

1. **People Testing.** Problems emerge in two categories. Approbation of another person can be magnified at the expense of one's own autonomy. Antagonism toward another person transfers control of one's spiritual life over to that individual.

Here are two examples regarding people testing. First, to aggrandize someone excessively can result in allowing one's personal love to be transferred away from God over to that individual.

Secondly, antagonism toward another person results in transferring control over one's life to someone else.

It is maintenance of spiritual autonomy that enables a person to enjoy relationships with others. People emphasis must be exchanged for God emphasis.

Spiritual autonomy is the powerful inner resource that permits personal love to be a blessing. It prevents reactor factors that result in granting another person control over one's life.

The problem-solving device for maintenance of one's spiritual life is sharing the happiness of God, the copacetic spiritual life, unalloyed happiness, or the possession of **ἔσωτερική ἁρμονία** (*esōterikē harmonía*): "inner harmony of the soul."

When cognitive independence produces true harmony in the soul, then beneficial relationships with others are the result. That category of harmony is the possession of **ἔξωτερική ἁρμονία** (*exōterikē harmonía*): "outer harmony of the soul."⁴

We have recognized each of these phrases in our study of *James: Chapter Two* with the terms "Law of Freedom" (inner harmony) and "Law of Liberty" (outer harmony).

People Testing is associated with *exōterikē harmonía* and the function of the Law of Liberty.

This leads us to the next category of Momentum Testing:

⁴ "The two adjectives, **ἔσωτερική** and **ἔξωτερική**, originate in Classical Greek from **ἔσωτερικός** (*esōterikós*): "inner," and **ἔξωτερικός** (*exōterikós*): "outer," each in our use describing the noun **ἁρμονία** (*harmonía*): "harmony" (Henry George Liddell and Robert Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon*, rev. and aug. Henry Stuart Jones [New York: Oxford University Press, 1968], s.vv. ἔσωτερικός, ἔξωτερικός, and ἁρμονία).

2. **Thought Testing.** This category is associated with *esōterikē harmonía* and the function of the Law of Freedom.

Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:7a that “as a man thinks or calculates within his soul, so he is.” This man had invited someone to have a meal with him but in his mind, he was adding up the cost of doing so. He appeared to offer his hospitality, but instead he resented having to pay the bill.

Homo sapiens is the name of the human species. The Latin name is translated “wise man.” The American Heritage Dictionary informs us it is the only extant species of primate tribe Hominīnī.⁵

A high inventory of biblical principles, categories and doctrines enables the advanced believer to identify human viewpoint, human good, and evil.

Absence of an advanced inventory causes human viewpoint to be accepted as true and causes a person to enter into the cosmic systems.

One of the dangers believers encounter during their spiritual growth is to have an inventory of various biblical concepts and ideas, but not enough maturity to understand how to apply what they know. These are pseudo-spiritual intellectuals.

Thought testing can only be passed when the believer makes the advance into the sophisticated spiritual life. This believer is victorious on the invisible battlefield of the Angelic Conflict.

John 4:24 God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

3. **System Testing.** There are many systems that exist in every culture with positions of authority that supervise policies designed to fulfill specific objectives of the organization.

⁵ “Hominin. Any of various primates of the tribe Hominīnī, including Australopithecus, other Pliocēne and Pleistocēne human relatives, and Homo sapiens, the only extant species” (*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed.(2016), s.v. “hominin.”)



There are people within the system who fall under the authority of the organization. The mission is to fulfill the objectives of the organization while following the policies of ownership or management.

Testing arises when the mission of the organization and its objectives are managed by people who have sin natures. This includes both management and labor.

The believer with maximum doctrine is able to deal with the exigencies of the office place by subscribing first of all to doctrine in his soul and then to company policies.

The first obligation of an employee is to do all he is able to do in his area of assignment with emphasis on getting the product out the back door. If company policies prevent this from occurring efficiently then he is to do all he can to correct that issue.

