

- d. As an appreciator, emotion is wonderful. But as the controller, emotion is a monster. Emotion takes control of the soul through such things as drug addiction.
- e. In the spiritual life of the believer, emotion is designed to respond to metabolized doctrine in the soul. But once emotion revolts, it becomes the aggressor and loses all normal function, becoming distorted. Then the believer becomes irrational and a puppet of the old sin nature.

Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children [Church Age believers] with pestilence [sin unto death], and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts.”

- f. Listing emotions first before soul essence shows that the two are out of balance.
- g. When emotions revolt, they become the dictator and aggressor of the soul, doctrine in the soul is neutralized or distorted, hindering the execution of the protocol plan.
- h. Emotional revolt of the soul is described in:

Philippians 3:19 Whose destiny is destruction [sin unto death], whose god is their emotion, whose fame comes by means of dishonor, who keep on thinking about earthly things.

- i. Emotional revolt of the soul divorces the believer from reality, and substitutes irrationality combined with arrogance to produce mental illness. Therefore, emotional revolt of the soul can quickly lead to psychopathy: egocentric and antisocial behavior and activity.
- j. Emotion is a hindrance to the perception of Bible doctrine, to consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation:

2 Corinthians 6:11 O you Corinthians, our mouths [Paul, 's Apollos', and Timothy's] have been opened to you; our *kardias* have been enlarged [we were prepared].

v. 12 Therefore, you have not been hindered by us [Paul, Apollos, Timothy], but you have been hindered by your own emotions.

- k. Emotional revolt of the soul becomes a distraction to the execution of the protocol plan:



Romans 16:17 Now I urge you brethren, be alert for those who are causing dissensions and apostasies [false, reversionistic teaching] contrary to Bible doctrine which you have learned, and turn away from them.

v. 18 For such believers do not obey our Lord Jesus Christ, but they obey their own emotions, serving themselves; and by smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the souls of the reversionists.

- l. Emotions have no capacity for thought, reason, or discernment. Therefore, the soul becomes blind, unreasonable, unrestrained, arrogant, immoral, legalistic, antinomian, and anti-doctrine.
- m. Emotional revolt of the soul means loss of a personal sense of destiny, failure to execute the protocol plan of God, failure to understand and utilize the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan as well as the unique characteristics of the Church Age, and failure to understand and use your portfolio of invisible assets.
- n. Therefore, emotional revolt makes it impossible to become an invisible hero and thereby glorify God.

5. **Permanent Negative Volition Toward Doctrine or Permanent Cosmic Involvement**

- a. As a result of the reactor factors, the frantic search for happiness, operation boomerang, and an emotional revolt of the soul, the believer suffers loss of biblical priorities, biblical norms, and biblical standards resulting in bad decisions from a position of weakness. This means the believer loses control of his life and a personal sense of destiny if he ever had it. The believer can no longer be distinguished from an unbeliever.
- b. Stage five is the malfunction of post-salvation epistemological [knowledge] rehabilitation. It is the beginning of Christian degeneracy.
- c. Negative volition does not metabolize doctrine, so that operation Z malfunctions. This advancing negative volition is gradual.
- d. Negative volition toward doctrine means that the believer can never understand God's will, plan, and purpose for his life. Therefore, he cannot grow spiritually. As a result, all his works are dead works and human good which are totally unacceptable to God. He is operating in the energy of the flesh rather than in the power the Holy Spirit.



