



Zionophobia: Satanic Prestidigitation Leads to Operation Gang Aft Agley: an Analysis of “Perish” in 2 Thessalonians 2:10

67. In all cases, brainwashing is the result of the victim having no knowledge of doctrine in his soul with which to defend his mind against menticide.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 - The appearance of the lawless one shall be according to the modus operandi of Satan with all power and by means of miracles, even wonder miracles of the lie [**prestidigitation and legerdemain**],

v. 10 - and by means of all deception of unrighteousness to those who are being led astray, deprived, ruined, destroyed [ἀπόλλυμι, *apollumi*] because they have not received the love of the truth [**negative volition toward doctrine**] that they might be saved [**evangelism in the Tribulation**].

v. 11 - And for this reason, God sends them the modus operandi of delusion and error [**Luciferian methods of propaganda**] so that they believe the lie [**they brainwash themselves**],

v. 12 - in order that they might be condemned because they have not believed the truth but because they have taken pleasure in unrighteousness [**opposition to truth**].

68. In this passage, Paul gives us a tutorial on how and why certain people enter into reversionism and buy the lie. First we see that by means of the deception of unrighteousness they are led astray.

69. The word for “deception” is the instrumental of means of:
ἀπάτη, *apatē* - “by means of all deception.”

70. The type of deception is mentioned next by the genitive noun:
ἀδικία, *adikia* - “thoughts, decisions, or actions that violate one’s established system of convictions.”

71. The person who has no norms and standards is easily led into error by means of deception. The lie is presented as truth but this individual has no inventory of ideas with which to evaluate the incoming data and by means of this deception is led into a disposition that is “unrighteous,” that is, lawless with regards to biblical guidance.

NOTE: English versions of the Bible use “perish” to translate the present passive participle of the verb **ἀπόλλυμι, *apollumi*** and which we have translated with four words taken from definitions found in William F. Arndt and F. Wilber Gingrich’s *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* (2d ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1979, 95).

1. “To be led astray.”

“To a Mouse”
by Robert Burns

The best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men
Gang aft agley (often go awry),
An’ lea’e us naught but grief an’ pain
For promised joy!

Example: “Sheep” and the “younger son” in:

Matthew 10:5 - These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, “Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;



v. 6 - but rather go to the lost [ἀπόλλυμι, *apollumi*] sheep of the house of Israel.

Luke 15:24 - “This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost [*apollumi*], and has been found.”

2. “Deprived.” Example: By destruction of wisdom in:

1 Corinthians 1:18 - The word of the cross is to those who are perishing [*apollumi*] foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

v. 19 - For it is written, “I will destroy [*apollumi*] the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.”

3. “Ruined.” Example: The eternal death of those who do not believe:

2 Corinthians 4:2 - We have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

v. 3 - And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing [*apollumi*] ...

4. “Destroyed.” Example: Eternal punishment of the soul:

Matthew 10:28 - “And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy [*apollumi*] both soul and body in hell.”

Apollumi has four definitions. Each one illustrates and expresses a stage of degeneracy experienced by a believer and a client nation in decline.

1. Led astray. Falling victim to the visual and mental assaults of Satan’s prestidigitation. Once you reject truth you fall victim to the lie. This begins Operation Gang Aft Agley: to be led astray.
2. Deprived. Those who have been recruited for Operation Gang Aft Agley must function under the affliction of “truth depravation.”

1 Peter 5:8 - Be self-controlled. Be alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

v. 9 - Resist him, standing fast in the faith ...

Having voluntarily rejected truth, they must now seek to function in life dependent upon the lie. This leads to a lifestyle of error.

3. Ruined. When a maximum number of citizens in a client nation pursue a lifestyle of error, the Law of Volitional Responsibility permeates every area of the society and culture. The ramifications can be seen in social life, cultural life, the government, the economy, religion, the military.

It is initially reflected in manners and attitude and goes on to create problems in sports, schools, music, arts, drama, literature, and professional life. There is a loss of patriotism and the development of ethnic arrogance among populist societies. Tension brings about conflict which produces change. In a degenerate society, that change is always for the worst. These changes initiate warning discipline from God. Under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history, there follows the administration of the first four cycles of divine discipline to the client nation.



4. Destroyed. If the grace warnings of the first four cycles of divine discipline do not inspire a response and initiate national correction of negative historical trends, then the coup de grace is inflicted in the form of national destruction. The fifth cycle of discipline finds the client nation removed from history.
72. Deception is not possible when the person's soul is guarded by the truth. The unbeliever or ignorant believer can withstand deception if he has a good foundation in establishment truth.
73. The advancing believer's soul is doubly guarded when he has both establishment and biblical truth in his soul.