

# The Creation and Rehabilitation of Psycho Christians

## An Experiential Sanctification Clinic for Epistemological Rehabilitation

“The cause of all human evils is not being able to apply general principles to special cases.” - Epictetus

“The cause of considerable self-induced misery for Christians is not being able to apply doctrinal principles to experiences in daily life.” - R.B. Thieme, Jr.

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## Introduction

We live in the most ego-enlarged, self-indulged, navel-examined society since the days of Babylon. Millions of people believe psychology holds the secret to happiness, but in reality, the psychological way of dealing with life's problems is merely arrogant preoccupation with one's self. "Psychology by no means holds the secret of human affairs, simply because this secret is not of a psychological order." (G. Politzer)

It is of a spiritual order.

Do mental patients have brain disease (medical) or do they have problems of living (spiritual)? Do they need greater contact with their 'inner self' or do they need greater contact with God? As "old" values based on the Bible are discarded, and the behavioral "sciences" are called upon to ease the pain of daily living, what happens to the 'frame of reference' and the 'norms and standards' in the soul? Confusion, that is what happens. This emphasis on having faith in one's *self* ends up reducing God to a useful servant in your quest for personal goals - otherwise known as anti-authoritarian selfism. This hardly equates to a state of happiness, but it is nevertheless being packaged and sold as such.

This paper is an exploration into the arrogance and pride of psychology and its proponents. It will require a strategic withdrawal from adherence to any of the well entrenched, psychological theories ... and instead, seeking refuge in common sense about human behavior and motivation. It is also a warning to Christians who have been (or are currently being) seduced by the pseudo problem-solving devices of psychology.

Parkinson's Law states that "Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion." Similarly, "anxiety expands so as to fill the mental space available for its contemplation." This can be stated in a different way: "mental health disorders arise out of spiritual emptiness."

"People are complicated, not because they are disordered, but because life is hard and painful." (M. Parloff)

So rather than consulting psychologists and counselors, we should be 'taking some tissues, and facing our issues'. For if the pain of facing these issues is not dealt with in a short period of time, some form of personality disorder is likely to develop. Personality disorders are a major source of weakness in the soul and are a form of warning that you are about to go over the edge - a clear warning to the believer to wake up, to Rebound (confess your sins privately to God), and to get back under the inculcation of Bible doctrine. Many Christians have ignored this spiritual prescription, and have found a home on the psychiatrist's couch and in mental hospitals.

Charcot once called his hospital at La Salpêtrière, "the great asylum for human misery."

His staff performed every form of mental experiment on suffering patients you can imagine. No stone was left untouched. Believe it or not, even the *cannibalistic pecking of chickens* was explained psychoanalytically. But is anybody the happier for it?

Psychology is merely a labyrinth of humanistic, philosophical subjectivity. How so? In many circumstances, the patients with the most happiness and contentment are the ones with the most debilitating pathological condition! If this is the case, should a therapist interfere with it? Can the manic really escape from the depressive? Can a cold shower disintegrate the schizophrenic personality? In the case of multiple personalities, "Did Sally make life miserable for Mary until Christine came along?" These are some of the absurdities frequently discussed by philosophical psychologists. Even Camus admits that the only important question is whether to commit suicide or not.

Is this psychological porridge of any benefit to a Christian? Dr. Lawrence LeShan, President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, says, "Psychotherapy may be known in the future as the greatest hoax of the 20th century." It may also be known as the greatest heresy attacking 20th century Christianity.

Most of the misery experienced by Christians today is not due to lack of contact with our *selves*, but from (a) ignorance of Bible doctrine, and (b) ignorance of how to apply what they do know about the Bible. This places the believer in one of two categories:

- Moral Degeneracy - when people think they are "spiritual" in their walk with God and are not.
- Immoral Degeneracy - when people behave as though they have lost their salvation, which you cannot.

To put it in another way, they are either "self-righteous, arrogant legalists" or they are "self-indulgent, arrogant antinomians." Both are acquired characteristics based on an individual's volition. Neither is transmitted genetically. Both require personal responsibility. How a believer gets into this predicament, and how she can recover from it, is the topic of our research.

## **Overview**

We are going to investigate a tragic 20th century problem: Psycho Christians. This will require digging into the subconscious if there is such a thing) of the average believer. We will also (track the downward progression of a believer who is making all the wrong decisions in life, creating stress in the soul and exhibiting various manifestations of pathological behavior.

Before we finish, your psychological vocabulary will have increased ten-fold. If you are a Christian, you will be unraveling the "secret" vocabulary of psychiatry. If you are a psychologist, you will find many amazing accounts in the Bible that may explain what you, as a professional, have trying to discover for years.

We will study the historical theories of a few prominent psychiatrists and how they have changed our understanding of the soul. For instance, we will compare the beneficial (but virtually unknown) conclusions of Pierre Janet to the detrimental (and universally known) Sigmund Freud. Along the way, we will briefly discuss conversion hysteria, schizophrenia, dementia praecox, manic depressive episodes, Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, dissociation, and multiple personality disorders.

For the true sickos in the audience, we will "touch upon" child abuse and incest. For the feminazis, we will analyze the "incoherent brain matter" of the Arrogant Psycho Bitch. For those whose self merges into a type of symbiosis with crooks, we have a study of the hard-core criminal. I think you will agree that we cover The Problem quite well.

As for the solutions to The Problem, we will cover two types: Right and Wrong. The Wrong Solution is psychology and the Right Solution is God's Protocol Plan. One is based on the relative and the subjective, the other is based on the Absolute and the objective. There is little 'gray area' in this discussion, because from a Christian's point of

view, this is a definite black and white issue. We will leave the gray areas to fanciful philosophers who do not have the benefit of Divine illumination.

Janet (Jah-nay) and Freud will be compared at length because they represented two opposing schools of psychological thought. Both were fellow students in Paris under Dr. Charcot. The liberal, non-Christian Freud "split off" from Paris and went to Vienna, spending his time with "sex, drugs and mysticism", or sexual psychoanalysis, cocaine and numerology-hypnosis. The conservative Christian, Janet, became the discoverer of (1) the subconscious, (2) dissociation, (3) psychoneurosis, (4) the split-off in the stream of consciousness, and (5) hysteria.

We will close the investigation of the Wrong Solution with (a) some documentation of psychiatric abuses over the years, and (b) some piercing insights into the creative invention of Mental Illness as a "disease" requiring medical treatment.

Finally, we will put our thinking caps on and discover, perhaps for the first time, what God's plan is for Christian mental health and happiness. He has a precise and perfect plan which always works when it is applied. It is infinitely superior to any of man's attempts to explain human misery and its cure.

"I will rejoice and be happy in Your grace" (Psalm 37).

"Happiness to the person who finds My wisdom" (Proverbs 3:13).

Before we begin, two explanations are in order:

(1) In order to be politically correct and sensitive to women's lib issues, I have used the feminine rather than the masculine gender in most of my case studies. I believe I have given more than equal time to the 'little beasties' in this paper. This was not a difficult task, however, because the nationwide female to male ratio of mental health patients is currently about 9:1.

(2 "Because consciousness occurs simultaneously at different levels within any human mind, boundaries between differing diagnoses may be flexible. There may be an infinite number of part-selves, each contributing to a unique cohesive self. Greater precision may be unobtainable because of overlap." (L. Baldwin)

In legal circles, this is called a *disclaimer*. Whenever a psychiatric diagnosis or treatment is called into question by either the judicial system or an insurance company, the psychiatrist always has a ready disclaimer which absolves him from any responsibility for the patient's cure.

The diagnosis, treatment and cure that God has provided is 100% effective, but if you don't use it as precisely as a surgeon handles his knife, you may cut yourself up badly.

Since the cure is totally up to the individual's volition in both scenarios, it is only fair that we apply the same rules!

"The world of reality has limits; the world of imagination is boundless. Not being able to enlarge the one, let us contract the other; for it is from their differences that the evils arise which render us unhappy." (J. Rousseau)

## ***Christian Way of Life***

What is the Christian way of life? How do I grow in grace and knowledge? I read my Bible as often as I can, but how come I am still unhappy? Do I need therapy? Is there any therapy out there that is compatible with the Bible? What does the Bible have to do with my daily life? You talk about applying doctrinal rationales to the adversities in my life, but how can topics like the *hypostatic union* or *predestination* change the way I cope with my job, family or friends? I barely have enough time to rest after a hard day at work. I pay my bills, put the kids to bed, and have a little recreation on weekends; when am I supposed to study the Bible? Do you mean to tell me that studying the Bible *every day* is fun? Suppose I tried it for awhile; won't I turn into a weirdo?

I've heard lots of questions like this, even by seminary students. I asked a couple of them myself, about 25-years ago. After a series of fairly good churches, and a few terrible ones, I stumbled onto one that encouraged Bible study *every single day*. I had previously talked with a pastor in San Marcos, TX about starting a church "that met every single day of the week." Like most ground-breaking ideas of mine, somebody had already been there ahead of me. I was soon introduced to a pastor in Austin, TX who taught Bible class at least once a day, 6-days a week. I didn't like some of the things he taught, but I said, "What the heck, I'll give it a try." While most Christians I met seemed content with going to church on Sunday, and maybe taking in a Bible class or home group meeting on Wednesday night, I wanted more.

The crux of my thinking was this: The spiritual gifts of pastor and teacher were given to us so that we might learn the entire Bible, the mind of Christ, verse-by-verse and doctrine-upon-doctrine. I did the math, and if all I did was attend Bible study twice a week, for the rest of my life, I would NEVER learn the full realm of doctrine and I would NEVER truly know the mind of Christ. So I attended my first "telephone hookup group" in Austin, Texas. I borrowed a pen and paper and wrote down the topic of the very first teaching I heard there:

***"If you don't love Bible doctrine, you do not love the Lord. Bible doctrine is the thinking, the soul of Jesus Christ. If you don't love His Word, not only do you not love Him, but you are anti-christ."***

Whoa! I was shocked to hear such teaching, but I also smiled inside as I knew then and later confirmed that this statement was absolutely true. I had been attending a charismatic

church at the time, and had seen what many evangelicals call “loving the Lord” and it was a farce. Out of approximately 1,000 church members, all full of emotional zeal, there were about twenty who had the slightest idea what “loving the Lord” meant. Those twenty went to the local Bible college to learn the Word of God from cover-to-cover; the remainder of the congregation remained keen, but clueless.

I continued attending the local Bible College, and supplemented that with occasional classes at two seminaries. I studied under some of the most famous theologians in America – which included Calvinists and Arminians, Covenantalists and Dispensationalists. After three years, something in my systematic theology was still missing, but I wasn’t sure what. I read and reread two particular books, because several topics in them touched upon an area of theology missing nearly everywhere I had studied. The two books I’m referring to are:

[“Communion With God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Each Person Distinctly, In Love, Grace, and Consolation, or The Saint’s Fellowship With the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Unfolded,”](#) John Owen, Volume 2, 1980, Banner of Truth Trust

[“Pneumatology,”](#) Systematic Theology: Volume 6, Lewis S. Chafer, 1993, Kregel Publications, especially the section on [“The Believer’s Responsibility”](#)

Then I heard another key message by Ralph Braun at Austin Bible Church:

[“Every time you change your priorities, you change your personality. Bible doctrine must become the number one priority in your life. When it does, you will gradually understand the mind of Christ, and be transformed into His image. When you are in fellowship, you will have one personality; when you are out of fellowship, you will have another. That’s part of experiential sanctification.”](#)

Experiential sanctification, that’s what was missing in my systematic theology! I’m not talking about the couple chapters on the topic given in most seminaries as part of their theology of the Holy Spirit. I’ve got about a dozen systematic theologies in my library now, and only two of them even come close to identifying what the *Christian Way of Life* is supposed to be. Not one of them covers the *mechanics* of the spiritual life – the “how to get there from here” type of mechanics.

In my opinion, that unique contribution to Christian theology was made by Robert B. Thieme, Jr. of Berachah Church, in Houston, Texas. While I disagree with Colonel Thieme in certain areas of soteriology and Christology, I have found his work on Pneumatology (in particular: the mechanics of the *Christian Way of Life*) to be unsurpassed by anything taught since the canon of Scripture was completed.

That’s rather bold talk, isn’t it? Perhaps. I’m grinning even as I type his praise. But I challenge you to listen to his thousands of hours of sermons on tape (free) or to read his publications (also free) on the mechanics of the *Christian Way of Life* - and point me to his nearest contemporary in this field of study. I love his creative teaching aids. I love his

unique and greatly needed vocabulary words. I love his algebraic equations that have assisted me in recalling and applying doctrine over the past couple decades. I love his military and athletic metaphors. OK, I'll stop here, before it begins to sound like, "Hail Caesar!" Obviously if you have any questions about growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, I'm going to send you to my preferred source on such topics, Robert B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries.

So what can I possibly offer in addition to what he has already covered in such great detail over the course of his ministry? Perhaps nothing, but this is going to be my "experiential sanctification" web page, nevertheless. I'm going to combine notes from his Bible teaching, various seminary classes, a wealth of pertinent information from a Masters Thesis I began writing in 1977, and a lot of quotes from research done at Northwest Missouri State University, Southwest Texas State University, Arizona State University, Western Theological Seminary and Dallas Theological Seminary. I never completed the Masters Degree in Psychology (although I have others), because I consider approximately 95% of the subject matter involved to be satanic in origin. After becoming a Christian, I had better things to do with my time. Hello? Needless to say, I won't be including those concepts anywhere on this web site! My goal is to provide anything that might help you (a) avoid certain mental & verbal sins so you may remain in fellowship with the Lord, (b) stick to a lifestyle that places Bible doctrine, the mind of Christ, as the number one priority in life, and (c) grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ by avoiding distractions from daily Bible study.

This is a WORK IN PROGRESS web page. Like my unfinished Masters thesis, this page is unfinished and is not arranged in any particular format. I may rearrange it as time permits, but for now "it is a scatter plot with no recognizable pattern of dots." I hope something in it may help you in your Christian walk. **Epistemological rehabilitation** means the content of your thoughts when you are an unbeliever are all fouled up, and once you become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to have your thinking completely renovated according to divine standards. There is a good chance that *everything you know about Christianity is wrong*. When I first became a believer, my ideas about Christianity were almost that bad. Like all new believers, I had to practice "out with the old, and in with the new." As a neophyte in any field of endeavor, there is an initial level of embarrassment when you discover how little you really know about something. Get over it.

There are always rules you should follow in order to learn any new skill, as well as prohibitions to keep you from stumbling where you don't want to go. So first up are some **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT** and **PROHIBITIONS**. The goal is to eliminate some of your everyday deleterious thinking (garbage) and eventually replace it with precepts and principles from the Bible (verse-by-verse study). Some of the thinking patterns described here were part of a "criminal rehabilitation program," but I've found they are shared by responsible people (like you and me). In the criminal they often eventuate in crime. In the carnal believer, they eventuate in a downward spiral of sin and self-induced misery. They get in the way of fellowship with the Trinity and they interfere with Bible doctrine.

Before we begin, here's a couple questions (perhaps challenges) that might assist you in determining your current spiritual status.

**Do you love the Lord? Is Bible study the number one priority in your life?**

- If the answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> question is YES, but the answer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> question is NO, then you are divorced from reality. If studying the Word of God is not the highest priority in your life, then you do not love the Lord. No if, ands, or buts; it's an absolute fact. You can sing, pray, holler and work around the church all you want, but you do not love the Lord. My advice to you: "Sit down, shut up, confess your sins, and start learning the Bible from a trained instructor."
- If your answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> question is YES, and the answer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> question is SOMETIMES, then you know what I mean when I say, "You have two personalities." You are one person when you are in fellowship and the Word of God is your number one priority; you are another person when you are out of fellowship and the world has distracted you from your first priority. My advice to you: "Visit this page on occasion and see if something I have added helps you realign your priorities and encourages you to study the Bible."
- If your answer to both questions is YES, then you are already primarily interested in verse-by-verse Bible study. You are in fellowship as often as possible (continual, daily confession of sin) and you are looking for sound teaching on the Bible anywhere and everywhere you can find it. My advice to you: "Keep on keeping on!"

## **Experiential Sanctification Reading Material**

These are my personal rankings on the contributions these authors provided to me on the topic of experiential sanctification (excluding commentaries). The categories are not related to chronological age. Obviously children in kindergarten are not going to read Calvin's treatise on the Mortification of Sin!

What I'm trying to communicate with this example is that Calvin's treatise was one of the first writings on this topic that made an effort to define what *experiential* is and led me to question why writings on this topic are so deficient ... leading me next to research someone else's writing another level up the "food chain."

If I was teaching a series of classes on this topic, I'd recommend that my students *start at the bottom and read the next book above it in ascending order* until they get to the pinnacle. It is my opinion that if you skip some of the intermediate books, you will not be able to fully appreciate those at the top.

**PhD**

Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Christian Suffering, 2002, R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries

Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Christian Integrity, 1990, R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries

### **Masters**

Joseph C. Dillow, Reign of the Servant Kings, 1992, Schoettle Publishing Co.

Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Reversionism, 2000, R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries

### **Bachelors**

Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Grace Apparatus Perception, 1974, R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries

Lewis S. Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vol 6 Pneumatology, 1993, Kregel Publications  
Grace: The Glorious Theme, 2002, Academie Books

John Owen, On Communion With God, Vol. 2, 1965, Banner of Truth Trust

Keith W. Lamb, The Lord's Freedman, 1995, Treasure House Destiny Image Publishers

### **High School**

Robert B. Thieme, Jr., Rebound and Keep Moving, 1993, R.B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries

J. Dwight Pentecost, Pattern For Maturity, 1966, Moody Press

John Walvoord, The Holy Spirit, 1991, Zondervan Publishing

Hal Lindsey, Faith For Earth's Final Hour, 2003, Oracle House

### **Junior High**

Lewis S. Chafer, He That Is Spiritual, 1967, Zondervan Publishing

John Owen, Pneumatology: A Discourse on the Holy Spirit, Vol. 3, 1965, Banner of Truth Trust

Randall C. Gleason, John Calvin and John Owen on Mortification: A Comparative Study in Reformed Spirituality, 1995, Peter Lang Publishing

Donald G. Barnhouse, Invisible War, 1965, Zondervan Publishing

### **Elementary**

John Owen, On the Mortification of Sin, Vol. 6, 1965, Banner of Truth Trust

Erich Sauer, In the Arena of Faith: A Call To the Consecrated Life, 1955, Paternoster Press

Arthur Custance, Man In Adam and In Christ, 1979, Zondervan Publishing

Charles Ryrie, Balancing the Christian Life, 1969, Moody Press

### **Kindergarten**

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion: Book 3 – The Way in Which We Receive the Grace of Christ: What Benefits Come to Us From It, and What Effects Follow, Edited by John T. McNeill, Translated by Ford Lewis Battles, 1960, Westminster Press

Untranslatable Riches From the Greek New Testament: Light From the Greek on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, 1970, Kenneth S. Wuest, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

## **The Word of God is Alive and Powerful**

Why the “heavy” emphasis on the Word of God? Jesus Christ is not physically present before us at this time. He’s invisible to us, in heaven at the right hand of the Father. So how do we get to know Him? We see Him and hear Him through the Word of God. We see Him in the printed Word and hear Him through the spoken Word. The only way to know Him during the dispensation of the Church Age is through Bible doctrine, the Word of God. Bible doctrine is the mind or thinking of Christ. If you want to know Him, you must study His Word. If you are not interested in doctrine, you are not truly interested in Jesus Christ. That’s not a declaration to bring guilt upon your head; it’s a most sobering question from a Divine pop quiz. You should periodically ask yourself whether you truly love His Word, to determine whether your priorities in life have changed.

Think about it a minute. How do you make Jesus Christ your #1 priority in life? Do you really get to know “Him” by singing songs? Do you get to know His thoughts during

prayer meetings? Did you learn something about Him at the last pot luck supper? Do you really know His mind when you wave your hands in the air and shout, "Hallelujah?" If you are honest, the answer to these is, "No." You only learn about the Lord and share His thinking when you listen to His Word being taught and when you study Bible verses in the wee hours of the night. We learn about Him through Bible doctrine and doctrine alone. We "respond" to what we have learned by singing, praise ... even social life!

All those activities at church are legitimate, but only if they don't eclipse your #1 priority: Jesus Christ. Has *somebody* or *something* taken over His position as #1 priority in your life? Some people put their job before the Word of God. Some people put their family before the Word of God. Some people put looking for a husband or wife before the Word of God. Lonely people put social life of any kind before the Word of God. Friends, family, husband, wife, money fame, social life – these are all legitimate things in life, but they are not meant to usurp the Word of God, the mind of Christ, as your #1 priority. As a matter of fact, if you put any of these things above His Word, your priorities in life not only change, but YOU change with them.

Priorities are extremely important in the spiritual life. If doctrine is your #1 priority in life, all of these things can be enjoyed without compromise. But if you compromise and place any of them above the Word of God, they will eventually become distractions from the spiritual life. Let me ask you a question. When you socialize with a friend or family member who does not have the Word of God as their #1 priority in life, do you think they care about you? If you told them you'd meet them after Bible study, would they understand or be offended? Try it sometime. If they are offended, you can safely assume they are ensnared by the world, the flesh or the devil. They don't care about you; they only care about themselves. These same people in your life can be a blessing or a cursing, depending on where THEIR priorities are, too.

I visit old fraternity brothers of mine once or twice a year. We have many laughs and share most humorous stories about each other when we were younger. Most of the time, they are great, nostalgic gatherings. After a day or two, I sense my priorities slipping. I don't deliberately trade a wonderful social occasion for Bible doctrine, but the Word of God can slowly slip away from you without notice. After an afternoon or evening of social life, I require privacy to engage in fellowship of the highest order – with God in His Word. When I feel the destructive pull or lure from outside forces, I must decide between Jesus Christ or my friends.

Sometimes I am able to separate from them mentally, the utilization of a spiritual problem-solving device called "impersonal love." This means I can take time out from their lifestyle and priorities to regain my own. Everyone is happy and there are no conflicts. During more difficult times, arrogant consuming individuals (the same family & friends) will not allow me my priorities and are quite hostile to them, especially if my need for privacy does not agree with their need to bug me! I still love them, but I love the Lord and His Word more. In dire circumstances, I am occasionally forced to physically separate from such friends or family members. I am separating FROM them TO God, because their downward pull is stronger than I am.

If you can incorporate the spiritual practices on this page into your life without physical separation from the deleterious persons and forces in your periphery, then by all means do so. If their power becomes too strong for you, and their siren song begins pulling your priorities down, you must make the crucial decision: Jesus Christ or them? Perhaps you will decide that you need more "quality" friends. Perhaps you will decide that you love some of your immediate family members, but your time together with them is not fruitful and needs to be "cut back some." If you are consistent in attending Bible class, you will make new friends. "It's possible to have more in common with a stranger sitting next to you in Bible class than with members of your own family." (Thieme)

Stop worrying about being alone. God will eventually provide a new friend to replace an old one. And don't go out and disown all of your family members. It's one thing to distance yourself from toxic family members and another to say "Adios" forever.

Nuff said. Let's get cracking!

## ***Rules of Engagement***

- Be committed to change. Acknowledge certain weaknesses in your thoughts and behavior and have the desire to change those patterns of living. We're not going to ring your doorbell to see how you are doing. There is no individual or group therapy here. Those sessions rarely bring about change anyway. They merely provide a forum for you to trot additional excuses forward to justify bad behavior. Nobody is in control of your thoughts, but you. It's OK to have a friend to talk things over with, but be careful how you choose such friends.
- Utilize private confession of sin to the Father through the Son, Jesus Christ, on a regular basis (1 John 1:9). If you don't privately confess your sins to God as often as necessary during each day, you may as well give up now. You will never, ever, grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Become interested in education, about your own thoughts and deeds, and especially the Bible. If you don't have positive volition towards the Word of God, you may as well go play in the streets or take in a movie.
- Be responsible for your own decisions. It's probably safe to say, "the devil didn't make you do anything." You aren't important enough for him to give you the time of day! You thought it, you said it, you did it - all by your lonesome.
- Walk the spiritual life, God's protocol plan, by yourself. Nobody can do it for you. You can't take another person's hand and walk it together every step of the way. You can't live on another person's doctrine.
- Do not expect results on your own timeframe. Did you design or invent the system of experiential sanctification? Do you provide the obstacles in your own life? Did you plan all those distractions that come your way? Then don't put an artificial time limit on your spiritual life. Give God's protocol plan a chance to work.

- Learn how to deal with boredom, lack of excitement, absence of adrenalin – whatever you wish to call it. These are all cases of your emotions taking control of your thoughts, leading you by the nose.
- Reach a point where you are fed up with something that is causing you to stumble. It may be something a child could conquer if they did not have this weakness, but for you, it seems to overpower you and create havoc. You must be tired of being its slave and desire to think your way past the recurring sin.
- Be able to use doctrinal thinking skills automatically, so they function when you are under *outside pressure*, i.e., possible stress-inducing situations. You are not a victim of unconscious thoughts. You victimize yourself by blaming something or somebody else and not taking responsibility for your own thoughts.
- Learn how to observe your own thinking, probing your mind throughout the day for possible sin, and acknowledging it to the Lord. In other words, meet a sinful thought head-on and confess it to the Lord; don't turn the channel and ignore its presence.

## ***Prohibitions***

- Stop applying psychological labels to yourself and others. We are not interested in cosmic diagnosis about you or anybody else. We are not interested in the latest professorial terminology. We are not interested in how well you can hide behind a sophisticated sounding label. They “conceal more than they reveal.”
- Stop digging around in your past history. Most of the things that happened to you in the past will not change the way you make decisions in the future. They only give you an inventory of material for making excuses for your bad behavior. Success in the spiritual life has absolutely nothing to do with your past. What matters is making good decisions and developing a pattern of doctrinal resources for the future.
- Stop whining about how bad you had it as a child. Stop whining about everything! Most of you had hard-working, conscientious, caring parents who did the best they could with the information available to them. More than likely, you have a brother or sister who turned out completely different than you, in spite of having the same family background. So stop whining!
- Stop thinking like a victim. We are not interested in what somebody did to you. We are interested in what you are doing now. Responsible people do not behave like victims.
- Stop searching for the next adrenalin rush. This program for change will not give you a glowing aura. It probably won't give you a buzz, either. There probably won't be a pot of money at the end of the spiritual rainbow.
- Stop blaming other people for your unhappiness and depression. It's your own fault, not theirs. We aren't interested in what they said or did to you. What is important is what you did when you were confronted by them.

- Stop abdicating self-discipline and self-control. You are not a slave to your lower impulses or compulsions. You made choices, and probably a lot of dim-witted ones at that. Get over it. Start again.
- Stop beating yourself up emotionally. If you are a “zero,” then let’s start working towards a “one.” I can’t see you, so I don’t know if you’re silly and unattractive or not. Neither of those “qualities” is that important anyway. More than likely, you’re distorting the true picture of yourself.
- Stop lying, to yourself first, and then to everyone else in your periphery. Lying is not part of normal life. You don’t have to live one! It doesn’t have to be automatic. Lying originated with Satan. Do you want him to set your standards of living?
- Stop being suspicious. I don’t know who you are. Unless you’re a criminal, I doubt anyone is following you. Most people that you think are gossiping about you are too busy being miserable themselves; probably the last little piece of gossip they spread boomeranged on them and now they are suffering because of it.
- Stop covering up. You can’t be in fellowship if you refuse to acknowledge your sins to God. You can’t hide anything from Him. So be honest and get the matter taken care of by the Supreme Court in Heaven.
- Stop burrowing around in your brain, hoping to find the root cause for your latest mental attitude or verbal sin. You aren’t going to find some instantaneous factoid that will enable you to conquer all. Acknowledge the sin and move on. The search for “cause” is nothing but a search for viable psychological or sociological excuses.
- You know in your conscience if you have misbehaved in some way. Stop telling yourself that you are mentally ill. The word “illness” has the notion that you aren’t responsible for your thoughts and actions. That’s a lie! You have the ability to choose and to choose wisely. Bad thoughts and bad behavior is not mental illness.
- Stop complaining about how others are harming you. More than likely, *you* are traumatizing *them*! Instead of focusing on what they may or may not be doing to you, concentrate on what you are doing to them.
- Stop pretending you’re a big shot. The world does not revolve around you.
- Stop saying, “I can’t.” What that really means is “I won’t” or “I don’t want to.” This is a subset of whining or being a crybaby, and nobody likes a crybaby.
- Stop waiting around for your feelings to change from negative to positive. Start thinking positive things and eventually your emotions will follow your thoughts. That’s the way it’s supposed to work, by the way – emotions are supposed to follow thoughts, not thoughts following emotions.
- Stop placing so much emphasis on “a talk.” Verbalization rarely helps a person out of a bad situation. Words alone are insufficient to cause change. *Thinking* helps a person change a bad situation into a good or at least tolerable situation. Apply new knowledge to your thinking and old patterns can change into new habits. All this “talking therapy” is nothing but an occasion for you to make excuses for bad behavior.

## ***Sin/Solution***

I don't like the traditional theological term "mortification of sin," but the confession of sin and its subsequent isolation from your daily life is crucial to your spiritual growth. I prefer Colonel Thieme's theological term: the *rebound technique* (where you rebound from sin). Whichever term you prefer, here are some samples that may assist you in the restoration of fellowship.

**Anger** – excessive emotion aroused by a sense that you have been wronged in some way. It starts on the inside and often bursts outside upon somebody else, either deserved or underserved. It can begin as an isolated episode, but often spreads into other areas of your life until you lose all perspective. If it isn't controlled, it metastasizes into fury and the desire to cause another person injury.

An angry person usually tries to gain control over the people who made him angry. Anger can become a way to achieve control over others, a way of life. I've seen children throwing anger tantrums in public places that should have been sequestered and spanked, but they were left alone to control their parents and everyone else in their periphery. These children actually use angry outbursts to induce fear in their parents in order to get their way.

This same type of anger occurs in undisciplined adults. Many adults are so thin-skinned that they are unable to tolerate a difference in opinion on most any topic. If anger does not change the environment back to where the angry person wants it, they may escalate their anger in a multitude of directions. This usually occurs when anger reduces a person to the "zero state." This is a state of mind when you feel helpless and vulnerable and cannot escape. Anger zaps your energy, alienates you from others, and hampers objective thinking.

Prolonged anger often branches out into a sense of malaise, worthlessness, and illogical thinking. A burst of anger could lead to revenge motivation, plotting a way to get what you want, or seeking some way to obtain retribution. There are also some twisted individuals out there who thrive on anger, who like to instigate arguments and fights. Anger relieves them of an otherwise boring life. The only way they feel they can exert power is by manipulating others by anger. This manipulative exhibition of anger often takes the form of rebellion and defiance to legitimate authority, ranging from confrontation to physical violence.

**Confess anger as a sin** to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. Take time to cool off and deliberate. Realize that you are less effective and need to regain your composure. If necessary, physically separate yourself from the person or situation. Try not to stir things up any further. Refrain from insulting, slurring or putting down your antagonist. Perhaps the other person is embarrassed, out of control, and is desperately trying to regain control over their volatile emotions as well. Keep your mouth shut. Do not allow anger to overcome your soul. Try not to retaliate.

After you cool down, think about these things:

Try to put yourself in the other person's position.

Take ownership & responsibility for your own emotions.

Try to endure the antagonist until you find a means of escape.

Control the desire to malign or insult the object of your anger.

Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Proverbs 15:1, 15:18, 16:32, 19:11, 21:14; Psalm 37:8, 38:3.

**Lying** – speaking a falsehood or making a false representation of something. Lies include anything intended to mislead someone, whether to cloak someone, to keep from hurting another's feelings, to sidestep an issue, or to leave out certain components of a story or event in order to induce ambiguity. Sometimes lies are deliberate fabrications; sometimes they are flights of the imagination; sometimes they are exaggerations of the truth. For many people, lying is not occasional, but is habitual - a way of life. If carried on long enough, lying becomes automatic.

The habitual liar deals with the world by stringing one untruth after another into a web of deceit. Once the chain begins, additional lies are used to cover up previous lies. Life becomes a vicious circle of lying and covering the tracks of past lies. Compulsive liars tell lies so often that their conscience actually becomes immune (seared) to the verbal acts themselves. A habitual liar has no problem looking you right in the eye and telling a big whopper about most any topic. Compulsive liars are like spiders spinning a web. They develop over time an entire repertoire of lies that can be pulled up at will and altered to suit their purpose. Even small children have the capability of building an inventory of basic lies; they merely change the details as the occasion dictates, i.e., to build themselves up and preserve the entangled web of lies they have spun. Children learn at an early age how to lie and enjoy it; they like to fool others. "Putting one over" on someone is thought of an entertainment, not a sin.

Liars are actors and actresses. The world is their stage. Lying and getting away with it is fun and exciting, especially if they are bored. Liars love making fools of other people. Some liars even compete with others, to see who can tell the boldest lie, or who can "strap one on" another person. People who are afraid of what others may think often lie and cover it up by saying, "I was only trying not to hurt their feelings," or "They didn't really want to hear the truth, they wanted to hear a lie, so I told them one." Misrepresentation of oneself is a lie, no matter what rationalization you create as an attempt to maintain your respectability.

Some people who have accomplished little or nothing in life lie to build themselves up before other people. They lie to cover up their fears of being a zero. Other people lie to escape punishment. The most common kind of "Christian" lie is a lie of omission. This is deliberately refraining to include vital facts about a person or situation. The common rationalization for these lies is "what they don't know won't hurt them." These individuals redefine a lie to their own making; if it isn't a deliberate commission, then

they haven't truly lied. They just left something unsaid, or were silent during an important conversation that required the listeners to guess at the missing pieces of the story. Whether commission or omission, lies are still lies, and liars are still liars. If you only tell part of the truth, and deliberately leave other parts out, you are lying.

Some liars are also masters at being emotionless when interrogated. They can spin the wildest yarns and their pulse does not skip a beat; they remain outwardly composed, and when confronted by professionals, they can often beat a lie detector test. Politicians often become adept at "calculated ambiguity," meaning they can begin a seemingly innocent story and lead the listeners to fill in the worst possible scenario imaginable. Because they want everyone to have a favorable opinion of them, they also learn to agree or assent to almost anything – another form of lying. This concealing of true thoughts is the first stage of becoming a con artist.

There's a sucker born every minute and a con artist every hour to take advantage of that sucker. The con artist will read your personal "signs" and then tell you whatever he or she thinks you want to hear to gain your confidence. Their philosophy is "when a lie will serve my purposes better than the truth, then I will tell a lie and tell it effectively." Con artists even lie by being polite or sweet-talking you. This is a show, a drama, set up to make you a future object of exploitation. This category of liar is what we used to call "slick" or a "snake oil salesman."

Some liars are so good at what they do that they actually come to believe the lies themselves. They usually get caught in the end, but as big as this world is, there is always another geographical location they can move to so their habitual lying can begin anew without suspicion. Compulsive liars rarely own up to their habitually sinning. They learn a host of psychological and sociological excuses to absolve themselves from responsibility for their words and deeds. They know right from wrong. They know when they are deliberately lying. But what is expedient for them at the moment is all that matters.

When caught, compulsive liars often defend themselves with the well-worn phrase, "But everybody does it." This is, of course, irrelevant. Whether you call it playing, fooling, jiving, or BS'ing – it is nevertheless a lie and lying is a sin that must be dealt with before God. Many people think they are basically honest, decent persons, and "white lies" are inevitable and excusable. This erroneous philosophy is just another way of believing that "truth is relative." Truth is not relative; truth is absolute. Lying is a volitional distortion of the truth. Because it is a volitional decision, lying is always under your control. There is no such thing as a disease called "lying" in which you have no control.

[Confess lying as a sin](#) to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. The Lord "knows the thoughts and intents of your heart," so don't play games with semantics. Whether you told a little white lie or a giant whopper is inconsequential; a lie is still a lie. Whenever you hear yourself concocting a lie about somebody or something, try to keep your mouth shut. Do not allow the distortion of the truth or the omission of some detail to overcome your better judgment.

Stop misrepresenting facts to make yourself look better. Stop telling vague or distorted facts to accomplish questionable ends. Stop making excuses for the “tiny little white lies” you think are necessary in everyday life. You’ve heard of the phrase “senseless crime,” which applies (of course) to all crime; in the same manner, lies are “senseless” and should be avoided whenever possible. When faced with hurting someone’s feelings or telling the truth, what did Jesus always do? If you think He ever told a so-called “white lie” to avoid hurting someone’s feelings, please email me the chapter and verse.

