

15. Ignorant of our nation's history, the literal uniqueness of its foundational documents, and the absoluteness of civil laws that maintain order in society, these Progressive acolytes are primed to become the catalysts for the "violent overthrow ... of existing government."
16. These developments reflect the obvious loss of biblical thought within the population. When truth is rejected then cosmic concepts must rush in to take its place in the form of human viewpoint, human good, and evil.
17. What exposes the success of these strategies is the anger, bitterness, and violence that accompanies public protests. The anger is sincere in the souls of the demonstrators since it expresses what they have been taught since kindergarten.
18. The bitterness is based on the conclusion that those who disagree with them are the problem and by removing them, peace and harmony will rush in to restore order.
19. Violence is approved since the established order is considered illegitimate and its authority and must be suppressed and then destroyed. Ergo, open rebellion.
20. Rebellion is justified in the minds of the anointed ones who, ignorant of history's repeated evidence that revolutions result in tyranny, blindly do the bidding of the puppet masters.
21. The Bible presents a pertinent example of this process from c. 1000 B.C. We will not engage the full study at this time, but a sequence of events occurs in 2 Samuel 11 through 18 that includes David's son Absalom's rebellion against his father.
22. In the 2 Samuel 11–18 context, you will see that David's sin with Bathsheba began a sequence of events that resulted in David's Installment Discipline.
23. The pertinent passage to consult is 2 Samuel 15:1–13. Absalom's hatred for his father motivated him to foment rebellion. His initial strategy was to begin a propaganda campaign against David followed by invasion of Jerusalem.
24. David evacuated Jerusalem, Absalom seized the castle, and pursued David's party and military east of the Jordan. Absalom's attempt of a coup d'état failed when he was killed in action by Joab in the Battle of Ephraim Forest (2 Samuel 18).



25. David's installment discipline was used by God to deal with David's deviations from divine guidance. Instead of employing the sin unto death to David, God disciplined him in a sequence of circumstances. If David applied doctrine, he would survive and in doing so become the greatest king in Israelite history.
26. In the Church Age, the believer is educated toward spiritual maturity by means of grace plus as many as three levels of divine discipline: (1) Warning, (2) Intensive, and (3) Dying.

1. **Warning.** Failure to rebound (1 John 1:9) causes the believer to function in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred. Outside the evanescent[!] divine dynasphere, the believer is removed from the direct influence of Bible doctrine in the soul. Resultant application is always mixed with human viewpoint, human good, and evil.

Although involved in self-induced misery, he was still sensitive to truth and between the two able to confess his sins and restore fellowship with the Father.

This condition is illustrated by the Lord in:

Revelation 3:20 "Listen! I am standing at the door and knocking [divine influence to confess his sins]! If anyone hears My voice [the appeal to restore fellowship] and opens the door [confession alone to God alone] I will come into his home and have a meal with him [restoration of fellowship], and he with me." (NET)

Failure to rebound, results in the imposition of intensified levels of divine discipline as required.

2. **Intensified.** Continued residence in the cosmic system reveals that the believer did not respond to warning discipline. God's plan for that believer is still accessible, but to guide him back into fellowship, discipline must be intensified.

[!] "Evanescence: Vanishing or likely to vanish like vapor" in *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed., s.v. "evanescent."



To allow recovery to occur, God continues to supply him with logistical grace support. He is kept alive, so that rebound recovery is always a prayer away.

The believer may intensify his obstinacy which means the discipline already intensified is strengthened further. The two combined are extremely severe to the point of unbearable suffering.

One may conclude that this suffering is imposed physically only. Conceivably, some forms of mental suffering are more intense than physical suffering. Which form or a combination of the two may be what is required to restore objectivity to the person's soul.

Each failure to respond to God's efforts to elicit spiritual recovery diminishes his likelihood of rebound recovery. Unrelenting, the person moves from blackout of the soul to hardness of the heart, and finally scar tissue of the soul.

