

Mataiotēs – ματίότης

We should be instruments of change for our society, rather than letting our society change us. We see a disturbed, decaying, degrading, disillusioned society – described by the word *mataiotēs*.

FIRST WORD: *MATAIOTES – ματίότης*

1. Definition: emptiness, purposelessness, futility, vacuum.
2. The soul was designed to function on divine fuel.
3. When this fuel is rejected or neglected, then the tank is empty.
4. When the tank is empty, the person seeks for something else, and since the old sin nature is the arbitrator, then horizontal viewpoint is taken in to fill the tank.
5. This is described as the emptiness of the mentality or the *nous*. The *nous* refers to the intelligence of the soul; the thinking of the soul and the perception of the soul located in the *kardia*. The *kardia* is the CONTROLLER of the soul and the base of intellect and character.
6. When God's thinking is rejected, an emptiness or VACUUM is created in the soul.
7. [Romans 1:21](#), "they became EMPTY in their thought patterns" (reasoning).
8. That which follows is described in [Eph. 4:19](#) as DARKNESS.

SECOND WORD: *SKOTIZO – skotozo ESKOTOMENOI ἔσκοτωμένοι*

1. A dark soul – is a soul rejecting God's thinking.
2. Then there are many different evil (harmful) replacements.
3. This soul darkness blocks vertical viewpoint and also produces calluses (SCARS).
4. This is darkness intrusion and continued soul function.
5. PPP n.m.pl of skotizo – Pf. reveals and describes a completed result of a process that began with hardness of heart, negative choice toward God and truth. Passive Voice says – that the subject receives the results. Which means – dark concepts are acting upon the soul.
6. The participle is an adjective in function describing the state of the soul while the process is going on.
7. WE now have the article *te* plus *diavoia*, which is *heart*.

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8. The *dianoia* refers to the content of the heart – v/p. The *dianoia* of Eph. 4:18 means understanding, insight, discernment, the place where knowledge is stored. There is a direct wiring here to the volition for making decisions. When darkness prevails, decisions will be improper – REVEALED IN EPH. 4:19 (READ).
9. The heart receives information through the *kardia*, accepts it, it becomes understanding (viewpoint), then used.
10. When the mind is a vacuum (rejecting Truth), it sucks in darkness. This affects *viewpoint* – then, this dark view point moves into the conscience (where standards are formed); then awareness, perception and volition are *all* distorted.

WORD THREE: *apallotrio* – ἀπηλλοτριόω – ἀπηλλοτριωμένοι PfPP n.m.pl. of ἀπαλλοτριόω

1. Having become alienated from the life of God = to be separated from something. God's plan included salvation and living the Christian life. Many benefits from adjusting to His plan.
2. The perfect tense means *completed results, from ignorance of divine viewpoint*.
3. The passive voice means that *alienation is received when volition rejects the divine plan of God* – NO KNOWLEDGE.
4. The adverbial participle describes the step PRIOR to the empty mind. What are they?
 - 1) Hardness of heart (negative to God and Truth).
 - 2) Rejection of truth results in ignorance.
 - 3) Ignorance causes alienation from the life of God.
 - 4) Ignorance and alienation produces an enlarged vacuum.
 - 5) The vacuum sucks in more darkness.
 - 6) Darkness caused blindness and scars.
 - 7) Blindness leads to many evil practices.

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WORD FOUR: HARDNESS – *POROSIS* πώρωσις

1. Hardness – *porosis* – defined = stubbornness, persistence, continual rejecting, negative choice.
2. Once the volition rejects divine viewpoint, the heart begins to harden – the darkening process continues. IF THERE IS NOT AN ABRUPT HALT TO THAT PROCESS – MORE DARKNESS ENTERS, AND THE SOUL IS SCARRED AND CALLOUSED, WITH THE RESULTS DEPICTED IN [Ephesians 4:19](#).

WORD FIVE: *aselgeia* ἀσελγεία

1. Defined – total occupation with physical senses as controlled by the OSN. “This is the – eat, drink, and be merry philosophy, the philosophy of sensuality.” [Eccl. 8:15](#)
2. It is totally undisciplined, emotional abandonment to meeting needs of the physical senses.
3. Described in [I John 2:16](#) lust of the flesh (feeling) lust of the eyes (wanting) the arrogance of life (the desires of self-centeredness).

WORD SIX: *Akakarsia* ἀκαθαρσία

1. Word defined: no catharsis, no cleansing, every moral deviation, overt manifestations, lasciviousness, sensuality.
2. “All” is used to indicate EVERY possibility of UNCLEANNES.

WORD SEVEN: *Pleonexzia* πλεονεξία

1. Word defined – greediness – in locative case.
2. “In the sphere of” self-seeking happiness.
3. Self-centeredness.
4. Total emotion concern for self-pleasure.
5. [Romans 1:24](#) “lust of the heart.”
6. [I John 2:16](#) Flesh, Eyes, Pride of Life