- e. The believer in stage five has lost complete control of his life. He has replaced any doctrine he ever had with false doctrine and human viewpoint. In his thinking, he cannot be distinguished from an unbeliever.
- f. The road to degeneracy is now guaranteed and even motivated by this permanent negative volition.
- g. The only destiny we have as Church Age believers is related to the protocol plan of God, which must be understood.
 - (1) Every believer has a destiny. But the experience of having a personal sense of destiny comes only to those believers who grow in grace and function under Operation Z.
 - (2) The believer's destiny is always associated with the execution of the protocol plan of God in becoming an invisible hero.
 - (3) With negative volition toward doctrine, the believer has no fulfillment of his destiny.
 - (4) You cannot build your destiny, which is the protocol plan, on talent, human ability, or experiences.
 - (5) You have no destiny apart from God who has given to you the protocol plan for the manufacture of invisible heroes and the execution of God's will for your life.
 - (6) Understanding our destiny and what follows salvation depends on our understanding of the mystery doctrines of the Church Age.
 - (7) Through physical birth, we have a purpose in life. But through regeneration, we have a destiny in life.
 - (8) God gave us eternal life in regeneration. This means we have a twofold destiny. We have a destiny in time which is the execution of the protocol plan, by which we become invisible heroes. We have a destiny in eternity related to our resurrection bodies.
 - (9) Negative volition toward doctrine cancels the fulfillment of our destiny in time.
- h. The final three stages of reversionism are the result of permanent negative volition toward doctrine and subsequent ignorance of the protocol plan of God for the Church Age.



- i. Characteristics of negative volition toward doctrine:
- (1) Indifference or apathy toward Bible teaching from a pastor-teacher.
 - (2) Wrong priorities means you're too busy to consistently hear doctrine taught. There are so many distractions today to pull you from Bible class. Wrong priorities doesn't mean the things we like and do are wrong, but that they're wrong when we put them before Bible doctrine.
 - (3) Antagonism or personality conflict with a pastor who is actually teaching doctrine. Due to having your eyes on the pastor and resenting him in some way, you don't hear what he's saying and so miss the content of the message. The Holy Spirit is the solution here, for He gives you the power and ability to hear what is said rather than how it is said, or by whom it is said.
 - (4) Failure to learn and to utilize the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God. For example, spiritual phenomena cannot be understood by the believer who fails to use rebound.
 - (5) Lack of concentration and ignorance of good manners. Poor manners are a manifestation of thoughtlessness of other people. You cannot listen and talk in Bible class at the same time. Talking also distracts other people and breaks their concentration.
 - (6) Inability to cope with prosperity or adversity. When people become prosperous, they often are distracted from doctrine. Or when people cannot cope with adversity,
 - (7) Failure to understand your very own portfolio of invisible assets they often seek psychological solutions.

6. Blackout of the Soul

Ephesians 4:17 gives the technical Greek word for the blackout of the soul: **ματαιότης (mataiotēs)**: Negative volition creates a vacuum that sucks in false doctrine into the soul.

Ephesians 4:17 Therefore, I communicate this, and because of the Lord, I insist that you no longer walk as Gentiles [i.e., unbelievers] walk in the vacuum of their mind.



- (A) Through this vacuum comes the doctrine of demons, including religionism, liberalism, crusader arrogance, and anti-establishment thinking (1 Timothy 4:1).
- (a) The false doctrine passing through the vacuum of the soul is called demon influence, or being influenced by evil. This is not the same as demon possession; in many ways, it is worse.
 - (b) The believer cannot be demon possessed because he is indwelt by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
 - (c) But demon influence comes through false teaching.
 - (d) The believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit whether he's out of or in fellowship.
 - (e) Although the believer cannot be demon possessed, he is vulnerable to demon influence which comes from permanent negative volition: stage six of reversionism.
 - (1) Infiltration of the doctrine of demons results in the blackout of the soul. This comes from failure to be filled with the Spirit, and lack of consistent exposure to Bible doctrine.
 - (2) The blackout of the soul is tantamount to God-relationship fragmentation. God-relationship fragmentation is failure to execute the protocol plan of God through neglect of post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation, and failure to learn and use the portfolio of invisible assets and the problem-solving devices.
- B. The apostle John describes blackout of the soul in:
- (1) **John 12:35c** Jesus said to them, "... he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes."
 - (2) **1 John 1:6** If we contend that we have fellowship with Him and we keep on walking in darkness, we are lying and we do not practice the truth.
 - (3) **1 John 2:11** When anyone hates his fellow believer, he is in darkness and he walks in darkness, and he does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
 - (4) The blackout of the soul indicates ignorance of Bible doctrine, cosmic involvement, and the replacement of Bible doctrine with false doctrine.



