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Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My law. For they sow the wind and they reap the WHIRLWIND. (Hos. 8:1, 7a)

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INTRODUCTION

In every society, its laws are the written chronicle of the people's moral beliefs based on teachings of its dominant religion at the time of its founding. Moral beliefs of the population, although not codified as laws, contribute to the order, justice, and stability of a society and assist in defining its culture. In developing our laws, America was influenced by the inventory of ideas in the souls of its Christian Founders. Thus, we must fulfill our responsibility to Jesus Christ as His ambassadors by evangelizing the unsaved and teaching Bible doctrine to those who are saved.

Yet, in the twenty-first century, too many people have abandoned biblical guidance and embraced secular humanism sponsored and encouraged by Satan and his human and angelic agents. When the collective beliefs of our nation reach critical mass — namely, too many believers also reject biblical standards as their absolute authority — the *Four-Generation Curse* is divinely initiated.

Mankind's original authority structure was the organized humility of the home and the training of children by their parents. If a child rejects parental authority, he will later reject other forms of divine authority. If this anti-authority attitude is developed early in life, submitting to the authority of an invisible God becomes less likely. The *Four-Generation Curse* is imposed due to collective decisions by the client nation's Pivot, each generation choosing to spurn or ignore Christ, the authority of God, and the power of His Word. Only by personal love for God and the desire to learn, defend, and apply His inerrant Scripture can the believer have the invisible historical impact that our nation's current disorder and instability urgently needs.

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PREFACE

If you are a believer in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then before beginning your Bible study it is mandatory that you name your sins directly and privately to God the Father.

If believers confess their known sins to the Father, He is faithful and righteous to forgive their sins and to cleanse them from all wrongdoing, including unknown or forgotten sins. *(1 John 1:9)*

Accordingly, you will be filled with God the Holy Spirit in fellowship with God the Father, and thus spiritually prepared to learn Bible doctrine.

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in the filling of the Spirit and biblical truth. *(John 4:24)*

If you have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, then the issue is not your naming of sins. The issue is faith alone in Christ alone.

He who believes in Christ has eternal life; but he who does not obey the command to believe in Christ shall not see eternal life, but is condemned to the Lake of Fire, forever alienated from God. *(John 3:36)*

Chapter One

Introduction

You shall not construct out of existing materials any idol, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. (Ex. 20:4 EXT)

You shall not cause yourself to bow down to them nor cause yourself to receive enslavement to them; for I, the LORD your God, permit no rival, punishing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children down to the third and fourth generations of them that hate Me (Ex. 20:5 EXT)

Judah suffered the fourth and fifth cycles of discipline¹ under Nebuchadnezzar II, king of Babylon (c. 630–562 BC). His invasions began in 606 BC and terminated with the eviction of the Jews from their land in 586 BC. Following the initial attack, Nebuchadnezzar took a number of captives back to Babylon including about fifty young men from the tribe of Judah (c. 604 BC).²

Among the fifty men were Daniel, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah. Deprogramming them from their Jewish culture, Nebuchadnezzar assigned to each of them a name from the gods of the Chaldean pantheon: Belshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

¹ See Appendix A – *Five Cycles of Discipline*, page 52.

² The seventy years are considered by some to be a round number. Others find the number to be exact, counting from 604 BC (the first deportation being in Jehoiakim's reign, whereas the second was in 597 BC in Coniah's [Jehoiachin] reign and the last in Zedekiah's reign in 586 BC) to about 535 BC when the exiles returned to the land under the decree of Cyrus (Ezra 1:1–3)" (*Scofield Study Bible: NASB*, ed. C. I. Scofield [New York: Oxford University Press, 2005], 1046n25:11).

The political leadership of Judah before and after the lives of these men and their fellow refugees should be understood:³

- **Hezekiah** (716–687 BC). KER: He did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done (2 Kin. 18:3).
- **Manasseh** (687–642 BC). KER: He did evil in the sight of the LORD (2 Kin. 21:2).
- **Josiah** (640–608 BC). KER: He did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of David (2 Kin. 22:2).

Spiritual Decline

Although Josiah received an excellent KER, his reign occurred during a time of continued spiritual decline:

Before him [Josiah] there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might [quote from Deut. 6:5], according to all the laws of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him. However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh provoked Him. The LORD said, “I will remove Judah also from My sight, as I have removed Israel. And I will cast off Jerusalem, this city which I have chosen” (2 Kin. 23:25–27).

Principle: Good political leadership cannot override the degeneracy of the people.

³ Kingship performance of each Jewish king was evaluated by God by comparison to King David with a “KER,” **King Evaluation Report**.

- **Jehoiakim** (608–597 BC). KER: He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done (2 Kin. 23:37).
- **Jehoiachin** (597 BC). KER: He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done (2 Kin. 24:9).
- **Zedekiah** (597–586 BC). KER: He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done (2 Kin. 24:19).

Following the generation under Hezekiah, there was a return to spiritual idolatry. Each succeeding generation violated the first two commandments of God's Law.⁴ The second generation continued the apostasy under Josiah although he made every effort to destroy the outward manifestations of its idolatry.

Principle: Once apostasy infests the souls of a majority of people, political solutions are no longer effective in restoring order.⁵

The third generation continued the violations of the first two commandments under the reign of the evil King Jehoiakim. Thus, the fourth generation suffered the fourth cycle of divine discipline in Jehoiakim's reign, followed by the fifth cycle under King Zedekiah.⁶ Three forced exiles of Israeli civilians fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah noted in Jer. 25:11:

This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years [605–536 BC].

Jeremiah had repeatedly warned the Jews of continued disobedience of God's commandments. (Jer. 25:3ff).

⁴ See Appendix B, **Ten Commandments**, page 53.

⁵ See Appendix C, **Insecure Generation**, page 54.

⁶ See Appendix A, **Five Cycles of Discipline**, page 52.

Daniel confirmed the prophecy in his prayer:⁷

In the first year of Darius \Da-rī'-ūs\ ... who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans — in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet [Jer. 29:11] for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years ... we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land. Righteousness belongs to You, O LORD, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You. Open shame belongs to us, O LORD, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him. (Dan. 9:1-2, 5-8, 11)

⁷ The *time frame* for this passage is 539 BC. Thus, Daniel had been in captivity for 67 years, or about 83 years of age at the time.

Daniel's prayer is for God to remember the prophecy of Jeremiah and bring the captivity of the Jews to an end as prophesied. The dynasty of the Neo-Babylonian Empire was overpowered by the Medes and Persians in 539 BC, which was recorded by Daniel in the "*handwriting on the wall passage*" (Dan. 5:25–31):

Now this is the inscription that was written out:
'MENĒ, MENĒ, TEKĒL, UPHARSIN.' (Dan. 5:25)

Handwriting on the Wall

Dan. 5:25-28

מִנָּא מִנָּא תִּקֵּל וּפְרָסִין

'MENĒ, MENĒ, TEKĒL, UPHARSIN.'

**"God has numbered your kingdom
and put an end to it."**(Dan. 5:26)

**"You have been weighed on the scales
and found deficient."**(Dan. 5:27)

**"Your kingdom has been divided and
given to the Meads & Persians."**(Dan. 5:28)

Interpretation (Dan. 5:25–31)

'MENĒ'—God has numbered your kingdom
[Babylon] and put an end to it.

'TEKĒL'—You have been weighed on the
scales and found deficient.

'PERĒS'—Your kingdom has been divided &
given to the Medes and Persians.

Thus, Darius the Mede seized control of the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two. He was one of the two generals who conquered Babylon, the other was the Persian King Cyrus the Great. It was agreed that Cyrus would be the king of the new Persian Empire and Darius would serve as the de facto king in the absence of Cyrus.

Cyrus resumed his military adventures while Darius remained in Babylon to manage the new government.

It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps \sā'-traps\ [*governors*] over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them ... (Dan. 6:1-2a)

Therefore, Daniel's prayer was acted on immediately by God under the aegis of Cyrus the Great.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.'" (Ezra 1:1-2)

Ezra 2:1-67 documents those Jews selected to return to Judah to begin the restoration of the city and temple. God did not permit Judah to serve as His favored nation until the temple was completed and His ritual plan was resumed by the Levitical priesthood. Many delays plagued the construction of the temple until the actions of another Darius Hystaspes (\hīs-tās'-pēz\), whose actions are recorded in Ezra, chapter 6:

This temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar \ā'-dār\ [*March*]; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius [*Hystaspes, i.e., 516 BC*]. (Ezra 6:15)

With the temple restoration, this Four-Generation Curse imposed on Judah in 586 BC was finally over.

Chapter Two

Biblical Documentation

The Second Commandment introduced the Jews to the Four-Generation Curse, which is specifically related to the violation of the first two Commandments. If personal freedom is to be protected, the Ten Commandments must be honored and obeyed.

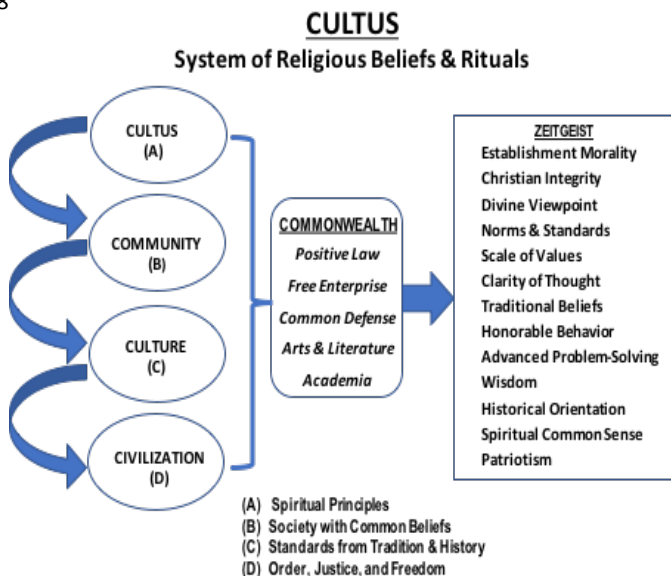
Many fundamentalists wrongly refer to the United States as a *Christian* nation. Rather, it is a *Client Nation*⁸ in which Christians are divinely protected by God. That protection is inseparably linked to whether the Christian population consistently honors and obeys God's Commandments.

