

The Attackers: Categories of Truth: Moral: Establishment Viewpoint Is Based on Biblical Principles from which Moral Behavior Is Derived; Good Manners Is the Application of Respect for Others; Children Must Be Taught Manners; Reversion Recovery, Eph 4:21–25; the System of Lying Invented by Lucifer: History's First Murder, John 8:44 cf. Gen 4:8; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11a; Rom 1:25

- (2) **Ontological.** That part of the science of metaphysics which investigates and explains the nature and essence of all beings, their qualities and attributes.¹
- (3) **Cognitive:** Thinking; having the power of thinking, or meditation; contemplation. Thought directed to an object; purpose.²
16. If what is moral is determined by the “law of God,” then the application of that moral code is the expression of divine truth related to man’s behavior.
17. Moral behavior is developed from biblical principles that relate to one’s verbiage and conduct toward others:
- Manner. [pl.] ways of social behavior; deportment, especially with reference to polite conventions; as good manners, bad manners; deportment conforming with polite conventions.³**
18. Manners vary among societies, however, “good” manners would be those that conform to the directives of biblical truths related to one’s relationship with others.
19. There are right and wrong ways to treat people. In a client nation these behavior patterns are established from Scripture. Children are to be taught these conventions by their parents.⁴
20. It matters not whether a child comes to believe in Christ; he is to conduct himself as an unbeliever in the way society dictates. He is to treat others in society as the Bible requires.
21. During historical downtrends a large number of parents have not transferred these truths to their children and as a result the loss of civility toward others leads to animosity, bitterness, and hatred.
22. When principles of divine truth are learned and applied, the person so doing is prospered by God since He always honors His Word.
23. Here are some sample verses on retention and application of truth to life and circumstances:

Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (NASB)

- (1) This verse introduces a paragraph that runs through verse 32 dealing with reversion recovery. One of the most efficient ways that believers go into reversionism is through people testing.
- (2) The solution to reversion recovery is found in the Royal Family Honor Code which is implied by the introductory words of the verse.

¹ Ibid., 2:26.

² Ibid., 1:40.

³ *Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language: Unabridged*, 2d ed., s.v.: “manner.”

⁴ Adults are superior in merit and rank to children and the latter must be trained to respect their betters. No exceptions.

- (3) It begins with the inferential conjunction **διό (dió)**: “therefore.” This is an inference back to the preceding four verses of the chapter. Here is the expanded translation:

Ephesians 4:21 - If you have begun to hear Christ through doctrinal teaching and have been taught by Him, since truth keeps on being in Jesus,

v. 22 - with reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self [**ἀποτίθεμαι (apotíthēmai)**: the tyranny of the sin nature by means of rebound], which has become depraved according to the source of deceitful lusts,

v. 23 - for the purpose that you might be restored again by means of the Holy Spirit in our mind,

Ephesians 4:24 - for the purpose that you clothe yourselves [**ἀποτίθεμαι (apotíthēmai)**] with the new species of man [**royal family**], which according to the perfect standard of God has been created in the sphere of perfect righteousness and in the sphere of the integrity of truth. (EXT)

- (4) These verses recommend a two-step process for reversion recovery: **(1)** rebound and **(2)** making the study of Scripture priority one.
- (5) When recovery is underway the believer simultaneously is said to be “laying aside,” the aorist middle participle of the verb **ἀποτίθεμαι (apotíthēmai)**: “to take off,” literally, to remove clothing; figuratively, the throwing off of behavior patterns such as “falsehood.”
- (6) The participle is translated, “having laid aside.” What is laid aside is the noun **ψεῦδος (pseúdos)**: “the lie.”
- (7) This is not just the sin of lying, but rather a system of lying, motivated by spending prolonged time in the cosmic systems. It is amplified in two passages:

John 8:44 - You [Pharisees] are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning [**Genesis 4:8 cf. 1 John 3:12; Jude 11a**], and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (NASB)

Romans 1:25 - They, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie [**satanic propaganda**], both worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator, Who keeps on being blessed forever. Amen. (NASB)