

MORAL INSANITY

Acts 26:25-25 Eccl. 9:3 Lk. 15:11-17

Introduction: Discuss: insane, madness, nuts, lost his marbles, etc... God says there are only two kinds of people: lost and saved. Two kinds of insaneness/ maddness:...intellectual and moral.

1. **There are two kinds of insanity:** of the head and of the heart.

- **Intellectual insanity** is a condition in which proper moral decision is suspended.

- One cannot know what is truly right or wrong

- However by one's own hand intellectual insanity can occur - alcohol, drugs, etc. and is held accountable as if sane.

- **Moral insanity** is the case where there is sane intellectually but the heart refuses to listen to it's conscience. Knowing what is right, deliberately does the opposite.

- Intellectually sane, but acts intellectually insane.

2. **Morally Insane:** Intellectually sane, but acting otherwise.

- Intellectually insane treat "make believe" as if it were real/true.

- Morally Insane treat God and His world as if He/it were not real or true. (Insanity)

- They think their own interests are more important than God's interests. (Insanity)

- They think only of this life and all they can get out of it and refuse to consider what lies after this life. (Insanity)

- They think that their bodies are more important than their soul.

- If you see someone deliberately smashing, destroying his car, house, all that he/she has with no care for his/her own personal welfare - what would you think? Insane? What would you do? Call someone for help?

- Yet the unsaved do that everyday to God and the things of God. Who is insane?

- They spend their entire lives trying to be happy and to have things and yet those very things are lost, stolen, broken, taken over by family (upon death.)

- What if your neighbor started building a ladder to reach the moon. Working night and day, spending every cent he/she had, ignoring family, friends. Would you not say he/she was insane?

- Yet in spiritual things the unsaved are doing the very same thing. Who is the insane one?

3. **Intellectually insane sometimes lose confidence in their best friends** - ever visit a nursing home and listen to the talk of those living there? Ever have a family member not recognize you?

- **In just the same way the morally insane treat God.** They intellectually know that God is real and who He is.

- **They also treat best friends as their worst enemies.** Wives and husbands turn on each other in intellectual insanity and call their life time mate an enemy and to leave.

- Thus the morally insane, the lost, treat God the same way. God is not to be trusted. God doesn't care.

- **They also are excited about insignificant matters.** Collecting straws and rocks, piling them up and storing them away as treasurers and if the house catches on fire they will risk their lives to get their straws and rocks out of the burning house.
 - Yet they ignore and turn away from God's treasurer He offers. Madness!
- **They act as if they are afraid that they might be saved. (*easier for a camel to go ...*)**
 - They are ready to sacrifice all that they are and have even their very souls in order to have more. Who is insane, who is mad?
- **They regard damnation as if it were their salvation** and salvation as if it were damnation and will do everything to keep it that way.
- **They live as if hell was the best place** and heaven the worst place to be in.
- What is so damning is that all they do to avoid God and heaven **is voluntary and often deliberate.**
- In ten thousand ways God is trying to bring something into that lost person's life that would cause him/her to change his/her mind - but usually in vain.
- **Moral insanity is the total rejection of God, His Law and the Gospel.**
 - The voice of God he/she will not hear - The law of God he will not obey - the gospel he will not accept.
 - Determined to look God in the face and dare Him to do anything back. Is that not madness?

CONCLUSION:

1. The lost strangely accuse christians of being mad and crazy....
2. If intellectual insanity is so sad and shocking, how much more so is moral insanity.
 - Just think of all that God has done and is doing to bring the lost out of their insanity and into the right spiritual mind and they want nothing to do with it.
3. No matter how intelligent, kind, honest, benevolent, etc..that person is morally insane if not a christian.
4. We are very concerned if a family member or friend becomes intellectually insane, but seem to take no care that they are morally insane and are damned by God to hell fire.
5. **The most disgraceful thing a human being can do is to refuse, ignore turn away from God's grace and salvation.**
6. Becoming a christian is becoming morally sane. That person is finally on his/her way to becoming what God wanted for him/her in the first place.
7. Suppose you could visit God's asylum for the insane - Hell. What do you think you would see? Hear?
8. God's agency for the cure of moral insaneness is His Holy Spirit. It is He who speaks, shows, warns, and if heard, brings us to moral saneness.
9. How many of you thought you were sane when you came here this morning? If you are a christian, if you have given yourself to God's Son, Jesus Christ, then you are sane..if not then you are intellectually sane, but morally insane...
10. **It is not the christian that is insane, nuts, etc...but all those who are not believers.**