

David's Heir: The Heresy of Tolerance; Cosmic Two: Degeneration: Loss of Thought Leads to Breakdown of Authority Orientation; Human Viewpoint Replaces Divine Viewpoint; Frantic Search for Happiness Emerges from the Lust to Find Happiness through Mind-Altering Drugs

- (23) When the absolute standards of behavior expressed in Scripture are exchanged for the flexibility of "anything goes," then society has lost its soul to the Dark Side.
- (24) S. D. Gaede sums up the present-day, ironclad defence of the new morality: the self-centered "I want to do what I want to do whenever and wherever I want to do it" attitude is summarized in this excerpt:

Today's political correctness is intolerant not of substance but of intolerance itself. Thus, although the politically correct world would have a great deal of difficulty agreeing on what constitutes goodness and truth, they have no trouble at all agreeing that intolerance itself is wrong. Why? Because no one deserves to be offended.¹

- (25) The problem-solving device for believers who must confront and adjust to the new morality is unconditional love.
- (26) Two generations have been propagandized into the political correctness of tolerance. We must subscribe to the old definition of the term: tolerate the existence of opposing viewpoints and behaviors of others but without accepting or approving of them.
- (27) Progressive ideology and Bible-based Christianity are at irreconcilable odds. With apologies to Rudyard Kipling, "Evil is evil and truth is truth, and never the twain shall meet."

3. **Degeneration:** Disorganized evil in which loss of thought results in having no restraint on one's decisions and taking no responsibility for one's actions.
1. Degeneracy is the systematic conversion of thought away from traditional standards over to *vox populi vox Dei*: The voice of the people is the voice of God. This is the attitude possessed by the Jews in:

Judges 21:25 - In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
 2. Disorientation of thought leads to a breakdown in society. The organized restraints of the laws of divine establishment are rejected along with a general disregard for authority.
 3. Those who represent authority are hated by the degenerate as well as the system of justice and order they represent.
 4. Obvious abnormalities are gradually accepted into the mainstream as "alternative lifestyles."²
 5. Sexual behaviors that deviate from the standard model of marriage—right man-right woman united in matrimony until physical death—have led to verbicide of the word.

¹ S. D. Gaede, *When Tolerance Is No Virtue: Political Correctness, Multiculturalism and the Future of Truth and Justice* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 23.

² "Relating to behavior that is considered unconventional and is often seen as a challenge to traditional norms: *an alternative lifestyle*" (*The New Oxford American Dictionary*, s.v. "alternative.").

6. The frantic search for happiness (2d stage of reversionism) often leads to the use of mind-altering drugs.
7. The biblical words indicating the presence of drug abuse are the Hebrew קָשָׁף (*kashaph*) and the Greek φαρμακεία (*pharmakeía*).