

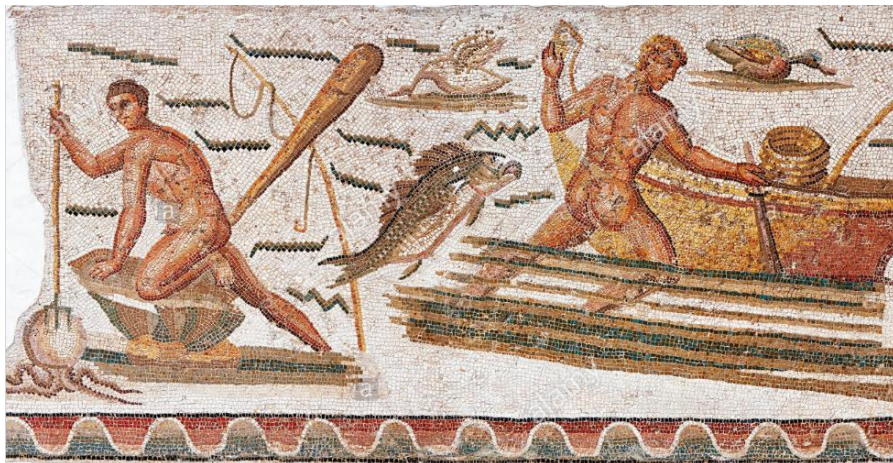
## 10.5.20 – Historical Evidence of the Commonplace of Nudity

We had received an email recently thanking us for all of the information on naturism and showing the Bible's perspective on the subject. We were then asked if we had any historical evidence aside from the Bible to show the commonplace of nonsexual nudity in society...any artwork or wall drawings, etc. that might verify the Bible account. The writer was very clear that they did not believe that the Bible needed verification to be true, but always found it fun when it did. We agree whole heartedly with this sentiment. Seeing the pictures of Noah's Ark in the mountains of Ararat, the Egyptian wagon wheels in the Gulf of Aqaba at the crossing of the Red Sea, the place of the skull (Golgotha), Gordon's tomb and the walls of the original temple in Jerusalem have always been exciting. We already know the Bible to be true, but seeing the archeological evidence is definitely a thrill.

