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**Ethics, Envy and Everyone's Secret**  
**Romans 1:28-32**

**I. Apart from God, mankind is incapable of establishing absolute ethical standards that universally and eternally advance humanity.**  
**vs.29-31**

**II. Envy reflects the devaluation of the Creator and the inflation of the value of the creation.**  
**vs. 28**

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1. The devaluation of God is a deliberate decision but rarely defined disclosed.
  2. The devaluation of God triggers a disastrous cause and effect.
  3. The devaluation of God and a depraved mind is evidenced by envy.

**III. Everyone's secret is that because of an absence of absolute ethical standards and the effects of envy on mankind, human history is unavoidably moving toward collapse.**  
**vs. 32**

1. There is no lack of knowledge just a lack of wisdom.
2. There is an awareness that this direction is deadly but everyone chooses to live in denial.
3. There is no desire to be set free; the folly of believing "more" is their "deliverance".

**IV. There is insidious comfort with company in corruption.**