Ephesians 4:18 having become darkened in their thinking [**blackout of the soul: loss of objectivity**], excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance which keeps on being in them because of the hardness of their heart [*πώρωσις (pōrōsis)*; loss of objectivity results in the heart rejecting truth and thus becoming ossified by cosmic viewpoint];

v. 19 who, while having become callous [*ἀπαλγέω (apalgēō)*: **scar tissue of the soul**], have betrayed themselves to promiscuous debauchery [*ἀσέλγεια (asélgeia)*: abnormal sexual perversions] resulting in the practice [*ἐργασία (ergasia)*: production of evil] of every kind of immorality [*ἀκαθαρσία (akatharsía)*: perversions common to a defiled soul] in the sphere of insatiable lust [*πλεονεξία (pleonexía)*: an intensified pursuit of happiness from unbridled sensual acts]. (EXT)



3. **Dying.** This category accompanies rapid spiritual decline that, sans rebound, results in the sin unto death. Although the believer was saved by his expression of faith alone in Christ alone, his avoidance of serious Bible study eventuates in becoming a casualty in the Invisible War.

Tragically, he has turned away from the revelation of divine truth and instead inculcates rationales from the Dark Side's propaganda. Typical of such an individual is the trend toward reversionism that is expressed in:

Hebrews 12:5 You have forgotten the principle of doctrine which teaches you as sons, [**Proverbs 3:11–12**] “My son [υἱός (*huíos*): a minor], do not make light of corrective discipline from the Lord, nor become discouraged when you are reproved by Him;

v. 6 For whom the Lord loves perpetually [static present active indicative of ἀγαπάω (*agapáō*): eternally] He imposes corrective discipline [customary present active indicative of παιδεύω (*paideúō*): as to a child²] and He whips [customary present active indicative of μαστιγῶω (*mastigóō*): corporal punishment³] every son He perpetually receives [static present active indicative of παραδέχομαι (*paradéchomai*): eternally].” (EXT)

27. These warnings are avoided by successfully passing momentum testing. Synopses of its four categories follow.

² The cognate noun is παιδεία (*paideía*) which is corrective discipline. Both the verb and the noun have as their basic root *pai* (*pai*) which comes from παῖς (*país*) which means a child. It is used in the sense of teaching or training a child by discipline. The customary present indicates what habitually occurs, or may be reasonably expected to occur.

³ “The word is used figuratively in Hebrews 12:6 (quoting Proverbs 3:12) for “to impart corrective punishment.” As the education of a beloved child may sometimes demand blows, so God may sometimes smite His children. Suffering will be regarded by the Christian as a proof of God’s educative love” (Carl Schneider, “μαστιγῶω,” in *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Gerhard Kittel, trans. and ed. Geoffrey W. Bromiley [Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1967]. 4:518).



1. **People Testing.** Problems emerge in two categories. Approbation of another person can be magnified at the expense of one's own autonomy. Antagonism toward another person transfers control of one's spiritual life over to that individual.

Here are two examples regarding people testing. First, to aggrandize someone excessively can result in allowing one's personal love to be transferred away from God over to that individual.

Secondly, antagonism toward another person results in transferring control over one's life to someone else.

It is maintenance of spiritual autonomy that enables a person to enjoy relationships with others. People emphasis must be exchanged for God emphasis.

Spiritual autonomy is the powerful inner resource that permits personal love to be a blessing. It prevents reactor factors that result in granting another person control over one's life.

The problem-solving device for maintenance of one's spiritual life is sharing the happiness of God, the copacetic spiritual life, unalloyed happiness, or the possession of **ἔσωτερική ἁρμονία** (*esōterikē harmonía*): "inner harmony of the soul."

When cognitive independence produces true harmony in the soul, then beneficial relationships with others are the result. That category of harmony is the possession of **ἐξωτερική ἁρμονία** (*exōterikē harmonía*): "outer harmony of the soul."⁴

We have recognized each of these phrases in our study of *James: Chapter Two* with the terms "Law of Freedom" (inner harmony) and "Law of Liberty" (outer harmony).

People Testing is associated with *exōterikē harmonía* and the function of the Law of Liberty.