Lies are not necessary.

Lies destroy personal accountability.

You exploit others when you lie to them.

Take ownership & responsibility for your lies.

Try not to string a fresh lie (like a chain smoker) on top of a prior lie.

When choosing between the boring truth and an exciting lie, tell the boring truth.

Proverbs 6:17, 10:18, 12:22, 13:5, 17:4, 19:22, 21:6, 26:28, 30:6; Psalm 31:6, 31:18, 52:3, 59:12, 109:2, 119:29, 119:163, 120:2; Jeremiah 7:8, 15:18, 29:23; Isaiah 32:7; Hosea 4:2; John 8:44, 8:55; Ephesians 4:25; 1 John 1:10, 2:4.

**Pride** – an undue or exaggerated sense of self-esteem that interlocks with arrogance and conceit. We are referring to the unworthy definition of pride, when a person is haughty, overbearing, and often hateful against others. We are not referring to the sense of personal accomplishment over a job well done, or a victory obtained by hard work and ingenuity. There is nothing wrong with being pleased about an achievement, either your own or someone who know and appreciate. The pride we are talking about here is an undesirable quality, often associated with vanity and egotism.

The undesirable category of pride is when a person thinks he is better than others even when it is evident to everyone else that this assessment is false. A person consumed in pride is “too good to have to work for a living” or is “above the law” because he/she lives by their own standards and not those of legitimate authority. Socialists and communists, for instance, think they are too good to work because all jobs are beneath them. They insist that other hard-working “suckers” provide them logistical support through welfare, food stamps, housing projects, healthcare, etc. Pride has completely possessed a person’s soul when they tell you “I’m too good for such menial employment.”

People who are engulfed by pride get their kicks by outwitting or overpowering others. They usually end up opposed to all forms of legitimate authority, because they are “too good” to be under such authority. They reject bosses, teachers, law enforcement, governmental officials, pastors, etc. These systems of authority stand in the way of the life-style they believe they are entitled to. Those who exhibit pride also rarely yield to anyone else on any issue, because that would attack their entire position in life. When enslaved to pride, a person must be a big-shot, and must control all situations. They often use their pride to put others on the defensive and to get their way by manipulation.

Those who are overly proud often brag or boast about their accomplishments to the chagrin of others. If they are Christians, it seems like they have completely forgotten that the Lord provides the opportunities and means. If the proud person has high cultural standards, such as an appreciation of the arts, special talents of one sort or the other, interest in charitable causes, or selfless giving to the less fortunate – there is usually a highbrow air of superiority about them. In many cases, pride in their own decency and superiority is substituted for a true spiritual life. Their pride sits on a throne that must be maintained at all costs, or they might have to face the zero state.

Some people are trapped by the sin of pride when they become highly skilled or knowledgeable on one or more topics. A skillful doctor, for instance, may assume that since he is good at surgery, he must automatically be good at business, politics, religion, etc. In this state, no amount of persuasion or argument will convince the proud person otherwise. In order to protect their inflated opinion of themselves and their rather disgusted opinion of others, they must always be on top of every topic or issue in life. In order to always be on top, proud individuals made everything in life a contest, i.e., inordinate ambition and inordinate competition.

[Confess pride as a sin](#) to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. Pride is the opposite of genuine humility, which comes by being occupied with the Person of Jesus Christ. Stop exaggerating your own talents, skills, education and other victories in life as if there is no God and you possess these things inherently. You are no match for Satan; you can accomplish nothing of value without the Lord's guidance; without the Holy Spirit you would be a complete slave to your sin nature.

Stop distorting your personal assessments. Start thinking objectively. If you are disobedient to legitimate authority, you have lost all sense of objectivity. Pride is a malfunction of objective thinking. Pride is overestimating your strengths and underestimating your weaknesses. If an officer of the law pulls you over, treat him with due respect. If you are in a classroom, and you are a student in need of training on an unknown topic, sit down, shut up, and take notes. If you are on the job, your boss has the right to expect certain standards of performance from you. Stop arguing with him!

In order to overcome pride, you must be: (1) oriented to reality, (2) obedient to legitimate authority, (3) and have an unwavering desire for the truth.

Job 35:12, 41:34; Psalm 10:4, 59:12, 73:6; Proverbs 8:13, 11:12, 13:10, 14:3, 16:18, 29:23; Isaiah 16:6, 25:11, 28:1; Jeremiah 13:9, 49:16; Daniel 4:37, 5:20; Hosea 7:10; Zephaniah 2:10; Mark 7:22; I Timothy 3:6; I John 2:16.

## ***Erroneous Thinking Patterns***

There are many references in Scripture to “wrongdoing,” a term which emphasizes sinful external activity. We’ll eventually get to the outward acts themselves, but first we’re going to deal with the erroneous thinking patterns that lend themselves to such wrongdoing. When we first become Christians, we bring with us a lot of mental baggage from our previous pattern of life as unbelievers. These patterns of thinking go beyond sin in that they are combinations of interlocking sins that lead to self-destructive lifestyles. Part of epistemological rehabilitation is identifying these erroneous thinking patterns, isolating them as we do individual sins, and replacing them with correct thinking patterns. Correct thinking patterns are synonymous with doctrinal rationales or principles obtained by building a reservoir of Truth in the soul.

Psychologists spend a lot of time stringing together unhealthy thinking patterns into various complexes. Since they devote untold hours observing behavior and getting to know the thought patterns that lead to such behavior, there are on occasion observational overlaps. Where psychology fails is not in the observation of bad behavior or the categorization of detrimental thought patterns, but in actually having a working program of thought rehabilitation. However, the observable characteristics of a believer in reversionism and an unbeliever with a fragmented mind are quite similar. In both, there is a “base” or “core” personality, which is eclipsed by erroneous thinking patterns.

Erroneous thinking patterns are caused by “chain sinning,” where one sin is added to another sin, ad infinitum. Each time an additional sin is added to the equation, a pattern of error and unreality is created in the mind. Since the list of possible sins is so great, it should be no surprise that the fragmented mind can change from one pattern of erroneous thinking to another with lightning-like speed. We have examples of such “chain sinning” all over the Old Testament - the lives of David and Saul being perfect examples. If Saul were alive today and you could ask him if he thought he was an honest, thoughtful, responsible person who loved God, he would probably say, “Yes.” He held honorable convictions when things were going as planned, but when crossed, he splintered (fragmented) his soul and became an unhappy, vengeful, murderous individual.

Erroneous thinking patterns share some common traits:

**Volatile emotions** – the individual plunges from the heights of happiness to the depths of the zero state like a roller-coaster ride. They are powerful one moment and helpless the next.

**Irresponsibility** – the individual succumbs to a stressful situation and decides he no longer desires “the miserable, empty existence of responsible living.”

**Rationalization** – the individual believes everyone operates in the same fragmented mode that she does, so any number of excuses are made to assuage a latent guilt complex. Explanations are proffered, but none of them contribute to correcting the problem.

**Ambivalence** – the individual recognizes he has a problem, but correcting it requires too much effort. Any desires to change, to get with a program of daily Bible study, pass quickly.

**Exclusion** – the individual begins with the assumption that Bible study cannot solve her problem, so they exclude themselves from participation. An often heard statement is, “I’m glad that works for you, but it doesn’t apply or work for me.”

**Perfection** – the individual demands 100% success in every attempt to apply doctrinal rationales from the Bible, otherwise he is not satisfied and studying the Word has no real benefit or virtue. One misapplication and his spiritual assets are obliterated.

**Recalcitrance** – the individual is coerced into Bible study by a friend or family member, but they have no genuine interest. They enlisted merely to score points with someone.

**Superiority** – the individual is not willing to acknowledge that she has a problem that can be addressed through divine protocol. Those who study the Bible and go to church so often are “suckers,” but she is too intelligent for such notions.

**Display** – some individuals are only interested in what others think of them, so the only time there is effort in the spiritual life is when they want to con someone into thinking they are “with the program.”

**Resistance** – the individual resists the continual acknowledgment of sin necessary for confession, resists learning the Word of God verse-by-verse, and resists any attempts by others to help “straighten them out.”

**Fear of isolation** – the individual is plagued by some very toxic friends, but is unwilling to part from their company because they are afraid of being isolated and alone.

**Disenchantment** – the individual begins a program of Bible study, but the teacher hits a topic that he doesn’t agree with and his interest in both the teacher and the subject matter disappears.

**Reluctance** – even though an individual identifies some erroneous thinking patterns that cause him continual problems, he is reluctant to make operational changes that would correct those erroneous thought patterns with doctrinal thought patterns.

**Feelings** – the believer who is controlled by her emotions rather than by her thoughts uses her feelings to justify anything. Failure to own up to a problem is the main emotional cover-up.

**Bad attitude** – an open person who is intent on growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ is willing to engage in constructive self-criticism as he learns biblical principles and applies them to daily life. An individual with a bad attitude is dishonest with himself, distorts what he learns when it convicts him of sin, circumlocutes

any issue that requires change, and conceals his lack of conformity to God's protocol plan by substituting a plan of his own creation.

**Substitution** – a believer who is not interested in God's plan (learning Bible doctrine and applying biblical principles to life) substitutes the divine plan with her own plan. This person eliminates Bible study from her life and replaces it with psychology, philosophy, sociology, works righteousness, rituals, ceremonies, activism, social functions, church programs, politics, etc.

**Selective listening** – this believer is attentive when the doctrines being taught appeal to his needs at the moment. When the Bible verses being taught do not meet his current needs for the moment, he rejects it and “goes off into another world” by one distraction or another.

**Lack of receptivity** – the believer who thinks he knows which doctrines are important and which ones are unimportant. Anything that is deemed unimportant is disregarded because it does not meet his purpose. This person often concentrates on the personality of the speaker rather than the message, and when the speaker irritates him, all receptivity ceases.

**Lack of effort** – the believer who dismisses studying and hard work by one rationalization or another has a plethora of “I can't” or “What's the point” statements to excuse herself from the program. She cannot live the responsible life required by divine protocol because it interferes with the lusts and gratifications of her flesh.

**Adrenalin** – the believer who is unwilling to give up his life of “excitement” for the “boring life” designed by God for spiritual growth is addicted to adrenalin. He regards the life of Bible study as being for weirdos, kooks and nerds. This believer makes a half-hearted attempt to learn the Bible, usually a con to impress a girl he's interested in, but opts-out when the first opportunity to “party” comes along.

**Victimization** – this believer is so focused on something unfair in her past that she thinks God owes her a supergrace spiritual life without any effort on her part. A commonly heard excuse is, “I'll start studying the Bible AFTER God gives me the blessings I deserve.” Until her needs are gratified, she refuses to submit to divine protocol.

**Blame** – many believers refuse to accept responsibility for their bad decisions. They create their own miserable dilemmas and then spend most of their time blaming others for the unhappy situation they find themselves in. They refuse to own up to the fact that they alone created their disagreeable situations; instead, they find a “friend” to hold captive and dump on - whining, sniffing, crying, cursing, etc. The intent is to bring some happy person down into the sewer where they are living, because it isn't “fair” that their friend is happy while they are miserable.

**Short-term perspective** – a reversionistic believer is in a world of misery of his own making. If they “give doctrine a try” and it does not solve all their problems immediately,

they tell everyone that “doctrine doesn’t work.” It took perhaps hundreds of bad decisions to get them into the mess they are in, but it is only supposed to take a handful of good decisions to reverse them.

**Impatience** – a reversionistic believer expects to be on a par with mature believers immediately, without having to exercise doctrinal rationales for years to get there. They balk at acquiring spiritual skills and experience. God is supposed to give them instantaneous enlightenment.

**Inflexibility** – many believers think they already possess certain doctrinal truths, and when they hear something contrary to what they believe, they won’t even listen to the pastor or teacher objectively. This believer will hold to his erroneous beliefs regardless of what the Bible teaches; any opposition to his erroneous view must come from "a faulty interpretation."

**Cursing** – a reversionistic believer creates misery and anguish everywhere she goes. They can shut down family dynamics, businesses, classroom settings, etc. They are the center of the universe; everyone is alive for the sole purpose of making them happy. They are “misery manufacturing machines.”

**Lack of initiative** – some believers have such a high regard for themselves that they are unwilling to take any initiative in the spiritual life, because they do not want others to know how ignorant they are about Bible doctrine. This is especially true of those believers who are highly educated in other fields, but who are woefully inadequate when it comes to doctrinal matters.

**Independence** – some believers refuse to submit to the authority of any pastor or teacher. They reject the notion of spiritual gifts entirely, or they believe they possess them all and have no need for instruction. This individual will read her Bible on her own, but will never come to understand its most needed truths.

**Disparagement** – these believers have no interest in spiritual growth at all and spend most of their time scoffing at others who take the Bible seriously and who spend hours learning it from a qualified teacher. These individuals usually have no education, training, or information on anything that is of value. They spend their time creating a façade, a pretentious manner, a window dressing for the real thing.

**Blowhard** – these believers learn a few theological buzzwords and pretend like they know everything about the Word of God, when in fact they haven’t even learned the basics. They want accolades from other believers without having to do the studying and hard work that precedes true accomplishment.

**Failure to endure adversity** – this believer falls apart every time something happens to them that isn’t “fair.” Their notion is that the spiritual life is not supposed to be difficult. Continual “effort” is contrary with the way life is supposed to be. They reject the daily

grind; being tested or disciplined by the Lord is always disagreeable. When the going gets tough, they become disagreeable, angry, and abusive to others.

**Anticipation** – many believers fall apart when something happens to them that they did not anticipate. When the unexpected occurs, they demand that somebody in their periphery fix it and fix it now. Instead of meeting the unanticipated event head-on, they make everyone else miserable until someone “pats them on the head” and “tells them everything is going to be alright.” This is also called “helplessness from the zero state.”

## ***Execution Deterrents***

There is another category of erroneous thinking that occurs often in new believers. These patterns are called “deterrents” because the new believer is actually positive to the Word of God and desires to live the spiritual life – but things get in the way and sidetrack them just when things were going good.

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## ***Beware of psychological terminology***

Do your best to avoid the modern psychological terminology that has invaded everyday conversation. The vast majority of it was invented by men who were addicted to drugs, mysticism, demonism, anti-Semitism, and had virulent hatred for Christianity and “military types.” For instance, Kraepelin and Freud struggled for years to develop a classification called “mania.” Their classification of mania only existed as a phase, a short-term phenomenon which reversed itself (alternating) into depression, i.e., manic depression. Subsequent writers attacked their mania hypothesis on the basis of formal logical grounds, clinical experience and experimental evidence.

The major outlines of Kraepelin’s descriptive model for mania ironically conformed to Janet’s descriptive model for the “integrated personality.” I’m going to discuss Janet’s model of the integrated personality in some detail, because it parallels quite closely how an “establishment-oriented unbeliever” or a mature believer should operate in daily life. While a few negative attributes have been assigned to mania by Freudians, the majority, by far, are *desirable* attributes, such as:

- A sense of well-being
- Happiness, light-heartedness
- Capable of getting gratification from a wide variety of experiences
- Love self, satisfied with most of his attributes
- Plunges into various interests with abundant zest
- Experiences both a broadening and intensification of interests
- Able to move from one activity to another

- Often extremely successful in pursuing a number of projects
- Reaches out to other people and enjoys their company
- Strikes up conversations with strangers
- Tries to influence other people to his way of thinking
- Able to stimulate other people toward a particular goal
- Unusually successful in breaking through the withdrawal behavior of others
- Full of fun, witty, good humor
- Has an infectious quality
- Has a highly positive view of himself (self-concept)
- Optimistic about anything he undertakes
- Confident he will find solutions to problems
- Positive expectations
- Able to make decisions rapidly
- Is driven by an abundance of energy
- Has an extraordinary strong drive in a multitude of directions
- Is action-oriented
- Has definite goals or objectives that would provide personal fulfillment
- Is highly versatile and successful at new tasks
- Has a drive for independence and self-sufficiency
- Assumes responsibilities by himself
- Has a drive for self-enhancement
- Wishes to take in everything that life has to offer
- Strives to develop superior attributes, self-esteem
- Engages in a high level of activity towards specific goals
- Has a high threshold for fatigue
- Endless energy, high level of mental activity
- Healthy appetite
- Healthy sex drive
- Is aggressive and animated
- Is bold, has lack of inhibitions
- Can move rapidly in thought & speech from one subject to another
- Demonstrates a unifying theme which underlies his tangential associations
- Responds quickly to external stimuli
- Enjoys joking, making puns, rhyming, humming
- Shows no intellectual deterioration in old age

Janet believed a person could exhibit these desirable traits on a consistent basis, without alternating into depression, if a person had a unified, cohesive personality. Kraepelin and Freud could not see this because neither of them had ever experienced anything which even remotely resembled an integrated personality! Freud, especially, was obsessed with sex, drugs, hypnotism and mysticism. He was unhappy all his life and believed himself to have most of the syndromes he treated - which he probably did.

So it is not surprising that many contemporaries of both Freud and Kraepelin do not believe a “mania” syndrome exists as described. Because Janet was Dr. Charcot’s chief disciple, Freud has been accused by some to have invented “mania” as a hateful profile of Janet himself, to ridicule his search for the integrated personality and to classify his theory as a “mania.” It appears there was no love lost between the two professors. It is also of great importance that Janet was a Christian, while Freud and Kraepelin were atheists. If you can stomach page-after-page of hateful rantings, you can easily read some of Freud’s analysis on the Bible, including his psychoanalysis of Jesus Christ and all of His followers as “lunatics.”

In any case, if you exhibit the previously mentioned traits of “mania,” and they are consistent and not just a phase or temporary condition, you will be diagnosed as a manic by any psychiatrist who follows the Freudian or Kraepelinian philosophy. The one question you should ask them, however, is what therapy or treatment you should take to eliminate your happiness, abundance of drive and energy, healthy self-concept and outlook on life, and your ability to maintain many varied interests in life. More than likely, you will probably meet with the same antagonism that Janet did from the pen of Freud – the obsessive, compulsive, addictive, morbid personality that has headed-up psychiatry in the last century.