It must first be understood that the Commandments were issued to Israel as Article I of its Constitution. All ten were given to Israel as its legal guide in accomplishing its duties as a client nation. They were not given to Client Nations during the Church dispensation unless so stated in New Testament Scripture. The first four relate to the spiritual code while the last six relate to the establishment code. (see also Griffin, *One Day at a Time*, pp. 157-158).

In every society, its laws are the written chronicle of the people's moral beliefs based on teachings of its dominant religion at the time of its founding. Moral beliefs of the population, but not codified as laws, contribute to the order and stability of a society and assist in defining its culture. Yet, Scripture does not require any nation, except Israel, to legally include these values in its laws.

Refer to the following page for a diagram depicting the "Cultus" (Latin: religious system) of client nations that create and protect "order, justice, and freedom" within the "Zeitgeist" (i.e., National Spirit or Mood).

⁸ See Appendix D, *Client Nation and its Pivot*, page 55.



Dr. Russell Kirk wrote with great clarity on this subject in his book, *The Roots of American Order*:

The good society is marked by a high degree of order, justice, and freedom. Among these, order has primacy: for justice cannot be enforced until a tolerable civil social order is attained, nor can freedom be anything other than violence until order gives us laws.⁹

Nine Commandments plus the establishment laws¹⁰ contain many suggestions for Gentile Client Nations for how their governments structure their laws to establish order, justice, and freedom for all its citizens. Those nations adopting divine establishment laws create the environment for national prosperity and stability.

⁹ Russell Kirk, *The Roots of American Order* (La Salle: Open Court Publishing Co., 1974), page 6.

¹⁰ See Appendix E, *Laws of Divine Establishment*, pages 56–57.

So how is a society influenced in the development of its laws? By the inventory of ideas in the souls of its believers. In reality, all nations start without laws, but are preceded by thoughts that are converted into laws comprising the moral beliefs of its Founders.

Those moral beliefs may or may not agree with Bible doctrines. However, our nation's moral beliefs are founded on several of the Ten Commandments and assimilated into its legal system: for example, laws against murder (#6), adultery (#7), stealing (#8), perjury (#9), and private property (#10).

Under the First Amendment, our nation is prohibited from establishing a state religion, but may not prohibit the free exercise of the peoples' preferred religions. Consequently, there are no laws forbidding idolatry, cultish organizations, or heathen religions.

In view of the Second Commandment, which states that those nations engaging in the idolatrous practices of the heathen shall fall under the discipline of a "jealous" God, should we have such laws? How should we prevent the rise of heathen religions from becoming the source of divine discipline that affects the entire nation? The scriptural answer: *we should fulfill our responsibility to Christ as His ambassadors by means of evangelism of the unsaved and encouragement to teach doctrine to those who are saved.* If enough people learn and apply doctrine in their daily lives, then the number of laws would be substantially reduced.

Yet in the twenty-first century and over 227 years since the approval of the First Amendment, many Americans have abandoned biblical guidance and embraced secular humanism sponsored and encouraged by Satan and his human and angelic agents [See Appendix H, page 61].

Initially, Israel functioned as a theocracy with God as the sovereign authority over the lives of its citizens. If punishment was necessary, God alone dispensed the discipline directly or delegated the authority to certain individuals such as Moses, Aaron, or specific angels.

The United States is not a theocracy but a republic that allows us the privilege of forming our own government and enacting our own laws. How we think determines those laws — moral beliefs independent of the written law determine our national culture. As more people abide by the teachings of the Ten Commandments, the greater the freedom, prosperity, and the pursuit of true happiness are attributable to an advanced spiritual life.

What is important is in the souls of the commonwealth, not what is in legal libraries and in decisions made by the Supreme Court. When the collective beliefs of a client nation reach critical mass — that is, a significant number of its citizens reject Bible doctrine — than the Four-Generation Curse is divinely initiated.

Further confirmation of this curse is evidenced in two scriptural passages:

The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger ... Who keeps lovingkindness for thousands ... Yet He [God] will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations. (Ex. 34:6-7b)

The Lord is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations. (Num. 14:18)

Chapter Three

Process and Procedure

The fundamental character flaw that initiates the Four-Generation Curse is rejection of legitimate authority:

- The Exodus generation viewed their freedom from Egypt as permission to live ungodly lives by rejecting the authority of Moses.
- Mankind's original authority structure was the organized humility of the home and enforced humility of children by their parents.
- Failure to respect parents' authority leads to rejection of other forms of authority.

God's plan for the human race requires a balance between freedom and authority — ***Freedom without authority is anarchy while authority without freedom is tyranny.*** Rejection of legitimate authority initiates the Four-Generation Curse since the authority of Scripture is rejected involving both salvation and God's grace plan.

If a child rejects parental authority, he will later reject other forms of divine authority. If this anti-authority attitude is developed early in life, suddenly submitting to the authority of an invisible God becomes less likely. The process and procedure for the Four-Generation Curse is the subject of verses in the book of Proverbs.

First Generation

There is the kind of man who curses his father and does not bless his mother (Prov. 30:11).

Children reject parental authority because their sinful natures desire an environment in which there is no restraint on their decisions and no responsibility for their actions. If enforced humility of the home cannot

develop genuine humility in the child's soul, then he will either learn the principle through discipline or later become a revolutionary. The child rejects his parent's policies, house rules, restrictions, and requirements because he wants to do what he desires to do. Parents are delegated the authority to enforce the principles of establishment order in the souls of their children and are allowed to impose appropriate forms of discipline or punishment for noncompliance.

An equally troubling problem is when parents are deficient in establishment standards and thus cannot require compliance by their children. When members of a family fail to maintain or respect order in the home, the stability of the Client Nation is correspondingly weakened and possibly subject to divine discipline.

Freedom does not represent irrefutable permission to do as one wishes, but an environment allowing one's decisions to remain unopposed as long as they do not infringe on the freedom, privacy, or property of others or ignore the legal and cultural standards of society. In a Client Nation, cultural standards are codified as laws protecting the privacy, property, and person of its citizens. Violations of these laws infringe upon another person's freedom, thereby intruding upon his freedom.

Such behavior reveals the mental attitude sins of arrogance and self-absorption, which create an anti-authoritarian mentality: **"A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble man will obtain honor** (*Prov. 29:23*)."

Arrogance in Lucifer's soul created his rebellion against God's authority as revealed by his five assertions in Isaiah 14:13-14, the most flagrant in verse 14b:

**I [Satan] will make myself like the
Most High [equality with God].**

Therefore, the stability of a client nation is sustained by the family unit. Accordingly, one of Lucifer's major targets in his "*Long March through the institutions*" is the organized humility of the American home (*see later section, Long March, pages 58–59*). These threats directed toward family destruction include the following:

- 1) **Alternative lifestyles**, comprising:
 - a) *Homosexuality* — damaged souls that also damages the body,
 - b) *Fornication* — co-habitation of unmarried couples, and
 - c) *Adultery*.
- 2) **Non-directive decision-making**: Children allowed to participate in dubious decisions and actions without parental approval.
- 3) **Sex education**: Satanically promoted, graphic mechanics of sexuality that desensitizes them to the sanctity of the marriage relationship between the right man and his right woman.
- 4) **Broken homes**: divorce, remarriage, single or multiple-parent households, unsupervised latch-key arrangements.
- 5) **Surrogates**: federal schools, Common Core, day-care centers, after-school programs, and Progressive ideology in general. Each of these reduces parental authority and the child's perception of the traditional home.

The government cannot be totally blamed since these intrusions normally require parental agreement. Yet, undue reliance on government programs, curriculum, or philosophy can never substitute for the Christian values of the divinely ordained family institution. When the first generation is overly preoccupied with self-righteousness,

they will likely convey this mental attitude to their children in the second generation.

Second Generation

There is a kind that is pure in his own eyes, yet is not washed from his filthiness (Prov. 30:12).

When children are raised to believe that rules, laws, and standards do not apply to them, the assumption under self-centeredness is that they are always right. Self-righteous arrogance then becomes the mindset of the second generation. Although self-righteous people may be identified as legalistic, a form of self-righteousness exists today in those exhibiting what Scripture regards as immoral, lascivious, and degenerate behavior.

This trend is disgraceful, obscene, or even evil to those believing in moral norms and standards, but the antinomian personality¹¹ rationalizes his behavior as normal, acceptable, and unashamed. The antinomian ignores society's moral standards and believes his behavior is no better or worse than those standards imposed by society. Moreover, freedom of choice not adversely affecting others justifies his disregard of societal standards or reliance on God's Word.

This radical transformation has been accomplished by Progressive propaganda that identifies all human behavior under the ***Principle of Mediocrity*** — that is, this principle has intensified from its original historical application by proposing there is nothing unusual or unique about our solar system, Earth, or human race. This principle's cosmic rationales are summarized in the following synopsis.

¹¹ ***Antinomian*** is from medieval Latin: “*opposite or against law*.”

Principle of Mediocrity

To understand the mediocrity principle, it is necessary to compare two systems of cosmology. First, *Claudius Ptolemy* (100–168 AD) a Greco–Roman astronomer in Egypt developed the ***Ptolemaic System***:

The Earth is a stationary sphere at the centre of a vastly larger celestial sphere that revolves at a perfectly uniform rate around the Earth, carrying with it the stars, planets, Sun, and Moon—thereby causing their daily risings and settings.¹²

This error was discovered in the sixteenth century by several astronomers, primarily by *Nicolaus Copernicus* (1473–1543) who developed the ***Copernican System***:

Model of the solar system centered on the Sun, with Earth and other planets moving around it ... published in 1543. It correctly described the Sun as having a central position relative to Earth and other planets.¹³

This idea has given rise to the theory that extraterrestrial intelligence exists throughout the universe.

