

24. Our passage is clear that the only way to prevent such assaults from causing a person to “go awry” is not only the presence of doctrine in the soul but accompanying willingness to apply it under pressure.
25. Consequently, there are many who perform the duties of the prestidigitator for the god of this world. There are untold numbers of verbal tricks by which they have learned to neutralize the believer in the Angelic Conflict.
26. When the believer falls victim to these devices and enters into the Cosmic Systems and various stages of reversionism, he is said to “go astray.”
27. The reason given in verse 10 is because they “did not receive a love for the truth.”
28. They are not delivered from personal divine discipline and are the cause for resultant national discipline to their Client Nation.
29. Verse 11 tells us it is for this reason that God sends them the “modus operandi of delusion.” A principle emerges from this: When citizens of a Client Nation reject truth then God sends upon them delusion from the cosmic systems.

**Romans 1:24** - Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

**v. 25** - For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (NASB)

30. The function of the lie is to deceive and delude people into Satan’s plan of human good and evil. The negative believer becomes a victim, caught in the snare of the devil’s modus operandi of delusion: rhetorical veils, propaganda, disinformation, and doctrines of demons.

31. Such people willingly choose a lifestyle of operational error, or as we have tried to colorfully define it, Operation Gang aft Agley.
32. This is a Scottish term which means, “to go awry.” If we were studying this phrase in say, Glasgow, Edinburgh, or Dundee, we would translate the word **ἀπόλλυμι (apóllumi)** in verse 10 by the phrase “gang aft agley.” We use the English term, “led astray.”
33. Prolonged residence in this status and God will send the individual the “modus operandi of delusion,” the accusative singular direct object:  
**πλάνη (plánē)**: Delusion or deceit. It means delusion in the sense of misleading the mind: a false belief, believing the lie, buying into fallacious ideas, error in the sense of believing as true that which is false. Therefore, the “modus operandi of delusion.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** - And so for this reason, God sends to them the modus operandi of delusion ...”

34. This results in a lifestyle of error and involvement in Operation Gang aft Agley.
35. **PRINCIPES:**
  - (1) God’s justice always provides a period of grace before judgment during which the truth is made available for any to objectively consider.
  - (2) Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot and if national discipline occurs, it is because the doctrinal inventory of the Pivot was not strong enough to hold the line.
  - (3) Regardless of what calamity the nation might suffer, members of the Pivot are preserved. No mature believer dies unless the Lord permits it.

- (4) Consequently, no matter what the circumstances or events of history may present, the believer will continue to be supplied his daily logistical grace support.
- (5) Just as the Lord puts a wall of fire around the believer who responds to truth, He likewise puts a wall of fire around the nation which responds to truth.
- (6) Yet, when believers revert from believing truth over to believing the lie, collective degeneracy results in national reversionism.
- (7) Jesus Christ's control of history always intervenes in time to preserve the Pivot so that the gospel and doctrine can be preserved into the next generation.
- (8) However, those guilty of rejecting the Word and who have become degenerate in their thinking will be eliminated from history through the five cycles of discipline.
- (9) No great nation in history has ever fallen without the permission of Jesus Christ. The rise, fall, and preservation of nations are all in the perfect plan of God.
- (10) This is the inevitable result of a nation which begins to function under the *modus operandi* of delusion:
  - a. **Lifestyle of error:** psychological living inside the Cosmic Systems.
  - b. **National scar tissue:** all doctrinal thought has been neutralized. Truth is exchanged for the lie and accepted by the majority of the population.
  - c. **National degeneracy:** the culture begins to transform due to rejection of establishment orientation to authority, grace orientation to life, and doctrinal orientation to reality.

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11. Ergo: a degenerate society always falls from within long before it is overrun by a predator nation.
12. Verse 11 continues with a result clause, “so that they will believe.” The aorist active infinitive of the verb πιστεύω (*pisteúō*) indicates the result of the information revealed in verses 8–10. The phrase is best translated, “with the result that they should believe.”
13. The aorist tense is constative which indicates the result of verses 8–10 includes the entire course of the Tribulation.
14. During that seven years, the influence of ecumenical religion results in these people believing every policy disseminated by the Beast-Dictator who is characterized in verse 8 as “the lawless one.”
15. The constative aorist gathers up the entire trend of the Tribulation with regard to these unbelievers who have been enslaved by religion, yet there is application to the Church Age as well.
16. The active voice indicates these people are in unbeliever reversionism and due to the deluding influence of the Beast-Dictator they believe the lie.
17. Presently, the people of the United States are involved in Gang aft Agley. More and more of the nation’s citizens believe the lie, live the lie, and thus go awry.
18. The infinitive indicates actual result. In the case of a Client Nation, when its population rejects truth and believes the lie, it is inevitable that they will suffer divine discipline while the nation spirals through the cycles of discipline.
19. The words for “the lie” are the dative of disadvantage of the definite article τῷ (*tōi*) and the noun ψεῦδος (*pseudos*): “the lie.”