Don’t feel bad. Both Patton and MacArthur were diagnosed by Freudians as manic personalities. And if Jesus Christ was a lunatic by Freudian standards, then we should all be more than happy to join Him in His illness! Both of these ‘pure manics’ and the ‘lunacy’ of the Lord Jesus Christ, are most likely examples of Janet’s integrated personality type. So if you have been labeled by some psychologist or psychiatrist as having an ailment that you consider highly questionable, it might possibly be that you are more ‘normal’ than the ‘normal control group,’ i.e. the diagnosticians themselves. Stick to Bible doctrine for the analysis and treatment of your soul and you can’t go wrong.

## ***Psychological Parallels***

Psychological and philosophical speculation is nothing more than an obsessive malady of the human mind, what Thieme calls “*anthropocentric academic speculation.*” On occasion, though, a psychiatrist may stumble upon a concept that rings true in the Bible. Since biblical writers and psychiatrists both observe human behavior, you would expect them to have an occasional overlap. For instance, William James wrote on two mental cognition concepts that have parallels to biblical concepts:

“Knowledge of acquaintance” – direct familiarity

“Knowledge about” – logical insight

For you Greek students, these two distinctions parallel in theory the biblical concept of *gnosis* versus *epignosis*, and the *nous* versus the *kardia*.

Dr. Mayo, founder of the Mayo Clinics, wrote about the “hate, hostility, destruction attitude” in obsessive compulsives, which is a close parallel to what happens to a believer who has surrendered to Cosmic 2, Satan’s cosmic power sphere or hatred complex.

## ***Two Alternating Personalities***

Believers who are in fellowship one moment and out of fellowship the next often alternate between two distinctively different personalities. In one sphere of operation, the believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit; in the other sphere of operation, the believer is controlled by the sin nature. Janet observed this phenomenon in some of his patients and called it “splitting.” He observed a beneficial, primary personality which later changed into a detrimental, secondary personality. He classified these observations of two alternating personalities as a “dissociation” or clear-cut division between two “fragmented” systems of response.

Just as a believer thinks and behaves one way when he is in fellowship and another way when he is in sin, Janet saw the secondary personality as one of “weakened integrity” with a lack of moral and ethical inhibitions compared to the primary personality. We can see an example of this in Romans 7, where Paul talks about wanting to do one thing, but being compelled by the sin nature to do the opposite. Paul wanted to do good, but he surprised himself on occasion and did exactly the opposite. When he was in fellowship, he performed admirably; when he was out of fellowship, he performed sinfully. “When two opposing spheres of power and activity alternate in this manner, the system of ideas and functions tend to take on an almost independent existence and development.”

These two polarized spheres of operation are at the center of the Christian way of life. Our goal during this earthly sojourn is to log (live) as much time in the sphere of God’s power and as little in Satan’s sphere of power as possible. All it takes to shut one down and start the other is to change an idea, and to confess or not confess sin. Janet said, “it is by reflection that we give unity to our experience ... an inner self of attention, demanded by experience, intimately connected with the systematic arrangement or rearrangement of our knowledge.” In this manner, the believer is to reflect on his thoughts and behavior throughout the day, compare them to the content of Bible doctrine in his soul, and confess as sin the elements that destroy the unity of our soul with the soul of Jesus Christ.

It is not God’s plan for believers to live a double existence, an oscillation of mental activity, which rises in fellowship and falls in sin by the hour. Janet’s integrated personality is not supposed to live like this either. “These sudden changes, without sufficient transition, bring about two different states of activity: the one higher, with a particular exercise of all the senses and functions [sphere of God’s power], the other lower, with a great reduction of all the cerebral functions [sphere of Satan’s power].” The two states are supposed to remain separate from each other, but the mature believer (and

the integrated personality) is supposed to gravitate toward the positive of the two. If a believer (patient) does not repeatedly function in the sphere of God's power, he may gradually lose (by dissociation) his storehouse of doctrine in the soul (Janet's system of moral and ethical thoughts).

## **Separation**

"There are a great many folk who owe the unity of their mind to understanding their limitations." (J.J. Putnam) There are also a great many folk who owe the continued forward progress of their spiritual life to *understanding the limitations of others*. Sometimes our beloved friends and family members exact a great toll on our spiritual life. A fatiguing friend can force us to make an excessive expenditure of moral energy, an expenditure we would not have to make were such a person not living or working with us. Such beings are "costly." These people threaten us with exhaustion, and with mental depression as a sequel to exhaustion. The answer to these social problems is, of course, impersonal love – maintaining a relaxed mental attitude when they are "down." This is not always easy and in some circumstances, not always possible.

We are all thrifty in our outlay of mental activity, and we have a feeling of aversion for persons who "wring from us," as soon as they approach us, a greater expenditure of energy than we possess. We have a desire to spirit such persons away, out of our vicinity; consequently we experience an initial feeling of anger towards them, and resent the fact that they should compel us to squander our mental energies. The feeling of aversion will naturally vary according to individual powers of resistance: those who are strong and well-endowed with mental energy (large supply of Bible doctrine in the soul waiting to be applied), will hardly be aware of an increased expenditure when God brings them into contact with certain persons; such "lucky" people have few antipathies. The rest of us may require "treatment by isolation," otherwise known as *physical separation* or social rest. In other words, stay away from believers in the cosmic system!

As mentioned in other studies on this site, physical separation is a LAST resort. Most of the time, we are able to switch from personal love to impersonal love to remedy the situation.

## **Rational Economies: Stress Reduction and Social Rest**

There are certain common sense things we can all do to reduce the likelihood that outside pressures will become inside stress in the soul. These suggestions may help believers and unbelievers alike. Janet promised a slow increase in “psychological capital” by simply resting more often. You can reduce stress by:

- Organizing and disciplining your life to minimize energy expenditures and fatigue
- Categorize your goals and expectations to eliminate unwanted or unneeded complexities
- Balance your goals and expectations with adequate rest and recreation
- Economize your energy by simplifying your life
- In order to maintain energy, you need to monitor your level of tension and gauge your work and other activities accordingly
- Go on a long bicycle ride or other manual work or exercise; go until you drop from fatigue; then sit back and be tranquilized, free from mental disturbance
- Eat a healthy meal, digest it satisfactorily, and sleep like a dog

You also need to draw important distinctions between “expensive” and “inexpensive” persons in your periphery. I’m not talking about money; I’m talking about the mental and emotional energy required for social life. Sometimes, in order to recharge your battery, you need *treatment by isolation*. From time to time, you may need to do the following:

- Minimize social contacts that are exhausting
- Relieve impulses to dominate others or command obedience
- Relieve impulses to love or be loved, to help or be helped, to receive or give devotion
- Relieve impulses to tease, sulk, make scenes, be jealous, plot revenge, or be spiteful
- Avoid prolonged contact with exhausting and unstable people, associates who “suck you dry, live off your energies, and rob you of your thoughts”

There are people whose mere presence and behavior cause profound modifications in everyone around them. They are always suffering from some drama they have created. They transform every simple act into a complex event. They constrain their friends and family to maintain a high degree of tension, and to expend an abnormal amount of energy. If their friends and family are not plentifully endowed with mental and emotional strength, in the end they will become exhausted and possibly utterly ruined by the social contact. This kind of social “contagion” must be taken into consideration if you are trying to reduce stress and simplify your life.

Have you ever tried keeping up with a superior or condescending to an inferior for a prolonged period of time? Either of these can exhaust a person and even lead to sickness and antagonism for the other person. None of us have identical levels of energy, education, financial status, cultural acquirements, temperament, etc. More active individuals tend to involve less active individuals in a life which is too complicated for their inadequate powers, or the characteristics of the more active persons are thorny and exact great expenditures from those who are weaker.

Every civilized country ought to have “centers” where the most efficient nervous motors of society can retire for intellectual rest, and for refreshment by devotion to manual work for a time. Until such establishments have been organized (don’t hold your breath), we must be content to take refuge in the quiet countryside, mountain or beach whenever possible.

## ***Mental Liquidation***

Mental liquidation is getting rid of the concerns, worries and other mental attitude sins that plague your complicated daily life. If you are like most of us, there is an enormous amount of mental “garbage” floating around in your consciousness every day. The main goal of *epistemological rehabilitation* is to confess these mental attitude sins, get rid of all the human viewpoint garbage in your thinking, and replace these previous detriments with the Word of God, Bible doctrine. If this process is done in the filling of the Spirit, it is guaranteed to produce inner happiness.

In the case of human viewpoint garbage, there are several steps involved in correcting a habitual viewpoint gone awry:

- Discover the erroneous idea (awareness)
- Replace the human viewpoint idea with Bible doctrine
- Assimilate the new biblical concept by applying it to some situation
- Discharge the prior erroneous concept, which may require several correct applications of Bible doctrine, depending on the strength of the tendency

The “assimilation of the new biblical concept” and the “discharge of the old human viewpoint error” occur simultaneously during live application. How many times must you correctly apply a doctrinal rationale before the mental or emotional garbage is gone? That depends on how powerful the garbage is. Some human viewpoints grow and install themselves in your thought process like a parasite. Sometimes they are so ingrained that you are unable to check their development by all efforts made. Don’t give up! *Repetition is the price of knowledge.*

## ***Stay Away From Psychoanalysis***

Freudians, in particular, have extended many once sound concepts, into a strange system that you want to avoid at all costs. They want to discover a traumatic memory underlying every thought you possess. Psychoanalysis is not an ordinary kind of analysis which is trying to discover any kind of relevant phenomena, nor does it adhere to the common laws which govern such investigations. Psychoanalysis is a criminal investigation which aims at the discovery of a culprit, at the unearthing of a past happening which is

responsible for the current troubles, an event which must be recognized and tracked through all its disguises.

This comparison of psychoanalysis to a criminal investigation, and of the psychiatrist to a police detective, should tell you something about the motivation of such practitioners. Dr. Oppenheim once commented, "Psychoanalysis is a modern method of torture, for psychoanalysts only torture their own imagination. It is a method of arbitrary construction. Probing into the past yield very little therapeutic material and are more likely to be hurtful than helpful."

### ***Mental Income Statement***

Part of epistemological rehabilitation is accumulating capital, or storing Bible doctrine on the launching pad of your soul for future application. Some of the items on your mental income statement are:

Revenue: Bible study, rest, relaxation, elimination of stress, social isolation

Expenses: social life, personal goals, unreasonable expectations, mental agitation

The idea is to accumulate mental (biblical) capital in your soul to the extent that you reach the "breakeven point" at zero income ... and then you accumulate more! This requires a consistent routine of listening to Bible doctrine from a qualified pastor or teacher. Developing a routine of learning the Bible is critical; it must become habitual and effortless; it must be daily, without too much energy outflow; it must become second nature. You are trying to acquire new tendencies and thoughts by divine protocol. Thieme has said on many occasions, "Bible doctrine strengthens priorities."

At first, daily Bible study demands intense conscious effort to be there and to concentrate, but through repetition, in virtue of the mechanism of habit, you will show up and learn as desired with increasing ease and quickness. Eventually, you will be able to recall certain doctrinal principles and apply them correctly without attention, almost unaware. This is part of the re-educational process, eliminating human viewpoint and satanic concepts and replacing them with divine viewpoint, the mind of Christ.

Can you do this all by yourself at home? It is possible to do this at home, but it is not possible to do this without a pastor or teacher. That's why God gave us these spiritual gifts! Epistemological rehabilitation consists in the repetition of a new action, the utilization of the *grace apparatus for perception* for learning Bible doctrine. It must be taught by a competent witness (trained pastor or teacher), who covers the Bible verse-by-verse. By placing yourself under a pastor or teacher, he will repeat and repeat and repeat what you need to know until your *application of doctrinal rationales to daily life* is not only correct, but automatic.

One of the goals of the Christian life is that each believer is eventually able to function on his own initiative. This will require Bible teaching and guidance (continuous influence) over a period of years while you are building an *edification complex* or doctrinal structure in your soul. Eventually, a believer may reach spiritual maturity, when he is able to get doctrine on his own. The number of persons who reach this stage of *supergrace* is rare, but possible. Some believers proceed at a rapid pace. Other believers must be allowed their slowness. If you try to hurry things, something is going to malfunction when application time arrives. *Privacy of the priesthood* is very important because there are always believers out front and others lagging behind. If slow learners are pushed, they are likely to renounce the entire process and give up the struggle. It is up to the pastor and teacher to provide an atmosphere of strict academic discipline. This will prevent distractions from occurring during Bible study, and keep the tempo rolling.

That said, you cannot learn Bible doctrine on your own. Unaided by a trained pastor or teacher, you will never make the necessary discoveries. Learning the Bible is to be done with the aid of a teacher who guides you, the apprentice. Understanding (leads to *gnosis*), believing (leads to *epignosis*), and obeying (leads to *sophia*) are the essentials of epistemological rehabilitation. There are dropouts (casualties) along the way. Some believers will not even begin the treatment. They may accept the theory, but they do not begin the practice. They argue, hesitate, spend hours in mental contortions, and end up not applying 1/100 of the basic doctrines taught to them.

Some believers, after years of attending church, have not made any progress whatsoever. As soon as the teacher speaks, they think of other things. What should these believers do? They should apply Maurice de Fleury's advice to Bible study: "A great thing is not to waste energy. Do what you are doing and do not do something else at the same time. If you are playing, give yourself up entirely to playing; when you are working, energetically banish everything which is not work." Following this advice, when you are in Bible class, concentrate your mind, put on blinders, and restrict the field of your intelligence to a single object, the Word of God as taught by the pastor or teacher. Those who will benefit by Bible doctrine will be persons who are free of emotionalism, persons who are capable of a fair amount of attention, obedience, and fairly prolonged effort.

A believer with positive volition towards Bible doctrine is not alone. He has a powerful Ally which can be awakened (the indwelling Holy Spirit), Who will supply a large quantity of reserve energy which can be mobilized to learn line-upon-line, precept-upon-precept. The Spirit will also assist you in the early stages, by calming the inner agitations and emotions, and allowing you to be poised and relaxed in Bible class, even if the pastor's message is hitting you square in the face! As you gain momentum by passing a test (stress situation), your face will brighten, you will no longer suffer for cursing, and any discipline you receive from the Lord will be for blessing.

## ***Rehabilitation***

Identify a sin/sin complex

Confession to God

Isolate sin and its source  
Regain objective thinking  
Apply doctrinal rationales  
Rebuild system of ideas  
Correct norms & standards

Mental and/or physical separation  
Reject guilt and emotionality  
Stay out of cosmic system  
Bible doctrine every day  
Eliminate false concepts

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## ***Testing***

“Under normal conditions, and in well-balanced individuals, a definite relationship must be maintained between the available energies and the psychological tension.” This strict economy of energy is what we would call the filling of the Holy Spirit, and psychological tension is our ability to relax and apply doctrinal principles when being tested.

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## **The Problem: Becoming a Psycho Christian**

### ***Adversity Converted into Stress***

- Notes from lectures by R.B. Thieme, Jr.

We have a tremendous number of psychotic and neurotic Christians in the world today. This psychosis or neurosis is sometimes not noticed by the individuals who are in it, because they are living in a dream-world. Though some specialists claim these mental illnesses are genetic, the vast majority are caused by making a series of bad decisions from a position of weakness - the "law of volitional responsibility". This position of weakness stems from (a) the arrogance complex of sins, (b) the hatred and bitterness complex of sins, and (c) lack of Bible doctrine in the stream of consciousness.

The "cosmic system" of sins, from *kosmos diabolicos*, is a trap that destroys all tranquility, contentment, and any chance for true happiness in life. This trap is "sprung" on the believer by the most devastating of all sins - negative volition towards Bible doctrine. Once this negative volition begins, the believer passes through one of two "gates" or entrances and becomes enmeshed in either: (a) the arrogance complex of sins in Cosmic System I, or (b) the hatred and bitterness complex of sins in Cosmic System II. In Cosmic I, the believer becomes pre-occupied with herself and is distracted from Bible

doctrine by a "labyrinth of sin" related to arrogance. In Cosmic II, the believer reacts to either doctrine or the teacher of doctrine, leading her into a second "labyrinth of sin" related to hatred and bitterness.

Prolonged living in either Cosmic I or Cosmic II, with the resultant neglect of Bible doctrine and the control of the soul by the *old sin nature*, produces "psychotic Christians". Perpetual neglect of doctrine "hardens" the soul and produces "scar tissue" on the soul. In a born-again believer, this scar tissue attaches itself to doctrine in the *stream of consciousness* and "corrodes it like rust" or "eats it like a cancer". Eventually, all remaining vestiges of Bible teaching are wiped out of the soul and the believer experiences a total loss of spiritual perspective in life.

This degenerative process is also called the "vicious cycle". The vicious cycle begins when the **outside adversities of life** are transformed into **inner stress in the soul**. This stress in the soul launches two attacks on the born-again believer: (1) stress attacks Bible doctrine in the stream of consciousness in the form of scar tissue, and (2) stress is cycled on the inside and then moves to outward manifestations, such as compulsive behavior, bipolar disorders, post-traumatic stress disorders and multiple personalities.

Stress in the soul amplifies both the arrogance and hatred/bitterness complex of sins. The **arrogance complex** manifests itself by jealousy, vilification, gossip, slander, maligning, judging, creating a public lie about someone, approbation, inordinate ambition and competition, etc. The **hatred and bitterness complex** manifests itself by revenge modus operandi, implacability, meanness, bullying, vindictiveness, crime, etc. Arrogance, hatred and bitterness is the root of stress in many cases. If this root takes hold of the believer, psychotic and neurotic conditions will flourish, manifesting themselves in a wide variety of mental illnesses.

Bible doctrine *in the soul* (doctrine which has not been metabolized in the soul is worthless) can protect the believer from mental illness, but its utilization requires that your volition is free of any mental illness (at the point of conversion) and demands that you are able to face reality in the light of the Word of God. Carnality (continual living in the cosmic system) destroys the ability of doctrine to work in your soul, which is a major problem, because you must use doctrine to grow spiritually. God the Holy Spirit cannot teach doctrine to a person who is involved in continual cosmic living, or even worse, who has a psychosis or neurosis. Therefore, medical treatment may be needed (in the initial stage) to help the believer along to a point of "normalcy" so she may (a) listen attentively to and (b) eventually metabolize Bible doctrine. This may require the aid of "objective" psychiatry, and in some cases' pharmacology, but never "subjective" psychology. There is a distinction between the two, a giant chasm, which we will cover later.