Extraterrestrial Intelligence

The argument for extraterrestrial intelligence is based on the alleged **Principle of Mediocrity**. Believed by astronomers since the work of *Nicholas Copernicus*, this principle states that the properties and evolution of the solar system are not unusual in any significant way. Therefore, the processes on Earth creating life, and ultimately evolving into thinking beings, likely have

¹² “*Ptolemy*,” in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia*, 15th ed., 2010, 9:775.

¹³ Ibid., “*Copernican system*,” 3:610.

occurred throughout the universe. The essential assumptions of this argument are: (1) planets capable of spawning life are *common*, (2) biota [*flora and fauna*] will grow to full maturity in such worlds, and (3) natural selection evolving on planets with life will occasionally create intelligent species. Currently, no evidence exists to support these assumptions.

However, astronomers are currently hunting for small, rocky planets, like Earth, that could have atmospheres and oceans able to support life. Unlike the efforts of detecting massive, Jupiter-size planets by measuring the wobble they induce in their parent stars, the search for smaller worlds involves searching for the slight dimming of a star that occurs if an Earth-sized planet passes in front of the star. The U.S. satellite Kepler, launched in 2009, is designed to observe more than 100,000 stars in the hope of observing such transits. Another approach requires the construction of space-based telescopes that can analyze the light reflected from the atmospheres of planets around other stars in a search for gases such as oxygen or methane that are indicators of biological activity.

If the Kepler satellite or other satellites succeed in their extremely complex missions, assumption (1) will be validated. Moreover, space probes are trying to find evidence for life that evolved on Mars or other planets in the solar system that would validate assumption (2). Proof of assumption (3), that assumes thinking beings will evolve on some of the planets with life, requires finding evidence such as encounters, physical artifacts, or some method of communication from such planets.

From this set of assumptions, the Progressives have methodically applied mediocrity to cultures, nations, and belief systems. Even though erroneous, Ptolemy's theory coincides with biblical doctrines indicating the Earth and its life are *unique within the universe*. By application, American culture was previously viewed as *exceptional to all others* since it was originally based on establishment principles, many of which were adopted from Scripture.¹⁴ Post-Copernicus, our culture is now assigned equal status with all other cultures.

The influence of biblical standards on our nation's Founders is no longer considered noteworthy since biblical standards are not considered exceptional by cultures outside of Judaism and Christianity.¹⁵ Since biblical standards are no better or worse than those of other belief systems, then no belief system should be considered exceptional. In short, moral standards are no more than the personal opinions of individuals; and no behavior is to be criticized since to do so is said to be intolerant of different belief systems.

Intolerance is today's *Scarlet Letter*.¹⁶ Finding fault with biblically deviant behavior is met with ridicule that by itself is hypocritical, but not regarded as intolerant. Progressives do not object to heterosexual marriages, but consider them as simply one of many acceptable arrangements of sexual behavior that may be practiced.

¹⁴ See Griffin, *Gospel's Missionary Journey*, pp. 29ff.

¹⁵ Ibid, pp. 45-50.

¹⁶ *Scarlet Letter* is from an 1850 novel written by Nathaniel Hawthorne, whereby a woman living in a Puritan Boston community is accused of conceiving a child out-of-wedlock. She is shamed and ridiculed by being forced to wear a dress with a scarlet letter "A" (for Adulteress) as a symbol of her illicit affair. Publicly disgraced and ostracized, the woman draws on her inner strength and certainty of spirit to emerge as the first true heroine of American fiction.

Human/secular viewpoint is inevitably contradictory, which the Bible clearly identifies:

The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.

(1 Tim. 4:1-2)

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

(Jas. 3:17)

Today's current system of "*self-validation*" describes the attitude of a person in the second generation: "**pure in his own eyes**" and therefore "**not washed from his filthiness** (*Prov. 30:12*).\" The word "**filthiness**" represents moral defilement — namely, no awareness of wrongdoing, therefore no thought of altering one's behavior.

Third Generation

There is a kind — oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised in arrogance. (*Prov. 30:13*).

Those in the third generation are filled with arrogance, suffering from a very high opinion of themselves. They defy traditional norms and standards and belittle those who disagree with them.

The word "**lofty**" is the Qal perfect of the verb רָם (*rum*), meaning "**haughtiness and boastfulness**." The perfect tense indicates this is a facilitated mindset. It defines those of the third generation as having locked-in or unrelenting, implacable arrogance.

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. (*Prov. 26:12*)

The word “**raised**” in the second sentence is the Niphal imperfect of the verb נָשָׂא (*nasa'*): “*to be lifted up.*” The two terms “**lofty**” and “**raised**” associated with the eyes are idioms for the word arrogance.

The verbs “to be high” (translated “lofty”) and “to be lifted up” depict arrogance and disdain for others. The emphasis on the eyes and eyelids is employed because the glance, the look, is the immediate evidence of contempt for others.¹⁷

The word “*arrogance*” does not appear in the Hebrew text and is only used in the NASB translation. However, the idioms related to the eyes allow the addition of the word in English translations.

The souls of the third generation are replete with disdainful arrogance for those who disapprove of their support of an amoral society, which reveals a total lack of understanding of societal norms and standards or no sense of right and wrong.

Locked-in arrogance refers to ***advanced stages of reversionism***, a condition of the corrupted soul that is indifferent to or rejects Bible doctrines.

Walk no longer just as the Gentiles (*unbelievers*) **walk, in the futility** (*emptiness*) **of their souls, being darkened** (*blackout of the soul*) **in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance** (*doctrinal*) **that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart** (*unresponsive to doctrine*); **and they, having become callous** (*scar tissue of the soul*), **have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity** (*amorality*) **with greediness.** **But you did not learn Christ in this way.** (*Eph. 4:17–20, NASB*)

¹⁷ Study Notes in ***The NET Bible***, Prov. 30:13n18.

Hardening of the heart is a stage of degeneracy in which recovery cannot be realized without the enforcement of divine discipline. Consequently, the third generation begins to witness demonstrations of national discipline in the form of the first and second cycles of discipline. Divine grace desires that the population return to the principles of basic morality while the Pivot is challenged to stand fast in their faithfulness to doctrine.

Fourth Generation

There is a kind of man whose teeth are like swords and his jaw teeth like knives, to devour the afflicted from the earth and the needy from among men. (Prov. 30:14).

Imagery from Hebrew idioms explain the essence of this verse. **“Teeth like swords,”** and **“jaw teeth like knives”** refer to the insatiable materialism and greed of the fourth generation. Lustful desires such as greed, avarice, and envy exemplify the entitlement mentality of people sustained by the legalized plunder of the successful.¹⁸

It is the underlying objective of the socialist to buy the allegiance of the have-nots by transferring to them the assets of the middle and upper classes. In this process, the Ruling Class serving as middlemen often absconds with many of these assets. Examples of George Orwell’s chilling aphorism, **“All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others,”** describes the current legislative, executive, and judicial branches of our government.

This increasing assembly of **“knife-jawed jackals”** has exempted itself from the requirement to participate in the Affordable Care Act and other legislation, and corporations who have been granted exemptions. Most

¹⁸ See Griffin, ***“Consequences of Plunder,”*** *Copacetic Christian*.

of the questionable Supreme Court decisions during the past 70 years have decreed “***special legal rights***” to individuals and groups by citing the “*equal protection*” clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Suddenly, equal protection does not apply to hundreds of millions of American citizens who are not given exemptions but must pay for those who have been exempted.

Sinful natures of the fourth generation are unrestrained in fulfilling the desires of its lust patterns. Power lust becomes prominent as cliques form around mutually dependent leaders. From these powerful cliques emerge governing, special-interest groups promoting grievances serving as “***rhetorical veils concealing while advancing hidden agenda.***” Power lust has an insatiable desire to control and manipulate people and special-interest groups provide the means of expanding that power over people.

Self-righteous people are likely to join these governing groups and solicit others with similar arrogance to impose the prejudices of the group upon other citizens. Their campaigns usually require the redistribution of wealth, confiscation of private property, collectivism replacing individualism, and centralized consolidation of their increasing governmental power.

For even though they [*those revealing self-righteous arrogance*] **knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile** [*useless*] **in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened** [*blackout of the soul*]. **Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man.** (*Rom. 1:21-23*)

Condensed Summary of the Four-Generation Curse (Prov. 30:11–14)

In summary, the recent history of the United States may be observed and each generation of the Four-Generation Curse may be illustrated. No matter how evil or unjust, the dominant mission of self-righteous arrogance in each generation is considered to be so principled that any means of achieving its objectives is acceptable — in effect, ***the end justifies the means***, a strategy promoted by Saul Alinsky in his *Rules for Radicals*.¹⁹

Such attitudes encourage civil disobedience, approval of violence, and ultimately rebellion. This modus operandi uses the Marxist method of ***“creating tension, which leads to conflict, which produces change.”*** The prior American administration (2009–2016) stated its intentions to ***“fundamentally”*** change the laws of this country, and their actions proved the veracity of that statement.

This entire process over the past sixty-seven years may be described as a significant historical downtrend. The following represents how these events occurred.

First Generation and Rejection of Authority

Those born during the *baby boom* after World War II represent this group. The twenty-year period from 1946–1966 ignited the conditions resulting in social rebellion, perversion, and arrogance manifested in the mid-sixties. These events occurred during the Johnson Presidency, including hostility to and mishandling of the Vietnam War, and poverty and Medicare/Medicaid welfare programs. The legislative actions initiated the entitlement mentality our nation suffers today.

