

Is One Sin Worse than Another?

- Some claim that sins labeled an “abomination” are, by virtue of the descriptor, worse.
 - See Abomination word study.
 - The two main “abominable” things are unclean animals and idols, although not exclusively.
 - That which causes our trust to be placed other than in God is abominable.
 - The other words translated “abominable” are connected to each other. The meaning is to find something to be disgusting.
 - Genesis 46:34 Shepherds were disgusting to Egyptians.
 - Genesis 43:32 Egyptians found eating with Hebrews disgusting.
 - Exodus 8:26 The Hebrew method of sacrifice was disgusting to Egyptians.
 - 1 Chronicles 21:6 Joab considered David’s order to count the people disgusting.
 - Psalm 88:8 The despairing psalmist describes himself as having become disgusting to his friends.
 - Leviticus 18:30 The practices of the Canaanites are called disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 14:3 Unclean animals are to be considered disgusting.
 - Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Deuteronomy 22:5 Homosexuality *et al* is to be considered disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 7:25 – 26, 12:31, 17:4, 27:15 Idols and associated practices are disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 13:14, 18:12 Advocating for other gods is disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 17:1 Bringing blemished sacrifices is disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 23:18 Offering the proceeds of prostitution is disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 24:4 Re-marrying a wife previously divorced and married to another (and divorced) is disgusting.
 - Deuteronomy 25:16, Proverbs 3:32, 6:16, 8:7, 11:1, 11:20, 12:22, 15:8 – 9, 15:26 All those who behave unrighteously are disgusting to the Lord.
 - Proverbs 13:19, Psalm 14:1, 53:1 Departing from evil is disgusting to a fool.
- Lists of sins in the New Testament
 - Romans 1:26 – 32 Why are people the way they are?
 - Galatians 5:19 – 21 Contrast of law versus Spirit
 - Colossians 3:5 – 11 Contrast between the old and the new person
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11 Such were some of you
 - The collections cover a wide variety of sins without classifying one as worse than another.
- Contrast: Matthew 5:48 Therefore, you shall be perfect as your Father in heaven in perfect.
 - “Therefore” sets a contrast with the many inconsistencies described in 5:19 – 47.
 - Only good can be consistent. Evil is always inconsistent.
 - 1 Peter 1:16 (Leviticus 11:44 – 45, 19:2, 20:7) Be holy for I am holy.
- Conclusion: A wide variety of inconsistent behaviors and thoughts are called abominable or disgusting. No one type of evil has been singled out as more or less.