

Nature As A Teacher

I. Introduction:

- A. There are some things that we just know naturally (**Romans 2:12-16**).
1. Think about the language of, “*the answer of a good conscience toward God*” (**I Peter 3:21**; cf. **Acts 8:26-39**).
 2. The “good conscience” in the sense of living honestly (**Hebrews 13:18**).
 3. Think about how a conscience can be “defiled” and “wounded” because something doesn’t seem right (**I Corinthians 8:4-12**).
- B. There are also some things which should be known naturally, but aren’t for various reasons (**Romans 1:31** and **II Timothy 3:3**).
1. Isn’t it sad that some mothers have to be taught to love their children (**Titus 2:4**)?
 2. How does this > **Matthew 10:21-22** happen?
 3. Think about the natural affection of a mother to her child (**I Kings 3:16-28**).

II. Body: Doth Not Even Nature Itself Teach You (**I Corinthians 11:14-15**)?

A. **Romans 1:16-28**

1. The natural as designed by our Creator (**Genesis 2:18-25** and **I Corinthians 7:2**).
2. The unnatural (**Genesis 19:1-7** [cf. **II Peter 2:6-7** and **Jude 1:7**], **Leviticus 18:22-23**, and **Judges 19:22-23**).

B. **Galatians 4:8**

1. The natural (**Acts 17:16-29** and **I Corinthians 8:4**).
2. The unnatural (**Psalms 135:15-18**, **Isaiah 44:9-20**, **Habakkuk 2:18-20**, and **Acts 14:8-18**).

C. Some take what they know naturally [instinctively] and use that to corrupt themselves (**Jude 1:10**).

1. People know there is only male and female (**Genesis 1:27** and **Mark 10:6**), but they desire to change the sexes and create other sexes. God didn’t want anything near such confusion (i.e. **Deuteronomy 22:5**; **23:1**).
2. People know they created their gods, but they still want them (**Acts 19:26-28**).
3. People know right from wrong regarding morality, yet they often choose wrong. That has consequences (**James 4:17** and **Romans 6:23**).

III. Conclusion: Ultimately, remember what is most natural - the purpose of our existence (**Revelation 4:11**).