¹⁹ See Appendix F, *Alinsky's Rules for Radicals*, pages 58–59.

Second Generation and Self-Righteous Arrogance

The twenty-year period from 1966–1986 endured a group indulging in drugs, sex, and heavy-metal rock and roll. The Nixon Administration removed nation's gold standard; Jimmy Carter ushered in twenty-percent interest rates, and Ronald Reagan was victorious in the Cold War with the Soviet Union. During this period, the underlying attitude of “*anything goes*” reached maturity in the minds of the anti-authoritarians.

ANYTHING GOES

*In olden days a glimpse of stocking
Was looked on as something shocking,
Now heaven knows,
Anything goes.*

*Good authors too who once knew better words
Now only use four-letter words
Writing prose,
Anything goes.*

*The world has gone mad today.
And good's bad today.
And black's white today.
And day's night today.
When most guys today,
That women prize today,
Are just silly gigolos.*

*So though I'm not a great romancer
I know you're bound to answer
When I propose,
Anything goes.²⁰*

²⁰ *Music & lyrics by Cole Porter.* Anything Goes lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group, Royalty Network, Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.

Third Generation with Locked-In Arrogance

The twenty-year period from 1986–2006 witnessed the emergence of open assaults on the USA Constitution. President George H. W. Bush (1988–1992) included the phrase “***new world order***” in speeches; attacks on divine institutions often occurred during the William J. Clinton Presidency (1992–2000); and George W. Bush (2000–2008) initiated two wars without a distinct national enemy. Guerrillas, hit-and-run terrorists without uniforms or national identity, continued to “*run amok*” while our warriors were militarily restricted in a third-world quagmire from which there could be no successful exit.

Fourth Generation with Greatest Corruption

The twenty-year period from 2006–2026 is primed to suffer the destruction of our free-enterprise economic system and submit to redefinition of divine institutions and dismantling of the USA Constitution, at the same time our honor, decency, and shame are unaware of or inattentive to the radicalization of our country. In other words, the continued assaults associated with the “***Long March Through the Institutions***” [see pages 58–59] is expected to persist without resistance from Americans deficient in their reliance on God’s Word.

If the *Long March* persists, then it will be characterized by the willingness of the third and fourth generations to obtain what they desire by means of deceit, delusion, and duplicity encouraged by Satan and camouflaged by rhetorical veils that appeal to the masses. In each of these generations the lust for power is increasingly intensified so that by the fourth generation, integrity is absent throughout the culture.

The system of justice is administered by those who are in bed with the criminal element. Congress is corrupted by those who use their power to aggrandize themselves rather than serve the people. Now the executive branch uses its power to circumvent the restraints of the Constitution to impose its nefarious schemes upon a defenseless population. According to the penalty clause of the Second Commandment, the sin involved is idolatry. The motivation for idolatry may be defined as a frantic search for inner happiness without a spiritual relationship with God, His Word, and His grace.

For the Romans, it was an entitlement mentality and entertainment referred to as “*bread and circus*.”

Now that no one buys our votes, the public has long since cast off its cares; the people that once bestowed commands, consulships, legions and all else, now meddles no more and longs eagerly for just two things---Bread and Games! ²¹

For Solomon, he pursued a variety of goals as substitutes for fellowship with God: (1) education, (2) pleasure, (3) heritage, (4) philosophy, (5) money, (6) reputation, (7) sex.²² Solomon’s frantic search very nearly forecasts the mindset of twenty-first century with the addition of two other pursuits: drugs and entertainment.

PRINCIPLE: No one suffers the Four-Generation Curse unless culpable. Culpability is always based on the negative volition of the individual in any generation.

²¹ Juvenal, *Satire 10*, trans. G. G. Ramsey, “*The Vanity of Human Wishes*.”
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²² R. B. Thieme, Jr., *The Pursuit of Happiness* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2014), pages 18–36.

Law of Culpability

No person is required to helplessly endure the Four-Generation Curse. Scripture states this curse is extended due to individual decisions. Citizens of each generation must choose to reject or ignore Christ, the authority of God, or the power of His Word.

That no one is held accountable, or culpable, for the sins of another person is recorded in:

Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for their own sin. (*Deut. 24:16*)

Children have a tendency to reproduce the sins of their parents through inherited trends of the sinful nature or by imitation. For example, the first-generation trends are inherited and may be copied by the second generation and so on within the genetic line. The impact of parental example on children, especially in the area of idolatry, is clearly presented in Jeremiah:

Judah's sin is engraved with an iron tool, inscribed with a diamond-tipped stylus on the norms and standards of the heart [mental idolatry] and on the horns of their altars [overt idolatry].²³ (*Jer. 17:1 EXT*)

²³ The law was inscribed on stone tablets by the “*finger*” of God (Ex. 31:18; 32:16). Later under the new covenant it would be written on their hearts (Jer. 31:33). Blood was to be applied to the horns of the altar in offering the sin offering (cf., e.g., Lev 4:7, 18, 25, 20) and on the bronze altar to cleanse it from sin on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:18). Here their sins are engraved (permanently written, cf. Job 19:24) on their hearts (i.e., control their thoughts and actions) and on their altars (permanently polluting them)” (*The NET Bible* [Dallas: Biblical Studies Press, 2001], 1388sn3).

This is a classic passage on *the principle of conditioned reflexes*. When children are trained at an early age to think or perform an act, the stimulus for such behavior is facilitated in the neurons of their brains. This is why Progressives promote laws confining children in public schools for a maximum number of hours to inculcate erroneous thought and behavior from which it would be difficult for them not to remember, believe, and apply.

Dr. Charles L. Feinberg's commentary on this passage in Jeremiah is very instructive:

When Jeremiah says that Judah's sin is "engraved" on the people's hearts and on their altars with "an iron tool," he means that the sin is indelible. Thus God's judgment is inescapable. Sin, especially idolatry, had become an integral part of Judah's life. It had been etched on their very natures and on their temple worship. Iron tools were used in cutting inscriptions on stone. Ancient inscriptions almost defy the ravages of time, (such) as the Hammurabi Stela,²⁴ Moabite Stone,²⁵ or the Behistun \bā-his-tün'\ Inscription.

²⁴ ***Code of Hammurabi***, c. 2100 BC: "In December 1901, a French expedition under the leadership of M. J. de Morgan found a diorite stone (which) had a relief and 44 columns of ancient Babylonian cuneiform writing graven upon it. Professor V. Scheil recognized at once that this stele contains the collection of laws of King Hammurabi" (Arthur Ungnad, "Hammurabi, The Code of," in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, gen. ed. James Orr [Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1956], 2:1327).

²⁵ ***Moabite***, 850 BC: "Erected by Mesha \mē'-sha\, king of Moab. The stone was discovered in 1868 by German missionary, Rev. Klein. The inscription on this stone supplements and corroborates the history of King Mesha in 2 Kings 3:4-27 (Merrill F. Unger, "Moabite Stone," in *Unger's Bible Dictionary*, 3d ed. [Chicago: Moody Press, 1966], 755, 756).

Note: The Behistun Inscription is an ancient monument in Western Iran. It was sculpted on limestone cliffs during the reign of Darius the Great and includes trilingual inscriptions. They were deciphered in 1946 by Henry Rawlinson, a British army officer who was an accomplished linguist. His transcripts furnished the key to our knowledge of Assyrian and Babylonian records. Many of those records are contemporary with the time in which Jeremiah wrote.

The historic durability of these monuments conveys the lasting effect of idolatry on human souls, a sinful perversion Jeremiah was revealing.

What a perversion to have sin ineradicably engraved on the heart where the new covenant belongs. Jeremiah 17:2 (*says*) the children of Judah will be so steeped in idolatry by their parents that the desire for it will emerge at the slightest provocation.²⁶

Thus, a convincing argument exists for parents to exert humiliating influence on the souls of their children, even though children may decide to follow after idols or pursue whatever sin interests them. As the problem is passed down from generation to generation, the curse increases among the population of the nation.

There is a simple two-fold method of breaking the curse on an individual: faith alone in Christ alone followed by inculcation of biblical truth. Salvation not only offers the new believer the opportunity to avoid the problem, but qualifies him to advance spiritually by his affiliation with the Pivot of the Client Nation. The

²⁶ Charles L. Feinberg, *Jeremiah: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1982), page 127.

United States is presently the Client Nation to God, founded on divine establishment principles that ensure freedom for both Christians and non-Christians.

In the Church Age,²⁷ this conversion to Christianity involves participation in the restraining ministry of God the Holy Spirit. Those believers who restrain evil in any generation receive blessings from God:

Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments. (Deut. 7:9)

For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 100:5)

Your Word, O lord, is eternal and will never change. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations. (Ps. 119:89–90)

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (1 Pet. 3:12)

Apart from one's own culpability, no one is under the Four-Generation Curse. Sins of the parents have to be repeated in the children of the next generation for culpability and punitive action to be administered:

He that does wrong will receive the consequences of his wrongdoing... and that without partiality. (Col. 3:25).

²⁷ See Appendix G, *Timeline of Human History*, page 60.

Indictment of Judah

Jeremiah spent forty years warning the citizens of Judah (*Southern Kingdom of Israel*) that they had deviated from the divine commandments. Each generation's repeated rejection of biblical truth was exemplified by the Four-Generation Curse and accompanied by the five cycles of divine discipline.

Although the people were lost and mislead, Jeremiah contended their condition originated with the failure of the Jewish priesthood to communicate the Law and practice the rituals that taught theology by the use of visual aids. He referred to the nation's decline as its "**desolation**" initiated by the failure of the priesthood:

Many **shepherds** [*Qal active participle of the verb רָעָה (ra'ah): clergy*]²⁸ **have ruined My vineyard** [*Judah*], **they** [*priesthood*] **have trampled down My field** [*client nation*]; **they have made My pleasant field a desolate** [שִׁמְמָה (*shimmah*)] **wilderness. It has been made a desolation, desolate, it mourns before Me; the whole land has been made desolate, because no man lays it to heart.** [*Jer. 12:10–11*]

The words "**desolate**" and "**desolation**" are used four times in this passage and refer to the results of the Four-Generation Curse and the divine imposition of the five cycles of national discipline.