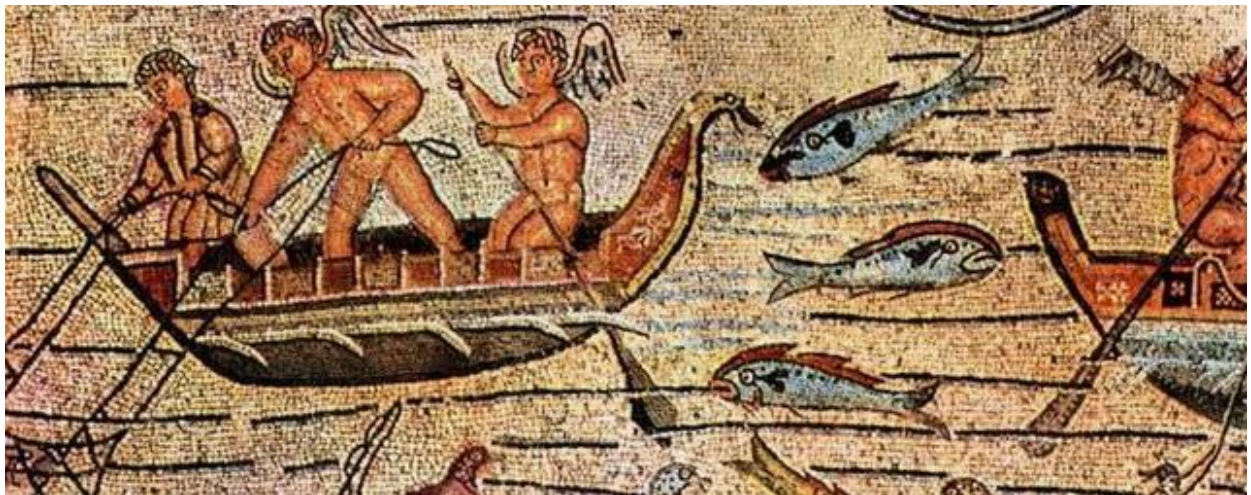
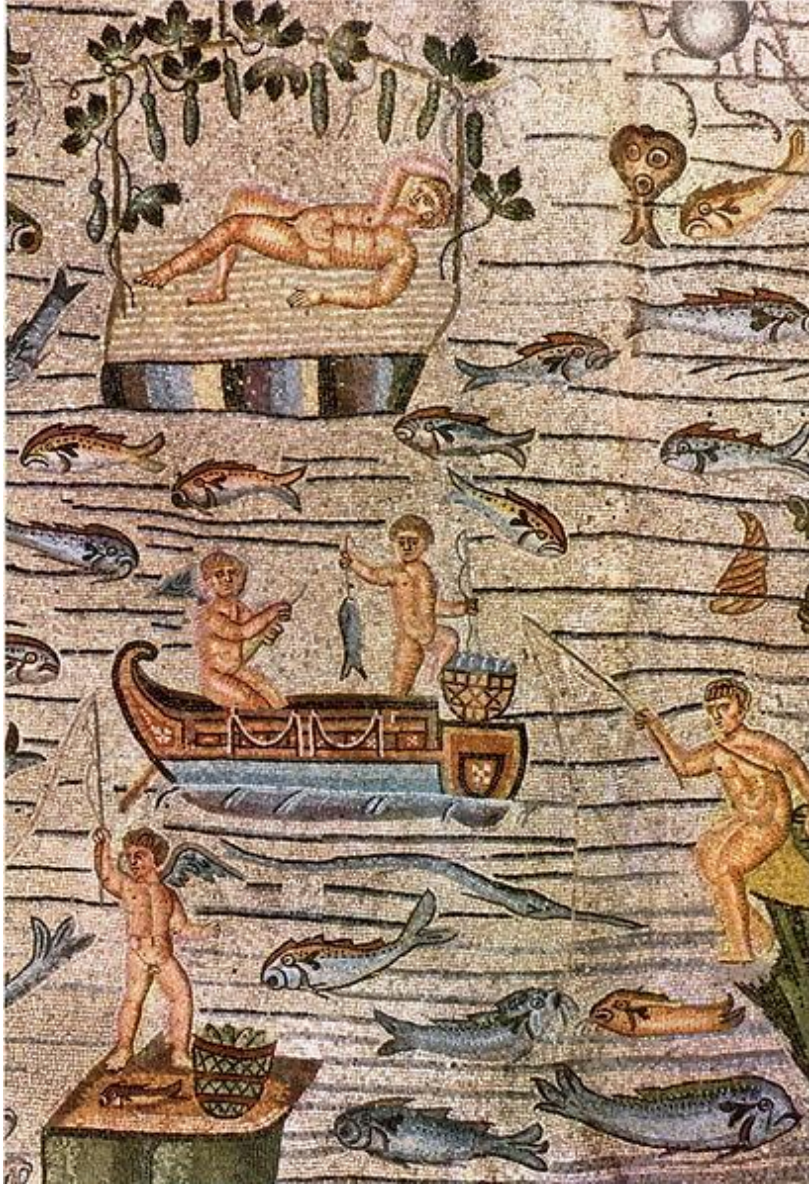
We began searching to see what we could find, and we think this is a neat little collection of historic evidence of the commonplace of nakedness in society. It also backs up the Bible account of not wearing clothing for dirty jobs. It is not an exhaustive record by any stretch, but it's still really neat. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Up 1<sup>st</sup> is a collection of Roman Era tile mosaics of fishing scenes:

