

Vicarious Sacrifice: Mental Conditioning for Volitional Assent to Demonism: Mental Attitude Sins, the Occult, Religion, Idolatry, Phallic Reversionism, Jer 17:1-2

28. Religion always drifts toward the vilest expressions of human lust patterns. In fact, there is a satanic process of mental conditioning that results in volitional assent to demonism and, unabated, to human sacrifice:
- (1) **Mental Attitude Sins:** The origin of all sin is mental. These sins stimulate the lust pattern and both in turn motivate the production of verbal and overt sins.

Principle: Religion is a whore. It lures human souls away from the truth of doctrine (the soul's right man) to follow a false system (a prostitute). See James 4:1-8.
 - (2) **The Occult:** Closely associated with religion, occultism is fraught with the superstitions and rituals originally developed in religion.

Religion in an inexhaustible effort to imitate the plan of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the function of the biblical prophets. God's prophets are never wrong (Deuteronomy 18:22) and Scripture forbids the efforts of interlopers (v. 10).
 - (3) **Religion:** A satanic system whereby man by his own efforts and merits tries to gain salvation or the favor of God. Involvement can run from membership in the Church of Satan to heathen and quasi-heathen religion.

Quasi-heathen religions may fall into one of three categories: (1) Apostate: This is a knowing and deliberate rejection of revealed truth regarding the deity of Christ and redemption through the work of Christ. 1 John 4:1-3. (2) Erroneous: The result of ignorance of doctrine. Many claim to be Christian but have absolutely no knowledge of the plan of God as delineated in Scripture. Their lives are filled with error. They may be very sincere people but they are still wrong. Matthew 22:29. (3) Heretical: The result of falling into the snare of Satan by believing as truth the doctrines of demons. Those involved in heresy may honestly believe they are properly worshiping and serving God, but they are mistaken. 2 Timothy 2:25-26; 2 Peter 2:1-3.
 4. **Idolatry:** Demons are always allowed to gather in the vicinity of idols. Idolatry is forbidden for a reason; it is a signal to disembodied spirits and to demons in general that a person is negative to the plan of God and desirous of a relationship with *cosmos diabolicus*. 1 Corinthians 10:19; Exodus 20:3-5.¹
 5. **Phallic Reversionism:** An extension of mystery Babylon practiced in Canaan and a constant source of temptation to Israel throughout its tenure as a client nation.

¹ For an expanded study of the Second Commandment see 2013 Shreveport Bible Conference: *Whirlwind: The Four-Generation Curse*:

<http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassArchive.aspx?SeriesID=SBC13&ArchiveTitle=Shreveport+Bible+Conference%3a+Whirlwind%3a+The+Four-Generation+Curse>

Religion is designed to counterfeit the divine good produced by the believer in Jesus Christ. However, the “good” of religion is a veil of activity which promotes the plan of Satan. Truths are distorted and, over time, that which is good becomes evil and vice versa.

Jeremiah reveals the gross evil that emerges from phallic reversionism in:

Jeremiah 17:1 - Judah's sin is engraved with an iron tool, inscribed with a diamond-tipped stylus into the norms and standards of their streams of consciousness [**mental idolatry**] and on the horns of their altars [**overt idolatry**].

v. 2 - Their children remember [זָכַר (**zachar**)] their altars and Asherah poles beside the spreading trees and on the high hills. (EXT)

The word for remember is *zachar* and refers to the inward mental acts accompanied by associated external acts. So corrupt had become the culture, that the children's memory centers could only remember its pagan practices.

Dr. Charles Feinberg comments on this passage in his commentary on Jeremiah:

The children of Judah will be so steeped in idolatry by their parents that the desire for it will emerge at the slightest provocation.²

What is ingrained into the norms and standards of children in the formative years, ages 0-12, are impossible to remove in later life with the lone exception of Bible doctrine inculcated and applied.

A conclusion that can be reached from such passages as this is: children should not be introduced to studies in human sexuality until junior high school at the earliest and then only with parental consent.

The problem with sexual sins is that it violates all the prerogatives of the marital relationship including the act of bearing children.

Unfettered advance in religion always eventuates in some form of sexual deviancy maxing out with cultic orgies, a problem in which the Jews participated when they were collectively drawn to the cultic religions surrounding Israel.

Sex education recruits children into this problem as we just noted from Jeremiah 17:1-2. The children remember what they are taught and observed during the formative stages of their brain and soul's development:

² Charles L. Feinberg, *Jeremiah: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1982), 127.