²⁸ The Hebrew word *ra'ah* means "**shepherd**." The Greek word for shepherd is ποιμήν (*poimén*) and is often translated "pastor" in New Testament passages. The King James Version's translation of this word imputes the Church-Age application: "Many **pastors** have destroyed My vineyard" [*Jer. 12:10a, KJV*].

Shimmah is used most often in the Old Testament to describe the consequences of divine discipline imposed on Client Nation Israel:

Most often (*shimmah*) is used in conjunction with a passage describing what did happen to the land of Israel after God judged His people and sent them into exile. This shows the totality of the destruction that Israel endured. Nothing was to be saved from this destruction. Fields and vineyards were turned into wastelands and desolate fields after God's judgment (*Jer. 12:10*).²⁹

Jeremiah's description of Judah's national decline is *shimmah* or ***desolation***. He separates the desolation into five categories with the initial failure occurring in the souls of the communicators followed by the loss of thought among their parishioners.

Spiritual Desolation

In the Church Age, the catalyst for spiritual desolation occurs within the combat of the *Invisible War*, whereby in the ***Angelic Conflict***³⁰ the genius mentality of Lucifer is at war with the superior intellect of God. The conflict between these two systems of thought occurs on the battlefield located within human souls. Luciferian rationales will always triumph over human viewpoint, while doctrine will always defeat Luciferian rationales. The channels (agents) for conveying divine viewpoint are the spiritual gifts of the evangelist and pastor-teacher.

²⁹ Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, "שִׁמְמָה" in ***The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament*** (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), page 1165.

³⁰ See Appendix H, ***Angelic Conflict***, page 61.

When the Gospel is flawed by evangelists, people are deceived into believing that they are saved when they are not. When doctrine is flawed by pastor-teachers, believers are deceived into believing they are growing spiritually when they are not. When spirituality and carnality are not communicated as absolute, mutually exclusive conditions of the soul, then believers assume fellowship with God is based on emotion, human effort, and relative (*humanly defined*) righteousness.

Loss of thought in the souls of believers initiates the decline of a Client Nation into the Four-Generation Curse. References for this form of national desolation include Jeremiah 12:10–11 and the following verse:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. (*Hos. 4:6*)

Military Desolation

Due to its large population of advancing believers, Client Nations are prime targets for assault from predator nations controlled by Luciferian forces. They must be prepared to defend their citizens from attacks that will inevitably occur. Conforming to divine establishment laws, an armed, trained, prepared, and invincible military must always be ready to defend its population. Failure to do so causes the Client Nation to be exposed to intrigue, conspiracy, fifth columns, civil disobedience, pacifism, propaganda, treason, guerrilla tactics, and all-out warfare.

Our Lord warned of these failures: **“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.”** (*Matt. 24:6*)

Those without doctrine can be deluded into doctrinal confusion by those who believe the end to warfare is about to occur by misapplying the following verses that relate to the future Millennium³¹ when Christ Himself returns to establish His Kingdom on earth:

He [Jesus Christ as Judge, Jury, & Executioner] will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war. (Isa. 2:4)³²

The passage that should be quoted is one whose context finds the Jews under overwhelming assault by heathen Gentiles in the Tribulation, but which is also applicable to the Church Age (*see footnote 31*):

Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up! Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a mighty man. (Joel 3:9-10)

This verse is the opposite of what Judah was doing in Jeremiah's day. Babylon had its sights on Judah, yet in spite of Jeremiah's warnings they bought the lie and paid the price:

From the least of them to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for gain, and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace,' but there is no peace. (Jer. 6:13-14)

³¹ See Appendix G, *Timeline of Human History*, page 60.

³² See also *Micah 4:3*.

Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; they did not even know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be cast down,” says the LORD. (Jer. 6:15)

The current reduction in our military forces is evidence of this category of desolation being advanced to the peril of our citizens. The last holdout against our military’s inclusion of women is the Navy SEALs, which has now been commanded to do so as part of the Department of Defense’s “*gender inclusion*” initiative. The policy is supported by Admiral William McRaven, head of Special Operations Command of the U.S. Navy.

These and other decisions that damage the esprit de corps of those in military service will lead to a breakdown of morale and damage the preparedness and readiness of those who serve.

“Behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel,” declares the LORD God of the armies.” (Amos 6:14)

Economic Desolation

“We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America.”
(Barack Obama, October 30, 2008)

“It’s been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America.” (Barack Obama, November 4, 2008)

These quotations from President–Elect Barack Obama alert the nation of ominous economic and social changes that will occur during his presidency.

The biblical system of economics is free enterprise and capitalism, adopted by USA Founding Documents:

Free Enterprise: *Economic doctrine or practice of permitting private industry to operate with a minimum of control by the government.*³³

Capitalism: *Economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market.*³⁴

The present trend toward **Corporatism** is defined as: *Organization of a society into industrial and professional corporations serving as organs of political representation and exercising some control over persons and activities within their jurisdiction.*

When the free flow of goods and services is limited by government overreach, the concept of free enterprise is negatively affected. Excessive government intrusion into every aspect of private and corporate function stifles the economy and brings about recession and ultimately depression.

God has not approved this level of interference with free enterprise. The biblical system of private ownership of property and the free exchange of such possessions is dramatized by the ***Parable of the Vineyard Workers*** in Matt. 20:1–16. Also, the principle of private property is confirmed in the prohibitions included in the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament (Exodus 20).

³³ Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary: "***free enterprise.***"

³⁴ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: "***capitalism.***"

Jeremiah informs us that those who reject the Word of God will discover that their investments and labor will not produce fruit; bugs, weather, and mischief will deny them their profits.

They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns, they have strained themselves to no profit. But be ashamed of your harvest because of the fierce anger of the LORD. (*Jer. 12:13*)

Both Micah and Haggai warn of poor decisions by a rebellious people that will result in divine withdrawal of personal logistics and in economic depression.

You will eat, but you will not be satisfied, and your vileness will be in your midst. You will try to remove for safekeeping, but you will not preserve anything, and what you do preserve I will give to the sword. You will sow but you will not reap. You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself with oil; and the grapes, but you will not drink wine. (*Mic. 6:14–15*)

You have sown much but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough, and he who earns, earns wages to be put into a purse with holes. Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified, says the LORD. “You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?” declares the LORD of hosts, “Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house. Therefore, because of you the sky has withheld its dew and the earth has withheld it produce.” (*Hag. 1:6–10*)

Social Desolation

Effects of the *Long March through our institutions* on the four divine institutions have been devastating:

- ***Children's souls*** have been seized and controlled by a federal school system producing an assembly line of progressively oriented adults graduating from high school and university.
- ***Marriage*** has been severely corrupted by the radical, activist inclusion of multiple associations of disparate, depraved individuals in this union.
- ***Family*** has been fractured by numerous extra-marital sexual practices: fornication, adultery, divorce, second marriages, multiple parent-stepparent arrangements, multiple sibling-stepsibling households, homosexual parents, non-married parents, children with no known fathers, and on and on ad nauseam.³⁵

The damnable misery of all of this devastation is that those individuals involved engage in these deviant lifestyles without any concern or shame.

Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; they did not even know how to blush. (Jer. 6:15a)

Finally, the loss of doctrinal knowledge and application, the degradation of the people, and the absence of Pivot power has resulted in the rapid decline of our Client Nation and the impending danger of the advanced cycles of divine discipline.

³⁵ Second marriages, "step" relationships, and divorce can be legitimate if the result of death, adultery, abuse, or abandonment.

Soul Desolation

It [Judah] has been made a desolation, desolate it mourns before Me [God]; the whole land has been made desolate, because no man lays it to heart. (Jer. 12:11)

When believers are not interested in accumulating Bible doctrine in their souls and applying that divine knowledge to life and circumstances, then loss or absence of doctrinal assimilation and use contributes to the historical downtrend within the Client Nation.

Rejection of truth, ignorance of truth, or disinterest in truth causes the soul to enter into chronic carnality, which, if not corrected by rebound, moves the believer into the stages of reversionism³⁶ and involvement in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred. Emotion replaces thought and human viewpoint is used for decision-making in the absence of divine viewpoint.

Without doctrine in the soul and consistent use of the filling ministry of the Holy Spirit for confession of sins (1 John 1:9), the believer's sinful trends and lust patterns may easily control the soul.

Additionally, in an unrestrained, immoral, and amoral society, unbelievers will employ degenerate behavior patterns that will destroy their souls while contributing to the historical downtrend.

The predictable result of such widespread degeneracy among both believers and unbelievers in God's Client Nation leads to the five desolations described by Jeremiah above.

³⁶ **Reversionism** is a condition that occurs when the believer rejects God's Will and purpose for his life and falls under the influence of Satan's corrupt worldly (cosmic) system (1 Tim. 4:1).

Chapter Six

Gramsci's Long March

Antonio Gramsci \grām'-shē\ (1891-1937) was an Italian communist who developed the concept of “**cultural hegemony or domination**.” This theory posited that the prevailing culture within a national entity justifies the current social, political, and economic state of affairs.

Patrick Buchanan explained Gramsci's strategy to take over the capitalist countries of the West in his 2001 publication, ***The Death of the West***:

Antonio Gramsci was a sharp observer who saw that (Communist) Bolshevism did not work. Only through terror could the regime compel obedience. The Russian people had not been converted to communism; they loathed it. Their land, faith, families, icons, and Mother Russia all meant far more than any international workers' solidarity.