This leads us to the next category of Momentum Testing:

⁴ "The two adjectives, **ἔσωτερική** and **ἐξωτερική**, originate in Classical Greek from **ἔσωτερικός** (*esōterikós*): "inner," and **ἐξωτερικός** (*exōterikós*): "outer," each in our use describing the noun **ἁρμονία** (*harmonía*): "harmony" (Henry George Liddell and Robert Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon*, rev. and aug. Henry Stuart Jones [New York: Oxford University Press, 1968], s.vv. ἔσωτερικός, ἐξωτερικός, and ἁρμονία).



2. **Thought Testing.** This category is associated with *esōterikē harmonía* and the function of the Law of Freedom.

Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:7a that “as a man thinks or calculates within his soul, so he is.” This man had invited someone to have a meal with him but in his mind, he was adding up the cost of doing so. He appeared to offer his hospitality, but instead he resented having to pay the bill.

Homo sapiens is the name of the human species. The Latin name is translated “wise man.” The American Heritage Dictionary informs us it is the only extant species of primate tribe Hominīnī.⁵

A high inventory of biblical principles, categories and doctrines enables the advanced believer to identify human viewpoint, human good, and evil.

Absence of an advanced inventory causes human viewpoint to be accepted as true and causes a person to enter into the cosmic systems.

One of the dangers believers encounter during their spiritual growth is to have an inventory of various biblical concepts and ideas, but not enough maturity to understand how to apply what they know. These are pseudo-spiritual intellectuals.

Thought testing can only be passed when the believer makes the advance into the sophisticated spiritual life. This believer is victorious on the invisible battlefield of the Angelic Conflict.

John 4:24 God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

3. **System Testing.** There are many systems that exist in every culture with positions of authority that supervise policies designed to fulfill specific objectives of the organization.

⁵ “Hominin. Any of various primates of the tribe Hominīnī, including Australopithecus, other Pliocēne and Pleīsticēne human relatives, and Homo sapiens, the only extant species” (*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed.(2016), s.v. “hominin.”)



There are people within the system who fall under the authority of the organization. The mission is to fulfill the objectives of the organization while following the policies of ownership or management.

Testing arises when the mission of the organization and its objectives are managed by people who have sin natures. This includes both management and labor.

The believer with maximum doctrine is able to deal with the exigencies of the office place by subscribing first of all to doctrine in his soul and then to company policies.

The first obligation of an employee is to do all he is able to do in his area of assignment with emphasis on getting the product out the back door. If company policies prevent this from occurring efficiently then he is to do all he can to correct that issue.

If management does not see it that way, then the response is not to argue or quit but to follow the policy to the letter. Because it is flawed, it will ultimately fail and at that point he will be revealed as an asset.

Do your duty! Execute the plan and strategy company policy requires. God will promote those who stay the course. Too often employees gripe about how stupid management people are. This does not come under the area of their responsibility. Do your job; let God take care of the details.

- 4. Disaster Testing.** This area of testing puts maximum pressure on the advanced believer. He has shown through the other forms of testing that he has the doctrine to confront and endure these three systems.

Disasters can be personal, national or event related. These can involve accident, injury, illness, or disease, loss of loved ones, economic, weather events, loss of possessions.

Warfare places stress on the nation but individually for those who are deployed and their families left behind. There can be issues with cataclysmic weather events, many of these types have ravaged the United States over the past few years by water, wind, fire, and drought.



Politically, our client nation is under assault from fellow citizens whose ideas and actions are in clear violation of our Constitution, its Bill of Rights, and common decency.

There is a significant rise to power by decades of graduates from the Frankfurt School. Ignorant or proponents of the strategy and tactics used by totalitarian regimes, these benighted acolytes of the Cosmic Academy spout their ravings daily as they openly foment rebellion.

Scripture is clear in its warnings against the loss of thought in client nations. The National Education Association has for decades produced the current crop of rebels whose platform insists on prohibiting use of divinely provided resources in place of an unaffordable solution to a fictitious problem.

The solution is found in the strength of the Pivot. This church is providing serious studies of the Word of God from its original languages. There is no interest for this kind of approach to the Bible. Attendance is not what it needs to be in the doctrinal churches of this nation.

