

Sins of the Tongue

I Am Not A Sinner

- Thayer
- In the NT distinctions are so drawn that one is called “harmartolos” who is:
 - not free from sin. In this sense all men are sinners.
 - pre-eminently sinful, especially wicked
 - Specifically of men stained with certain definite vices or crimes (e.g. tax-gathers)

Evil Surmisings

- ^{KJV} **1 Timothy 6:4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 6:4** he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,
- Huponoia – strictly secret opinion, often without sufficient evidence, hence , in a bad sense, unfounded opinion, conjecture.

Evil Surmisings

- Danker
- An idea that constitutes preconception, assumption, qualified by “ponerai”

Gossip

- ^{NAS} **Proverbs 20:19** He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.
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- ^{NKJ} **Proverbs 20:19** He who goes about *as* a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.
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- ^{KJV} **Romans 1:29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
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- ^{NAS} **Romans 1:29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips,*

Gossip

- Psithurismos
- Friberg - Whispering, hiss; in a bad sense gossip, tale-bearing, secret slandering
- Louw-Nida –providing harmful information about a person, often spoke in whispers or in a low voice, with the implication that such information is not widely known and therefore should presumably be kept secret.

Backbiting

- ^{NAS} **Proverbs 25:23** The north wind brings forth rain,
And a **backbiting tongue**, an angry countenance.
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- *25:23 tongue of secrecy*, i.e. slanderous; elsewhere, *in secrecy, secretly*

Backbiting

- ^{KJV} **2 Corinthians 12:20** For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, **backbitings**, whisperings, swellings, tumults: (2 Cor. 12:20 KJV)
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- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 12:20** For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps *there may be* strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, **slanders**, gossip, arrogance, disturbances;
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- ^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 12:20** For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish-- that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, **slander**, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

Backbiting

- ^{NAS} **James 4:11 Do not speak against one another,** brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge *of it*. (Jas. 4:11 NAS)
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- katalaleo
- to speak against, often involving speaking evil of - 'to speak evil of, to slander, slander.

Filthy / Dirty Talk

- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 5:4** and *there must be no filthiness* and **silly talk**, or **coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
- Aiskrotes – literally ugliness; figuratively, indelicacy
- Morologia – foolish or idle talk, useless or silly speech
- (moros – foolish, stupid always a term of reproach

Filthy / Dirty Talk

- Eutrapelia
- from εὐ (easily) and τρέπω (turn); (1) in a good sense *pleasantry, wittiness, urbanity*; (2) in a bad sense *coarse joking, clowning around, vulgar talk* (EP 5.4)
- easily turning; nimble-witted, witty, sharp), *pleasantry, humor*, in a bad sense, *scurrility, ribaldry, low jesting* (in which there is some acuteness)

Abusive Speech

- Colossians 3:8-9
- ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, **slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.**
- ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

- **Blasphemia**
- *a profane speech, defamation, evil-speaking, slander,*
- *impious and irreverent speech against God, blasphemy,*

Abusive Speech

- **Aiskrologia** - dirty talk, filthy or *obscene language* or *speech*

Grumbling/Murmuring

- **Phil 2:14-15**

- ¹⁴ Do all things without **grumbling** or disputing;
 - ¹⁵ that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, (Phil. 2:14-15 NAS)
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- **Goggusmos** - *murmur, murmuring, muttering*; secret displeasure, not openly avowed

Lying

- ^{NAS} **Revelation 21:8** "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8 NAS)
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- **28911 Pseudes** - lying, false, deceitful, opposite of *truthful*; *one who tells lies, liar*

Beware – What We Say Matters

- James 5:9 ⁹ Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.
- ³⁶ Matthew 12:36-37 "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment.
- ³⁷ "For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."

Time to Name Names

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- ^{NAS} **Romans 13:7** Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.