Believers get to the point of psychosis all by themselves, by using their own volition. People today are in an advanced stage of arrogance, with the result that they refuse both Bible doctrine and psychiatric help - saying "there is nothing wrong with me" - when in fact, *everything* is wrong. Their locked-in arrogance is satisfied with itself while they are moving rapidly into mental illness. Once the believer passes the *point of no return*, she is

always satisfied with herself - even though she is "rowing all the harder" towards the "sin unto (spiritual) death."

When Bible doctrine is abandoned by the believer, she reverts to a *frantic search for happiness* and ultimately latches on to a "cheap substitute". Depending on the individual lusts and trends of her old sin nature, this cheap substitute could be:

psychology	philosophy	sociology	religion
mysticism	drugs	sex	power
money	crime	pleasure	self-help

Cheap substitutes will not get the job done. The spiritual heritage of the born-again believer *demand*s Bible doctrine - nothing else will do. The Holy Spirit cannot operate on psychology, sociology or philosophy; neither can He operate on a combination of doctrine and some cheap substitute. An automobile runs on gasoline, not a combination of gasoline and sugar. Like an automobile, the Holy Spirit runs on Bible doctrine, not a combination of doctrine and "psychological principles" for living.

This absolute necessity for spiritual growth, otherwise known as *The Precise Protocol Plan of God*, can be explained in the following manner:

a) **A wrong thing** (psychology) **done in a wrong way** (an attempt to apply its' principles spiritually) **is wrong** (no spiritual growth).

b) **A wrong thing** (psychology) **done in a right way** (applied on the basis of psychological living) **is wrong** (still no spiritual growth).

c) **A right thing** (Bible doctrine) **done in a wrong way** (misapplied doctrine due to involvement in the cosmic system) **is wrong** (no spiritual growth).

d) **A right thing** (Bible doctrine) **done in a right way** (the precise Protocol Plan of God with its' divine procedures) **is right** (unlimited prospects for spiritual growth).

As a cheap substitute, psychological living inevitably results in frustrations with which the believer cannot cope - for she wouldn't be in "psychological living" unless she malfunctioned in the precise Protocol Plan of God. And once she moves into psychological living, she moves away from any spiritual solutions in life. She closes the door on spiritual solutions and psychiatry (and possibly pharmacology) becomes the only option left for her.

All of the psychology and psychotherapy in the world is not going to do a bit of good for the born-again believer who is outside of Bible doctrine - there is no substitute for Bible doctrine in your life. Meaning, purpose and definition in life is only attainable to the born-again believer through the daily intake of Bible doctrine.

The category of believers that we will be discussing were "normal" when they first believed in Jesus Christ and were saved, but after salvation, they went negative towards Bible doctrine, found a cheap substitute (or none at all), and now they are heading for psychosis or neurosis.

Stress in the soul of the born-again believer destroys the spiritual life. Unchecked, it produces "Psycho Christians". Bible doctrine provides all the tools and problem-solving devices for the believer to prevent stress from entering the soul. Doctrine enables you to handle all adversities as outside pressure, without converting these adversities into inside stress in the soul (which leads to mental illness). Several differences between Adversity and Stress can be seen as follows:

<b>Adversity</b>	<b>Stress</b>
1) Outside pressures of life	Inside pressure of the soul
2) What circumstances do to you	What you do to yourself (self destruction)
3) Inevitable	Optional
4) <i>Rebound &amp; GAP (Grace Apparatus For Perception) prevents garbage-in &amp; garbage-out</i>	Psycho Christians are produced when stress in the soul is not checked by rebound and daily intake of doctrine
5) <i>Post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation prevents adversity from becoming stress in the soul by using the 10 problem-solving devices &amp; the function of GAP - conversion of <i>gnosis</i> to <i>epignosis</i> doctrine</i>	Believer destroys his/her spiritual life by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* polarized fragmentation</li> <li>* self-fragmentation</li> <li>* reversionism</li> <li>* Christian degeneracy</li> <li>* inner tensions</li> <li>* dissociation</li> <li>* mental disorders</li> <li>* personality dysfunction</li> </ul>
6) Bible doctrine in the soul functions both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>offensively</b> - to remove the inner pressure of stress under the principle of garbage-in/garbage-out, and</li> <li>b) <b>defensively</b> - to prevent outside pressure of adversity from penetrating the soul and becoming inside stress in the soul.</li> </ul>	

The difference between adversity and stress is determined by how well you use the *10 problem-solving devices* in the frontal lobe of your soul, in the *seven compartments of the stream of consciousness*. Doctrine must be cycled through the stream of consciousness as follows:

- 1) Doctrine → left lobe → right lobe = spiritual phenomena  
*pistis          nous          kardia          pneumatikos*
- 2) Doctrine heard → doctrine believed → doctrine applied  
*Gnosis                  epignosis                  aisthesis*

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Stress

Cognition

Arrogance

Humility

Impairs memory and the ability to learn (forgetfulness)

Integrity

Perception of reality is distorted

Mental and emotional stability

Psychotic state

Spiritual strength

The major finding of this courtroom case was:

**"When stress is removed, cognitive ability is restored."**

A few examples from Scripture which teach the concepts of arrogance, adversity and stress are as follows:

- Romans 12:3 "Stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance".

*huperphroneo* means insanity, psychosis

*matiotes* is a vacuum in which the intake and exhale apertures of the breathing apparatus of the soul are “corroded” by negative volition towards doctrine – all manner of demonic and human viewpoint is sucked-into the vortex of the frontal lobe; the intake manifold is the left lobe is the *nous* and the exhaust manifold is the *kardia*.

- II Corinthians 11:23 "I keep chattering like a psychotic person".

Paul spoke in a parenthesis, tongue-in-cheek, with sanctified sarcasm, that he was beginning to sound just like the psychotic Corinthians. The Corinthians had gone from status A (Bible doctrine in the soul) to status B (the false teachings of legalism and/or antinomianism, otherwise known as moral and/or immoral Christian degeneracy) - what Pierre Janet called the "split-off". They went from the status of "divorcement from reality" through "mental disorders" to the final, unsavory status of "Psychotic Christians".

*paraphroneo* in this verse means insanity, psychosis

Paul kept adversity "at bay" (using a boxing analogy). His adversities did not take root in his soul.

- II Corinthians 4:8, 9

Paul shows the difference between *adversity* and *stress* by several other analogies.

"We are under the outside pressure of *adversity* in every way, but not under the inside pressure of *stress*; perplexed (outside pressure), but not in despair (inside pressure); persecuted (outside pressure), but not forsaken (inside pressure); struck down (outside pressure), but not destroyed (inside pressure)."

**Outside pressure:** *thlibo* is *adversity*, extreme discomfort; tortured but has survived, hard pressed but not crushed, harassed, assailed by a scheming woman

**Inside pressure:** *stenokoreo* is *stress*, painfulness, anguish of spirit.

Some other examples of **adversity** in Scripture are:

- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in *trouble*."

*trouble* (*thlipsis*) is affliction, adversity, compressed, troubled, distressed, burden of heart, throw into confusion, embarrassment, danger, misfortune

- Psalm 54:7 "For He has delivered me from all my *troubles*, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes."

*troubles* are misery, adversity, misfortune, wickedness, painful discipline, injury, wrong, suffering, harm, evil, malignant, calamity, hurtful device, mischief, serious trouble, severe judgments

Note: The change in Hebrew vowel points from a *qames-hatup* to a *sere* makes this adversity "a female friend or companion" or "one who associates with fools" or "one who has a companion who is vicious or bad-tempered."

- Job 14:1 "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble."

*trouble (orges)* is agitation, adversity, rage, tumult, disquiet, tremble, vexed, anger, wrath, uproar, emotional, commotion, quiver, rumble, perturbed, turmoil, quaking heart, distress, violent emotion revenge motivation, long lasting memory of evil

- Psalm 119:71 "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

*afflicted (etapeinosos)* is affliction, adversity, oppression, wretched, helpless, poverty, suffering, misery, humble, maltreated, depressed, vexation, bad affair, to be put down, downcast, mishandled, needy, suffer want, low estate, spiritually abased, moral guilt, reduce to meaner circumstances, humble, distress in the soul, ashamed, pusillanimous, brought low with grief, vile, dejection, mean spirited behavior, arrogant, ignoble, needs rehabilitation

- James 1:2 "My brothers, regard it +H (inner happiness from thinking and applying doctrine, tranquility, contentment) when you face many categories of adversity."

Passing the test by not converting outside adversity into inside stress – has doctrine and knows how to apply it.

## ***Garbage in the Subconscious***

“Subconscious” - A great many things may exist outside the personal awareness or consciousness, as is sometimes shown in (1) absent-mindedness, (2) indifference to an idea, and (3) a tendency to suppression - not to be confused with mere inattention. These things come from a "contracted field of consciousness," which is characterized by a special category of moral weakness, consisting of a lack of power (discipline) to condense psychological phenomena and assimilate them to your personality.

The "contraction" or "retraction of the field of consciousness" begins with the idea of personality, of the whole integrated person, of moral, political, and religious thoughts,

while "personal perception" or self-consciousness refers to the extent of the field of consciousness. In other words, ideas determine the extent of your self-consciousness, much like your personal vocabulary determines the extent of your ability to understand and communicate higher thoughts.

Retraction isolates and emancipates one function (that of the old sin nature that functions from emotion) and suppresses another function (that of doctrinal application that functions from objective thinking) from consciousness. Retraction is not a disease produced by an accident, but is a result of ideas or suggestions (garbage) put into the subconscious by human volition. Therefore, ideas are very important, not only to hysterics, but also to Christians aspiring to maturity.

The seven (7) compartments of the stream of consciousness are:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Memory Center       | 5) Categories, Concepts        |
| 2) Frame of Reference  | 6) Viewpoint: Divine vs. Human |
| 3) Norms and Standards | 7) Conscience                  |
| 4) Vocabulary          |                                |

Isolated false ideas or suggestions in the mind (garbage), combined with emotional disorders, a strange absent-mindedness of a subject, and retraction of the field of consciousness (scar tissue in the soul), with no counterpoise in the mind (no doctrinal frame of reference for making accurate decisions), makes you a "sleepwalker in life," exhibiting a form of "waking somnambulism".

In dissociation, the integrated personality is dissolved, social sentiments (the Christian way of life) are blurred and the constitution of ideas (doctrine) is destroyed. It is this system of ideas and functions that constitute your personality, so when they are blurred or destroyed ("emancipated", as the feminists would say), the higher function (the spiritual life) of the encephalon is exhausted and regularly malfunctions.

Adversity (emotional problems) → nervous strength expended → fatigue → retraction of the field of consciousness

As far as garbage in the subconscious is concerned, the power of such ideas depends on their isolation. They grow, they install themselves in the field of thought like a parasite, and it is almost impossible to check their development. Why ? Because they are usually ignored, because they exist by themselves in a second field of thought detached from the first.

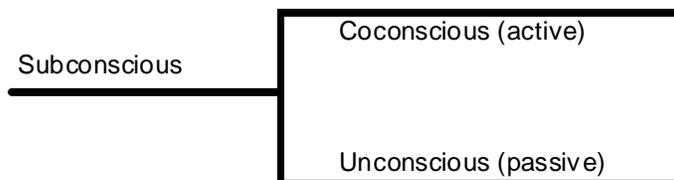
While forms of dissociation may occur in normal healthy minds (none of us is totally free of garbage) under conditions of stress, trauma or conflict, in diseased minds, the secondary consciousness becomes highly organized into a self-acting system and is capable of playing a role almost as controlling and independent as the normal, habitual self. The development of a complete, secondary group of dissociated states becomes

reality, even though the distance between "normalcy" and "abnormalcy" is a matter of degrees.

In automatism, secondary phenomena are produced which occur outside the control or cognition of the personal self - of which the hysterical attacks (tantrums, fits of rage) are well known, especially in marital conflicts that revolve around "who wears the pants in the family." These dissociated ideas break-out in insurrection, turning peaceful mental arrangements topsy-turvy.

The subconscious ideas (garbage), instead of being mental states (or temporary moods) dissociated from the main personality, can become the main reservoir of consciousness, and personal (or primary) consciousness can become a subordinate stream flowing out of this great storage bin of "subliminal" ideas. This reversal, when going in the wrong direction, is called *reversionism*. The personal (or primary) self becomes an inferior consciousness emerging out of a superior subliminal (or secondary) consciousness. When it is an improvement on the prior condition, it is equivalent to a degree of recovery.

Subconscious merely means "outside the focus of attention" in any given moment.



In many cases, *temporary dissociation* is a result of exhaustion - too much stress, conflict, or trauma; rest and isolation restore the personal (primary) consciousness. But in more serious cases, rest and isolation only provide the environment necessary for the dissociate personality to go underground - undetected and unobservable to others, and often to the patient.

The "progression" of bad decisions and habits caused by the gradual substitution of increasingly inferior and distorted material (instead of Bible doctrine) becomes so great that they become full-fledged symptoms. His "substitutive habits" in the Christian vernacular is nothing more than human viewpoint. There is a progressive line going from absolute human and demonic viewpoint all the way to divine viewpoint, with "normal" people scattered in the middle.

Prince developed the idea that a subconscious complex could lead to a subconscious personality. He also suggested a predisposing state of lowered psychological resistance (or energy) which, contingent upon a mental conflict of some kind (not just sex), could lead to the dissociation of a fragment of the personality. The core of his therapeutic process, like Janet's, was education of the mental associations. Therapeutic commitment was a must with Prince's system, but not with Freud.

## ***Stages of Reversionism***

### **Comparison to Dissociation Psychiatry**

Moses created a word (hapax legomena) for insanity, psychosis and dissociation called *shigaon*. This has a direct parallel in the Greek Septuagint to *dipsychos*, which was later used by Paul to describe something similar to multiple personalities. Moses dealt with half a million psycho believers during the wilderness wanderings (approx. 1440 BC). One-fourth of his audience were "split-offs" in *dissociation*. They were given the choice to become winners or losers, to be positive to His Word or to be negative. Their two options were given to them in the form of a Hebrew "play on words", the choice being between:

Shama	-	hear, listen, concentrate on doctrine
Shaga	-	rebellion, psychosis, negative volition
Shama	-	victorious Christians
Shaga	-	psychotic Christians

Today, your decisions and attitude toward Bible doctrine are still the key to whether you become a *Shama* or a *Shaga*.

Col. R.B. Thieme, Jr. is famous for his study on reversionism and polarized fragmentation. His steps leading to apostasy are summarized as follows:

### **The Eight Stages of Reversionism**

(or) *How to Become a Psychotic Christian in Eight Easy Steps*

"Bad decision after bad decision creates stress out of adversity"

1) Reaction and Distraction - negative volition towards (or distraction from) Bible doctrine; the pastor's personality distracts you from the message.

2) Frantic Search for Happiness (apart from Bible doctrine) takes the form of either:

Legalism	<---->	Antinomianism
Self-righteous arrogance	<---->	Self-indulgence
Moral degeneracy	<---->	Immoral degeneracy
Power, approbation lust	<---->	Sex, chemical lust
Pretends to be spiritual	<---->	Lust pattern of the old sin nature

3) Operation Boomerang - seeking happiness apart from Bible doctrine becomes a "dead end;" no capacity for life or happiness; depends on the circumstances of life; creates stress and emptiness; vulnerable to stress accumulation in the soul.

4) Emotional Revolt of the Soul - dissociation and the "split off" begins; doctrine is being destroyed in the soul; frustration, reaction, and subjectivity; doing things you want to do without restraint no longer satisfies you

a) emotional sins "attack" Bible doctrine (believer claims doctrine doesn't work)

b) dissociation - lowering of cohesiveness in the soul

1) distorts ideas, thoughts, values, norms & standards

2) creates an alternate personality - tremendous pressure

3) stress revolts against your spiritual life

4) believer breaks away (splits) from Bible doctrine

c) Now the believer has two personalities in conflict, with the second one doing some dictating. This is the thrust of the holy-roller (charismatic, Pentecostal) movement in America - millions of believers involved in a split personality based on emotional sins.

5) Irrationality and Locked In Negative Volition - the beginning of "conversion hysteria", where a secondary personality is created and begins to control the life

6) Blackout of the Soul - doctrine is being obliterated from the soul; forgetting exceeds learning; garbage is accumulating in the subconscious; psychoneurosis and psychosis is beginning; there is no recall of previously learned doctrine

7) Scar Tissue of the Soul - Bible doctrine is completely destroyed; zero recall; inhale and exhale apparatus of the soul is sealed shut

8) Reverse Process Reversionism - destruction of all values related to the believer's spiritual heritage; the *mataiotes* (vacuum) has sucked in all manner of human and demonic viewpoint; "sowed to the wind and reaped the whirlwind"; sin unto death; doctrine is no longer an issue in life; you can't tell the difference between this person and her unbeliever counterpart; divine viewpoint has been replaced with psychological living, sociology, human viewpoint thinking, anthropocentric academic speculation, and philosophy; doctrine to them is only a word under "D" in the dictionary; all resources have dried up as if they had never heard Bible teaching ever before.

Ignorant pastors and theologians say this person was never saved (which is heretical), because they see no evidence of regeneration, no spiritual heritage, no fruit bearing. But

observation is never the criteria for developing doctrine - the Bible is the only source for doctrine. Besides, who made these men fruit inspectors? God is the only Fruit Inspector. These believers are just "zombie Christians."

Other ignorant pastors say these reversionistic believers have lost their salvation (also heretical). Fact: The divine work of salvation can never be abrogated by human failure. Psycho believers have not lost their salvation; they are just "not executing the Protocol Plan of God or living the Christian way of life".

Col. Thieme is well known for his point-by-point outlines. To change them into narrative form would only do them injustice. His comparisons between "dissociation psychiatry" and the apostasy/reversionism of Christians can be summarized as follows:

### **Principles**

1) Metabolized doctrine in the subconscious produces cohesion of soul (psychiatry has been trying to figure this out for years).

2) The believer in a position of weakness (unchecked fragmentation) from a long series of bad decisions, goes from stage to stage, beginning with:

a) implosion, which is brought on by the arrogance or emotional complex of sins (Cosmic I), then to:

b) explosion, which is the outward manifestation of the hatred complex of sins (Cosmic II), and then to:

c) revert, or the eight stages of reversionism.

3) Janet's "psychic tension" (or energy or thoughts) is what we call the "spiritual strength of Bible doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness". Janet says this "psychic tension" must be adequate and abundant (so does Bible doctrine in the soul - once or twice a week won't cut it). The reason this abundance is needed? Because it holds together the stream of consciousness activity with its force (the "filling of the Spirit") of cohesion.

