



# Understanding the Human Condition

Ephesians 4:17-19

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because of the ignorance that is in them,  
due to their hardness of heart.

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[They ]have given themselves up to sensuality,  
greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

# Connotation

“an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.”

Negative

Neutral

Positive



Words for Smell

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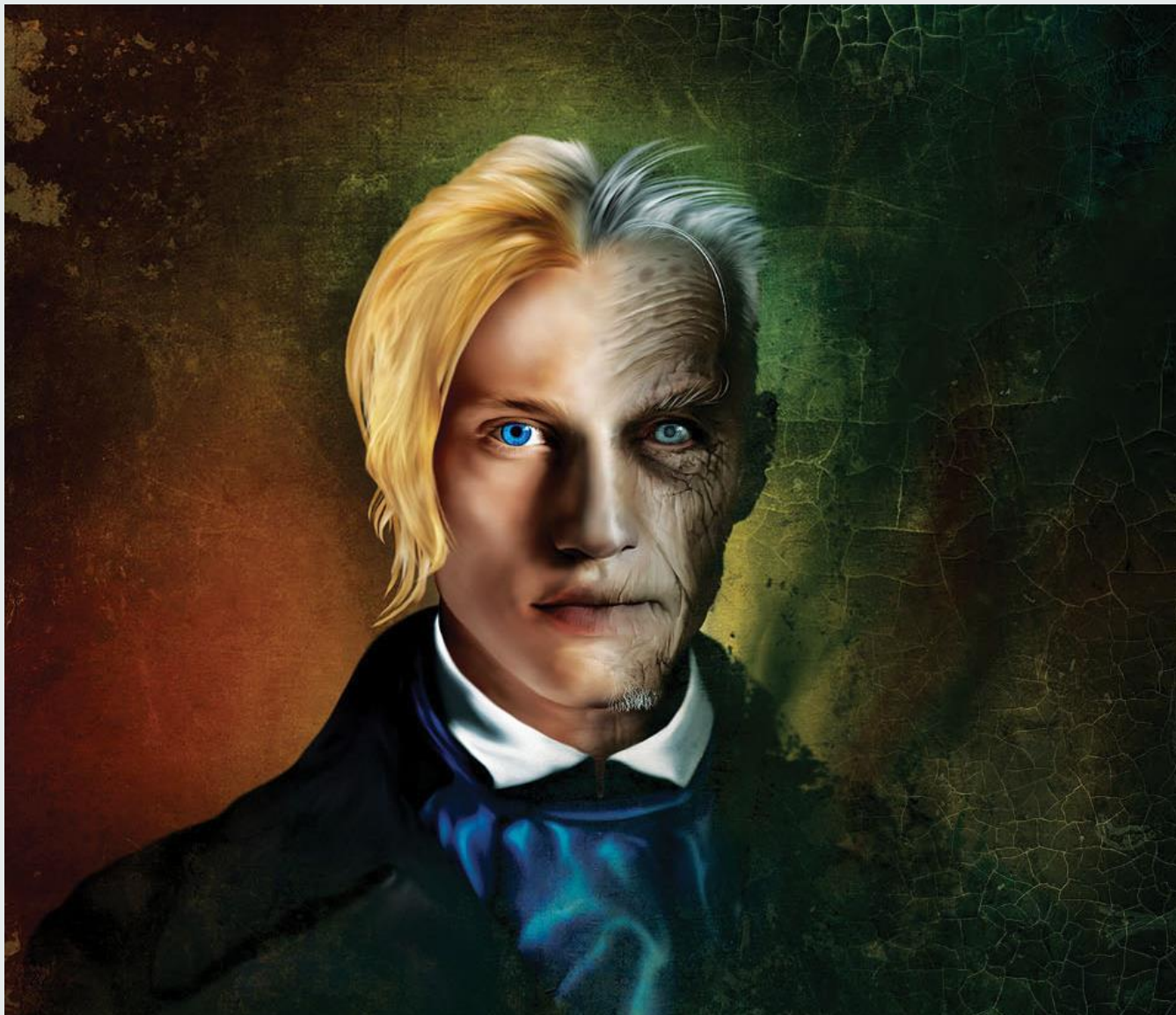
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# Oscar Wilde

The Picture of Dorian Gray





# Jeffrey Satinover

"Sin, in short, not only represents a simple momentary failure of the will but progressively weakens and undermines the will, eventually destroying it altogether...Yet it is also true that with each successive step we progressively lose the ability to turn around, and yet are unaware of this worsening, insidious moral incapacitation."



Harsh

Neutral

Sympathetic



Words for Life Without God



# Implications

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## Matthew 9

**35** And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every

affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion for**

**them, because they were harassed and**

**helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** **37** Then he said to

his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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**FIGHT THE  
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# Prayer Exercise