**Ephesians 4:18** having through a process arrived at a permanently darkened state in their way of thinking, having been estranged, excluded, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which keeps on being in them because of the hardness of their heart.

v. 19 and they, having become calloused with scar tissue of the soul, have personally become perverted resulting the practice of every kind of immorality with insatiable lust. (EXT)

## 8. Reverse Process Reversionism

- a) This final stage is the combination of sixth and seventh stages. It is the stage of soul degradation where the believer's *kardía* is filled with the cosmic lie with total rejection of establishment and doctrinal viewpoint.
- b) True patriotism is a mental attitude that subscribes to the standards expressed by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the subsequent Amendments.
- c) The tyrant opposes this system of order and violates its standards under the subjective mantra of "change" imposed by civil disobedience rather than through legal channels.
- d) Biblically, the imperative moods of Scripture are ignored in place of malleable standards based on personal opinions.
- e) Degeneracy within the national Zeitgeist is preceded by degeneracy within the souls of its citizens each defined by the loss of order, a subject addressed by Russell Kirk:

If our souls are disordered, we fall into abnormality, unable to control our impulses. If our commonwealth is disordered, we fall into anarchy, every man's hand against every other man's.

The "inner order" of the soul and the "outer order" of society (are) intimately linked. Without an orderly pattern of politics, American private character would have sunk into a ruinous egoism.

Order is the first need of the soul. It is not possible to love what one ought to live, unless we recognize some principles of order by which to govern ourselves. Order is the first need of the commonwealth. It is not possible for us to live in peace with one another, unless we recognize some principle of order by which to do justice.

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 better than violence until order gives us laws.9

- f) Degeneracy may be defined as a decline from the biblical standards that establish order in the soul.
- g) A believer in immoral degeneracy has retrogressed from established standards throughout the stages of reversionism.
- h) Reverse Process Reversionism is an inverted position of degeneracy by the reversal of objects. In this final stage, the bona fide objects of love, including consistent study of the Word of God, personal love for God, occupation with Christ, and familial absolutes, are all reversed.
- i) Reversion occurs when a believer abandons the pursuit of truth and instead focuses on the "things of the world." Reversionism is made up of the verb "revert" followed by the suffix "-ism": "denoting a system, principle, or ideology":

Reversion. A return to a former condition, belief, or interest. A turning away or in the opposite direction; a reversal.

Revert. To go back to a former condition, practice, subject, or belief.10

In reverse process reversionism, the believer reverses the **i**) objects of his love, attention, concentration, and priorities. This is a soulish condition described by our Lord in Revelation 2:4–5 by the phrase "leaving your first love."

> **Revelation 2:4** 'But I have this against you, that you have deserted your first love [ Jesus Christ ].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The American Heritage Dictionary, s.vv. "reversion, revert."



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Russell Kirk, *The Roots of American Order*, 1st ed. (La Salle, Ill.: Open Court, 1974), 6.

Revelation 2:5 'Therefore remember from what state [Divine Academy of Grace Didactics] you have fallen [Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics] and change our mind [rebound recovery] and accomplish the production you did previously. Otherwise, if you do not change your mind [3d class condition], I will come to you in discipline and I will remove your lampstand [sin unto death]. (EXT)

- k) Here are several principles related to Reverse Process Reversionism:
- 1. Leaves the true object of personal love and gravitates toward pseudo-love objects.
- 2. Seeks one's own personal glory instead of God's, any false lover other than his right woman, and seeks out anyone he can use to advance his personal agenda.
- 3. Blots out all imperative moods, norms and standards, and categories of systematic theology.
- 4. Turns away from the laws of divine establishment, salvation by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ, and the doctrines and standards of the Word of God.
- 5. Fulfills several passages that describe the reversionistic mentality:

**James 4:4:** "hostility toward God."

Philippians 3:18: "enemies of the cross of Christ."

John 15:23: "He who hates me hates My Father also."

James 4:8: "purify your hearts, you double-minded"
(spiritual schizophrenia).

**1 John 2:18:** "even now many antichrists have appeared."

**1 John 2:22:** "This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son." (See also, 1 John 4:2; 2 John 7) **1 John 3:8:** ""The one who practices sin is of the devil." (See also, 1 John 3:10)

- 6. Manifests categories of reversionistic behavior through fragmentation:
  - (1) Fragmentation is an example drawn from the explosion of a hand grenade.

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- (2) Fragmentation occurs when the believer enters into Cosmic One's Arrogance Complex at Stage One:

  Attitude: Mental attitude sins motivate the functional categories of the cosmic systems.
- (3) This pulls the pen on the grenade whose fragments includes categories of arrogance, two through twelve: (2) negative volition, (3) authority,
  (4) self-righteous, (5) sexual, (6) criminal,
  (7) psychopathic, (8) unhappiness (9) iconoclastic,
  (10) rational and irrational, (11) Christian service, and (12) client nation.
- (4) This is self-fragmentation by means of negative volition and includes such sins as jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, self-pity, self-righteous arrogance, self-centeredness, motivational and functional revenge, slander, maligning, gossip, judging, inordinate ambition, and unreasonable competition.
- (5) If the believer's trends are toward self-righteous arrogance and legalism, then they will be expressed by being critical and judgmental including slander, gossip, maligning, judging, and activism.
- (6) If the trend is toward lasciviousness or lawlessness, the fragments will be expressed by sexual, chemical (ingested, injected, or inhaled), and criminal.
- (7) The pattern of this degeneracy is threefold:
  (1) Implosion: The bubble of the divine dynasphere pops due to its evanescence and implodes inwardly. This is self-fragmentation.
  (2) Explosion: Failure to check the implosion through rebound and doctrinal orientation allows the fragments to explode outwardly and polarize in either the trend toward legalism and self-righteousness or toward antinomianism and self-indulgence.
  (3) Reversion: If the situation remains unchecked, the fragments continue through the stages of reversionism leading the believer into degeneracy.