

# Romans Series

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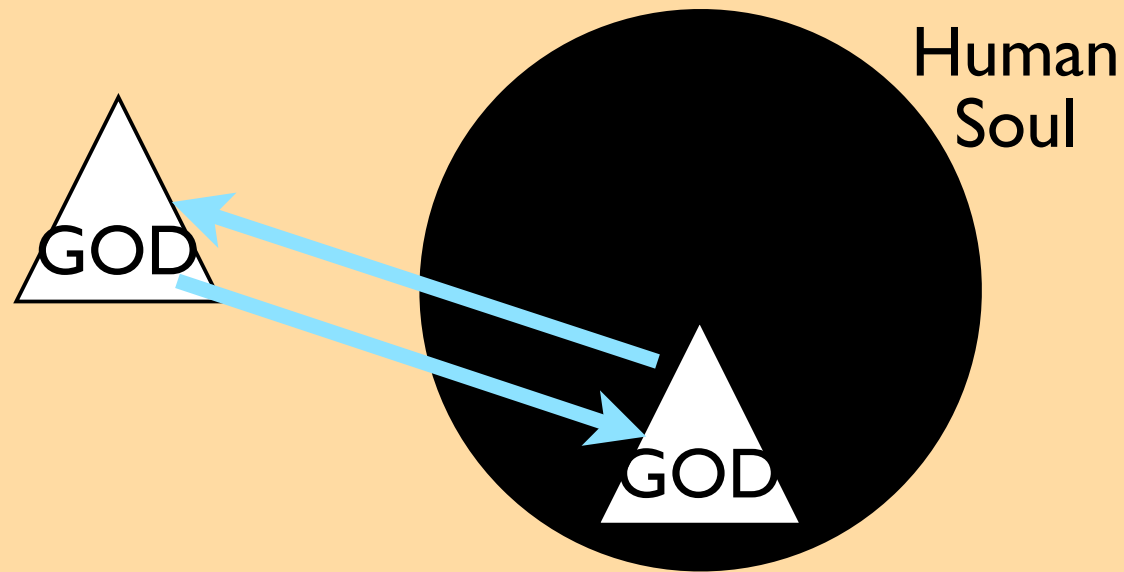
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# The Epistle to the ROMANS



**Rom. 1:17, “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’ ”**

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



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# Basic Issues of Life

Is there someone or something greater than us?  
Why do we exist? Why does anything exist?

**Metaphysics**

(the existence of God, origin of the universe)

How are we to know the right thing to do: **epistemology**  
(truth claims, accountability and responsibility,  
i.e., authority response)

How are we to behave: **ethics**  
(marriage, family, law, politics, economics)

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# Two Categories of Revelation



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**Psa. 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament shows His handiwork.**

**Psa. 19:2, “Day unto day utters speech, and night  
unto night reveals knowledge.**

**Psa. 19:3, “There is no speech nor language  
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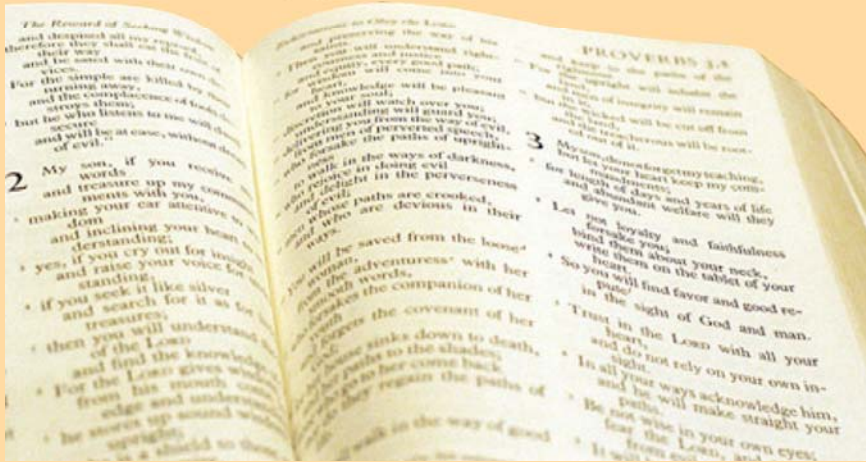
**Special Revelation: The direct, verbal self-disclosure of God to His creatures, i.e., a theophany, the Scriptures, non-recorded verbal communication to mankind.**

**Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”**

**Eccl. 9:3, “This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”**

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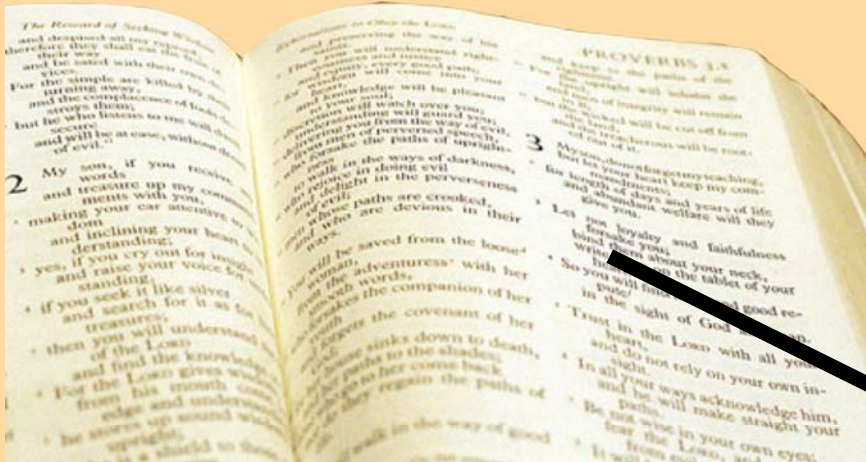


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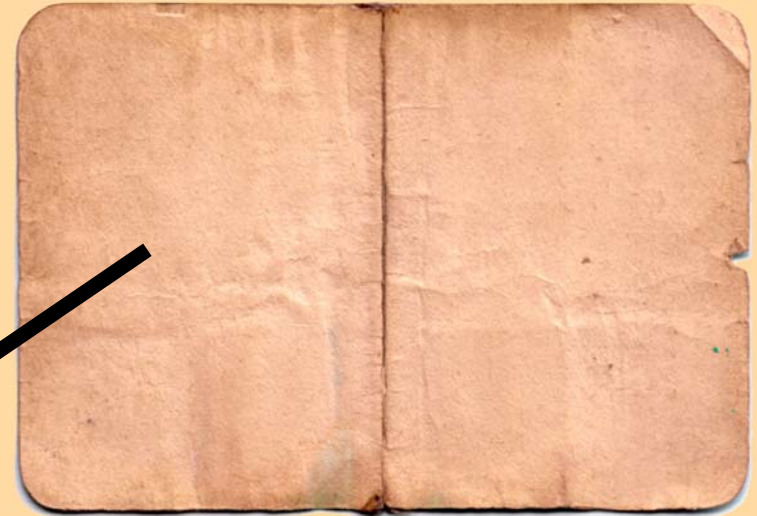


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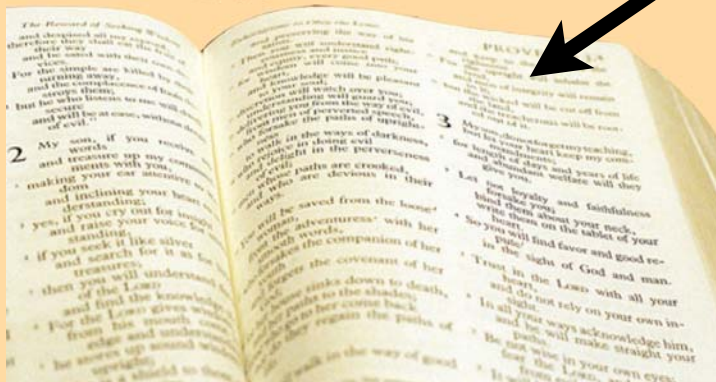
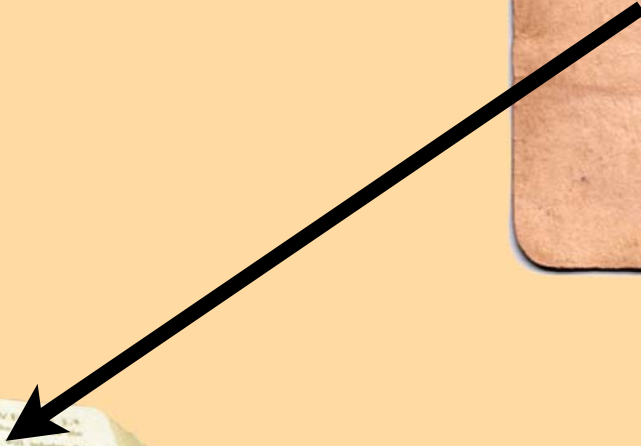


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**σοφός** (*sophos*) wise;

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”



**What is man's basic problem?**

**Is it—**

**spiritual (ethical/righteous)**

**intellectual**

**social**

**education**

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**Eph. 4:18 “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;**

**Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”**