Gramsci concluded it was their Christian souls that prevented the Russian people from embracing their Communist revolution. “The civilized world had been thoroughly saturated with Christianity for 2000 years,” Gramsci wrote: and a regime grounded in Judeo-Christian beliefs and values could not be overthrown until those roots were cut. If Christianity was the heat shield of capitalism, then, to capture the West, Marxists must first de-Christianize the West.

*Rather than seize power first and impose a cultural revolution from above, Gramsci argued, **Marxists in the West must first change the culture. But to change the culture would require a “long march through the institutions”**—the arts, cinema, theater, schools, colleges, seminaries, newspapers, magazines, and the*

new electronic medium, radio. One by one, each had to be captured and converted and politicized into an agency of revolution. Then the people could be slowly educated to understand and even welcome revolution.

***Gramsci urged his fellow Marxists to form popular fronts with Western intellectuals who shared their contempt for Christianity and bourgeois culture and who shaped the minds of the young. Since Western culture had given birth to capitalism and sustained it, if that culture could be subverted, the system would fall of its own weight.*³⁷**

The strategy of the “***Long March through Institutions***” has been underway since the 1930s when the Frankfurt School moved its headquarters from Germany to Columbia University, New York. The propaganda that resulted from its influence has gradually come to dominate the schools of education of almost every university in the country. The result of its impact is starkly evident today.

Every culture is based on the religious beliefs of its people and canonized into its foundational documents. Christianity’s influence on the thinking of our ancestors and our State Papers’ Founders established the system that has brought unprecedented personal freedom and prosperity to our nation.

Gramsci’s formula has been successful in removing Christianity as the dominant source for ethics, decency, honesty, integrity, and honor among our citizens. In its

³⁷ Patrick Buchanan, ***The Death of the West*** (New York: Thomas Dunne Books, 2001), pages 76–77. [Bold font used in last paragraph added to highlight “popular fronts” in current America].

place are fuzzy ideas of right and wrong marginalized by Progressive ideology and its anti-biblical spinoffs such as collectivism, corporatism, multiculturalism, political correctness, tolerance of every description, Common Core, radical environmentalism, and the *coup de grâce*, national health care.

Nationally, our educational systems mass-produce graduates ignorant of the divine origin and blessings of our history, and the “***costs of freedom***” paid by our *Founding Fathers* and the men and women injured, disabled, or killed protecting those freedoms. This ignorance or rejection persists as many of our citizens’ disrespect, even ridicule, the principles of our nation’s founding documents. Public education indoctrinates our children with Progressive disinformation maligning our Anglo-Saxon culture, Western-European heritage, Judeo-Christian values, and the heroism of lives lost protecting our freedoms.

Successive generations have systematically accepted these ideas that were concocted in the mind of Lucifer, communicated into the minds of the demon possessed, and implemented by complicit agents of Satan.

Victory is within their grasp, and all that is left to defend against the downfall of our society are those who not only are believers in Jesus Christ but also positive to God’s Word, consistent in their spiritual growth, and prepared to apply doctrines to life and circumstances. Jesus Christ controls history. He does so in numerous ways, but the underlying motivation is the deliverance and preservation of the Pivot. **“All things were created by Him [Christ] and for Him. He is before all things, and in [by] Him all things [everything in creation] are regulated and controlled. (Col. 1:16-17)**

Breaking the Curse

Personal volition is revealed as the catalyst for breaking the Four-Generation Curse. We each must stand or fall based on what we think of Jesus Christ and His Word.

The first paragraph of the Shama' gives the details of how to break the curse in any generation.

The Shama'

Deut. 6:4-9 & Mark 12:29

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

(Shama', Yisrael! 'Adonay Elohenu, 'Adonay echad):

"Hear, O Israel! Jesus Christ is our God, Jesus Christ is the unique One."

The *Shama'* is a ceremonial prayer offered at least twice daily and is recorded in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21; Numbers 15:37-41; and Mark 12:29.

The preamble begins with the word "**Hear**," which in the Hebrew is the Qal imperative of the verb שְׁמַע (*shama'*): "**Hear, obey, listen!**" Since it is the first word of the passage, it became the title of the prayer.

The imperative mood commands the Jews to execute the directives that follow. This opening verse is recited and sung in most synagogues to this day:

***Shama', Yisra'el! Athonoi Elohanu,
Athonoi echath: Hear, O Israel!
Jesus Christ is our God. Jesus
Christ is unique. (Deut. 6:4)***

The introductory paragraph of the *Shama'* contains the solution to any problems faced by any generation from idolatry to carnality:

You shall love the LORD your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (Deut. 6:5-7)

These mandates implore parents to teach God's Word to their children in various situations: (1) privately at home, (2) publically in the community, (3) through bedtime stories, and (4) at the beginning of the day. The consistent instruction in biblical doctrines establishes in the souls of children the inventory of ideas necessary to remain loyal to the order code of the Mosaic Law. The order code teaches children essential doctrines for their generation that emphasize and reinforce consistency in their relationship with God and society.

Moses introduces these mandates in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6, after the Ten Commandments ("*Decalogue*") in the previous chapter (Deut. 5: 7-21).

Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the

days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.
(Deut. 6:1–3)

First four of the Ten Commandments express the divine mandates regarding the spiritual life of the individual. The following six commandments are designed to prevent any deviation from the first four, thereby insuring compliance for those who follow. [*Refer to Appendix B, page 53*].

The First Commandment forbids mental idolatry while the Second prohibits overt idolatry:

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me ... *(Deut. 5:7–9)*

The preservation of Client Nation Israel was contingent upon its people remaining loyal to the mandates of the Decalogue and those precepts communicated in the establishment and spiritual codes contained in the Torah, which is comprised of the first five books of the Old Testament. [See Griffin, *One Day at a Time*, pages 157–158 for additional information on the three codices of the Mosaic Law (*Exod. 19–31*)].

The penalty clause for noncompliance is the Four-Generation Curse. But great blessings are promised to the generations that keep His commandments:

‘... but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.’ (Deut. 5:10)

The word “**lovingkindness**” is the Hebrew noun **חֶסֶד** (*cheseth*): “**unfailing love**.” This word is found throughout the Old Testament including Psalm 100, wherein verses 2 and 5 combine two concepts that relate to the promise expressed in Deuteronomy 5:10:

Serve the Lord with gladness [שִׂמְחָה] (*simchah*): superabundance of happiness or the copacetic spiritual life] ... For the Lord is absolute good; His lovingkindness [חֶסֶד] (*cheseth*): unfailing love] is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 100:2a, 5)

The unfailing love of God provides a superabundance of happiness by means of the believer’s response through the combination of his personal love for God and loyalty to His Word. In order for a believer’s spiritual growth to advance unimpeded, he must be allowed the right of free exercise. With it, he is enabled to enjoy the life God provided in His grace in eternity past for him.³⁸

This entire concept is presented in the introductory remarks of the Declaration of Independence:

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

³⁸ *Limitless period of time* before God’s creation of the human race.

The blessing contained in the promise of Deuteronomy 5:10 and expressed in Psalm 100:2, 5 is encapsulated in this Declaration. Those who the Creator selects for “human life”³⁹ have an “unalienable right” to pursue “establishment prosperity” and, for believers, the “copacetic spiritual life.” Those who obey God’s Word gain freedom; those who do not become enslaved:

Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

God provides His matchless grace⁴⁰ to those who love Him. How do we indicate our love for God?

“If you love Me you will keep My commandments. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” (John 14:15, 21)

This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. (1 John 5:3)

Loving Him is accomplished by habitually applying the doctrines revealed in Scripture. The word “love” in both Exod. 20:6 and Deut. 5:10 is the qal active participle of the verb אָהַב (‘ahav): **personal love for God**. The Qal active participle indicates a state of continued activity and the translation should reflect this:

‘... but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who keep on continuously loving Me and keep My commandments.’ (Deut. 5:10)

³⁹ See Griffin, *The Divine Decree*, pages 8ff. (upcoming book)

⁴⁰ See Appendix I, *Prevenient Grace*, pages 62–63.

True love for God is devotion to learning His Word on a continuing, day-by-day basis. The final verb is the Qal active participle of שָׁמַר (*shamar*): “**keep on continuously guarding My commandments,**”⁴¹ which is accomplished when doctrine is transferred by God the Holy Spirit into the soul. Inventoried within the soul, doctrine becomes artillery ready to be fired incessantly in the application of problem-solving strategies.⁴²

Fulfilling the Lord’s command means the believer must reserve time for, interest in, and concentration on the daily intake of Scripture under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. This pledge of Bible study requiring volitional decisions are illustrated in the following diagram, whereby volition is challenged positively or negatively:

VOLITIONAL CHALLENGES	NEGATIVE VOLITION	POSITIVE VOLITION
Gospel	Remain in unbelief	Saved with 40 benefits*
Church Attendance*	Choose to avoid	Attend & concentrate
Doctrine Taught	Ignore or reject as truth	Accept as truth
Doctrine Retained	Refuse to apply	Apply to life & circumstances

* or by use of electronic devices.

★ See R.B. Thieme, Jr., *The Plan of God*, Bible Ministries, pages 31-36.

⁴¹ “In its participial form, the word means *human guards*, those who watch for people or over designated objects” (Baker and Carpenter, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament*, page 1171).

⁴² See Appendix J, *Ten Problem-Solving Strategies*, page 64.

This process, if pursued resolutely, will guide the positive believer to the possession and use of the same problem-solving strategies that provided our Lord with the staying power to complete His salvific work on the cross for the benefit of the human race. His personal love for the Father motivated our Lord to be judged for the sins of the world, while his unconditional love for the human race motivated Him to receive the imputation and judgment of all the sins of mankind.

How blessed [happy] is the man who finds wisdom [applies Bible doctrine to his life] and the man who gains understanding [doctrine]. (Prov. 3:13)

Finally, the believer guards the Word by unashamedly supporting it before others. He should tolerate those who disagree, but cannot tolerate their actions if they violate standards of Scripture. Flexibility and tolerance do not imply leniency or acceptance of the erroneous thoughts and actions of others.

