

He will intoxicate men with a strong delusion and his never varying success. And when he shall be slain and rise again he will have lost none of these powers, but will be in addition the embodiment of all kinds of wickedness and blasphemy.¹

14. Great confusion is evident in much of Christendom as we proceed into the twenty-first century. Most theologians do not know what time it is. Because of this, their theology is affected by the inability to interpret passages of Scripture.
15. This was the case in the first century when members of the church at Thessalonica got a false impression about the Rapture of the church.
16. The problem of a counterfeit eschatology had led these believers to accept the false doctrine that the Rapture had already occurred and they had been left behind.
17. Twenty centuries later, there are those today who interpret the present accumulation of geopolitical chaos as signs the Rapture is near.
18. PRINCIPLE: There is no prophecy in the Church Age. Instead, historical circumstances are determined by historical trends. Uptrends result in a flourishing population in the client nation. Downtrends result in a floundering population.
19. This ebb and flow may be categorized by the following principles of National and Personal Postulates.
20. The term “postulate” \päs'-cha-let\ is defined as:

A position or supposition that is considered as self-evident or too plain to require illustration; a proposition of which the truth is demanded or assumed for the purpose of future reasoning. A basic principle.²

¹ Clarence Larkin, *Dispensational Truth or God's Plan and Purpose in the Ages*, rev. ed. (Glenside, Penn.: Reverend Clarence Larkin Estate, 1920), 122.

² *Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language: Unabridged*, 2d ed. (Cleveland: The World Publishing Co., 1962), s.v. “postulate.”

National Postulates:

- (1) No nation can have the advantages without the advantage. The advantage is a pivot of mature believers.
- (2) A nation without the advantage loses the advantages. No pivot means loss of national blessings.
- (3) No nation can recover its advantages without the advantage, i.e., the pivot. Only spiritual revival brings national recovery.
- (4) Loss of both the advantage and the advantages eventuates in the removal of that nation from history under the fifth cycle of discipline.

Personal Postulates:

- (1) There are no advantages to the advantages without the advantage: God's perfect righteousness.

Your advantage is that you are directly related to the integrity of God for logistical support.

The advantages are blessings from the justice of God.

The advantage is the integrity of God and your relationship to divine integrity through spiritual maturity.

Justice can only bless that which is perfect. Imputed perfect righteousness is the basis for all divine blessing.

You must have capacity from Bible doctrine resident in the soul before there is direct blessing from God.

- (2) If you have the advantage, you have the advantages.

The advantage is positive volition to residence and function inside the divine power system.

Potential plus capacity equals reality.

- (3) Without the advantage, there are no advantages. The advantage is the use of free will to stay in the divine power system. And recover from cosmic involvement, therefore making the right decisions.

As Goes the Pivot, so Goes the Client Nation:

- (1) Advantages are God's blessings to a believer as a result of his residence and function in the divine power system.
- (2) An advantage is your positive volition to reside and function inside the bubble.
- (3) Advantages include your blessings, capacity, virtue, historical impact, and glorification of Christ.
- (4) An advantage is the use of free will to recover from the cosmic system in order to make right decisions that broaden future options.
- (5) A maximum number of believers in the cosmic system destroys the advantage of the nation.
- (6) Therefore, the believer must make daily decisions inside the bubble for any historical uptrend to occur in that nation.
- (7) Both national prosperity and client nation function depend on the formation of a pivot of believers who consistently function under problem-solving device number 8: unconditional love toward others.
- (8) When a maximum number of believers live in the cosmic system, that nation loses its prosperity, resulting in natural and historical disasters.

- (9) The nation can only recover its advantages of prosperity from God through the formation of a new pivot.
21. When a client nation is in the throes of an historical downtrend, biblical theology begins to become confused.
22. Pastors sell out to programs designed to bring more and more people into the fold. In order to attract the masses, it is assumed the message must be watered-down.
23. Consequently, the men ordained to teach the Word place more interest in making the congregation “get involved” with programs rather than teaching the Word of God.