

40. Arrogance destroys consensus, neutralizes integrity, caters to privileged groups, and demands equality at the expense of everyone else's freedom.
41. With the loss of thought contained in Scripture, even believers join in the demise of the freedom that protects their liberty of "free exercise."
42. Buying into the human good and evil programs erroneously defined as "good works," believers become involved in activism, crusader arrogance, civil disobedience, violence, and sedition.
43. These behaviors are in direct opposition to the directives of Scripture, such as "Honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17*d*), "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities" (Romans 13:1*a*), or "... be subject to rulers, to authorities" (Titus 3:1*a*).

1 Peter 2:13 - Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

v. 14 - or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

44. When governing authorities become dishonorable they have exchanged the truth for the lie and gravitate toward tyranny.
45. Being dishonest, they pilfer the property of those whom they serve; they pass legislation in order to steal from the people by law rather than by the gun.
46. Believers, who live inside the bubble and have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life, rest in the care of the One who delivers them from such evil.
47. Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the pivot!
48. Under the umbrella of divine protection, advanced believers are to stay the course, unafraid, undaunted, and unshrinking.

49. Believers win the race inside the bubble not outside it. Therefore, to be a winner, we must understand the dichotomy between those inside the bubble and those involved in civil disobedience and opposition to the authorities.

Principles of Honor versus Dishonor:

1. The believer is honorable when he invests maximum time inside the bubble advancing toward maturity. This increases power to the pivot which contributes to the protection of the client nation.
2. The believer is dishonorable when he becomes involved in rejection of duly appointed authority. He resided in cosmic one's client nation arrogance.
3. No lasting good results from protests, civil disobedience, or violence. The blind insist they are Simon Pure, but in fact they are Alexander Coppersmith.¹
4. A person that is Simon Pure lives inside the bubble while a person that is Alexander Coppersmith lives outside it and acts against the truth.
5. Christians involved in violation of direct divine mandates regarding one's association with establishment authorities are guilty of client nation arrogance.
6. "Simon-Pure" believers have a sense of destiny related to virtue, honor, rectitude, and probity in the eyes of God and warrant His protection.
7. "Alexander-Coppersmith" believers do not have a personal sense of destiny but instead contribute to the historical downtrends of a client nation.
8. Separation of church and state gives a believer freedom to grow in grace and function from his divine **πολίτευμα (políteuma)**: "behave as a citizen."

¹ "Simon Pure" is an idiom for something absolutely genuine, from Susannah Centlivre's /sent-lē'-var/ comedy, *A Bold Stroke for a Wife* (1717). Alexander Coppersmith was an antagonist to Paul's teachings when in Ephesus.

9. The divine *políteuma* is the system of government in heaven which is revealed through Bible doctrine. The believer is to orient to his earthly citizenship with guidance from his heavenly citizenship.
10. We are not directed to overtly confront the earthly *políteuma*. We are entitled to cherish its privileges and opportunities and warn against its failures and encroachments.
11. We are to offer thanksgiving for the former and pray for protection from the latter. When the latter becomes confrontational we must resort to biblical guidance for our response.
12. Principle: We are to submit to requirements that Scripture regards as nonessentials.
13. Principle: We are to stand fast and resist requirements that Scripture proclaims as essentials.
14. Examples of nonessentials: Wear seatbelts, test for toxic emissions, don't text while driving.
15. Examples of essentials: Bible study either by face-to-face instruction or from an electronic contrivance, submission to divine mandates both positive for application or negative for restraint, support of biblically based missions, and personal support for the nation of Israel and prayer for the Jewish Diaspora.
16. The freedoms which we enjoy and take advantage of to facilitate our spiritual growth are summarized in the Constitution's Bill of Rights and are noted on the back cover of the book *Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church*.

The Foundation of all cultures is a central belief system that unites disparate individuals into a harmonious commonwealth. Although the United States is not a Christian nation, it was founded primarily by Christians who incorporated laws of divine establishment into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

For Christians, the most sacred right contained in the First Amendment is that of free exercise. Ancillary to it are those freedoms that enable a person to grow in grace so he can become a good soldier for Jesus Christ. Freedom of movement facilitates assembly. Freedom of assembly permits church attendance. Freedom of speech allows public exposition of Scripture. Freedom of the press insures the publication and distribution of the Bible and its teachings. Recognizing the importance of a free people having access to the foundational documents of the Republic, these State Papers are a part of this publication.²

² *Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church* (St. Charles, Mo.: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2011), back cover. (For a copy of this publication, write to Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 1821 S RIVER RD, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303-4124 USA. Include title requested and return mailing address.)