4) Cohesion for the unbeliever is establishment principles.

Cohesion for the believer is maximum doctrine in the soul.

When this "energy" is lacking, it is replaced by stress, liberalism, emotional sins, drugs, antagonism towards authority, etc.

5) The discovery of thiorazine destroyed the investigation of insanity. Patients were merely hospitalized and medicated. Psychoneurosis and schizophrenia never reached the level of understanding taught by the Bible.

- 6) When the rate of forgetting exceeds the rate of learning, Bible doctrine is eventually erased from the soul and outside adversity is transformed (conversion) to inside stress in the soul.
- 7) Only maximum metabolized Bible doctrine in the stream of consciousness and the extrapolation of the 10 problem-solving devices can provide the spiritual strength to give cohesiveness to the unified personality of the born-again believer.
- 8) Stress is manufactured in the soul of the believer by failing to make Bible doctrine the No. 1 priority in life.
- 9) Continual negative volition towards doctrine creates an "evil" personality. Bible doctrine must virtually saturate the stream of consciousness.
- 10) Stress, which has reached the stage of a psychopathic personality, often brings demon influence to believers (or demon possession in unbelievers).
- 11) Romans 7 - the conflict between spirituality and carnality in Paul's soul (primary vs. secondary personalities) is an example of a "splitter"
- 12) Stress is the result of the law of volitional responsibility.
- 13) Other types of adversity in life are financial disaster, broken romance, personality conflicts, business failures, lawsuits, lost friendships, victim of a crime, war, and revolution.
- 14) You can go from a good knowledge of doctrine to zero knowledge of doctrine in a short period of time.
- 15) Stress is also produced by being distracted by the "dog and pony show" - charismatic, Pentecostal holy-rollers.
- 16) Stress is also produced by the promulgated lie that "fellowship with believers is a must," when it is not even necessary - your fellowship with God is what counts. You can live without people, but fellowship with God is a must.

Some verses to go with this study are:

- Ephesians 4:18 "And they have been darkened in their thinking (blackout of the soul), and they have been alienated from the life of God (Scar Tissue of the Soul), because of the ignorance which is in them (Bible doctrine replaced), because of scar tissue in their frontal lobes."
- Romans 2:5 "Hardness in your heart" - scar tissue

Store up and accumulate wrath ... for yourselves (not positional).

Six verses related to Blackout of the Soul, Scar Tissue of the Soul, and Reverse Process Reversionism are:

- Galatians 5:4 "Drifting off course from grace" - a nautical expression, not "fallen" from grace (which is a mistranslation of *exepesate*)
- Hebrews 12:15 "To come short of the grace of God" - meaning a deficiency; that which is lacking on your part; destitute, inferior, devoid, to fall back from the others (where we get the word hysteria, *husteron*)
- James 1:8, 4:8 "Split-soul" – *dipsychos*
- II Peter 2:7 "The tormented soul" - to afflict or oppress with evil; sore distressed; treat roughly; exhaust with labor or tire down with toil, *kataponoumenoi*
- Revelation 3:15,16 "Lukewarm" – *chliapos*  
"Cold" - Reverse Process Reversionism, Sin Unto Death, frigid, inert, sluggish in mind
- I Timothy 1:19 "Shipwrecked" - pushed aside, repudiated

*schizo* - to cleave, divide asunder, rip in tow, split into opposing factions, rent in twain.

*phren* - the mind; faculty of perceiving and judging.

*phroneo* - to have understanding; to direct one's mind to a thing; one's thoughts and purposes.

*mania* - madness; frenzy

- II John 9 "Advancing out of bounds...off the playing field" - divorced from reality, deceived, thinks she is advancing in the spiritual life, but is in reality in either Moral or Immoral Degeneracy.

"No one has fellowship with God who keeps on advancing out of bounds and does not remain (stay) on the playing field through the doctrine of Christ."

Prolonged carnality stresses-out the believer and splits his personality.

- Hebrews 6:1 "We are to leave behind dead works through the perception of Bible doctrine."

This same process occurs in the regressing schizophrenic who returns to their status as little children and often dies in this terminal state. They use their cortex as little as possible, are dependent upon others, have an absolute need for interpersonal relations, and begin to resemble and even show signs of organic dysfunction. The schizophrenic "word-salad" of the regressing patient resembles the spiritual "word-salad" of the believer in advanced stages of reversionism.

The stages of regression or *reversionism* operate on the same inventory principle: LIFO, or Last In, First Out - meaning that the most recently acquired knowledge is wiped out first, going backwards until there is no inventory left. This creates a functional *diaschisis*, or a splitting-off into distant or neighboring areas of the brain that have little or no data for use on the launching pad of life.

*Dissociation* is the trigger mechanism.  
*Emotional sins* are the ammunition.

Negative volition → emotional sins → stress → dissociation → hysteria, psychosis, reversionism

Born-again believers come into the Christian Way of Life normal, with a cohesive personality, but they acquire (they are not genetic) the characteristics of the neurotic and psychotic by negative volition towards Bible doctrine, stress and emotional sins.

Harnessed energy going down a gun barrel (having velocity and direction) is heading toward a target. Unharnessed energy in a fragmentation grenade implodes and explodes all over the place.

Some parallel studies to the Christian doctrine of the soul by famous psychiatrists are:

Janet - emotional revolt of the soul  
Bleuler - scar tissue of the soul  
Meyer - blackout of the soul  
Charcot - psychosis, hysteria

Two psychiatric terms that are near duplicates to those described in Scripture are:

Reaction formation – the development of a character trait that keeps in check and conceals another one, usually of the exactly opposite kind.

Regression - reversion to an earlier kind of mental life.

## **Frantic Search for Happiness**

The believer who is out of fellowship and is frantically searching for happiness, feels dull everywhere and always, for no impression any longer brings about lively thoughts that make her pleased with herself. These general sentiments of dissatisfaction, these sentiments of incompleteness, almost always give to the person a peculiar attitude or conduct. Either she is sunk in despondency and exhibits a doleful air, or she seeks everywhere for something that can draw her out of this state. Now, having rejected Bible doctrine, she has but few means at her disposal to rouse herself, to come out of such a painful state. Either she will use physical and moral processes of excitation (crying, shouting, clapping hands, tongues-speaking like holy-rollers) or she will appeal to other persons, and will incessantly ask them to excite her, to receive her with encouragement, through praises, and especially through devotion and love - what is erroneously called "Christian fellowship" today.

This carnal believer will be, at the same time, plaintive and agitated. She will commit all kinds of eccentricities, because eccentricity excites her and draws attention to her. She must (need) attract attention to herself in order that people may take an interest in her, speak to her, praise, and above all, love her. This need of attracting attention, of being praised and loved, is one of the things that has been most remarked by those in her periphery. While in a frantic search for happiness, there will be no true attention on anything, least of all Bible doctrine. There is a complete failure in the function of grace in this person's life. She is unable to metabolize doctrine; she is unable to recall biblical principles; she is in a form of spiritual amnesia. This disturbance of emotion ends the higher functions of her mind.

This emotional ailment is not a disease; it is not produced by accident. It comes about by sinful ideas or suggestions, i.e. what Thieme calls *garbage in the subconscious*. These sinful ideas or suggestions, combined with a weak emotional condition, create a strange absent-mindedness in the believer in which she is unable to recall or apply doctrine. The mind is unable to concentrate on the Word of God and loses its spiritual poise. The doctrinal frame of reference for making good decisions is replaced by scar tissue. And if not corrected by confession of sin quickly, she may become what Janet calls a "sleepwalker in life," a form of "waking somnambulism." The sin nature is emancipated and begins to function regularly while doctrinal application is suppressed from the mind's list of viable options.

In spiritual dissociation, the integrated personality is dissolved, the Christian way of life is blurred and the constitution of ideas (Bible doctrine) is destroyed. The system of ideas and principles that constitute the Christian personality becomes exhausted. The sin nature takes control of the higher functions of the encephalon. The outside adversity or emotional problem that brought the frantic search for happiness, expends an enormous amount of nervous strength, which brings fatigue, and eventually loss of fellowship. These believers can never complete an action and can never plunge into one with pleasure. When their unhappiness is far advanced, they cannot even call up a mental picture of a happy event, without having this picture promptly distorted, so that it becomes tinted with gloom.

## **Emotional Revolt of the Soul**

Emotionalism is a condition of natural and perpetual distraction, which prevents a person from appreciating any other idea than the one which actually occupies their mind. It is characterized by those who are excessively emotional, whose emotions are readily modified by trifling influences, i.e., whose god is their emotions. Objective mental activity is drastically lowered in emotionalism. Emotional stress disorganizes the mental synthesis, modifies the psychological tension, and induces mental conditions in which dissociation and the isolated development of the lower grade tendencies (operations of the sin nature) are very apt to ensue. The essence of an attack of depression is that the emotions for the time have lost enduring relation to current experience, and whatever their origin and integrity, they have achieved a sort of autonomy from objective thinking, i.e. *emotional revolt of the soul*.

When this happens, difficult adaptations to new situations (adversities) can no longer be effected. The higher tendencies, those which are most complex and have been most recently acquired (by metabolizing Bible doctrine), can no longer undergo complete activation – or they enter the field of activity slowly and late (failure to apply Bible doctrine). When under adversity, the sluggish process of reflection (recall of appropriate doctrinal principles) has no time to become active due to mental and/or emotional exhaustion. Such states of exhaustion only leave the mind free for the invasion of all kinds of inferior tendencies (lusts and trends of the old sin nature), and these inferior tendencies, developing without guidance (lack of Biblical norms and standards), give rise to other states which resemble somnambulism, i.e., sleepwalking through life.

Dr. Davajan also defined several stages of reaction to failure from his professional observations. He calls them ...

### **Reaction to Failure** – Stages in the Emotional Complex of Sins

1. Shock or disbelief - mature person doesn't break
2. Fear and worry - emotional sins as horrible neutralizers
3. Anger reaction to failure - an alarm system, unproductive, sinful, irrationality
4. Shame - preoccupation with oneself and what others think of you
5. Blame - loss of self-esteem, does not solve the problem

The believer in emotional revolt of the soul suffers from undue fatigue, not because she has so much work to do, but because her mental and moral machinery revolves with so much internal friction (out of control emotions) of part upon part. In some case, rest, relaxation, and isolation is what it needed. When a patient (believer) then becomes stronger, what is needed is not more rest, but rather a Spartan discipline in moral guidance. Start a program of intensified study of the Word of God, and you will soon see whether this believer is capable of obtaining nourishment by methods which are on a higher moral plane (Bible doctrine).

Thieme's observations can be seen in his ...

### **Five Principles of Emotional Revolt of the Soul**

1. By the time of Emotional Revolt of the Soul, all divine power provided for the believer by the grace of God for execution of God's plan has been rejected. People can talk about the grace of God until they are blue in the face and still not understand grace. They are operating strictly on the energy of the flesh, and this is Legalism and/or Antinomianism.
2. The power of God the Holy Spirit designed for the execution of divine mandates has now become the status of Grieving the Holy Spirit (Cosmic I) and Quenching the Holy Spirit (Cosmic II).
3. Only understanding and using the Rebound Technique can recover the Filling of the Holy Spirit - there is no other way. And no one in a state of irrationality does it right, because I John 1:9 is a very simple passage - "Acknowledge (confess, state) your sin" privately to God" (as long as you live this goes on). Remorse or feeling sorry for your sins is absolutely not included in this verb. It does not mean commitment or "making it up to God" – it means simply "cite" or "name" the sin. How you feel about that sin is inconsequential. God is faithful and just to forgive you, because your sins have already been imputed to Christ and were judged on the cross.
4. The power of the Word of God has been rejected through negative volition towards Bible doctrine as manifested in the 1<sup>st</sup> four stages of Reversionism.
5. The believer is helpless to execute the mandates of God in the energy of the flesh - by human talent, by human ability, by psychology or psychiatry or sociology, or anything that we have. It is by grace, from God, and it means you have to learn the mechanics, the principles of the Protocol Plan. And your spiritual growth is completely dependent upon the metabolized Bible doctrine in your soul - not "let go, let God" activities which are practiced by spiritual morons who were spiritual babies until the day they died.

It took a lot of bad decisions to get to Emotional Revolt of the Soul, and it takes a lot of good decisions to come out - it is an uphill battle. You have to become fanatical about Bible doctrine in order to recover - the Bible Doctrine Continuum."

Exalting emotions have an intense synthesizing effect while depressing emotions have a disintegrating effect. Most, if not all, ideas have a feeling tone (emotion) attached to them." [Emotions are responders to thoughts and ideas. Emotions are not part of God's protocol plan - they merely respond to thoughts and actions performed in the plan.] "With the inrushing of depressive memories or ideas [stress, garbage in the subconscious] ... through associations in the mind of the patient ... there is suddenly developed a

condition of fatigue, ill-being, and disintegration. If on the other hand exalting ideas and memories are introduced [Bible doctrine] and brought into the limelight of attention, there is almost a magical [Holy Spirit] reversal of the process. The patient feels strong and energetic."

In this principle, then, we see a mechanism which tends to the development of the neuroses and psychoses on the one hand [cosmic involvement, human viewpoint and sin], and to the states of invigorating health on the other [Bible doctrine and the filling of the Spirit], according as whether disintegrating or synthesizing emotions and feelings are brought into the conscious field of the individual. It is thus easy to modify the personality at will by measures which make use of this principle [*post salvation epistemological rehabilitation*]. The transformation effected by the development of energy in this way is often most striking and is commented upon by the patient.

- Job 30:27 "My emotions are boiling over (Emotional Revolt of the Soul) and I can not relax. Days of stress confront me."
- II Corinthians 6:11-12 "Oh you Corinthians (Vocative of disgust), our mouth has been opened face-to-face with you (Paul, Apollos and Timothy had all taught them). Our hearts (frontal lobe of the soul) have been enlarged (diligent study of Bible doctrine). Therefore, you have not been hindered (in your learning process) by us, but you have been hindered by your own emotions (Emotional Revolt of the Soul).
- Romans 16:17-18 "Now I urge you brethren (believers), look out (be wary) for those who cause dissensions (those in Emotional Revolt of the Soul) and hinder others (from taking in Bible doctrine), putting obstacles in your way which are contrary to doctrine which you have learned. Avoid (turn away from) them (isolation from those in the Cosmic System). For such believers are slaves, not to our Lord Jesus Christ, but to their own emotions (Emotional Revolt of the Soul). And by smooth and flattering speech (slick customers) they deceive the hearts (stream of consciousness) of the unsuspecting."
- Philippians 3:18-19 "They (born-again believers in the Cosmic System) are the enemies of Christ, whose destiny is destruction (becoming Psycho Christians), whose god is their emotion" (the whole emotional complex of sins are running loose).

One of Bleuler's unnoticed contributions was that nearly all of the psychological problems he encountered were due to "the emotions obtaining too great significance" - i.e. emotional revolt of the soul. Janet picked up on this theme and called it "loss of the sense of reality". Whatever you call it, uncontrolled emotions (in revolt from their position as responders to the intellect) do have the power to distort intellectual processes. They inhibit the logical powers of the patient from being able to accurately test reality. They develop a deviated form of logic, a different way of seeing things. And once the patient sees things in a different way, with a newly created logic, no Aristotelian

persuasion will convince her that she is wrong. She is right, according to her own logic, albeit ... the retreat of reason.

One of Jung's theories, which was never followed up on, was that emotional disorders produce an abnormal metabolism which causes physical damage to the brain and nervous system. The nervous system itself (and the rest of the body as well) is considered the victim of an emotional disorder, and not the other way around as is commonly believed today. The mental disorder may determine organic degeneration with its own progression of symptoms.

Generally, the greater the intensity of the emotions involved, the greater may become the necessity for resorting to some kind of intellectual distortion - the retreat of reason.

## **Scar Tissue of the Soul**

Bitterness with stress wipes out love and grace orientation. It also contributes to failure and destroys the ability to recover; it is the pin of the grenade which leads to self-fragmentation. Bitterness creates pain and suffering for others as well.

Stupid "theologians" who see a Christian committing a heinous sin or living in continual carnality, say they were never Christians in the first place, never born-again (which is a heresy). This is the worst thing they could ever say, thus doing the believer a great disservice - because it destroys any possibility that they might have for recovery by realizing their error and re-entering the protocol plan of God. Recovery must be based on metabolized doctrine in the soul, but the legalistic pastor ignores this and takes the believer back to the point of initial faith in Christ and "slaps legalism on her." This heresy guarantees that certain born-again believers will never recover; they are putting them in a psycho ward until they either commit suicide or in some compulsive act are destroyed.

Bitterness inside → left bank of the soul

Malice outside → right bank of the soul

This "vicious cycle" of accumulating scar tissue on the soul can be compared to Freud's attitude towards religion.

- John 12:35 "He walks in darkness (*skotia*, blackout of the soul) and does not know where he goes."
- I John 1:6 "If we contend that we (as believers) have fellowship with God, and keep on walking in darkness (*skotia*, blackout of the soul) we are lying (living a lie) and do not live the truth" (Bible doctrine).
- I John 2:11 "But when anyone hates his fellow believer (Cosmic II), he is in darkness (*skotia*, blackout of the soul), and he walks in darkness (the modus operandi of the Psycho Believer), and he does not know where he is going."

All reality in the spiritual life comes from Bible doctrine. Negative volition is therefore divorcement from reality.

In stage 6, *blackout of the soul*, memory center is shot. The doctrine is still there, but you can't remember it - it is beyond recall and therefore beyond utilization. Being out of fellowship in reversionism, with no Bible doctrine in the soul, has produced an alternating personality comparable to "conversion hysteria" or "conversion reaction" or Paul's "body of death" in Romans 7. Eternally saved because of the one decision at salvation, but shows no evidence of ever having made that decision - saved, sanctified, stupefied.

In stage 7, *scar tissue of the soul*, all doctrine is now gone. The believer has reverted back to the status she was in before the point of believing in Christ or often a status that is far, far worse. The believer is now loaded down with garbage in the subconscious. She has a spiritual heritage, but with absolutely no understanding of that heritage. This is where the "aberrations" come from, such as all the "faith plus" heresies. Reversionism in this stage is a form of "philosophical neurosis," the inability to construct an integrated, meaningful, satisfactory life – a negative reaction to middle class morality. The goal of psychotherapy is for the patient to accept (conform to) the values of his therapist in order to improve (a crutch) - the particular set of values then determine the therapeutic methods used (shaping the will, behavior of the client to match yours, or creating narcissistic images of yourself).

