

10. There is a tendency to have compassion for those who live under tyranny. However, dictators simply express permission of the people to be enslaved.
11. Dictatorships do not happen overnight. Loss of thought must occur first which requires a process of changing the way people think.
12. Only extreme, unbridled arrogance can produce a personality who purports himself to be god.
13. When a person is elevated to godlike stature, it is called “apothéōsis” which is transliterated from the Greek **ἀποθέωσις (apothéōsis)**: “deification.”
14. The deification of a person cannot occur unless the people ignore, denounce, or dismiss God the Father as the one true God.
15. The deification of a person is preceded by the elevation of a tyrant into unlimited authority over those willing to submit to his leadership.
16. About 25-years ago, I quoted from a book that described how a dictator rises to power on behalf of arrogant people that allow it. The source is from the book *Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf* by Judith Miller and Laurie Mylroie:

Oppressed people always deserve their fate; tyranny is achieved by a whole nation, it is not the accomplishment of a single individual. If totalitarianism were merely the persecution of an innocent nation by a small group of tyrants, overthrowing it would still be a relatively easy matter. Actually, the extraordinary resilience of the system resides precisely in its ability to associate the victims themselves with the organization and its management of terror—to make them participate in the crimes of their executioners; turn them into active collaborators and accomplices. In this way the victims acquire a personal stake in the defense and preservation of the very regime that is torturing and crushing them. (47–48)

Iraq under the Baath Party has become a nation of informers. Party members are said to be required to inform on family, friends, and acquaintances, including other party members. All teachers were required to join the party and those who refused or were deemed ineligible were fired.

Teachers reportedly ask pupils about their parents' views, with the result that parents feel obliged to disguise their thoughts in front of their children. The penalty for refusing to inform is severe.¹ (50)

17. Principle: Cultures that have no innate integrity inevitably end up with leadership which has no integrity.
18. There are three classifications of integrity:
 - (1) For unbelievers that subscribe to the laws of divine establishment, there is the development of establishment morality.
 - (2) For believers that subscribe to the laws of divine establishment there is the development of establishment integrity.
 - (3) For believers that subscribe to the laws of divine establishment and Bible doctrine, there is the development of Christian integrity.

¹ Judith Miller and Laurie Mylroie, *Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf* (New York: Times Books, 1990), 47–50.