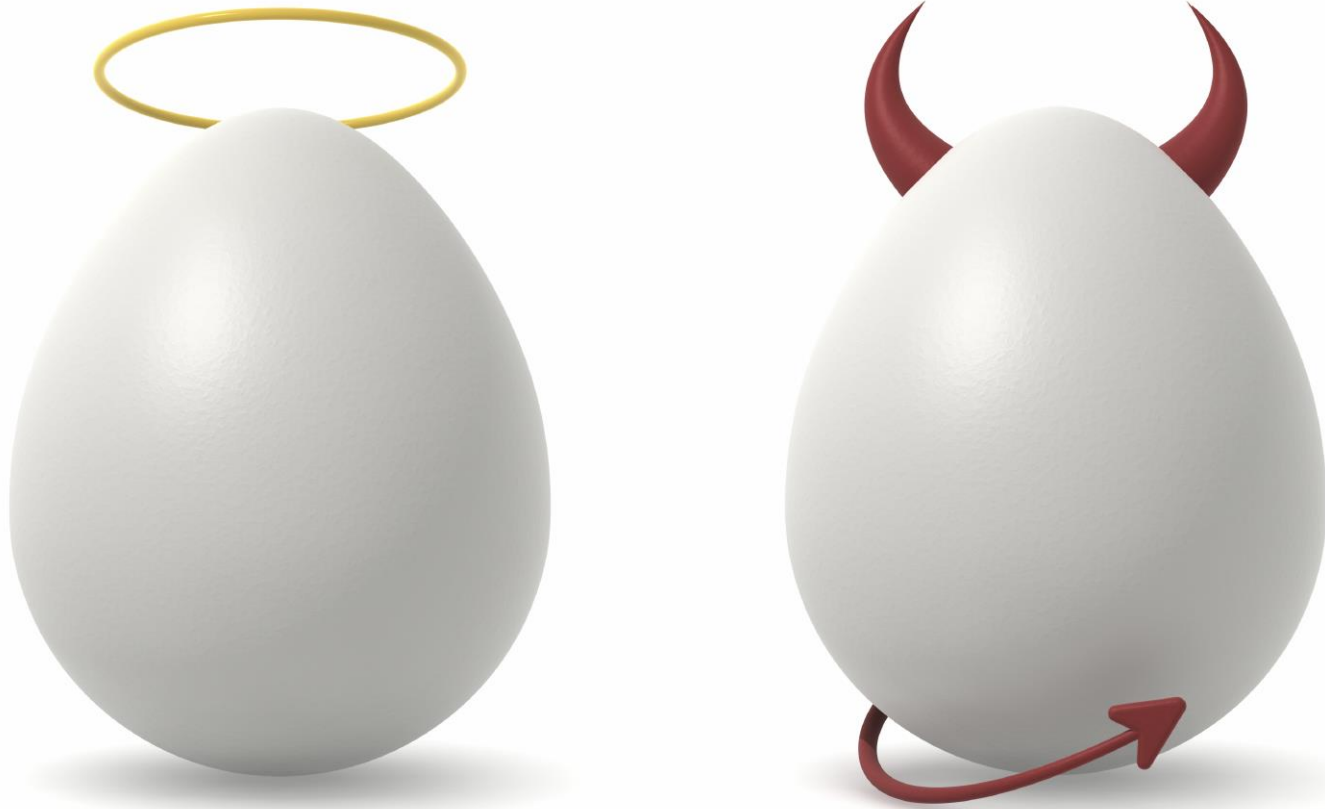


When God Gives Up

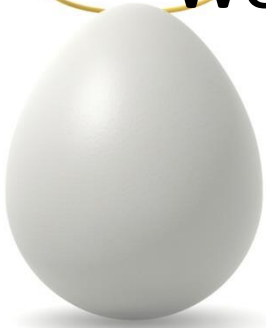
Rom. 1:24-25



Purpose: To warn us that God will not prevent us from choosing evil over good.

Introduction

- It is very disturbing to think that God would ever “give up” on anything or anyone.
- This lesson is about how God gives us up to do what we really want to do.
- Don’t forget that God is loving (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) and patient (2 Pet. 3:9) with us.
- We have free will to make our own choices.



God gave them up to do as they willed

- Rom. 1:18-25.
- God is revealed to man, but man rejects God.
- Unwilling to accept God, man devises other things to worship.
- God gave them up to do as they willed or pleased, turning from God and worshipping themselves.



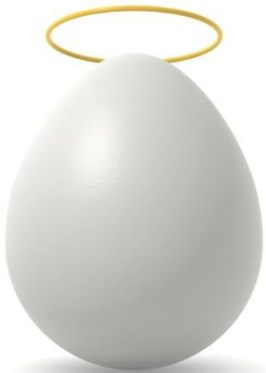
God gave them up to vile passions

- Rom. 1:26-27.
- Immorality begins in the heart with desire.
- Women and men desired things that were against nature, i.e., homosexuality.
- Vile passions are those of “dishonor, reproach, shame, infamy.”



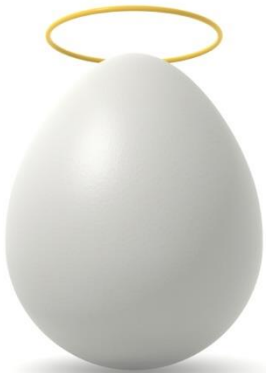
God gave them up to debased minds

- Rom. 1:28-31.
- They accepted and engaged in sins and even invented some evil things.
- They did not want to retain God. Abolish God and let the freedom in.



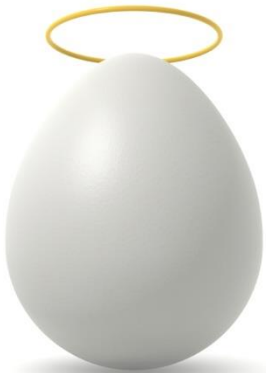
But there is a judgment

- Rom. 1:32-2:1-11.
- Death is the penalty of sins, yet people willfully sin despite that knowledge.
- Self-seekers who follow the godless path will be punished.



What can we do?

- All who sin need to repent. Rom. 2:1-4. Know the goodness of God that leads to repentance.
- Luke 15: the father of the prodigal gave up his younger son to do as he willed, but never gave up on the hope of his return.
- 2 Pet. 3:9. God doesn't give up hope in us, but He will give us up to do as we please.



Conclusion

- We all have choices to make between being good and being evil.
- God wants you to choose good over evil, but the choice is yours.
- Don't live so as to have God give you up to your selfish desires. Live for God!

