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Hebrews 13:5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself said [in Deuteronomy 31:6], "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

v. 6 so that we confidently say [in Psalm 118:6], "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?" (NASB)

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

3. Operation Boomerang

- a) This description of the third stage of reversionism refers to a weapon used by Australia's Dharuk \där'ook\
 Aborigines in hunting or warfare. The word *boomerang* originated from the Dharuk word *bumarin*:
 - Boomerang. A flat, curved, usually wooden missile configured so that when hurled it returns to the thrower. A statement or course of action that backfire. To have the opposite effect from the one intended; backfires.¹¹
- b) When engaged in a frantic search for happiness and the results fail to produce the hoped for happiness the initial effort results in reactor factors.
- c) This failure to acquire the desired happiness causes the initial reaction to be intensified. This intensification causes frustration to become rage, discouragement becomes depression, and loneliness becomes desolation.
- d) The lust for happiness usually results in the pursuit of it becoming maddeningly elusive. The frantic search is magnified by ever-increasing unhappiness.
- e) Operation Boomerang's "return to sender" gives the reversionist an emotional pounding as his initial effort returns with a vengeance.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

¹¹ The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 5th ed., s.v. "boomerang."

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This failure to acquire happiness results in:

4. Emotional Revolt of the Soul

- a) The legitimate function of emotion is to respond to the doctrinal principles contained in the stream of consciousness of the believer's soul.
- b) God designed emotion to be a responder to truth.

 Doctrine in the stream of consciousness functions as the right man of the soul while emotion functions as the right woman.
- c) Emotion to be legitimate must be in concert with doctrine in the soul. Without this relationship, emotion is in revolt against the soul.
- d) When in revolt, emotion is divorced from reality and absent doctrinal rationales. Its norms and standards are focused on human viewpoint.
- e) The inventory of doctrines that remain functional in the stream of consciousness is rejected. Emotion reacts against them rather than responding to them.
- f) When a believer's emotions are degraded, they become submissive to the lust patterns of the sin nature. His mental and behavioral trends will gravitate toward either antinomianism or legalism.
- g) His soul is captured by the sin nature's agent provocateurs allowing the sin nature to fornicate with his free will producing stillborn children:
 - James 1:15 When the lust pattern's agent provocateur copulates with free will, it creates a ménage à trois resulting in a pregnancy and, when sin gives birth, it delivers a child born dead. (EXT)
- h) When there is an ongoing proliferation of believers who live under the tyranny of their emotions due to rejection of clear biblical guidance, then the client nation's freedoms are imperiled.
- i) Plato remarked on this very subject:

Man must order his soul in conformity with divine laws; only thus can order in society be obtained. 12

- Ignorant of doctrine the believer drifts into heresy and j) begins to depend on human rationales they assume is the will of God.
- In this spiritually degenerate process they lose all k) capacity to love God, experience self-induced misery, and reject with antagonism the Word of God. This disarray of soul results in:
- 1) Interestingly enough, clinical psychology has described the characteristic of emotional revolt and reversionism:
 - Psychopath personality is a disease of the emotional life. The normal mature person controls his emotional life by the intellect. In this way the emotional life blends perfectly with the intellectual life. In the psychopathic person, the normal subordination of the emotions to the intellect is not present ... it is deficient and in some cases completely lacking. It is the emotion that takes over at the expense of the intellect. Even in neurosis, the same mechanism seems to be the causative factor ... that is to say that it is the emotions that control the intellect rather than the intellect controlling the emotions. 13
- It is emotional revolt of the soul that leads the cosmic m) believer into the next category of reversionism:

5. **Locked-In Negative Volition toward Doctrine**

- The accumulation of the previous stages of reversionism a) causes the believer to ignore the power infused in spiritual growth and enter into the weaknesses of comic rationales.
- b) This retrogression contributes to the decline of spiritual power within the pivot and the encroaching influence from cosmos diabolicus:

¹³ A. A. Terruwe, Psychopathic Personality and Neurosis, quoted in R. B. Thieme, Jr., Emotional Revolt of the Soul (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries, 1972), 15.



¹² Russell Kirk, *The Roots of American Order*, 1st ed. (La Salle, IL: Open Court, 1974), 81.

