

AA17. Not Calling Wrong & Bad That Which Is Right & Good.

We are not to call wrong and bad that which is right and good.

AA17a: *We are not to call wrong that which is right.*

AA17b: *We are not to call bad that which is good.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Acts 13:9-10

Then Sha'ul, also known as Paul, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, stared straight at him and said, "You son of Satan, full of fraud and evil! You enemy of everything good! Won't you ever stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

Romans 14:16

Do not let what you know to be good, be spoken of as bad;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

None

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AA46 Not Doing Wrong in Order to Accomplish Something Good

DA30 Not Giving Support to Wrongdoers

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 27:33

The owner is not to inquire whether the animal is good or bad, and he cannot exchange it; if he does exchange it, both it and the one he substituted for it will be holy; it cannot be redeemed.

Numbers 24:13

.. that even if Balak would give me his palace full of silver and gold, I could not of my own accord go beyond the word of ADONAI to do either good or bad? that what ADONAI said is what I would say?

1 Kings 3:9

Therefore, give your servant an understanding heart able to administer justice to your people, so that I can discern between good and bad- for who is equal to judging this great people of yours?

Proverbs 17:15

He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous- both alike are an abomination to ADONAI.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter!

Isaiah 29:16

How you turn things upside down!- Is the potter not better than the clay, Does something made say of its maker, "He didn't make me"? Does the product say of its producer, "He has no discernment"?

Malachi 2:17

You have wearied ADONAI with your words. Yet you ask, "How have we wearied him?" By saying that anyone who does wrong is good from ADONAI's perspective, and that he is delighted with them; or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

Comment

An example of calling “wrong and bad” that which is right and good might be claiming that it is wrong and bad for a woman to identify as female (right and good) because it diminishes her importance. Another might be claiming that it is wrong and bad for married couples to have children (right and good) because having children increases the world’s population and puts a burden on its resources.

The opposite, calling “right and good” that which is “wrong and bad” is what is often called justification.

The opposite (calling right and good claiming that it is right and good for a man to divorce his wife to marry another woman with whom he has fallen in love because God commands husbands to love their wives. The opposite (claiming what is right and good to be wrong and bad) is similarly evil.

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None