## ***Shigaon* During the Wilderness Wanderings**

In Psalm 7, the "*shigaon*" of Saul, written and sung by David, refers to Saul's psychotic reversionism. The Hebrew *shigaon* means "to wander around," "to go astray," or to become "mad or psycho."

*Shigaon* comes from false doctrines and false concepts in the soul, which enter by means of the vacuum (*mataiotes*) in the form of scar tissue on the left bank of the soul. Negative volition towards Bible doctrine opens a vacuum into the soul and doctrines of demons (*influence* on believers, possible *possession* in unbelievers) enter in that manner into the right lobe.

Saul went negative to Bible doctrine, the vacuum opened and *demon influence* came in, and in this case his reversionism reached the stage of neurosis and/or psychosis - the emergence of a psychopathic personality.

Such believers lose their discernment, common sense and their sense of humor. The Bible categorizes several types of reversionism:

(1) phallic reversionism - what Freud made famous

- (2) ritual or legalistic reversionism - what Freud hated about Judaism and Catholicism
- (3) monetary reversionism - failing the prosperity test, inordinate ambition, inordinate competition
- (4) drug addiction reversionism - *pharmakeia*
- (5) anti-establishment reversionism - liberalism, the hippy movement, the welfare state
- (6) mental attitude reversionism - hatred, anger, vindictiveness, implacability, jealousy, bitterness
- (7) verbal reversionism - maligning, gossiping, backbiting, brawling, slander
- (8) mental illness reversionism - thought and behavior patterns are psychotic, neurotic
- (9) anti-authority reversionism - women's liberation, anarchists

### **Benevolence Motivated by Guilt**

Believers who malign, slander, and gossip about others often have the same faults, but they rid themselves of any guilt feelings through the creation of a separate personality which is very "proper," very self-righteous, very critical of others. This "proper" alternate personality is not only extremely self-righteous, but casts blame on their own shameful tendencies (which are identical to the object they are judging) on their victim - thereby getting rid of their guilt feelings. This is part of *projection* - identifying their guilt and placing it on somebody else so that another person is victimized. Their ego is protected from the overwhelming feelings of guilt by transferring their own sin, their own flaws, their own guilt to the object of their hatred or antagonism.

- Psalm 95:10 "They wander in their heart" (frontal lobes, stream of consciousness), referring to the Exodus Generation. They had a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day (Jesus Christ), but they were negative to His Word (Bible doctrine).

"They do not know My ways" - there was no thinking of Bible doctrine in their consciousness. Their souls were full of garbage (i.e. leeks, onions, garlic).

"For forty years I loathed this generation," and said, "They are a people who go astray in their hearts."

- Hebrews 3:10 "Therefore I was angry (anthropopathism, language of accommodation) with that generation" and said: "They go astray in their hearts (negative volition to Bible doctrine), they have not learned My ways" - they refused to use the *Grace Apparatus for Perception* every day.

Repression for the believer is a defense mechanism for dealing with unacknowledged flaws and sins, which of course represent a threat to one's self-image. Anything which is incompatible with the individual's self-esteem is repressed into the unconscious or subconscious - a psychological inhibition to the function of recall which often causes anxiety, guilt or shame.

Numbers 14:1 "That night all the people raised their voices (after 40 years of repression) and screamed" (they went into hysteria). In fact, "the people cried all night," they had followed the pattern of fragmentation and were neurotic.

Other uses of *shigaon* in the O.T. are Psalm 7:1, Deut. 28:28, Zech. 12:4, Habakkuk 3:1, and II Kings 9:20.

Romans 12:3 "Stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance (Cosmic I, arrogant preoccupation with oneself), beyond what you ought to think (Cosmic II., antagonism toward doctrine), but think in terms of sanity, for the purpose of being rational without illusion, as God has assigned a standard of thinking from doctrine."

In the Shepherd of Hermas: The Similitudes – a commentary on the church at Rome around 139-154 A.D. - *talaiporos* and *dipsychos* are used together and were interpreted similarly.

Romans 7:24            how it started  
James 1:8, 4:8        the end results

### **A + B + C = D**

where:            A = Repression (garbage in)  
                      B = Projection (garbage out) i.e. slander, vilification  
                      C = Dissociation  
                      D = Shigaon

One of the last things Moses ever wrote about, after the 40th year of the wanderings, was the *shigaon* of the people.

- Numbers 14:2 "Then all Israel complained against Moses and Aaron (projection), and the entire assembly said to them: If we had only died in Egypt or in the desert!"
- Numbers 14:3 "Now why is the Lord bringing us into this land to be killed by the sword? (projection) Our wives and our children shall be taken as plunder. Would it not have been better for us to return to Egypt?"

A = repression of garbage in their subconscious during 39-40 years in the wilderness

B = projection, assigning to Moses, Aaron and the Lord their own flaws, failures and sins

Moses made this speech (Deut. 1:29-32) in retrospective exposition in response to this incident (in Numbers 14).

Deut. 1:29-32

- 29 "Then I said to them: Do not be shocked! Do not be afraid of them." (phobia reaction in *Emotional Revolt of the Soul*).
- 30 "The Lord your God will go before you (use of the *Faith Rest Drill*). He Himself will fight on your behalf, just as He fought in Egypt before your eyes,"
- 31 "And in the desert, when you saw how the Lord your God carried you (grace in action), just as a man carries his son (when his son has lost strength and is tired of walking), in all the way in which you walked, until you came to this place."
- 32 "But in spite of all of this, you did not trust the Lord your God."

Numbers 14:4-9

- 4 "And they said one man to another: Let us choose a (new) leader and return to Egypt."
- 5 "Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all of the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel" (they could not force the people to listen to correct doctrine).
- 6 "Then Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied (searched) out the land, tore up their clothes."

Counseling is the most useless thing in the world; it is not a substitute for Bible doctrine.

- 7 "And they spoke to the entire assembly of the sons of Israel, saying: the land which we passed through on our reconnaissance is a very, very good land" (the courageous, minority opinion of two men became the leadership of the new generation).
- 8 "If the Lord is pleased with us, He will bring us into this land and He will give it to us, this land which flows with milk and honey" (an agricultural idiom for prosperity and abundance).
- 9 "Do not rebel against the Lord. Do not fear the people of the land. Their protection (shadow, defense fortifications) is gone. The Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them" (short answers to oppose the panic, fear and cowardice of the people).

- 10 "But all the congregation shouted: Stone them with stones! (A mass hysterical mob was ready to assassinate four people). But at that very moment, the Shekinah glory of the Lord appeared (shone) on the tabernacle before all the sons of Israel."
- 11 "Then the Lord said to Moses: How long will this people reject Me? (Moses had been teaching doctrine on a daily basis and they had been rejecting it, thus rejecting the Lord). How long will they refuse to trust Me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?"

Nobody has ever been advanced in the spiritual life by miracles. Miracles are no substitute for the Word of God in the soul of the believer.

- 12 "God then told Moses: I will punish them with an epidemic and I will dispossess them (this generation); however, I will make you (Moses alone) into a nation greater and mightier than they."
- 13 "But Moses replied to the Lord: The Egyptians will hear about it, for by Your omnipotence You have brought this people out from among them" (delivered them from slavery).
- 14 "And they will tell the inhabitants of this land (Canaan). Oh Lord, they have already heard about You, that You are in the midst of this people, for You, oh Lord, are seen eye to eye while the clouds stand over them, and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night" (theophanies of Jesus Christ).
- 15 "If You put all these people to death, at one time, then the nations who have heard of Your fame will speak, saying:"
- 16 "Because the Lord could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by an oath, therefore, He slaughtered them in the desert" (Moses, in *Occupation with Christ*, passes his test).
- 17 "But now I pray: Let the power of the Lord be magnified on the basis of what You spoke, saying:"
- 18 "The Lord is slow to anger and abundant in grace, forgiving iniquity and transgression, yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children for the sins of their fathers to the third and fourth generation."
- 19 "Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people on the basis of Your grace, just as You have forgiven this people from Egypt until now."
- 20 "Consequently, the Lord replied: I have forgiven them on the basis of your word" (Moses' intercessory prayer was effective).

- 21 "Nevertheless, as surely as I live, and so that the earth may be filled with the glory of God,"
- 22 "None of the people who have seen My glory (their hardness of heart, *Scar Tissue of the Soul*, from rejecting Bible doctrine, has set an all time record) and My miraculous signs which I have performed in Egypt and on the desert, and those who have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice,"
- 23 "They shall by no means see the land, nor shall any of those who despise Me see it,"
- 24 "except My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit (mode of thinking from a stabilized stream of consciousness), and has followed Me completely; I will bring him into the land which he entered on reconnaissance and his descendants shall take possession of it."

Humility orients everything in life to the grace of God. Arrogance orients everything in life to self.

- 25 "Now since the Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valley, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea."
- 26 "Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:" (the announcement of divine discipline).
- 27 "Regarding this evil congregation, how long will they be complaining against Me? I have heard the complaints of the people of Israel which they are complaining against Me."
- 28 "Tell them, as I live, says the Lord, just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you."
- 29 "Your corpses will fall in the desert. Every one of you twenty years old or more, who was counted in the census, you have rebelled against Me."
- 30 "None of you shall enter the land which I have promised with uplifted hand, to give you a home in it, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun."
- 31 "Furthermore, your children, whom you said would become plunder, I will bring them in, and they shall enjoy the land which you have rejected" (the children, who for 38 years saw their parents go from bad to worse under the control of the *Old Sin Nature*, heard Bible doctrine every day and were brought into the blessings that their parents never knew).

- 32 "But as for you, your own dead bodies will fall in the desert" (you have to tell Psycho Believers twice before they hear it).
- 33 "And your sons will be shepherds for forty years in the desert, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your corpses lie dead in the desert."
- 34 "For forty years, one year for each day you reconnoitered the land, you will bear your iniquities and you will know what it is like to have Me against you."
- 35 "I, the Lord, have spoken. This is what I will do to all of this evil congregation (of believers), who have conspired against Me in this desert. They shall be consumed in this desert, and there they shall die" (third time He reiterates His administration of divine discipline, the *Sin Unto Death*, to these Reversionists).
- 36 "Now as for the men who Moses sent to reconnoiter the land, and who returned, even those who caused the congregation to rebel against him,"
- 37 "even those men (the 10 princes), they died immediately of a plague before the Lord."
- 38 "Of the men who reconnoitered the land, only Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Zephunneh, remained alive" (the discipline has already been administered to the 10 princes).
- 39 "When Moses communicated these words to the sons of Israel, the people were greatly depressed (they mourned for themselves in self-pity, hopelessness, and pessimism and were dispirited, with unpleasant tension in stress, having a doleful outlook, an anxiety reaction, being fatigued and delusioned - all over-reactions to stress and *Old Sin Nature* control).
- 40 "However, in the morning, they got up early (because they couldn't sleep) and they went up to the top of the mountain, saying: Here we are. We have sinned (expression of guilt, but not the function of Rebound). However, we will go up to the place which the Lord has promised to us" (they were physically ready to fight, but were spiritually psychotic).
- 41 "But Moses said: Why are you disobeying the Lord's command when it will not succeed?" (God's Protocol Plan is precise, requiring His doctrine and Divine Power; their plan was running from (out of) psychosis - with no doctrine and only man's power).
- 42 "Don't attack, for the Lord is not in the midst of you. You will be struck down (defeated) by your enemies."

- 43 "For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are ready for you, and you shall die by their swords, because you have turned your minds away from the Lord and He will not be with you."
- 44 "But they acted arrogantly by advancing to the top of the mountain, for neither the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord nor Moses left the camp" (they ignored the modus operandi of the Lord and rejected the authority of Moses).

The Hebrew word for "arrogantly" can also be translated (in the Hiphil stem) as "heedless" or "presumptuous", and (in the Qal stem) as "swell up;" in the noun form, it is used as a classification of "hemorrhoids."

Why didn't they heed the warning of Moses and God? Because arrogance is a slave to need.

- 45 "Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, who lived in the mountain country, descended and attacked the (Jewish) battle formation. Consequently, they both slaughtered and routed them, pursuing them all the way to Hormah."

### **The Battle of Shigaon or: Annihilation of the Psycho Believers**

I Corinth. 10:5, 11-12

- 5 "Nevertheless, with most of them, God was not pleased. For their bodies were scattered over the desert."
- 11 "These things happened to them as a warning, a warning to us, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages have come."
- 12 "Therefore, let the believer who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall."

Proverbs 16:18 "Arrogance proceeds destruction, and before the fall there is a lifestyle of arrogance" (not an occasional sin of arrogance).

Deut. 28:28-34

- 28 "The Lord will afflict you with madness (Shigaon), and with blindness (*Blackout of the Soul*, the 6<sup>th</sup> stage of Reversionism) and with confusion of mind (a dissociated stream of consciousness).

The Pual stem, intensive passive (or the Hithpael reflexive) both mean that they did it to themselves - the law of volitional responsibility related to negative volition towards Bible doctrine).

The Latin word (in the Vulgate) which is the opposite of Shigaon, is *individuus*, which means "undividable, inseparable (i.e. a person with an integrated, cohesive personality).

- 29 "You will grope (make feeling your criteria, therefore, divorced from reality in *Emotional Revolt of the Soul*) at noon like a blind person (spiritual blindness) gropes in darkness." This is a perfect example of the blasphemy of the holy-rollers. "You will be unsuccessful in everything you do, but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually with no one to rescue you" (the 5th Cycle of Discipline, crime is out of control).
- 30 "You will be engaged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and rape her. You will build a house, but another will live in it. You will plant a vineyard (go into a business), but you will not even begin to enjoy its' profits."
- 31 "Your ox will be slaughtered before you eyes, but you will eat none of it (your social life will be over). Your donkey (means of transportation) will be torn away from you and will not be restored. Your sheep (food and clothing) will be given to your enemies and no one will rescue them."
- 32 "Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation (sold into slavery) and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, and you will be powerless to lift a hand."
- 33 "A people whom you do not know will eat up the produce of your ground, and all your harvest as well; you will be oppressed and crushed continually."
- 34 "And these things that you see will drive you mad" (Shigaon).

This is what happened (the 4th and 5th Cycles of Discipline) to the losers, the failures, the weak sisters, because of rejection of Bible doctrine every day. They are interpreted to apply to Israel, but they can be applied to believers. All values of their spiritual heritage had disappeared and there was no way to tell the difference between them and their unbeliever counterparts. This is equally true of the believer today, except that the born-again believer will be absent from the body and face-to-face with the Lord. He cannot lose his so-great salvation.

Hosea 8:7 "They sow to the wind, they reap the whirlwind." (the law of volitional responsibility)

Hosea 4:1-6

- 1 "Hear the Word of the Lord, you citizens of Israel, because the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the client nation, because nothing of doctrine is taught, nothing of grace is being applied. There is no knowledge of God in the land."
- 2 "Instead, there is lying, deception, murder, rape and violence of every kind."

- 3 "Therefore, the land mourns (people are miserable under the 5th Cycle of Discipline) and all who live in it languish, along with the birds of the air (maltreatment of domestic animals).
- 4 "Let no one find fault (enter into activism) and let no one offer criticism (blaming groups or individuals for the fall of the nation), for your citizens are like those who contend with the priests."
- 5 "Therefore you have stumbled in the daylight and even the prophets (pastors) will stumble in night darkness" (peddle false doctrine).
- 6 "My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge of doctrine; because you have rejected knowledge of doctrine, I will reject you from being my priest-nation."

That is what Shigaon - *Psycho Believers* - do to a nation.

### Summary →

- 1) Genes do not transmit acquired characteristics; the problem of these people was not hereditary, but was acquired by negative volition towards Bible doctrine and *Old Sin Nature* control of the soul.
- 2) Sins of arrogance - the 20 miracles did not carry them in life
- 3) *Emotional Revolt of the Soul*, adversity turned into stress, *Blackout* and *Scar Tissue of the Soul* due to negative volition towards Bible doctrine.
- 4) They had hysteria reaction (to manna and no water)
- 5) Their human viewpoint attitudes infiltrated their subconscious - they did not use the Faith Rest Drill.
- 6) Bible doctrine was dissociated from the main stream of consciousness; they knew none of the mechanics of the *Protocol Plan of God*
- 7) The split-off destroyed the integration of their souls; they flunked all the tests in the desert.
- 8) *Scar Tissue of the Soul* caused them to hate Moses and to try to kill him (i.e. psychoneurosis).
- 9) They had a phobia reaction to the giants in the land.
- 10) In depression, they mourned in self-pity.

11) Guilt reaction - "we have sinned."

12) They had obsessive/compulsive activity (go up the mountain in spite of God's command to do otherwise)

\* Human strength and determination is no substitute for Bible doctrine in the stream of consciousness. Human power and ability is no substitute for divine power and ability.

Deut. 28:28 (noun) just before Moses died - *shigaon*

Deut. 28:34 (verb) *shaga*

-- in between tells the story --

Romans 12:3 "Stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think, but think in terms of sanity ..." - Arrogance is insanity. You cannot be arrogant and sane at the same time. Arrogance is divorcement from reality. "... for the purpose of being rational, without illusion, as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine."

Romans 7:24 (*talaiporos*) "I am a miserable person"

The mature believer and the psycho believer are polar opposites:

**Mature**

Cohesive

Integrated

Unified

**Psycho**

Stress in the soul

*Old Sin Nature* controls the soul

Dissociative Multiple Personality Disorders

## **Christian Psychopathic Arrogance**

Notes from lectures by R.B. Thieme, Jr. at Berachah Church in Houston, Texas on December 21, 1986

Psychopathic arrogance is a volitional drive toward unreality. In the normal person, the emotion in the soul is under the domination and control of the intellect, sometimes called the mentality of the soul, known to us as the two pre-cordal lobes. In the normal person, the emotional life always blends with the intellectual life and does not disrupt the rational *modus operandi*. However in the psychopathic person, his normal subordination of emotion to intellect is not present because of steps we have studied in the first three gates of Cosmic I. This is the drive toward unreality. This drive is being taken by an unusual number of born-again believers who have come from lovely Christian homes, often reared very properly, and yet today are completely and totally mentally ill ... and in some

cases, hopelessly so. Several terms will be used to study gate 6 and therefore require definition.

