"The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.' Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? Who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God." Psalms 53:1-4 KJV

The fool is arrogant, proud, and loud; prating about assuming undeserved honor. He makes a great shows of nothing and claims substance where none exists. The fool spends great effort to produce absolutely nothing. Foolishness opposes meditation. When "A" precedes a word, it indicates "opposition." The word "muse" means to meditate or think upon. The word "a-muse" means



"anti-thought." Kings used simpletons as the butt of derision and laughter to "a-muse." The court jester distracted thought in the court that might obstruct the king's objectives. Jesters kept people laughing instead of thinking. Clever rulers saw value in this "a-musement" and it eventually became something a smart man could do to make living. Court "fools," later called "jesters," were paid to perform. Everyone liked to be entertained, so troops of entertainers worked for food and circuses eventually formed. Shakespearean troops of actors began earning pittances "a-musing." The origin of entertainment is the "fool." When entertained, we allow ourselves to "not think." Laughter is good medicine for weary souls, because sometimes, it "a-muses" away the burdensome thoughts of life. However, it is one thing to be merry in the company of friends or family, but quite another to follow foolishness. "Fans" of entertainment have become addicts of "a-musement." Fools worship the "Entertainment" idol. God HATES foolishness for it is sin! "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men. The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD." Fools prevail by mocking righteousness and praising evil. The more potty-mouthed the comedian, the more popular, but their efforts earn them a fool's reward; weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in outer darkness! Believers who look the other way or worse yet, condone or laud foolishness, grieve the Holy Spirit. Satan "a-muses" to destroy. How many shows and films portray evil? Which ones do you watch? "Amusement" is the enemy of righteousness! Amusement feeds on emotion. How many times have you done the wrong thing just because it "felt" like fun? Flesh produces feelings where facts produce faith. God's Word is absolute. Can you say that about your feelings? "There is a way which SEEMETH right UNTO A MAN, but the end there of are the WAYS OF DEATH!" On which are your decisions based? How you feel or what God says?

> The foolish prate and prance about, Despising God and planting doubt, They think on Judgment Day to shout, But speechless all, they'll be thrown out! ~CGP

Fools pursue perdition. Warn them or leave them, but don't follow them! God isn't laughing – yet, but He will!

"But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you." Proverbs 1:25-27 KJV