The **first** thing we need to know about sin is its definition:

*Sin is anything contrary to the character of God (Romans 3:23)*

The **second** thing we need to know about sin is its function:

*Sin is a perversion of something good (Genesis 6:5-6)*

Good and evil are not coequal opposites, as taught by the pantheistic ying/yang theory. Good is a noun and evil is an adjective. Sin always modifies something good. I can’t have a broken arm unless I have an arm. There is no divorce without marriage, no sickness without health, no murder without life, no homosexuality without sexuality. So all sin or evil is a perversion.

The **third** thing to understand about sin is its application:

*Good can always be perverted, but a perversion can never be good (Isaiah 1)*

Any application of God’s creation can be either a virtue or a perversion. And any good application can be changed into a perversion. But there is no such thing as a good perversion. Once perversion has taken place, all applications of it are a perversion.

For example, a good application of **Human Value** is humility because humility says that our value is dependent upon God. A perverted application is pride (James 4:6), which says we have value independent of God. Any application of pride is sinful because pride is always sinful. Humility is a good application of human value. But that, too, can be perverted into self-pity or self-service rather than serving others.

It’s the same with **Truth**. Lies of any kind are a perversion (John 8:44). A good application is honesty. But that, too, can be perverted into speaking the truth harshly, without love.

It’s the same with **Sexuality**. Heterosexuality is a good application. Homosexuality is a sinful perversion (Matthew 19:4-5). So all forms of homosexuality are a perversion. But heterosexuality can also be sinfully perverted into adultery, fornication, pornography, etc.

God’s creation can be applied virtuously or perverted into sin. A perversion is always a perversion but a virtue is only a virtue if it is not also perverted.