

Clanking Chains: Identification and Evaluation of Personality Arrogance; Adorno's Discovery of Wheel-Tracks

NOTE: See diagram:

http://www.gdcmedia.org/visuals/powerstruggleforthesoul.pdf

- 15-With these things in mind let's review a few points:
 - Motivated by personality arrogance, the anointed have acquired power in three 11major areas of influence by means of three tactics that are characteristic of the totalitarian personality they allegedly hope to eliminate: (1) Intimidation through the media; (2) Indoctrination through academia; and (3) incorporation through res iudicata.
 - 12-Although these tactics should remind the Frankfurt philosophers of the fascism which they fled they are either self-deluded by their arrogance or they self-justify their use of them under the principle; what advances the revolution is moral, what obstructs it is not.
 - 13-The Frankfurt philosophers apparently failed to apply their own theories to their own crusade. Theodor Adorno writes in *The Authoritarian Personality* (p. 5) that:

Personality is an enduring organization of forces within an individual. These persisting forces help determine responses in various situations and it is to them that consistency of behavior is attributable.

- 14-The "persisting forces" Adorno identifies emphasize the various manifestations of the sinful nature. The "responses in various situations" actually speak of the manifestations of the sinful nature's trends.
 - In the case of the Frankfurt crowd these "responses" involve almost every category of the arrogance complex. We noted seven.
- It is important to identify those with personality arrogance. You can do this on a small scale by evaluating those within a family, an organization, a church, or a business. It can be done on a large scale by evaluating those who run a city, county, state, or nation.
- Personality arrogance is in play when one person or a group of people use their personality to dominate the weak individuals within the system.
- 18-Remember, according to Adorno, the "organization of forces" that make up a person's personality has to do with those attitudes, opinions, and beliefs that "determine" one's "response" or "behavior" in "various situations."
- Adorno and his associates believe themselves to have discovered something new under the sun. However, divine revelation has been all over this idea for millennia. Paul's writings on the subject in Romans 7 are an example we have most recently studied in our series *The Theology of* Neurology.
- 20-What Adorno and his cohorts were so excited about discovering were actually wheel-tracks. A person's behavior patterns and character traits reveal these "paths of least resistance" which he chooses in certain situations. When these decisions are consistent and habitual they produce a lifestyle which informs the mature believer about the content of his character.

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Adorno writes that the "personality is an organization of forces that determine one's response to situations." He continues to assert that one's behavior is the acting out of that response. Therefore, Adorno agrees with Scripture:

Proverbs 23:7a - For as a man thinks within himself, so he is.

- 22-An advanced believer, by doctrinally analyzing another's ideas, words, and behaviors, is capable of identifying the "organization of forces" that determine his personality.
- 23-These "forces" may be classified in three ways. A person functions from (1) wheel-tracks of righteousness; (2) wheel-tracks of wickedness; or (3) a combination of the two. The latter is a conflicted personality. A good example is Bill O'Reilly whose viewpoints expressed on Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor* are often contradictory to those he expresses on other occasions.
- 24-Those who cannot operate from a foundation of absolute truth are the weak who are vulnerable to manipulation by a dominant class. A belief system based on principles of right and wrong is able to distinguish good from evil, divine viewpoint from human viewpoint, and personal choices from sinful behavior.
- 25-Without such an inventory an individual is ready prey for those who have an agenda and the disciples of Frankfurt have an agenda. And the weakest and most vulnerable to their assaults are children.
- The professors, the protégés, the advocates, and the administrators of Frankfurt philosophy have 26developed a system that challenges authority on every level but their own. They use their legitimate authority as overseers of the academy to take the malleable minds of America's youth and, with their velvet hammer of sweetness and light, forge personalities that will bring down Western culture and challenge Christian theology.
- 27-Consequently, the personality arrogance of the Frankfurt disciples draws on the full inventory of the doctrines of demons. Driven along by self-righteous arrogance, they systematically utilize their own authority to deconstruct all other systems of authority.
- 28-The pseudo-pleasing personality that the Frankfurt School has developed for its practitioners is extremely effective in conveying its false standards to the innocent, the ignorant, and the naïve.
- 29-The end result is that our client nation is caught up in a vortex of satanic lies and deceptions. Consequently, our fellow citizens, devoid of the ability to doctrinally identify Lucifer's rhetorical veil, fall victim to its hidden agenda.