Only by habitual love for God and personal desire to learn, defend, and apply His Word can the believer have the invisible historical impact that our nation's current condition urgently needs.

However, if Pivot power is not strong enough to triumph over power politics, then the future of our Client Nation is strictly in the hands of our Lord. His chosen Client Nation Israel was rejected numerous times and Gentile Client Nations have suffered similar fates. However,

Eye has not seen nor has ear heard, neither has there entered into the minds of men the things [personal destinies] that God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9)

Chapter Eight

Hosea's Denouement

The current situation in the United States is not hopeless but circumstances are metastasizing toward a probable crisis stage. Until the condition becomes hopeless a crisis does not exist, but since the conflict between the traditional and Progressive worldviews has been won by the latter, our nation is closer to a crisis.

Conditions are not yet hopeless since there exists a significant number of believers positive to God's Word and apparently enough to avoid the Lord's harshest discipline for the moment.

Several indicators warn us that chaos and crisis could begin at any moment. As crisis approaches it may be noticed that power politics is unable to resolve the problems its deceitful policies created. Human viewpoint compounds the problems so that violence and social unrest threaten the peace and tranquility of our nation.

Mature believers use Pivot power to endure the effects of the downtrend by means of doctrine in the soul and confidence in Jesus Christ for guidance and protection. Power politics continues to apply solutions associated with its socialist, "nanny-state" worldview to its own certain destruction. Pivot politics continues to rely on God's grace while power politics reaches critical point when the disasters accompanying their radical cultural changes culminate in either tyranny or rebellion.

The denouement ("*conclusion*") of this sequence of events is summarized by Hosea who wrote his prophecy prior to the imposition of the fifth cycle by Shalmaneser V and Sargon to the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC.

Hosea's emphasis throughout his prophecy is that desolation in the souls of the people would result in national desolation for Israel. The people's soul desolation was depicted by the people's involvement in their worship of Baal, a fertility god that Hosea used to illustrate an adulterous relationship.

The theme of the Book of Hosea is the unfaithfulness of Israel to God and His commandments by having an illicit relationship with idols including their decadent activities. Hosea's indictment of the people occurred as follows:

Listen to the Word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. (Hos. 4:1-2)

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. (Hos. 4:6)

The people did not respond to Hosea's indictment but continued in their degenerate practices in opposition to God's mandates. Their locked-in behavior, character traits, and lifestyle resulted in the following denouement:

Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My law. For they sow the wind and they reap the WHIRLWIND. (Hos. 8:1, 7a)

APPENDICES

These appendices offer biblical evidence and context to further clarify the doctrinal concepts introduced in the text of this book.

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If you continue to study Christ's Word, then you are truly His followers. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (*John 8:31-32*)

Blessed is the man who finds divine wisdom, who gains understanding, for Bible doctrine is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold ... Long life is in doctrine's right hand; in its left hand are riches and honor. Doctrine's ways are pleasant ways, and all its paths are peace [*soul tranquility*]. (*Prov. 3:13-17*)

Five Cycles of Discipline

When Israel was overwhelmed with apostasy, the client nation was warned by God through the increasing intensity of five cycles of national discipline dispensed by Him (Lev. 25:14-39):⁴³

First Cycle: Loss of health, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror, fear, and death in combat, loss of personal freedoms due to negative volition to Bible doctrine (vv. 14-17).

Second Cycle: Economic recession and depression, increased personal and individual discipline for continued negative volition in spite of the first warning (vv. 18-20).

Third Cycle: Violence and breakdown of law and order, severe restriction of travel and commerce (vv. 11-12).

Fourth Cycle: Military conquest and/or foreign occupation, scarcity of food (reduced to one-tenth the normal supply), separation of families (23-26).

Fifth Cycle: Destruction of the nation due to the maximum rejection of biblical principles (vv. 27-39).

Israel suffered the five cycles of discipline at least four times during its history, the most recent occurring in AD 70 when its capital city of Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Roman legions, and the Jews were dispersed throughout the world in a national relocation known as the "Diaspora."

⁴³ R. B. Thieme, Jr., ***Freedom through Military Victory***, 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 16fn13.

Ten Commandments of Old Testament

Ten Commandments

Matt. 22:37–39 & Ex. 20:3–17

#1: No Mental Idolatry

You shall have no other gods before Me (v. 3)

#2: No Overt Idolatry

You shall not make for yourself an idol (v. 4)

#3: No Irreverence to God

Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain (v. 7)

#4: Keep Sabbaths

Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy (v. 8)

#5: Honor Parents

Honor your father and your mother (v.12)

#6: No Murder

You shall not murder (v. 13)

#7: No Adultery

You shall not commit adultery (v. 14)

#8: No Stealing

You shall not steal (v. 15)

#9: No Perjury

You shall not bear false witness (v. 16)

#10: No Lust

You shall not covet (v. 17)

#1–4: “The first and greatest: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with your entire soul, and your entire mind.” (Matt. 22:37)

#5: Unites God’s sovereignty (#1–4) with man’s morality and freedom (#6–10)

#6–10: “The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 22:39)

Insecure Generation⁴⁴

When parents do not fulfill their responsibilities and children do not honor their parents, the nation suffers from insecurity, instability, and eventual loss of liberty. National disintegration begins in the family.

- Insecure parents result in insecure children who, in turn, produce an insecure generation.
 - An insecure generation demands security.
 - In demanding security from government, an insecure generation becomes an entitlement generation.
 - Entitlements are offered to an insecure generation by insecure politicians.
 - Insecure politicians offer some form of socialism that is always divorced from establishment principles found in the infallible Word of God.
 - An insecure government gains power and entitlements for itself and finances the pseudo-security of socialism through the confiscation of wealth by unjust taxation and redistribution of wealth in the name of the greater good for the greater number.
 - Utopian socialism combines with Marxism to establish economic and political doctrines based on false theories and the promotion of class warfare. The result is a government that offers pseudo-security to an insecure generation through public lies and false promises, destroying individual and national freedoms.
 - Instead of government as the servant of the people, the entitled, insecure people are slaves to repressive bureaucrats.
- When parents have no virtue, the next generation lacks virtue, becomes insecure, and the nation declines.

⁴⁴ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Freedom through Military Victory*, pages 10-11.

Appendix D

Client Nation and its Pivot

A Client Nation is a national entity in which a certain number of spiritually mature believers form a Pivot sufficient to sustain the nation and through which God furthers His plan for the human race. Under divine blessing, God protects this chosen nation to enable believers to fulfill His divine mandates of evangelism, communication and custody of Bible doctrine, securing a Jewish safe haven or refuge, and providing missionaries throughout the unbelieving world.⁴⁵

As a Client Nation to God, Israel was divinely empowered to administer the development, preservation, education, and distribution of His Word throughout the unbelieving world. Following Israel's rejection of Jesus Christ as the prophesied Messiah/Savior, God replaced their Client Nation status with believing Gentile nations, a position currently occupied by the United States.

The Pivot is comprised of mature believers living within a national entity whose spiritual progress justifies God's assignment of Client Nation status. These invisible heroes provide the nation with preservation and prosperity by means of divine blessings in association with God's Word. Therefore, it is the mature believer who functions as the true patriot since only the believer who lives the sophisticated spiritual life is capable of providing the nation with a protective **Wall of Fire** (Zech. 2:5; 1 Pet. 1:5a). These believers are able to defend themselves against the attacks of the enemy and, simultaneously, serve to enlarge the Pivot of the Client Nation.

⁴⁵ Thieme, *Freedom through Military Victory* (1996), pp. 82–83.

Laws of Divine Establishment ⁴⁶

Since God created human beings with personal volition, human freedom must be protected and preserved. For example, the *Ten Commandments* identify personal sins that could destroy the essential precepts of freedom: life, liberty, property, privacy, and divinely delegated authority. Also, belief in Christ as Savior must be protected to permit Christian evangelism and study.

God delegates authority to the human race to preserve freedom throughout history (*Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-14*). These systems of authority are identified as the **Laws of Divine Establishment** or simply, **Divine Institutions**:

Volition: Individuals are held responsible for their decisions and actions as regulated by self-discipline, divine guidance, and rational thought rather than emotional or instinctive behavior.

Marriage: A husband's delegated authority over his wife emulates the love of Christ for His Church and provides the essential structure for continued societal stability.

Family: Parental authority over their children must include impersonal love and respect, which serves to prolong and prosper the national entity by the influence of succeeding generations.

Nation: Through laws preventing centralized control of freedoms and military readiness capable of defeating all aggressors, governments are duly established to safeguard national stability and sovereignty.

⁴⁶ R.B. Thieme, Jr., *Freedom through Military Victory* (2003), 4–14 *passim*.

The national entity⁴⁷ safeguards the first three divine institutions by laws designed to defend and preserve personal freedom within the national entity. As a result, the nation must protect its governing authorities from internal and external threats.

Internally, by laws and their enforcement that monitor and restrain violations of individual freedoms. Centralized power invariably results in humanistic systems apart from God that take advantage of man's arrogance and lust for power (*Col 2:8*).

Externally, by the strict enforcement of laws and regulations preventing the loss of or reduction in sovereignty resulting from international agreements threatening self-government; and by superior military forces capable of overpowering all foreign aggressors. The Bible warns there will be no international peace and prosperity until the Millennial reign of Christ (*Mark 13:7*).

Consequently, intercessory prayers for all of these divine institutions are needed to protect individual autonomy, privacy, property, and human life itself.

MAXIM: *Freedom without authority is anarchy and authority without freedom is tyranny.*

If you continue in My [Christ's] Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. For if the Son makes you free [from the control of your soul by Satan], you will be free indeed. (*John 8:31, 34-36*)

⁴⁷ Excludes the concept of "**one-world government**" that is prohibited by Scripture (*Gen. 11:4-9*).

