

- (b) The false prophet is worse than the people. He is in darkness and reversionism, knowing no doctrine at all. He's in total reversionism in night darkness.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge [of doctrine], I will reject you from being a priest nation. Since you have neglected the doctrine of your God, I, even I, will neglect your sons.

- (a) "Sons" refers to the next generation, which would become enslaved after the destruction of the priest nation.
- (b) This priest nation of the Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians in 721 B.C. led by Sargon II.

G. Evil is a major factor in the function of reversionism.

1. Remember that God is holy, which means God has perfect integrity.
2. The integrity of God demands the perpetuation of the human race until the course of history and the prehistoric angelic conflict have both been completed.
3. Since the fall of mankind in Eden, Lucifer has replaced man as the ruler of this world.
4. The policies of Satan as the ruler of this world are called evil. Evil comes in many forms, both sweetness and light as well as darkness and terror.
5. The policy of God is revealed only in the Word of God. The policy of God is grace.
6. The two antagonistic forces of grace and evil have pre-existed the creation of the human race and the beginning of human history. Now they continue in human history.
7. The absolute truths of Bible doctrine versus the relative concepts of Lucifer are always at war on the battlefield of human history.
 - (a) True conservatism is always based on absolute truth. All absolute truth is found in the Bible, including both establishment principles for the human race in general and Bible doctrine for believers.
 - (b) A true conservative is one whose premise is absolute truth.
 - (c) A liberal is one whose premise is always relative truth.
 - (d) Relative truth versus absolute truth is part of the angelic conflict, now perpetuated in human history.



8. Bible doctrine portrays the grace plan of God, while evil reveals the genius of Satan's administration of the rulership of this world.
9. Satan's policy of evil includes sin and human good, immoral, and moral degeneracy, and all the sins of arrogance.
10. Therefore, evil is a major factor in the function of reversionism. Evil comes in many forms:
 - (a) Christianity is not a religion. Religion is man seeking to gain the approbation of God by his human works and energy of the flesh.
Christianity is God seeking man and finding him through the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Religion and Christianity are antithetical.
 - (b) Socialism includes Bolshevism and Menshevism, the experiment of Marxism since 1917 in Russia.

Bolshevik (Russian: "One of the Majority"), member of a wing of the Russian Social-Democratic Workers' Party, which, led by [Vladimir] Lenin, seized control of the government in Russia (October 1917), and became the dominant political power. Lenin ... demanded immediate peace and that the workers' councils, or Soviets, assumed power and became the dominant political power.

The Bolsheviks became increasingly popular among urban workers and soldiers in Russia after the February Revolution (1917). They changed their name to Communist Party of the Soviet Union in October 1952.²

Menshevik (Russian: "One of the Minority"), member of the non-Leninist wing of the Russian Social-Democratic Workers' Party, which evolved into a separate organization. Led by L. Martov [Yule Tenenbaums³] (it) opposed Lenin's plan for a party restricted to professional revolutionaries and called for a mass party modeled after western European social-democratic parties.

² "Bolshevik," in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia*, 15th ed. (Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2010), 2:344–45.

³ Ibid. Martov, L., pseudonym is also spelled, YULY OSIPOVICH TSEDERBAUM, 7:894.



When Lenin's followers obtained a temporary majority on the central committee and on the editorial board of the newspaper *Iskra*, they appropriated for themselves the name Bolshevik (Those of the Majority); Martov and his followers became the Mensheviks.⁴

- (c) Political internationalism: one-world government.
- (d) Government abuse of power. Example: Ignoring or violating with impunity the individual rights contained in the Constitution of the United States, its Bill of Rights, and subsequent Amendments.
- (e) Panaceas of crusader arrogance. Current rebellion from all the Executive and Legislative branches of government.
- (f) Various functions of the arrogance complex. Empowered by a population propagandized into the principles of communism and abetted by government approval.

Concluding principles:

- (a) Both evil [רָעָה (*ra'ah*) / πονηρός (*ponēros*)] and Bible doctrine [אֱמֶת (*'emeth*) / ἀλήθεια (*alētheia*): “truth”] were here before we came into this world.
- (b) You cannot change evil, but evil can change you apart from knowing *'emeth* and *alētheia*.
- (c) The believer who seeks to change evil is changed by evil. This describes believers who exchange divine guidance for Christian activism.
- (d) Evil plus lies produce the power of reversionism.
- (e) God removes from this world those believers who are changed by evil. This is the ultimate divine discipline in the sin unto death.
- (f) Furthermore, when the saturation of evil related to reversionism jeopardizes the course of human history, that saturation of evil is removed under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history.

⁴ Ibid., “Menshevik,” 8:20.

- (g) For this reason, races, empires, nations, organizations, families, and individuals are removed from history as a part of God's grace pruning. Without God's grace pruning, there would be no one left to meet the challenge of the protocol plan of God.
- (h) In this dispensation of the Church Age, God has provided the means of avoiding evil and subsequent reversionism.
- (i) Absolute good is consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.

Romans 12:21 Stop being conquered by evil, but conquer evil by means of [absolute] good.”

H. Illustrations of Reversionism.

1. In Revelation 3:14–22, believers in the church at Laodicea became involved in Gnosticism and grew lukewarm toward the Lord.
2. James 2:1–5 presents the case of the short-sighted usher who gave the rich man the best seat in the synagogue while he advised the poor man to stand in the back or sit on the floor by his footstool.
3. David's reversionism with Bathshéba and murder of her husband, Uríah the Híttite, cost him the death of the adulterine, the rape of his daughter, Támer, the death of his favorite son, Ábsalom, and a revolution in his kingdom.
4. Elíjah's fear of being murdered and not trusting in the protection of the Lord was his manifestation of reversionism.

I. The Warnings and Mandates to Avoid Reversionism.

2 John 1:7 Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

v. 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

v. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

1 Timothy 3:6 Do not be an immature believer, lest having received blind arrogance [self-fragmentation], you fall into the condemnation of the devil [reversionism].

1 John 2:15a Stop loving the cosmic system, or anything pertaining to the cosmic system.”