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Listen [Qal imperative of リロヴ (shama'): Listen!] to the word of the Lord, O sons of Israel [Northern Kingdom], for the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land [client nation], because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land. (NASB)

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- Hosea 4:2 There is swearing [lying; perjury], deception [duplicity; deceit], murder [of individuals & groups], stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- w.3 Therefore the <u>land</u> [client nation] <u>mourns</u> [loss of establishment principles], and everyone who lives in it <u>languishes</u> [loss of public integrity] along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, and also the fish of the sea <u>disappear</u> [cycles of discipline also impacts the food supply].
- Yet let no one find fault, and let none offer reproof; for your people are like those who contend with the priest [increase of negative volition toward communication of doctrine].
- v. 5 So you will stumble by day [when clear communication of the Word is available], and the prophet also will stumble with you by night [priesthood ceases teaching truth]; and I will destroy [imposition of 5th cycle of discipline] your mother [the governing authority of the client nation by a predator nation].
- w. 6 My people [citizens of a client nation] are destroyed for lack of knowledge [no divine guidance from the Word]. Because you have rejected knowledge [negative volition to truth], I also will reject you from being My priest [client nation]. Since you have forgotten the law of your God [Tanakh], I also will forget your children [the next generation]. (NASB)
- c) Disinterest in serious study of the Word by some leads to hostility toward the Word by others. This results in the rejection of absolute standards in exchange for the degeneracy of "anything goes."
- d) On this subject, a while back I illustrated the cultural decline by quoting some of Cole Porter's lyric to the tune, "Anything Goes."

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Porter is described in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica* (2010) as an:

American composer and lyricist who brought a worldly élan to the American musical. He became an itinerant playboy in Europe and, though rather openly homosexual, he married a wealthy, older American divorcée, Linda Lee Thomas; they spent the next two decades in lively partying and social traveling, sometimes together, sometimes apart.1

Porter is described as a straight/gay, bon vivant, party animal with loose morals, accompanied by a quick wit, punctuated his lyrics. Although his laces were not always straight, even he found the culture too up-to-date with this observation of 1930's society:

In olden days a glimpse of stocking Was looked on as something shocking **But now God knows** Anything goes.

The world has gone mad today And good's bad today And black's white today And day's night today And that gent today You gave a cent today Once owned several châteaux.

Good authors too Who once knew better words Now only use four-letter words Writing prose Anything goes.²

- e) Porter's musical interpretation of the passing scene was considered part of the roar of the 1930s social scene. Yet were he to hear the doggerel verse including crass, gross, and profane words and phrases by today's debased writers his title might be changed to, "Anything Goes and They Don't Leave Anything out."
- The cultural standards that defined our client nation in f) the 1700s enabled the Lord to bless and prosper our people. Their standards were based on establishment and biblical principles which God honored.

Porter wrote most of the songs for the 1936, Paramount Pictures adaptation, Anything Goes, directed by Lewis Milestone.



¹ Porter, Cole (Albert), The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia (2010), 9:625–26.

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2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

v. 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- g) When absolute truth is exchanged for flexible human viewpoint, then 2018 America is getting close to "Anything Goes."
- h) There are several characteristics of negative volition that are related to the believer's advance through the process of growing spiritually.
- i) Wrong priorities refer to those circumstances in life that cause the believer to delay, put off, or ignore the study of the Word. Bible doctrine is not the *top* priority in life.
- j) Other priorities are not necessarily wrong they just should be scheduled so they do not interfere with your spiritual advance.
- k) Negative volition can cause a believer to withdraw from his spiritual advance because he rejects the pastor's authority. His authority is based on the gift of pastorteacher which he uses to communicate the Word of God.
- 1) The pastor has authority over the communication of the Word of God for his congregation. This includes the auditorium, Prep School, weddings, and funerals.
- m) A personality conflict with another member of the congregation is an obvious failure to use unconditional love. No circumstance should cause any believer to become so bitter that he cannot obey the command to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).
- n) One of the major breakdowns in present-day Christendom is ignorance of *how* to grow in grace. If a believer is not "in fellowship," which is the "filling of the Holy Spirit," his failure to rebound short-circuits GAP. (Ephesians 5:18*b*; 1 Corinthians 2:14–15; 1 John 1:9)
- o) Orientation to reality of the Invisible War is necessary for one's ability to orient and adjust to the idiocencricies of daily life. See Paul's account in 2 Corinthians 14:22–33.