20. The definite article *tōi* sets this lie apart from other general classifications. Its force does not imply one isolated event of cosmic propaganda.
21. It asserts that the purveyor possesses the belief and facilitation of an entire system of demonic thought that produces a lifestyle of error.
22. The followers of the Beast-Dictator and his propagandists live the lie, they execute the lie, and are the very embodiment of the lie.
23. This cosmic inventory of ideas defines the application of those who are summa cum laude graduates of the Satanic Academy.
24. The curriculum resulted in major studies in Operation *Mataiôtēs*. This Greek noun may be defined as “emptiness” as contrasted with “fullness.”
25. These ideas are discussed by Paul in Ephesians 4. In verse 13, he takes up the subject of communication gifts and their desired function. In context, it reads this way:

**Ephesians 4:11** - And He [ Christ, see v. 8b ] gave [ spiritual gifts to men, see v. 8c ] some as apostles,<sup>1</sup> and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

**v. 12** - for the general purpose of training and equipping the royal family [ exegetical teaching of the congregation ] for the categorical purpose of equipping the ministry [ training pastor-teachers ] for the ultimate purpose of building up the body of Christ [ spiritual maturity ];

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<sup>1</sup> Brothers Peter (Simon) and Andrew, brothers James and John (the sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Thomas (Didymus), Matthew (Levi), Simon the Canaanite, James (son of Alphaeus), brothers Thaddaeus (Jude) and James (the Lord's half-brothers), and Paul (Saul). Judas Iscariot was fired. Judas's vacancy was filled by Paul. Matthias was not an apostle. The spiritual gift was imputed by Christ (see Matthew 10:2-4; Ephesians 4:8-11, Acts 9:3-6 cf. 1 Corinthians 15:7-9). Matthias was elected by men who were not qualified to make the appointment (see Acts 1:23-26).

**Ephesians 4:13** - until we all have attained the goal of the unity [ ἐξωτερική ἁρμονία (*exōteriké harmonía*): harmony with others ] of spiritual maturity from the source of knowledge [ ἐπίγνωσις (*epígnōsis*) ] of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the standard of maturity [ occupation with Christ, PSD-10 ] which belongs to the fullness [ πλήρημα (*plérōma*): spiritual maturity ] of Christ. (EXT)

26. The “fullness of Christ” is amplified by the phrase “knowledge of the Son of God.” *Plérōma* refers to occupation with Christ at problem-solving device number ten and is an antonym of *mataiōtēs*.
27. This is accomplished by *epígnōsis* which is the biblical inventory related so spiritual maturity. It is facilitated by the advance to *exōteriké harmonía*, or problem-solving device number eight, which eliminates all mental attitude, verbal, and overt sins directed toward others, especially other members of the royal family of God.
28. Ephesians 4:11–13 is the opposite of what is found later in the chapter at verses 17–19:

**Ephesians 4:17** - This I explain and make as an emphatic demand by means of the Lord, that you no longer continue walking [ retroactive progressive present of [ περιπατέω (*peripatéō*): wheel-tracks of wickedness that began in the past and continue to the present ] just as the Gentiles [ those in unbeliever reversionism ] keep walking by means of the vacuum [ ματαιότης (*mataiōtēs*) ] of their mind [ νοῦς (*noús*) ],

**v. 18** - their understanding has become darkened [ blackout of the soul ], estranged from the life of God because of the ignorance which keeps on being in them, because of the calluses that darken their souls [ πώρωσις (*pōrōsis*): scar tissue of the *kardía* ];

**v. 19** - who, having become calloused [ ἀπαλγέω (*apalgéō*): insensible to shame ], have betrayed themselves to salaciousness [ ἀσέλγεια (*asélgeia*): content expressed through lascivious lust patterns ] for the practice of every kind of immorality by indulging in insatiable lust. (EXT)