Alinsky's Rules for Radicals

Saul Alinsky (1909–1972) was an American community organizer and writer, generally considered to be the founder of modern community organizing. and is often noted for his 1971 book, ***Rules for Radicals***. His organizing skills were focused on improving the living conditions of poor communities across America.

His ideas were adapted in the 1960s by some U.S. college students and other young “counter-culture” organizers, who used them for organizing on campus and beyond. *Time* magazine wrote in 1970 that ***“It is not too much to argue that American democracy is being altered by Alinsky's ideas.”*** Conservative author William F. Buckley, Jr. said in 1966 that Alinsky was ***“very close to being an organizational genius.”***

In ***Rules for Radicals***, Alinsky prefaced his book with:

Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom – Lucifer.

Shortly before his death, he replied to a question on the afterlife:

If there is an afterlife, and I have anything to say about it, I will unreservedly choose to go to hell. Hell would be heaven for me. All my life I've been with the have-nots. Over here, if you're a have-not, you're short of dough. If you're a have-not in hell, you're short of virtue. Once I get into hell, I'll start organizing the have-nots over there. They're my kind of people.

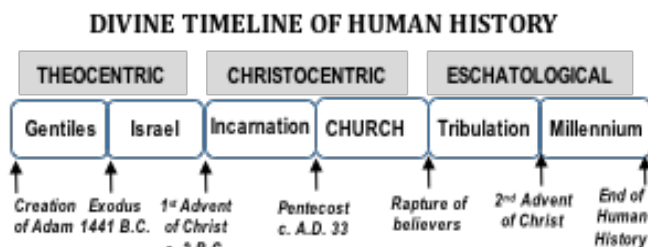
He introduced his book: *“What follows is for those who want to change the world from what it is to what they believe it should be. The Prince was written by Machiavelli for the Haves*

on how to hold power. *Rules for Radicals* is written for the Have-Nots on how to take it away." Some of his "**Rules**" are summarized as follows:

1. "**Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have.**" Power is derived from money and people. "Have-Nots" must build power from flesh and blood.
2. "**Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy.**" Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.
3. "**Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules.**" If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send 30,000 letters. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all of their own rules.
4. "**Ridicule is man's most potent weapon.**" There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works to force the enemy into concessions.
5. "**Keep the pressure on. Never let up.**" Keep trying new things to keep the opposition off balance. As the opposition masters one approach, hit them from the flank with something new.
6. "**The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself.**" Imagination and ego can dream up many more consequences than any activist.
7. "**If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive.**" Violence from the other side can win the public to your side because the public sympathizes with the underdog.
8. "**The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative.**" Never let the enemy score points because you're caught without a solution.
9. "**Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.**" Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions.

Timeline of Human History

The divine timetable of human history consists of six dispensations during which God manages His grace plan for the human race by assigning to specific individuals the responsibility of protecting and sharing His Word throughout the world (*Acts 1:7*). God differentiates each succeeding dispensation with newly assigned human authorities and divine mandates together with His provisions for fulfilling those mandates. To counter God's plans, Satan creates new strategies to prevent or disrupt the future course of human history.⁴⁸



Theocentric Age (*God-centered*) began with the creation of Adam and ended with the First Advent (virgin birth) of Jesus Christ.

Christocentric Age (*Christ-centered*) began with the birth of Christ and ends with the Rapture (or Resurrection) of the Church.

Eschatological Age (*Prophecies not yet fulfilled*) occurs after the Rapture and terminates with the end of human history.

The Eternal State (*Eternity*) follows the end of human history.

⁴⁸ See Griffin, *One Day at a Time* (2013), pages 72–98.

Appendix H

Angelic Conflict

When God created the universe, He created a race of super-creatures known scripturally as angels that included Lucifer (Satan), the most exalted of His angelic creation. In eternity past, Lucifer abused his freedom due to arrogance and power lust. Obsessed with being like God, he persuaded one-third of the angelic creation ("*fallen angels*") to join him in a revolt against God's sovereign authority (*Rev. 12:3-9*).

Throughout history, Satan with the assistance of his angelic and human agents have conducted an invisible war with God [***The Angelic Conflict***] by disobeying His authority. Guilty of rebellion, Satan and his angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire, forever living in misery and alienated from God:

Your [*Satan's*] heart became arrogant on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor ... So I [*God*] made a fire come out from you, and it [*Lake of Fire*] will consume you, and I reduced you to ashes. (*Ezek. 28:17-18*)

Since Satan protested his sentence, God graciously deferred His verdict until the end of history. An appeal was granted allowing him to refute the judgments of his guilt (*Job 1:6-12; Zech. 3:1-2*). Concurrently, God created the human race to prove that a species inferior to angels, but with identical free-will, would choose God's Son Jesus Christ as their Savior. Thus, the free-will decisions of believers throughout history function as witnesses for God's verdict, which serve to validate Satan's eternal confinement by God in the Lake of Fire. By observing decisions of the human race, angels are witnesses to Satan's guilt and God's perfect justice.

Prevenient Grace ⁴⁹

The word “**prevenient**” is derived from the Latin and defined as “*coming before, preceding, previous, and antecedent.*” Prevenient (or antecedent) grace is identified as a Christian doctrine as described in the following excerpt.

Prevenient grace is grace which comes first. It precedes all human decision and endeavor. Grace always means that it is God who takes the initiative and implies the priority of God’s action on behalf of needy sinners. That is the whole point of grace; it does not start with us, it starts with God; it is not earned or merited by us. It is freely and lovingly given to us who have no resources or deservings of our own. **“In this is love,”** John declares, **“not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins;”** thus, **“we love, because He first loved us”** (*John 4:10,19*).

God took action, moreover, when we were helpless (*Rom. 5:6*) without any ability to help ourselves or to make any contributions to our salvation. The sinner’s state is one of spiritual death, that is to say, of total inability, and his only hope is the miracle of new birth from Above (*John 3:3*).

This why the Apostle reminds the Ephesian believers that salvation came to them when they were “dead” in sins, from which there follows only one conclusion, namely, it is by grace that they were saved. Both now and for all eternity the Christian will be indebted to **“the immeasurable riches”** of God’s grace displayed in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. But for the provenience, or priority, of divine grace, all would be lost.

⁴⁹ Philip E. Hughes, “*Prevenient Grace*,” in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, ed. Walter A. Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984), pages 480-481.

The following scriptural verses regarding the vitally important function of God's matchless grace in the lives of believers may be cited.

Because of God's magnificent grace, believers do not become discouraged: though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed one day at a time ... So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

It is by God's grace you have been saved, through faith in Christ; and this salvation is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of human effort, so that no one may boast. For we [believers] are His workmanship. (Eph. 2:8-10)

If by God's divine grace, then it is no longer by works [human effort]; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. (Rom. 11:6)

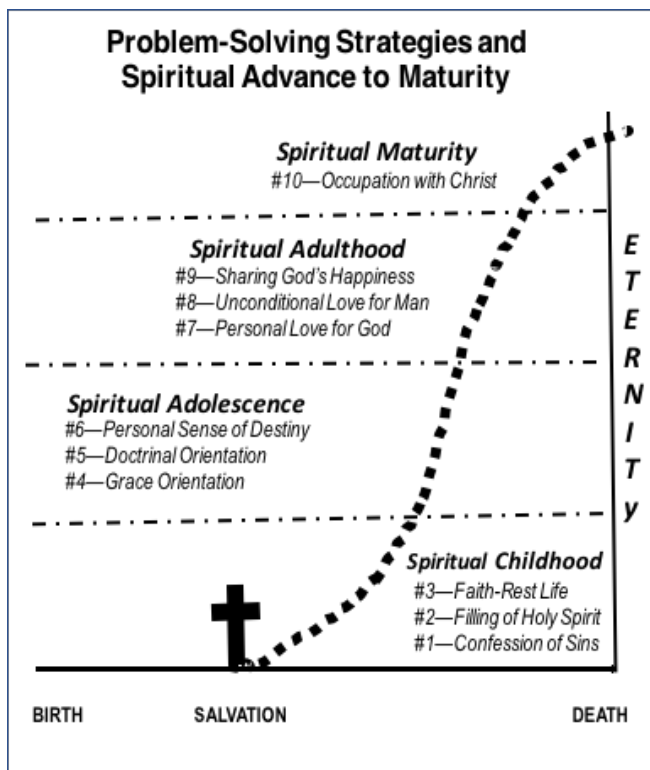
Christ saved us, not because of righteous things we have done [human effort], but because of His divine grace. (Titus 3:5)

God's grace is sufficient for you, for His power is made perfect in your weakness. (2 Col. 12:9)

Principle: God's grace is freely given, never earned or deserved, as is His divine plan and policy of love and integrity for blessing fallen mankind.

Problem-Solving Strategies

Integrating the ten problem-solving strategies into life's four phases following salvation, the believer's progress toward attaining the foremost objective of spiritual maturity is depicted in the following diagram:



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Principles:

Virtuous political leadership cannot override the decadence of the people.

God's matchless grace is freely given, never earned or deserved, as is His divine plan of love and integrity revealed in His blessings for mankind.

Freedom without authority is anarchy while authority without freedom is tyranny.

When parents have no virtue, the next generation lacks virtue, becomes insecure, and the nation declines.

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Once apostasy infests the souls of a majority of people, political solutions are no longer effective in restoring order.

Good society is marked by high degree of order, justice, and freedom. Among these, order has primacy: for justice cannot be enforced until a tolerable civil social order is attained, nor can freedom be anything other than violence until order gives us laws.

No one suffers the 4-G Curse unless culpable, which is always the result of the volition of the individual in any generation.

There is a simple two-fold method of breaking the 4-G Curse on an individual: faith alone in Christ alone followed by inculcation and application of biblical truth.

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