

File under: μωραίνω or mōraino
 English: "to-be-stupid" *

This verb occurs only 4x in the New Testament.
 We must consider at the same time the noun
 * μωρία (mōria), "stupidity"; also the adjective
 * μωρός (mōros), "stupid." From the neuter of
 this noun we get
 our word "moron."

mo·ron \ˈmō(ə)r-än, ˈmó(ə)r-\ n [irreg. fr. Gk *mōros* foolish, stupid; akin to Skt *mūra* foolish] 1 : a feeble-minded person or mental defective with a potential mental age of between eight and twelve years who is capable of doing routine work under supervision 2 : a very stupid person syn see FOOL — **mo·ron·ic** \mə-ˈrăn-ik, mō-\ *adj* — **mo·ron·i·cal·ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* —

← Webster.

Another related word to be considered is the noun μωρολογία (mōrologia), "stupid-speaking." See Eph. 5:4 p.3
 English words have been derived from this word also.

mo·rol'o·gy (mō-rō-lō-jy), n. [*Gr* μωρολογία foolish talk; μωρος foolish + λόγος discourse.] Nonsense; folly. — **mor'o-log'i-cal**, *a.* — **-i-cal-ly**, *adv.* — **mo·rol'o-gist**, n. *All Obs.*

← Webster

I have elected to use "stupid" for translation throughout this group of words. You could use "foolish", but KJ translates 4 Greek words in this way. These will be considered elsewhere. Note: The Rice Reference

Bible on

Matthew 5 KJ

Christians: Light and Salt of the Earth
 (Mark 4:21-23; Luke 8:16-18)

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the *light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Luke 14 KJ

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear

μωραίνω KJ

Mat. 5:13. but if the salt have lost his savour,
 Lu. 14:34. but if the salt have lost his savour,
 Ro. 1:22. to be wise, they became fools.
 1 Co. 1:20. hath not God made foolish the wisdom

Particularly this heading.

Jesus in Matt. 5:13 is speaking to crowds of Jews. See also Matt. 7:28. Christians, as we use the word, did not exist at that time. Had Matt. 5:13 read something like; "you are the thieves of the earth", I'm sure there would have been no such heading. How does salt loose its savour? All kinds of guesses have been made as to the answer to this question. Consider what happens if we translate more carefully and more consistently. There are other important changes that occur when we use a consistent dictionary.

1 * MATTHEW 5 CT

13 YOU yourselves are the salt of the land: but if the salt might-be-made-stupid, with what will-it-be-salted? It-is still being-strong with-reference-to nothing, unless to-be-cast without, and to-be-being-trodden-down by the MEN.

2 * LUKE 14 CT

34 The salt is fine, but if the salt might-be-made-stupid in whom will-it-be-seasoned?

35 It-is neither well-adapted with-reference-to land nor with-reference-to dung: they-are-casting it without. The-one having ears to-be-hearing, let-him-be-hearing.

μωπός (mōros) "stupid"
A-K *, 11 times.

* A MATTHEW 5 CT

22 But I myself-am-saying to-YOU, that every one, the one being-wroth with his brother at-random, will-be liable in-the judgement: but whosoever might-say to his brother, Numbskull, he-will-be liable to-the council: but whosoever might-say, Stupid, he-will-be liable with-reference-to the Gehenna of-the fire.

* B MATTHEW 7 CT

26 And every-one, the-one hearing these my words and doing them not, he-will-be-likened to-a stupid man, one-who built-up his house upon the sand:

* C MATTHEW 23 CT

17 Stupid-ones and blind, for which is greater, the gold, or the sanctuary, namely-the-one making the gold holy?

* D MATTHEW 23 CT

19 Stupid-ones and blind, for what is greater, the gift, or the altar, namely-the-one making the gift holy?

** E F MATTHEW 25 CT

2 But five out-of them were prudent, and the five stupid.
3 They-who were stupid having-taken the torches of-themselves, took not oil with themselves;

* G MATTHEW 25 CT

8 But the stupid-ones said to-the prudent-ones, YOU-give to-us out-of YOUR oil, because our torches are-being-extinguished.

MARK 9 CT

49 For every one will-be-salted with-fire, and every sacrifice will-be-salted with-rock-salt.

← When Jesus is speaking to Jews, how does "YOU yourselves" mean Christians?

Before considering these parables more fully we must better understand, "if the salt might-be-made-stupid."

First of all the salt of-the land is Israel.

Of the 11 uses of μωπός, 7 occur in Matt. spoken by Jesus.