- (5) The vacuum of the soul, mentioned in Ephesians 4:17, is the channel created by negative volition and implosion, through which false doctrine enters into the soul of the believer.
- (6) The mechanics of the blackout of the soul include:
 - (1) Implosion or self-fragmentation toward sin-nature trends.
 - (2) Explosion or polarized fragmentation toward legalism.
 - (3) Fragmentation toward categories of subjective arrogance.
- (7) Even the unbeliever, by being negative toward the gospel, has blackout of the soul.

2 Corinthians 4:3 Even if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world [**Satan**] has blinded the minds of those who are unbelieving that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.

7. Scar Tissue of the Soul

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their way of thinking; they have been alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the scar tissue of their *kardías*.

- (1) Scar tissue of the soul is prolonged residence in the cosmic system. It is prolonged fragmentation unchecked, reaction to any form of accurate Bible teaching, and strong reaction to those who communicate accurately the mystery doctrine of the Church Age.
- (2) This is tantamount to paralyzing the valves of the heart, so that there is no more circulation of doctrine in the frame of reference, memory center, vocabulary storage, categorical storage, conscience, momentum department, wisdom department, and subconscious mind.
- (3) The Scripture calls scar tissue of the soul “hardness of heart,” “hardening of the neck,” or “hardening of the face.”
 - (a) “Hardened their heart” is a quote by Isaiah cited by John in:

John 12:40 “He [**God**] has blinded their eyes with the result that they continue that way and hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.” (NKJV)



- (b) “Hardening the neck” is found in the King James Version’s translation of Nehemiah 9:16-17. In this passage, Nehemiah indicts the Jews for their insubordination toward God:

Nehemiah 9:16 “But they and their fathers acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments.

v. 17 They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage.¹ (NKJV)

- (c) “Hardens his face” is a term found in both Proverbs:

Proverbs 21:29a A wicked man hardens his face ...

- (4) At this point, the believer cannot be distinguished from the unbeliever. Not only that, but he is very anti-authority in both the spiritual and temporal realms of life.
- (5) In this stage is where reversionism becomes a reality. Remember that reversionism is the act of reverting or returning to a former belief or practice.
- (6) Blackout of the soul plus scar tissue of the soul equals Christian degeneracy or reverse-process reversionism.
- (7) Scar tissue of the soul is the status of cosmic involvement, and therefore a violation of John’s imperative in:

1 John 2:15 Stop loving the cosmic system or anything in the cosmic system. If anyone keeps loving the cosmic system, the love of the Father is not in him.

- (8) Scar tissue of the soul is the final step into Christian degeneracy because scar tissue of the soul is motivation for degeneracy.
- (9) Scar tissue of the soul is the enemy of evangelism as previously noted in John 12:40.
- (10) The unbeliever who is controlled by the cosmic system with scar tissue of the soul. The teachings of cosmic pastors are called out by Peter in:

2 Peter 2:22 It happens to them according to the true proverb, “The dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallow in the mire.” (NET)

¹ See also, Jeremiah 7:26



- (11) Scar tissue of the soul is the enemy of evangelism:

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. (NASB)

- (12) The mechanics of the unbeliever's scar tissue are described in:

2 Thessalonians 2:10 And by means of all deception of unrighteousness to those who are being led astray [**tendential present passive participle of ἀπόλλυμι (apóllumi): “caused to perish”²**] because they have not received the love of the truth [ἀλήθεια (alétheia)] in order that they might be saved. (EXT)

8. Reverse-Process Reversionism.

- (a) This is the final stage of reversionism, a combination of the sixth and seventh stages. It is the antithesis of being an invisible hero.
- (b) Everything that is worthwhile and valuable in life is rejected; everything that is useless and nonsense is accepted. Prolonged residence in the cosmic system causes a complete reversal of all mandates, all priorities, and all norms and standards related to the protocol plan of God.
- (c) Christian degeneracy reaches its peak in reverse-process reversionism. The believer in reverse-process reversionism cannot be distinguished in any way from an unbeliever, though he cannot lose his salvation.
- (d) In reverse-process reversionism, degeneracy is defined as decline from the normal standards of the protocol plan of God. Therefore, the believer retrogresses into below normal stages of reversionism, and totally reverts from the divine standards found in the Word of God.
 - (1) The believer in moral degeneracy declines from the normal standards of the protocol plan, and sinks into such sub-normal standards of self-fragmentation, polarized fragmentation of legalism, and continues through the stages of reversionism.

