

**Romans 018**

**“Heathenism”**

*Rms 1:20; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet 2:20-22; Acts 17:18-27*

And yet, as we’ve seen, God’s fingerprints are all over His creation and few consider the evidence.

**Free will of man:**

He is able to act independently of God, because God, in His sovereignty, gave man volition.

**Justice means God cannot render a bad judgment.**

**Omniscience:** God is cognizant of all people simultaneously and He knows what everyone is thinking.

**If man rejects God (at the point of God-consciousness) then God has no responsibility to present the Gospel to him.**

**Result:** He is judged on the basis of negative reaction, no desire to have relationship with Jesus Christ.

The essence of God is real and invisible.

The attributes of deity are clearly perceived so that all members of the human race have no excuse in their defense before the justice of God.

Aristotle developed the concept of the unmoved mover "that which moves without being moved" or the prime mover as a primary cause or “mover” of all the motion in the universe.

Heathenism is not a synonymous term with an aboriginal group of people or culture in any one specific geographical area.

**If you start with light (positive response at God-consciousness) you can have the light of the Gospel presented to you.**

**If you reject light (negative reaction at God-consciousness) your mind is darkened.**

Heathenism is the result of negative attitude either at God consciousness or Gospel hearing or sometimes both.

Heathen are heathen not because the Gospel has never been presented in their geographical area, but because they were negative at God consciousness and again at Gospel hearing.

So if an unbeliever who is already in Satan’s cosmic system is exposed to the Gospel, his mind is blinded and he rejects Jesus Christ as Savior (2 Cor 4:3-4).

Negative reaction at God consciousness results in entrance to Satan’s cosmic system, where the unbeliever suffers from blackout of the soul.

When the positive unbeliever wants the truth, the Holy Spirit under common grace, takes him out of the cosmic system so that he can hear and understand the issue of the Gospel.

A heathen is defined as anyone of a nation, race, or people who does not acknowledge the God of the Bible.

**If you start with evil you end with evil. \_**

**Heathen are not heathen because they have not heard; heathen are heathen because they have heard and rejected.**

**There is no such person who has not had the same opportunity as everyone else to believe in Christ.**

**There has always been a priest nation sending out missionaries.**

**Internationalism is Satan's attack against nations to promote heathenism.**

**If everyone speaks the same language, it intensifies the possibility for evil and lack of restraint in the sin nature.**

**Nationalism is the basis for evangelism.**

**TLJC controlling history determines that nationalism is God's will for all ages, predicting wars and rumours of wars for this age, not world peace or world government.**

**God has answered the rebellion against His will by simply allowing the rebels to run everything within His prescribed limits and letting the resulting chaos witness against them.**

**Heathenism does not simply mean to live in a thatched hut and hunt and fish all day; it is a distortion of the mind which leads to abhorrent behavior.**

**If any member of the human race, after reaching God-consciousness, desires relationship with God, then God is responsible for providing information.**

**Heathen are heathen, not because they have never heard, nor because they have never had a chance to hear; but because they either heard and rejected, or they simply have a massive amount of negative reaction.**