In Matt. 5:13 we read:

ἐν τίνι ἀλισθησεται
"with what will-it-be salted"

In Luke 14:34
ἐν τίνι ἀπυθῆσεται
"in whom will-it-be seasoned"

ἐν τίνι can be either "with what" or "in whom."

I believe Matt. 5:13 should be "with what" because of Mark 9:49. ←

On the other hand I believe Israel "will-be-seasoned" in the Messiah. Hence "in whom", Luke 14:34

ROMANS 1 CT

21 For-the-reason-that having-come-to-know the God they-glorified *him* not as God or gave-thanks, BUT they-were-aimless in their deliberations, and their heart with-out-understanding was-made-dark.

- 3 * 22 Alleging to-be wise ones they-were-made-stupid,
23 And they-changed the glory of-the imperishable God with a similitude of-an-image of-perishable MAN and of flying-things and of-four-footed-things and of-reptiles;

* μωπαίνω * μωρός
▶ μωρία - 5x (a-e).

I CORINTHIANS 1 CT

17 For Messiah dispatched me not to-be-baptizing BUT to-be-bringing-good-news, not in wisdom of-word, in-order-that the cross-of-the Messiah might not be-emptied.

- a ▶ 18 For the word, namely-the one of-the cross on-the-one-hand is to-the ones perishing stupidity, on-the-other-hand to-us, to-the ones being-saved it-is the power-of-God.

19 For it-has-been-and-is-still-written: I-shall-destroy the wisdom-of-the wise ones and I-shall-disregard the intelligence-of-the intelligent ones.

- 4 * 20 Where is a wise-man? Where is a scribe? Where is a debater of this age? Did NOT the God make-stupid the wisdom-of-the world?

21 For since-indeed in the wisdom-of-the God the world through the wisdom came not to-know the God, the God thought-well through the stupidity-of-the preaching-to-save the ones trusting.

22 Since-indeed also Jews are requesting signs and Greeks are seeking wisdom,

23 But we ourselves-are-preaching Messiah having-been-and-still-crucified, to Jews on-the-one-hand an entrapment, on-the-other-hand to nations a stupidity.

- c ▶ 24 But to-them the ones called, both to-Jews and to-Greeks, Messiah the power-of-God and the wisdom-of-God.

- K * 25 Because the stupid-thing-of-the God is wiser than of-the MEN, and the weak-thing-of-the God stronger than of-the MEN.

26 For YOU-be-looking-at YOUR calling, brothers, that not many are wise according-to flesh, not many powerful, not many well-born;

- I * 27 BUT the God chose-for-himself the stupid-things-of-the world in-order-that he-might-be-disgracing the wise ones, and the God chose-for-himself the weak-things-of-the world in-order-that he-might-be-disgracing the strong-things,

I CORINTHIANS 2 CT

- d ▶ 14 But a MAN of-the-soul is not receiving the-things-of-the Spirit-of-the God; for to-him they-are stupidity, and he-is not being-able to-come-to-know them, because they-are-being-examined spiritually.

I CORINTHIANS 3 CT

- U * 18 Let no-one be-deluding himself; if someone is-seeming to-be wise among YOU in this age, let-him-become stupid, in-order-that he-might-become wise.

- E ▶ 19 For the wisdom of-this world is stupidity beside the God. For it-has-been-and-is-still-written: The one grasping the wise ones in their craftiness;

20 And again: Jehovah is-coming-to-know the deliberations-of-the wise, that they-are aimless.

Idolatry is evidence of man's having been made "stupid." Rom.1:22
Proceeding through 1 Cor. we will see the noun, adjective, and verb interspersed.

The cross is stupidity to the ones perishing. The world's wisdom is stupid. The crucifixion is a stupidity to the nations. The things of the Spirit of God are stupidity to an unsaved person.

CORINTHIANS 4 CT

9 For I-am-thinking that the God pointed-out us the apostles last as ones condemned-to-death, because we-became a spectacle to-the world even to-angels and to-MEN.

- K * 10 We are stupid ones because-of Messiah, but YOU are prudent ones in Messiah; we are weak ones, but YOU are strong ones: YOU are glorious ones, but we are dishonored ones.

↪ Paul classes apostles as stupid because-of Messiah
Eph 5:4 see p.1

EPHESIANS 5 CT

4 And shamelessness and stupid-speaking or coarse-jesting, which things have-not-pertained-nor-still-pertain to holy-ones BUT rather giving-of-thanks.

The salt, Israel, became "stupid" to the cross, but Israel will be seasoned in her Messiah. Israel's dispersion is drawing to a close.