

Clanking Chains: National Discipline, Hosea 4:1-6; Arrogance of Morality: Inversion of Thought & the New Moral Order

- Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, you citizens of Israel, because the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the nation because nothing of doctrine is being taught, nothing of grace is being applied, and there is no knowledge of God in the land.
- v. 2 Instead there is lying, murder, stealing, adultery, rape, unrestrained and unpunished violence. They employ criminal violence so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- v. 3 Therefore, the land mourns and all who live in it languish, along with domestic animals, birds and the fish of the sea. They all perish.
- v. 4 Yet let no one find fault and let no one offer criticism, for actually your citizens are like those who are complaining, vilifying, reprimanding, quarreling, causing strife against the priests.
- v.5 Therefore, you have stumbled in the daylight so that even the prophet will stumble with you in night darkness.
- v. 6 My people are destroyed because of lack of doctrine. Because believers have rejected knowledge, I will reject you [the Northern Kingdom of Israel] from being my priest nation. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children [loss of client nation privilege].
- We have now summarized seven subcategories of personality arrogance: (1) attitude, (2) negative volition, (3) authority, (4) psychopathic, (5) unhappiness, (6) iconoclastic, and (7) client nation arrogance.
- 32-The next category of self-righteous arrogance is:
- C. The Arrogance of Morality:
- 1-There is a true morality and a false morality. The former is a guardian of human freedom, the latter is a distortion that emerges from the strength of the sinful nature. Combined with doctrines of demons false morality becomes an expression of Lucifer's plan of human good and evil.
- 2-True morality is the function of the four divine institutions. It includes the divine norms and standards and scales of values that must be subscribed to by believer and unbeliever alike if societies are to maintain order.
- 3-The divine institutions include (1) volition, (2) marriage, (3) family, and (4) nationalism. Each has a system of authority that comes under assault when human viewpoint distorts their functions. This distortion can occur in two ways: (1) by legalism and (2) by evil.
- The legalistic distortion involves a very officious observance of moral standards as a means of self-validation. For example, in a civic sense, an unbeliever submits to the conventions of society in order to win the approbation of his fellow citizen. If they think well of him then he thinks well of himself.
- 5-This assumption can be transferred over to a spiritual application: "If my fellow man approves of me and I approve of me then surely God must approve of me."

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- There is also an evil concept associated with morality arrogance and that is what we have described lately as the "dark side of morality."
- 7-We have seen the evil side of morality arrogance in the advance of the Frankfurt philosophy over the past 80 years. This ideology has developed its own moral code that is in direct opposition to that subscribed to by Western culture.
- 8-Western culture supports the four divine institutions but the Frankfurt School attacks them. Individuality is replaced by the group, marriage is diluted with the inclusion of aberrant relationships, the family is broadened to include associations beyond parents and children, and nationalism is deemphasized in favor of international coalitions and global hegemony.
- 9-These assaults on the divine institutions are justified under the New Moral Order that sees violation of its code of conduct as immoral. This New Moral Order is also expressed by attacks on the military, law enforcement personnel, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; the promotion of sexual explicitness in media and the exposition of sexuality to children in so-called "sex education" classes; encroachment into areas formally considered the exclusive prerogative of parental authority; the promotion of total equality, entitlements, diversity, multiculturalism, environmentalism, feminism, and political correctness; the pursuit of an utopian democracy through crusades that promote world peace, disarmament, gun control, and confiscation of private property; and placing preeminence on the United Nations rather than national sovereignty.
- These are false standards of morality that have been substituted for true morality. We have learned about a number of those who developed this false system of morality. We have noted others who are willing advocates of what is referred to as the New Morality. On the other hand, there are those who have been intimidated into accepting these inventions by threats to their personal integrity such as the assertions of being "narrow-minded," "mean-spirited," a "reactionary," or "intolerant."
- Some have been simply indoctrinated into the system by an educational system that has elevated the lie above the truth and the unsuspecting children have unwittingly been co-opted into the dark side of morality.
- 12-Others are unwilling victims who are prevented from resistance because of a legal system that has incorporated the standards of the New Morality into our legal precedence under the principle of res judicata.
- 13-Therefore, we find our culture in the precarious position of supporting a system or "morality" and behavior that is at opposition to what God demands of a client nation.
- Therefore, those who know the Word are challenged to stand fast for the truth. The Lord is searching for winners who are willing to stand on the front rank of the phalanx and not be intimidated or distracted by the declining Zeitgeist.
- This is in opposition to an entrenched ideology that seeks to force people to comply with the New Morality. The doctrinal believer must reject the temptation to "join the mainstream."
- Failure to do so would result in another believer contributing to the shrinking of the Pivot. 16-Failure occurs when he exchanges his establishment and Christian integrity for a system of degeneracy that is upheld as the New Morality.
- 17-How the new morality is indoctrinated into our children is the subject of the next paragraph.