

subj = Potential; such a circumstance may occur in the future or it may not occur. If it does then you are to "give him drink." The present active imperative of the verb:

POTI'ZW = "give him drink"

pres = indicates that in every such case you would do the same thing

act = the positive believer gives water to his enemy as a matter of honor and not as an act of morality.

imp = This is a command and therefore sets us the ultimate test within the honor code: will you save the life of the one who has harmed you when you could just as easily let him die?

1- This is a true test of one's honor. You may have turned the case over to the Supreme Court of Heaven for prosecution.

2- You may be completely clear with regard to mental attitude sins toward this person.

3- As far as you are concerned it is entirely in the hands of the Lord.

4- But loyalty to truth must be an habitual exercise under all kinds of pressure.


5- If given the opportunity, would you submit to the temptation of allowing the person to die if his life was in your hands?


6- If you fail this test then you loose and you have lowered yourself to the level of your adversary!

7- It means you have no endurance, no stick-to-it-iveness, no tenacity for the long haul. You are a three-quarter player. You look good for three quarters but fold in the fourth where games are won and lost. Or, you pitch 8 shut-out innings but can't last the ninth. (The Atlanta Brave Syndrome.)

8- Can you rise above the petty delight which comes from letting your emotions have their way with a helpless enemy?

9- Yes! You will do this by means of the honor code. You will rise above the mundane with continued deference to the justice of God and its adjudication of the case.

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- 10- The thing that keeps order in society is that members of the royal family recognize the principle that we all must answer to a higher authority.
- 11- We therefore have no enemies. We can get along as long as it depends on us. We can be excellent leaders because we are able to treat people fairly and without prejudice.
- 12- When a nation has within its Zeitgeist the principle that those in authority have no friends or enemies but instead rule under a higher authority, and that God, then true justice will rule in that society.
- 13- As we continue as a nation to ignore doctrine, to reject God, and to insist that man from his own devices can achieve a just society, we guarantee sure punishment from the justice of God.
- 14- There are two competing cultures struggling for the souls of Americans. The one which has been dominant this century seeks centralization of authority into larger and larger entities of political power.
- 15- The other, in decline this century, seeks dispersement of authority into smaller and smaller entities of political power.
- 16- The former is about to realize the fulfillment of all its wildest dreams at the expense of the latter.
SECURITY VS. FREEDOM
- 17- As more and more people are empowered by governmental authority and armed with laws which invade your privacy, seize your property, and threaten your tranquility, you are going to have to decide whether to challenge Charybdis or confront Scylla.
- 18- It's all individual choice based on the facts which are pertinent to your case. If someone is hostile toward you over nonessential principles of doctrine then you must defer to the justice of God. If they are hostile over essential principles of doctrine then you must decide whether you are going to draw the line.
- 19- When the issue is a nonessential then you must submit to duly appointed authority. You submit to Charybdis and let the Lord prosecute.
- 20- When the issue is an essential then you must decide to confront authority. You confront Scylla and let the Lord take care of details.