

David's Heir: Negative Volition: Cauterizing the Conscience, 1 Tim 4:2 cf. Eph 4:17: Operation Mataiotēs; Blackout of the Soul: Evil Dominates the Conscience, v. 18a; Exclusion from Doctrine Produces Insensibility: the Absence of Shame; Progressive Ideology & Egalitarianism Produce Lowered Standards of Behavior

1 Timothy 4:1 - The Holy Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

v. 2 - by means of the hypocrisy of liars because their own conscience has been seared with the branding iron of evil.

39. These peoples' inventory of ideas is developed by the intake of lies from the Dark Side which sears the conscience. The phrase "has been seared" is the perfect passive participle of the verb **καυτηριάζω (kautēriázō)**: "to be branded with a branding iron."
40. The perfect tense is intensive which places emphasis on the existing result of being branded. The passive voice indicates that these that have fallen away have received the action of having their consciences branded. The participle is causal indicating the result of believing the lies and is translated "because."
41. Where truth may have once dominated the conscience, the inculcation of lies has flushed it from the soul and replaced it with "doctrines of demons."
42. Ephesians 4:17 refers to this inversion of thought which is accomplished by means of a vacuum, the locative of sphere of the noun **ματαιότης (mataiotēs)**: "vacuum."
43. Visualize the conscience as a sphere in which is contained an inventory of biblical ideas, but which have been rejected in favor of the lie.
44. A vacuum is a space devoid of matter. The sphere of influence on one's free will is the conscience. To reject truth creates a vacuum into which the lie rushes to fill be void.
45. As this process continues, the stages of reversionism advance while the conscience becomes more and more influenced by the categories of cosmic-two hatred.
46. The transformation from biblical or establishment thought over to cosmic thought is accomplished by an ongoing series of negative volitional decisions.

Ephesians 4:17 - This I affirm and demand together with the Lord that you no longer continue walking just as the Gentiles keep on walking by means of the vacuum of their minds, (EXT)

Ephesians 4:18 - being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; (NASB)

1. This verse is the source of the doctrine of blackout of the soul which is the sixth stage of reversionism. The word "darkened" is the perfect passive participle of the verb **σκοτίζω (skotízō)**: "to deprive of light; figuratively, ignorance of doctrine; moral darkness."
2. The periphrastic perfect is intensive indicating something that happened in the past and continues into the present. It is accompanied by the perfect passive participle of the verb "to be," **εἰμί (eimi)**, and translated "having become darkened."
3. What has become darkened is "their understanding," the locative of sphere of the noun **διάνοια (diánoia)**: "the intellect; faculty of thought."

4. The ability to think clearly is darkened, replaced by cosmic concepts from the doctrines of demons. Absence of doctrinal thought creates a vacuum; the lie rushes in to fill that void; the darkened soul is unable to recall or apply its formerly facilitated inventory of biblical truth.
5. This is characterized as the blackout of the soul which leads to the accumulation of scar tissue on the soul, the seventh stage of reversionism.
6. Such a circumstance is said to “exclude” the believer from “the life of God.” “Exclude” is the perfect passive participle of the verb **ἀπαλλοτριόω (apallotriōō)**: “to become insensitive; void of past feeling; to be insensible to honor or shame.”
7. If there is any better proof that a vast number of people in this country are in reversionism, then this word calls it out in plain sight.
8. We are at a tragic moment in our country where honor is described as tolerance of anything except intolerance while shame is assigned only to those who adhere to traditional principles.
9. The word “shame” is defined as follows:
Shame: a painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety; a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute; something that brings censure or reproach.¹
10. For a person to experience shame, he must be aware of wrongdoing. If under the opinion that freedom allows him to do whatever he wants without censure, then any suggestion to the contrary is considered intolerant.
11. This distorted concept of tolerance has morphed out of the Progressive idea of egalitarianism:
Egalitarianism: a belief in human equality especially with respect to social, political, and economic rights and privileges; a social philosophy advocating the removal of inequalities among people.²
12. In its social application, egalitarians maintain that equality extends to one’s choices related to standards of behavior. Thus, former restraints on language, dress, grooming, sexual behavior, and drug use are considered intolerant and are rejected.
13. Therefore, when violations of previously honored social standards are criticized, the source is accused of being intolerant.

¹ Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. “shame.”

² Ibid., s.v. egalitarianism.”