² The tendential present means the action has not taken place, but syntax says it is a future certainty. Paul is writing what he is told by God the Holy Spirit, but this syntax indicates Paul is not happy that these people have negative volition, and they will be utterly destroyed: “caused to perish.”



Reverse-process means to face in the opposite direction, to reverse course to invert beliefs by a turnabout in thinking. The reversionist spurns that which he should love and loves that which he should spurn.³

- (2) “Reverse-process” means to face in the opposite direction either spiritually, mentally, or physically.
- (e) Reverse-process reversionism is an inverted position of degeneracy by the reversal of objects. Bona fide objects of love and priorities include doctrine, personal love for God the Father, occupation with Christ, having a right pastor, right spouse, and right friends are all reversed. In reverse-process reversionism, pseudo-love objects replace Biblical priorities.
- (f) The believer reverses the objects of his love, attention, concentration, and priorities. Reverse-process reversionism is characterized by the reversal of love objects. In Revelation, John describes this as, “leaving your first love”:

Revelation 2:4 ‘I have this against you believers, that you have abandoned your first love [**spiritual growth**].

v. 5 ‘Therefore, recall to mind and remember from what state you have fallen. Change your mind [**rebound**], and execute the deeds you did at first. Otherwise, if you do not do so, I will come to you and remove your lampstand [**the church**] if you do not repent. (EXT)

Principles from Revelation 2:4–5

The first half of verse 5 is the solution to the problem of national degeneracy. The second half gives the denouement—the outcome of a complex sequence of events. The Lampstand is the church given by Jesus. If the churches are removed from the nation, then that nation will no longer be a Client Nation to God and it will be changed or destroyed. The nation may still have churches, but if there is no Light in the Lampstands then doctrine is not being taught or the congregation is negative and antagonistic to doctrinal teaching.

³ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Reversionism*, 2d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2000), 37.



As goes the believer, so goes the client nation to God. The pivot of mature believers sustains a nation. When the Pivot is gone, God removes the Client Nation. Its corpse will not rest in peace.

- (g) The first love mentioned in Revelation 2:4 refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as both the living Word and the written Word or doctrine.
- (h) Reverse-process reversionism leaves a true object and gravitates toward a pseudo-love object. The believer in reverse-process reversionism rejects everything related to true love and God. His standards are antithetical to those of Bible doctrine.
- (i) He seeks his own personal glory instead of love of God. He seeks any false lover instead of his right woman. He seeks anyone who can help him or that he can use, instead of true friends.
- (j) He has a total reversal of all true objects of love.
- (k) Christian degeneracy blots out and reverses all of the mandates, all of the norms and standards, and all of the doctrinal understanding of three Biblical categories:
 - (1) The laws of divine establishment.
 - (2) Salvation by grace through faith.
 - (3) The protocol plan of God for the Church Age.
- (l) Seven characteristics of reverse process reversionism include:
 - (1) Prolonged residence in the cosmic system is the inevitable result of unchecked fragmentation, which is parlayed into reversionism.
 - (2) The believer in this stage is described in several ways.
 - (a) The enemy of God, James 4:4.
 - (b) The enemy of the cross, Philippians 3:18.
 - (c) A hater of God, John 15:23.
 - (d) Spiritual schizophrenia, “double-minded,” James 4:8.
 - (e) Anti or against Christ, 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3 and 2 John 7.
 - (f) Disciple of the devil, 1 John 3:8,10.

(End JAS15. See JAS16 for continuation of study at p. 151.)