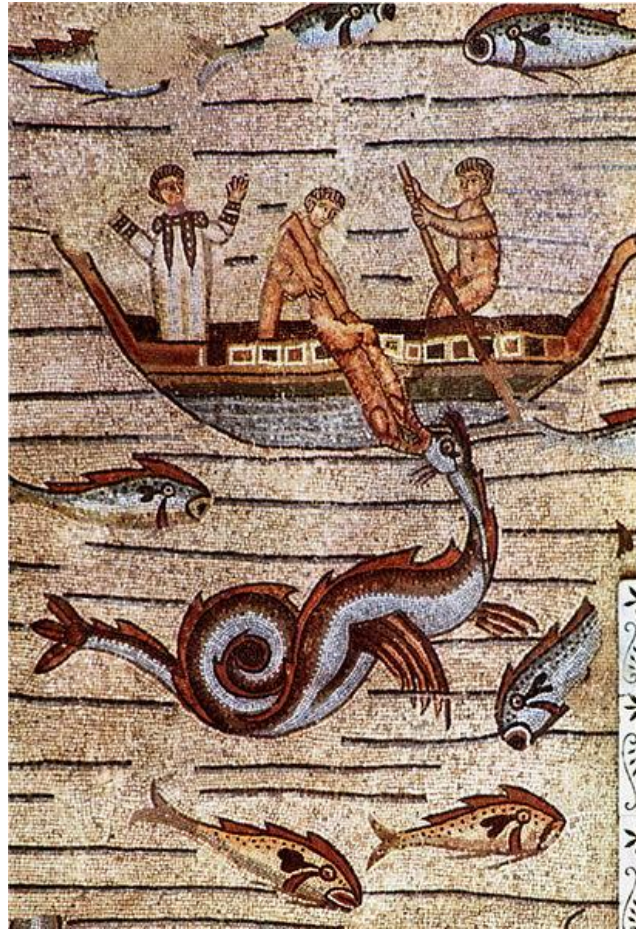
Mosaic from the Baptistery of the Christian Basilica, ancient Roman city of Bulla Regia, Jendouba, Tunisia.







Jonah Mosaic, Aquileia Basilica



Next, we will take a little historical stroll through some of the wall drawings, statues and artwork that confirm the commonplace of nonsexual nudity. Keep in mind that art typically reflects some aspect of society or it will not be accepted by the general populace. Art that is way outside of the norm is typically relegated to obscurity.

2500BC



1400 BC



4<sup>th</sup> Century BC



1<sup>st</sup> Century BC





5<sup>th</sup> Century



1500s



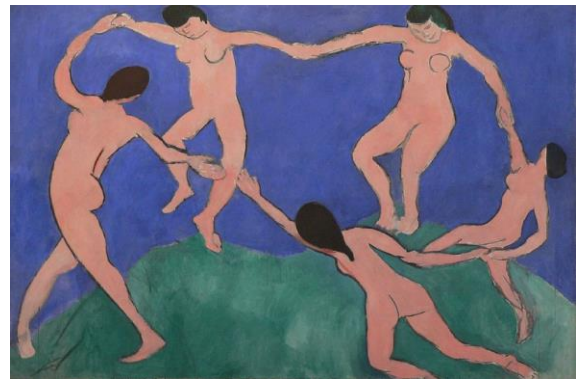
1700s



1800s



1900s





Now here in our modern era there are still examples of societies living naked on an all day, everyday basis and nonsexual in nature. The History Channel and NatGeo have both done multiple documentaries on these modern cultures. They show them hunting, fishing, farming, building homes, playing games, raising their children, etc. in a totally nude culture. Keep in mind that as Aaron Frost mentions in his book *Christian Body*, these cultures are typically way less sexualized than our western, clothes obsessed culture is today. They live in climates that do not require clothing for warmth, so they see no need to wear any. They see the body just as a body, not as an object of sex. The lack of clothing has desexualized their society through the commonplace of nonsexual nudity. Our western view has only increased the sexualization of the body and oversexualized our society.

2000s



We hope that you have enjoyed our little trip through history and that this increases your faith in what the Bible already teaches...that the naked body is not shameful or sinful, but instead was created in the image and likeness of God almighty Himself and that the commonplace of nonsexual nudity can not only have an accepted place in society, but can actually be good for society. Go figure...God's original intent can actually be good for us...wow, sarcasm intended lol.