

The Letter of

Jude

1:16-19



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17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.



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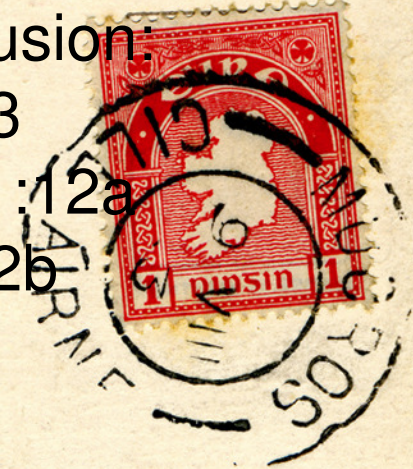
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(1) The obsessive godlessness of apostasy, 1:16a-b

(a) The wicked talk of apostates, 1:16a
“These are murmurers, complainers...”



Original Word: γογγυστής

Transliteration: goggustés

Definition: a murmurer, grumbler. (Used only in Jude 1:16 = discontentedly complains)

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Ex. 16:8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that **the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him:** and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, **but against the LORD.**



Psa. 106:25 But **murmured in their tents**, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

1 Cor. 10:10 **Neither murmur ye**, as some of them also murmured, and **were destroyed of the destroyer.**

Phil. 2:14 **Do all things without murmurings** and disputings:

Eccl. 5:2 **Be not rash with thy mouth**, and let not
thine **heart** be hasty to utter any thing before God:
for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth:
therefore let thy words be few.



Original Word: μεμψίμοιρος

Transliteration: mempsimoiros

Definition: blaming one's lot or destiny, discontented,
complaining.

Mempsímoiros— **properly, a complaint over the allotted
portion** (used only in Jude 1:16). <http://biblehub.com/greek/3202.htm>

Mt. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil,
speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart
the mouth speaketh.**

Mt. 15:18 But **those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart**; and they defile the man.

Luke 6:45 A good man **out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good**; and an **evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil**: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.



- Murmuring and complaining is an expression of arrogance, in essence disagreeing with God about His direction of circumstances = His will.

(b) The wicked walk of apostates, 1:16b – “...walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words...”



Original Word: πορεύομαι

Transliteration: poreuomai

Definition: I travel, journey, go, die.

poreúomai (from *poros*, "passageway") – properly, to *transport*, moving something from one destination (port) to another; (figuratively) to go or depart, *emphasizing the personal meaning* which is attached to reaching *the particular destination*. (= a planned course of conduct)

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Rom. 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

Dan. 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will, and **he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods,** and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Original Word: ὑπέρογκος

Transliteration: hyperogkos

Definition: immoderate, boastful, excessive, pompous.

hypérogkos (from *hypér*, "beyond" and *ógkos*, "a swelling") – properly, "oversized," *greatly swollen* ("bloated"); used of a *braggart* who constantly exaggerates, spuing words out from his *inflated ego* (*self-agenda*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5246.htm>



2 Pet. 2:18 For when they speak **great swelling words** of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.



Prov. 14:15 **The simple believeth every word:** but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Rom. 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

(2) The obvious goal of apostasy, 1:16c –
“...having men's persons in admiration
because of advantage.”

Original Word: θαυμάζω

Transliteration: thaumazó

Definition: (a) intrans: I wonder, marvel, (b) trans: I wonder at, admire. (= celebrityism)

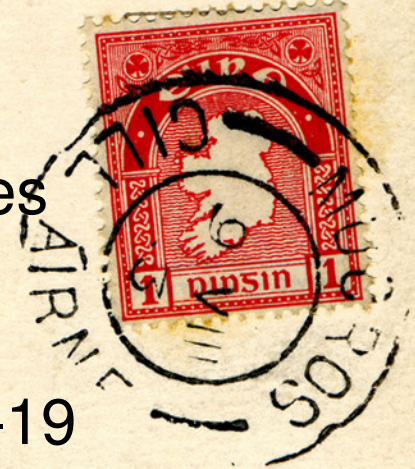


thaumázō (from *thaúma*, "a wonder, marvel") – properly, wonder at, be amazed (marvel), i.e. astonished *out of one's senses*; *awestruck*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/2296.htm>

B. Confronting the apathy of the church, 1:17-19

1. The people addressed, 1:17a “But, beloved...”
2. The problem addressed, 1:17b-19

a. What we must recall, 1:17b
“...remember ye the words which
were spoken before of the apostles
of our Lord Jesus Christ;”



b. What we must recognize, 1:18-19

(1) The mind of an apostate, 1:18a “How
that they told you there should be mockers
in the last time...”

2 Pet. 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last
days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, **that in the latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;



2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

Psa. 35:16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Prov. 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

Prov. 19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

(2) The morals of an apostate,
1:18b "...who should walk after
their own ungodly lusts."



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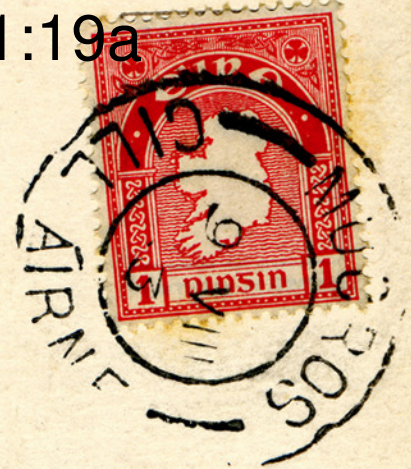
Transliteration: asebeia

Definition: impiety, irreverence, ungodliness, wickedness.

(ungodly)

asébeia – **properly, a lack of respect, showing itself in bold irreverence** – i.e. refusing to give honor where honor is due. <http://biblehub.com/greek/763.htm>

(3) The move of an apostate, 1:19a
“These be they who separate themselves...”



Original Word: ἀποδιορίζω

Transliteration: apodiorizó

Definition: I make a logical distinction, make an invidious distinction. (disjoin = go AWOL)

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Prov. 18:1 Through desire a man, **having separated himself**, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 **A fool hath no delight in understanding**, but that his **heart** may discover itself.

(4) The mark of an apostate, 1:19b
“...sensual, having not the Spirit.”



Original Word: ψυχικός

Transliteration: psuchikos

Definition: animal, natural, sensuous.

Psyxikós – properly, *soulish*, i.e. what is natural, as it relates to *physical* (*tangible*) life alone (i.e. apart from God's inworking of faith).

psyxikós ("natural") typically describes the *natural* ("lower") aspect of humanity, i.e. behavior that is "more of *earth* (carnality) than heaven." (*psyxikós*) then sometimes stands in contrast to *pneumatikós* ("spiritual") – the higher, spiritual aspect of humanity that develops through *faith* (*pístis*), and *sarkikos* (fleshly). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5591.htm>

1 Cor. 2:14 But the **natural** man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Conclusion



Jas. 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.**

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But **the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And **the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**