

NOTE: On that point I am reminded of the words of Dr. Russell Kirk in his book The Roots of American Order (La Salle: Open Court Publishing Co., p. 7):

Once revolution or war has demolished an established order, a people find it imperative to search for principles of order afresh, that they may survive. Once they have undone an old order, revolutionaries proceed to decree a new order--often an order harsher than the order which they had overthrown.

18- A perfect historical example of all of this is the French Revolution. The United States is rapidly copying the trends which led to the French into revolt, a national trauma from which they have never recovered. As was the case in 18th century France, our government is becoming more and more powerful and regulatory and feeds itself by taxing the middle class. Facing financial ruin the middle class will eventually react through righteous indignation and foment a revolt. From this will come true civil war as special interest groups, minorities, the middle class, and even the military struggle for power and control.

19- Surely every sin in the five emotional complexes are prevalent in our nation today. We must not be a part of that kind of function. We must rise above this modus operandi by adhering to a system which transcends the machinations of the Cosmic Academy. That system is the Royal Family Honor Code.

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v. Specific Functions of the Honor Code:

1- **Honor Code Principle #1:** Stop being self-centered. This is an expression of arrogance. Arrogant people are always able to see the faults of others but never those of themselves. The honor code demands that we deal with others objectively. Romans 12:

v 3 = I say through the grace that has been given to me to everyone who is among you: stop thinking of yourself in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think (arist, active, infinitive of the verb **UPERPHONE'W:** to think highly of one's self) but rather think in terms of objectivity (present, active, infinitive of the verb **SWPHONE'W:** sane, responsible thinking) as God has assigned us a standard of thinking from doctrine.

- 2- **Honor Code Principle #2:** Spiritual freedom allows believers to function within their own spiritual gift. Never force a person to function beyond his own norms and standards, especially in the area of spiritual gifts. Romans 12:

v 4 = Just as we have many parts in one body (eyes, ears, hands) and all parts do not have the same function (seeing, hearing, feeling),

v 5 = So we the many are one body in Christ (individual members of the royal family who make up the universal church, the heavenly community, the body of Christ), and individually parts one of another.

NOTE: Objectivity allows other believers room to live their lives as unto the Lord. One may be adept at personal evangelism while another member may not be. That member however is very good at helping others in need while another has the gift of giving but is not able to teach prep school. One may do well in an administrative function but does not come across very well in the area of helps. All are at various stages of spiritual growth and need room to grow and become more efficient in both their priesthood and ambassadorship functions. If each individual is allowed to grow at his own pace and function from his own frame of reference then the body becomes an efficient unit executing the plan of God in its geographic locale.

- 3- **Honor Code Principle #3:** Impersonal love toward all mankind does not require you to compromise truth. Romans 12:

v 9 = Your impersonal love should be non-hypocritical. Detest evil. Adhere to the good.

- 1- Impersonal love requires the believer to deal with unbelievers and reversionists in a manner that does not utilize emotional sins as problem-solving devices.
- 2- This means to respect their freedom but not support their actions. In this way you avoid a relationship which is hypocritical.

- 3- Other people have a right to be wrong but you are not required to compromise truth in order to allow them that privilege.
- 4- Therefore you are to be flexible with them as individuals seeking to convince them through your life or persuasive powers to correct their ways.
- 5- In order to make your case you must never accept their actions as legitimate functions deserving of a rightful place in an orderly society.
- 6- In the parlance of fundamentalist Christianity, you must impersonally love the sinner while hating his sin. That comes out in the second sentence of the verse, "Detest evil."
- 7- The word is the present, active, participle of the verb **>APOSTUGE'W**: to hate, to loath, to detest, to shrink away from. That which is to be detested is evil (**PONnRO'S**), those functions which are identified by Scripture as being a part of the plan of Satan.
- 8- While detesting evil you are to continue to execute the plan of God: "Adhere to the good." "Adhere" is the present, middle, participle of the verb **KOLLA'W**: to join, glue, weld, cement, adhere. In the KJV this verb is translated "cleave" and in other passages it makes reference to the relationship between a man and wife in marriage.
- 9- Consequently, **KOLLA'W** means to enter into a relationship with truth which is continuing and ongoing; to marry truth and never betray it.
- 10- **KOLLA'W** is a retroactive progressive present and says that this adherence must begin in the past and continue to the present time. The imperative participle tells us this is a command and thus a part of the honor code: "Adhere to that which is good."
- 11- "Good" here is **>AGATHO'S** and refers to that which is intrinsically good. In context this makes reference to that which is in opposition to the plan of Satan.
- 12- Satan's plan is classified as evil. The way in which that evil is expressed is through communication of the lie.

- 13- We are commanded to detest the lie and consistently adhere to the truth.
- 14- In this way we are able to express unconditional love toward our fellow man while avoiding hypocrisy in the process.

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Honor Code Principle #4: Unconditional love among believers requires the same devotion to each other as found among family members. Also the willingness to show deference to other believers as a matter of honor and protocol. Romans 12:

v 10 = With reference to your brotherly love, be devoted to each other; with reference to honor, let each one of you esteem others more highly than yourself.

- 1- When you consider the variety of personalities found within a local church and then contemplate the various stages of spiritual growth found within the group, you get some idea of the need for a system whereby all can get along.
- 2- This is true especially when the trends, weaknesses and strengths of every old sin nature are factored in.
- 3- What helps cultivate tolerance and flexibility within the congregation is the presence of a common denominator which all possess.
- 4- The fact is, there are several common denominators which, when recognized, motivate unconditional love, fraternal devotion, and genuine deference among believers.
- 5- The most sobering common denominator possessed by members of a local church is the imputation of God's perfect righteousness.
- 6- Every believer is equal with every other believer in the eyes of God and Jesus Christ.
- 7- Christ is Head of the church. Every believer is a member of His body and is imputed at salvation the same portfolio of invisible assets as all others.
- 8- No believer is more favorably endowed by the grace of God than any other believer.