If management does not see it that way, then the response is not to argue or quit but to follow the policy to the letter. Because it is flawed, it will ultimately fail and at that point he will be revealed as an asset.

Do your duty! Execute the plan and strategy company policy requires. God will promote those who stay the course. Too often employees gripe about how stupid management people are. This does not come under the area of their responsibility. Do your job; let God take care of the details.

- 4. Disaster Testing.** This area of testing puts maximum pressure on the advanced believer. He has shown through the other forms of testing that he has the doctrine to confront and endure these three systems.

Disasters can be personal, national or event related. These can involve accident, injury, illness, or disease, loss of loved ones, economic, weather events, loss of possessions.

Warfare places stress on the nation but individually for those who are deployed and their families left behind. There can be issues with cataclysmic weather events, many of these types have ravaged the United States over the past few years by water, wind, fire, and drought.



Politically, our client nation is under assault from fellow citizens whose ideas and actions are in clear violation of our Constitution, its Bill of Rights, and common decency.

There is a significant rise to power by decades of graduates from the Frankfurt School. Ignorant or proponents of the strategy and tactics used by totalitarian regimes, these benighted acolytes of the Cosmic Academy spout their ravings daily as they openly foment rebellion.

Scripture is clear in its warnings against the loss of thought in client nations. The National Education Association has for decades produced the current crop of rebels whose platform insists on prohibiting use of divinely provided resources in place of an unaffordable solution to a fictitious problem.

The solution is found in the strength of the Pivot. This church is providing serious studies of the Word of God from its original languages. There is no interest for this kind of approach to the Bible. Attendance is not what it needs to be in the doctrinal churches of this nation.

When the absence of interest combines with devotion to doctrines of demons, then the future of this client nation is threatened. The threat is not from God, but from a growing population that has lost the thought.

Proverbs 29:18 When there is no prophetic vision [the prophets are silent] the people cast off restraint [rejection of the divine guidance in Scripture], but he who keeps the Law, blessed is he. (NET)

Those who have advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life have acquired the happiness of God, the copacetic spiritual life, or unalloyed happiness.

The ability to observe historical trends alerts believers to pending economic disasters:

Common sense in preparation for economic depression is illustrated by Joseph, the prime minister of Egypt. Joseph understood the importance of liquidity, or its ancient equivalent in grain, and stored up reserves for use in lean years (Genesis 41:46–57).



Inflation as a cause of depression is described as a factor in the fourth cycle of discipline (Leviticus 26:26). When depression is divine discipline, only the spiritual recovery of the believer can deliver the client nation. As go believers, so goes the nation.⁶

Passing momentum testing advances the believer to the summum bonum of spiritual Maturity.

8. The Sixth Floor is spiritual maturity characterized by cognitive invincibility.

1. This level of the spiritual advance is necessary to pass the third category of suffering for blessing, which is Evidence Testing.
2. There are several characteristics of spiritual maturity and they may be briefly described as follows:

Maximum Contentment: Sharing the happiness of God is the ultimate problem-solving device. Happiness is the result of a facilitated inventory of doctrines contained in all eleven categories of systematic theology.

Convinced that he is solid in the perfect plan of God, the believer evaluates every exigency as an honor to pass while maintaining perfect happiness. Its occurrence was programmed into the divine decree and God expects him to function as a witness for the Prosecution demonstrating the power of doctrine applied as superior to the Dark Side's cosmic strategies.

Mental Stability: The mature believer is equipped to apply doctrine to every exigency. Divine viewpoint is so efficient that he considers it more real than the reality he faces.

He lives his life with the confidence that being in God's plan insures him of all the logistics he needs to overcome any situation that life, the world, and opposition presents.

Virtue Love as a Problem-Solving Device: Personal love for God and unconditional love for mankind empower him to use his personal integrity to manage all situations in life related to interpersonal relationships.

Functioning on his orientation to divine integrity, the mature believer is able to apply his personal development of the Royal Law to himself as well as to others.

⁶ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Christian Suffering*, 3d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2002), 126.