When the absence of interest combines with devotion to doctrines of demons, then the future of this client nation is threatened. The threat is not from God, but from a growing population that has lost the thought.

Proverbs 29:18 When there is no prophetic vision [the prophets are silent] the people cast off restraint [rejection of the divine guidance in Scripture], but he who keeps the Law, blessed is he. (NET)

Those who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life have acquired the happiness of God, the copacetic spiritual life, or unalloyed happiness.

The ability to observe historical trends alerts believers to pending economic disasters:

Common sense in preparation for economic depression is illustrated by Joseph, the prime minister of Egypt. Joseph understood the importance of liquidity, or its ancient equivalent in grain, and stored up reserves for use in lean years (Genesis 41:46–57).



Inflation as a cause of depression is described as a factor in the fourth cycle of discipline (Leviticus 26:26). When depression is divine discipline, only the spiritual recovery of the believer can deliver the client nation. As go believers, so goes the nation.⁶

Passing momentum testing advances the believer to the summum bonum of spiritual Maturity.

8. The Sixth Floor is spiritual maturity characterized by cognitive invincibility.

1. This level of the spiritual advance is necessary to pass the third category of suffering for blessing, which is Evidence Testing.
2. There are several characteristics of spiritual maturity and they may be briefly described as follows:

Maximum Contentment: Sharing the happiness of God is the ultimate problem-solving device. Happiness is the result of a facilitated inventory of doctrines contained in all eleven categories of systematic theology.

Convinced that he is solid in the perfect plan of God, the believer evaluates every exigency as an honor to pass while maintaining perfect happiness. Its occurrence was programmed into the divine decree and God expects him to function as a witness for the Prosecution demonstrating the power of doctrine applied as superior to the Dark Side's cosmic strategies.

Mental Stability: The mature believer is equipped to apply doctrine to every exigency. Divine viewpoint is so efficient that he considers it more real than the reality he faces.

He lives his life with the confidence that being in God's plan insures him of all the logistics he needs to overcome any situation that life, the world, and opposition presents.

Virtue Love as a Problem-Solving Device: Personal love for God and unconditional love for mankind empower him to use his personal integrity to manage all situations in life related to interpersonal relationships.

Functioning on his orientation to divine integrity, the mature believer is able to apply his personal development of the Royal Law to himself as well as to others.

⁶ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Christian Suffering*, 3d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2002), 126.



Cognitive Independence: The mature believer's huge inventory of doctrinal ideas gives him the power to resolve issues with the sophisticated application of Bible doctrine.

Maximum Grace Orientation: The spiritual underpinning of the life of a believer is orientation to the grace of God. Over time he is able to see the grace of God function with efficiency over the course of his spiritual life. Steeped in his history of seeing grace in action, he applies grace habitually. This enables him to be copacetic in all circumstances without any notion of utilizing any application from human viewpoint rationales.

Maximum Doctrinal Orientation: This category of spiritual maturity stresses spiritual common sense. This allows him to have keen analysis of the situations in life. He is not deceived by cosmic propaganda. Wisdom provides him with the ability to analyze circumstances and then plot the best solution and the courage to follow through on his analysis.

Great Decisions are Based on a Position of Maximum Strength: Knowing the spiritual mechanics of the plan of God, he is competent to make his decisions from the inventory he has and his inventory of previous applications. He is able to always do the right thing in a right way.

Maximum Control of One's Life: The mature believer lives independently within the privacy of his priesthood while functioning under the royal family honor code. He makes good decisions from his position of strength: a high inventory of ideas from maximum doctrine resident in his soul. If his norms and standards need changing, they do so from his spiritual growth that requires adjustments to his inventory of ideas. In other words, doctrine changes his decision-making process, not influence from other people. He makes his decisions based on biblical guidance and takes full responsibility for them.

Maximum Spiritual Dynamics. The mature believer lives in the light of his personal sense of destiny. God deals in absolutes. His Word conveys those absolutes pertinent to the believer. Whatever circumstances he faces he views them as a part of God's plan for him and he is to apply doctrine to address them. Every event in his personal life is associated with his personal sense of destiny.

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