (*paraphrased*)

Dramatically Shifting Direction

A Study in the Manliness of Phinehas the Priest

The Time Period: Israel is in the Wilderness and has not yet entered the Land of Promise.

The Grave Situation: Israel has gone headlong after Foreign Fire. They have turned their back on God and have begun to bring in disgusting mixture into Israel, worshipping the false God Baal and even joining themselves to him through sacrifice. As a result, the people of Israel are dying by the droves - in fact, at the time of this story, 24,000 have died due to this decision to bring Foreign Fires into the camp.

The Moment of Decision: Will someone in Israel stand up? Is there a man in Israel who cares? Will the life of Israel be completely swallowed up before sanity returns and the purity is once again brought back to the people? Introducing Phinehas the Priest . . .

Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

Psalm 106:30-31

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And **when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;** And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children

of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

Numbers 25:1-14

The Return of the Judges

Men that have a vision for what Israel ought to be and are willing to do whatever it takes to see it become that way once again

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

2 Corinthians 10:5

To Dramatically Shift Direction

Judgment Must be Executed

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Psalm 106:30-31

The First Places for Judgment

Heile + Krinō = Executing Judgment by the Light of God's Word

- The Word of God in Text
- The Word of God in Person
- The Cross
- Your Position in Christ
- Your Present-Tense Relationship with Foreign Fire

The Function of Purity

To Stand in the Gap

`Amad Perets

`Amad - ä·mad'

To stand immovable, to rise implacable, to position oneself to endure the harshest winds, to march forward and persist in the darkest hour, to keep swinging the sword and remain steadfast though all seems lost, to stand unflinching when the arrows fly, to plant your feet in the soil of danger and set your jaw for battle.

Perets - Peh'·rets

The breach of vulnerability, a gap of exposure, a chink in the armor, the broken wall through which Hell's minions fly.

`Amad Perets!

- To Prove Yourself a Man in the Harrowing Gap
- To stand Immovable and Implacable in the midst of the Hazardous Breach
- To Plant your feet in the Way of Peril in order to stop the onrush of Hell's Minions
- To pull a Phinehas

Made Strong

To fill the gap

Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

Psalm 106:30

Keep thyself pure.

1 Timothy 5:22

Keep thyself a man without any mixture, a man with sword drawn and ready to defend, a man with a jaw locked and determined to remain above reproach, a man that chooses his Beloved King over all other possible worldly allurements.

1 Timothy 5:22
(Eric Amplified)

The Field of Barley and Lentils

The place of the Sweeter Song and the Strong Stand