The first is *psychopathic*, a general term for mental disturbances or mental disorders. It should be noted, however, that psychopathic is also used specifically for certain mental disorders characterized by emotional instability, perversity of conduct, undo conceit, suspiciousness, lack of self-control, lack of social feeling, lack of truthfulness, and of course, lack of common sense. The psychopathic personality likes to surround itself with others who lack common sense and who will also take their various steps toward unreality, and a society of arrogant people naturally breeds psychopathic personalities. We are living today in a fragmented society, which is a mirror of what is happening right now (i.e., the stupid attitude towards President Reagan which we have already developed in detail) as regards U.S. foreign policy.

Psychopathic persons are those who find the environment in which they live so filled with categories of arrogance, that their drive toward unreality seems perfectly normal to them. Often people who are psychopathic are actually driven there by people who are arrogant, especially self-righteous arrogance. This is one of the biggest problems and the arrogance of legalism is one of the greatest contributing factors to the problem, especially where believers are involved. Psychopathic persons are defined as abnormal or extremely sensitive persons, susceptible to religious emotion. And often where you find holy-rollers, you find an abnormal situation related to emotional arrogance. And when there is emotional arrogance in the blasphemy of the Pentecostal movement, wherever you find it, people think this is normal or this is spiritual and they are told this by others around them and spirituality is mis-defined for these people, so they feel perfectly comfortable in their drive toward unreality, step by step by step. The environment for all of these born-again believers who are now psychotic has been provided by believers who are ignorant of doctrine or who distort doctrine or who are totally and completely mixed up themselves. And they have provided, not a normal atmosphere, but an un-normal atmosphere. So bad has this become, that there is now an organization in this country called FA - Fundamentalists Anonymous, and their purpose is to rescue people from born-again believers, from the unrealities of the Fundy-emotional syndrome. It is that bad. And it is getting worse all the time.

The second word we will use is *psychosis*, which refers to mental disease or serious mental derangement, a psychiatric term without any legal implications of the word insanity. Psychosis is the term invented by medicine without any legal repercussions. Typical characteristics of the psychopathic believer include the following: first, a medical category called imbalance, which is the absence of biological equilibrium. That is not the most serious part of the problem, however. The second is a mental category called instability, and this is where we get into our subject of cosmic involvement - oscillation between self-righteousness in one state into self-pity into another state and oscillating back and forth between the two. All of this becomes a mental category and begins the derangement provided by churches, provided by born-again believers, provided by well-meaning Christian parents who have locked-in legalism and are involved in their own blindness and arrogance. They have actually established an environment for others, for

their children, for example, to actually move step-by-step in the drive toward unreality into a psychotic condition.

The third is the arrogant category called egocentricity, which regards everything in relationship to oneself and this is the move which we have seen as the status quo of grieving the Holy Spirit in Cosmic I, which leads to quenching the Holy Spirit in Cosmic II. These believers are not living in the *divine dynasphere* where you execute the *protocol plan of God*.

Now for some principles regarding this situation: While this concept includes mankind in general, our study deals with born-again believers only. A large number of born-again believers are mentally ill today. The psychopathic believer is the product of his own arrogance and vociferous bad decisions from a position of weakness. In this position of weakness, classified as his residence in Cosmic I, the environment for his bad decisions is provided by certain segments of Christianity called holy-rollers, the Pentecostals, the legalistic Fundamentalists; they have provided a tremendous environment of unreality which is an incubator for these bad decisions. Once locked-in arrogance takes the believer into a psychotic state, that believer can no longer recover through perception of Bible doctrine. Perception of Bible doctrine is recovery from many, many things and always puts us back on the right track when we are on the wrong track. But it will not cause one to recover from a psychotic condition. The rebound technique can be utilized, but until that person has had psychiatric treatment, there will be no recovery. And in certain cases, in the use of drugs, the destruction of the neurons of the brain destroys any possibility of recovery. Psychiatry has made tremendous advances in the field of drugs or medicine so that the psychotic person can function in an almost normal manner. And without the use of these medicines, it is impossible for a psychotic believer to take in doctrine. They can listen and listen and listen to tapes by the hour. They can come to Bible class every night, but there will be no recovery. Bear that in mind.

Now there is another factor. It is the tendency of those who have provided the environment of unreality through legalism to try to resolve these problems through prayer. No dice! You will never, never resolve these problems through prayer. Prayer does not reverse the process by which a born-again believer has become psychotic. The gift of healing was withdrawn in the first century. God can perform a miracle, but a mentally disturbed Christian would go right back into the arrogance process. Therefore you do not reverse a thousand decisions by fervent prayer day by day. That is not the purpose of prayer. It was never intended to reverse the law of volitional responsibility and you cannot through your prayers coerce the volition of someone else and make them well or make them right. This is the typical prayer of a legalistic believer who doesn't even understand what is going on and why people are going into a psychotic condition. So it is logical that if a person expressed positive volition at God consciousness, and positive volition at gospel hearing, and became a believer, with a genetic or pre-salvation environmental psychosis, that such a person could be healed. Such people may have tendencies which are related to environmental or genetic situations, but tendencies are not the illness; and by the intake of doctrine in post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation and cognition of Bible doctrine, these believers often become some of the greatest we

have ever had. But after entering into a long process of living in Cosmic I, with both motivational and functional arrogance, it is unreasonable to expect God to instantly reverse a situation compacted and compressed from hundreds, even thousands, of bad decisions, from a position of weakness. Parents can be involved in gate 1, gate 2, or gate 3 where legalism starts to rear a child from the cradle into an environment of unreality. If they have certain predilections, those predilections will be carried out step-by-step into a psychotic condition, sometimes an irreversible psychotic condition, because arrogance in those who are responsible makes them reject the medical help that is available. They are looking for spiritual help and spiritual help is not the issue, nor can you subject these people to tapes or to Bible teaching and expect any recovery. It is absolutely impossible - and you should understand that from our study of the arrogance of legalism and from all of the studies we have made with regard to the law of volitional responsibility.

The road to recovery demands certain things when recovery is possible - the consistent use of rebound to get out of Cosmic I, the proper medication prescribed by a competent doctor, or proper treatment and medication. Persistence and perception of doctrine inside the divine dynasphere becomes a factor when the patient has been so examined and under such treatment as will make it possible for them to listen, concentrate and actually metabolize the doctrine. Only metabolized doctrine is the answer, but the patient often has to be institutionalized and then medicated first. The idea that you can pray and a miracle will be performed, when these adults have made decision after decision and reaction after reaction, is absurd. Often they have reacted to you, and their reaction to you is what we call the law of antithetical arrogance. You have been arrogant in one way or another, they react to your arrogance and go into another gate of arrogance, and end up never touching the solution. If you are legalistic or are in the arrogance complex, and you have a loved one who has reacted to your arrogance, they go to the arrogance of authority and become anti-authority. You have provided a form of unreality and they have moved away from your unreality into another system of unreality, and they make decision after decision after decision and they bounce back and forth, and the end result is psychosis. And whether it is manic depression or schizophrenia or in the case of older women, involuntary melancholy, it's all there. And it is all there because of one factor - arrogance.

There are many categories of arrogance and some of these categories have caused tremendous reaction. But there is no excuse for the born-again believer reacting against his parents because they have fallen into the cosmic system or reacting against loved ones because they are in one state of arrogance to which you react. The reaction, apart from Bible doctrine, always goes from one state of arrogance and unreality to another state of arrogance and unreality and does not find the solution where it really belongs. You cannot resolve problems while you are reacting against someone else. And when you have been reacting for years and years, which has been your decision, it is inevitable that your drive toward unreality will take you into a psychotic or neurotic condition. And the tragedy is that it is often too late to pick up the pieces because the reaction has been there, it has been deep-seated, it has been ingrained, and all decisions that have been in one state of unreality become reactions to another state of unreality. And Bible doctrine, therefore, has never done its work because a person can listen to doctrine as a ritual rather

than as momentum. And the idea that doctrine is going to solve your problems is not there if you are in unreality - therefore the importance of being in the divine dynasphere, being filled with the Spirit, of turning basic doctrine into epistemological rehabilitation and beginning to use basic problem solving devices; for it is the use of the problem-solving devices that causes the break from unreality and there can be no break from unreality apart from enforced and genuine humility, which gives the objectivity and teachability for the function of the three R's at gate 4, bringing us around to gate 5 and spiritual self-esteem. Here is where there is a complete break. Here is where there is a true spiritual normality, past all of the stages of childhood that always have their problems. Here at spiritual self-esteem is your personal love for God, the use of Plus-H for the first time as a problem-solving device. This is where it all begins. When you begin to move to gate 6 and have spiritual autonomy, impersonal love for all mankind starts the total state of normality with all people. Impersonal love gives you the capacity for tolerance, wipes all the legalism out of your life and gives you Plus-H as the major problem solving device in your life, and makes it possible for you to move on to spiritual maturity. There is where normality exists.

The psychopathic believer lacks the ability to evaluate realistically the object of his emotional responses or reactions. Arrogant preoccupation with self excludes reality and leads to the drive towards a false object, like a psychopathic female falling in love with a male within her periphery and making him the object of her hallucinations and fantasies. Pursuing this false object with pseudo-love fanaticism, the arrogant psychopath loses all objectivity, all reasoning power and moral stability. This means that the psychopath, under the influence of the cosmic system, pursues a false object with irrationality, unpredictability and abnormal behavior. The pre-psychotic personality is the problem. The pre-psychotic personality is subjective, inhibited, chronically worried, and always stubborn. Even people who are not naturally stubborn become stubborn. They are also intolerant, inflexible, and they always lack a sense of humor. Furthermore, the pre-psychotic personality is characterized by rigidity, which acts as a neurotic defense, plus arrogance related to self-righteousness, perfectionism or the guilt syndrome, or both. There is instability because there is oscillation back and forth. The pre-psychotic personality is irritable, peevish, querulous, unable to concentrate, depressed, full of paranoid ideas, and the pre-psychotic personality is also full of anxiety, has a tendency towards hypochondria, which is a morbid anxiety about ones own health, accompanied by the conjuring up of imaginary illnesses.

Locked-in arrogance in the psychopathic person results in several things. There are many Christians today who have been diagnosed as manic depressive. The psychopathic Christian parlays arrogance in Cosmic I into illusion and hallucination. The pre-psychotic believer possesses an arrogant hypersensitivity of being slighted where no slight exists. The pre-psychotic believer blames others for his failures and avoids taking any responsibility for those same failures. It is not surprising then, that arrogance becomes the catalyst for paranoid reaction such as jealousy, or implacability, or lack of forgiveness, or resentment, or bitterness, or delusions of persecution. Arrogance as a catalyst in manic depressive psychosis is also quite obvious, for in the manic phase, the believer is very self-righteous, very self-satisfied, and even arrogantly aggressive, childish, proud,

intolerant of criticism, irrepressible, uninhibited, effusive, and often unconventional in speech and manner. Arrogance in the manic phase is characterized by hostility to members of ones' own family, which combines arrogance with unreasonable and unprovoked anger. The manic is self-righteous, vicious and meddlesome. The hallucinations in manic excitement are usually arrogant illusion. The manic depressive believer, therefore, is characterized by alternating mania and mental depression. First he is depressed and then of course, he is very excited and very self-righteous. In the mild depressive state, the Christian manic has physical complaints which have no organic basis and this is followed by lack of confidence, inadequacy and inability. In his depressed state, the Christian manic has a desire for violence and crime. Homicides are committed by manic depressed Christians. Quite often the victim is a member of his own family.

Locked-in arrogance also results in another psychopathic manifestation called schizophrenia. Basically, schizophrenia, which we used to call dementia precox, is loss of contact with reality by disintegration of personality. The erratic sequence of behavior in the schizophrenic believer is ambivalence, simultaneously attracted toward and repulsed from an object, person or an action. It is a love and hate, affection and hostility function. The schizophrenic Christian is full of hallucinations which are expressed in ambivalent arrogance, in that the Christian may deny or reject a lust or desire, but express that lust or desire through delusion and hallucination. Perhaps schizophrenia explains how Christians may consciously resist an evil impulse, but at the same time, under demon influence, become involved in certain things that are evil. Psychopathic ambivalence, then, is one of the problems that come out of schizophrenia.

The psychopath is one who personally lives in a world of fantasy with unrestrained expressions of lust and arrogance, so that he can reject his evil experience and his immoral degeneracy in the world of reality. And this arrogant ambivalence finds self-justification in his fantasy of evil done in the world of reality, and therefore retreats from morality and virtue in the world of reality, and justifies evil and degeneracy in his world of fantasy.

## ***Multiple Personality Disorders***

### **Association**

Each of us, when awake (and often when asleep), has a stream of consciousness, a succession of states, or waves, or fields of knowledge, of feeling, of desire, of deliberation, that constantly pass and re-pass, and that constitute our inner life. The existence of this stream is a primal fact. (W. James)

These fields of consciousness are complex, containing sensations of our bodies, memories of past experiences and thoughts of distant things, feelings of satisfaction and dissatisfaction, desires, and aversions, and other emotional conditions, together with determinations of the will, in every variety of permutation and ambition.

In the successive mutations of our fields of consciousness, the process by which one dissolves into another is often very gradual, and all sorts of inner rearrangements of contents occur. Sometimes the focus (senses: hearing, feeling, smelling, etc.) remains but little changed, while the margin (thoughts and feelings) alters rapidly. (J. McDermott)

Sometimes the focus alters, and the margin stays. Sometimes focus and margin change places. Sometimes, again, abrupt alterations of the whole field occur. Each field has a sort of practical unity for its possessor, and from this practical point of view we can class one field with other fields similar to it, by calling it a state of emotion, of perplexity, of sensation, of abstract thought, of volition, and the like.

You will remember that consciousness is an ever-flowing stream of objects, feelings, and impulsive tendencies. Its' phases or pulses are like so many fields or waves, each field or wave having its central point of liveliest attention, in the shape of the most prominent object in our thought, while all around this lies a margin of other objects more dimly realized. The relation of one wave to its predecessors is called "association." Because of (a) contiguity, (b) similarity, and (c) analogy, thoughts usually flow in a systematic manner. The good of education (or post salvation epistemological rehabilitation) is the organizing of determinate tendencies to associate one thing with another - impressions with consequences: these with reactions, those with results, and so on indefinitely. The more copious the associative systems, the more complete the individual's adaptations to the world (integrated or cohesive personality).

Bible doctrine builds up useful systems of association in the believer's mind. The goal is to "break up bad associations or wrong ones, to build others in, and to guide the associative tendencies into the most fruitful channels."

Any portion of the field of consciousness that has more potentialities of emotion than another may be roused to predominate activity ... "mental activity (thoughts) running hither and thither, like sparks burning up paper." (W. James)

An educated memory depends on an organized system of associates (systematic, categorized theology).

Repetition, recall, memory, application - a distinct and deliberate decision on the mind's part (an act of positive volition) must precede their execution.

Consciousness is not chopped up in bits, but is jointed and flows like a river or a stream; thus, we call it a stream of thought or consciousness.

Dr. Bain comments that: Contiguity or association are thoughts that cohere in the same order of sequence or co-existence as before, so that when any one of them is presented to the mind, the others are apt to be brought up with it in idea ..."

1. which is related to habit, repetition, custom, recency and vividness, and is
2. controlled by will (volition) or unrestrained emotional activity

"In no revival of a past experience are all the items of our thoughts equally operative in determining what the next thought will be. Always some ingredient is pre-potent over the rest" - dependent upon interest, distraction, attentiveness, appeal, arousal of action elsewhere called *mixed association*.

Similarity surrounds itself with its own associates (attributes, qualities, ideas) analogy remotely connected, sometimes arises independent of the will. *Memory center* has the functions of retention, recollection, reproduction, and recall by association of ideas - "the more other facts (related doctrines) or a fact (doctrine) is associated with the mind, the better possession of it our memory retains."

As a rule, when one opens an American book of psychology, written in the last twenty years, one finds no mention of association of ideas. And there cannot be any doubt that ideas do associate. This phenomenon exists and it is one of the most important, perhaps the most important, of psychic life.

The areas of the brain where the greatest association of ideas and the highest psychic functions occur is in the PF (prefrontal lobe) and the TOP (Temporal, Occipital, Parietal) areas.

Millions and millions of associations occur in both hemispheres of the TOP, where a progressive change from the sensation to the highest abstract conception takes place. This is the great receptive area (with its arrival platforms), where stimuli coming from the external world receive various levels of elaboration. Only some of the associations which are put into activity by a stimulus become conscious; others remain unconscious or at the marginal field of consciousness.

Language is needed before higher symbolization and socialization is possible, therefore a *vocabulary* is essential.

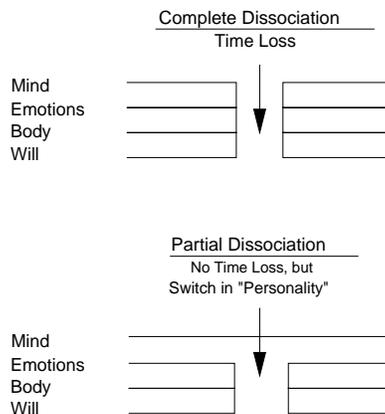
We know, from neurophysiology, that the PF (prefrontal) area, after using the data from the TOP (temporal, occipital, parietal) lobes, permit planned thinking in a sequence of logical processes, and (in the function of a launching pad) makes possible application of this knowledge in the distant future. The PF area is in a state of continuous collaboration with the TOP area; without the PF elaboration of the data, the highest levels of abstraction of the thought symbols could not be reached. It is obvious that the PF lobes, both hemispheres (right and left), are those capable of evoking both the greatest emotional stability and the greatest anxiety.

In the schizophrenic, abstract concepts from higher levels (PF) are replaced by lower level data from audio/visual perceptual centers (TOP) and the result is hallucinations. In holy-roller circles, this same trend occurs.

## Dissociation

Pierre Janet (and his associate Morton Prince) discovered "dissociation" and the "split off," close to Paul's splitting in Romans 7 and the Exodus generation during the wilderness wanderings. His major premise was that "mental forces must be involved, not just emotional ones." "Psychic tension" holds the stream of consciousness together (we say Bible doctrine does) with its force of cohesion and thereby produces an integrated personality (which is exactly what the Christian way of life is). The big difference is that we have the spiritual resources and heritage to complete the process.

### Clinical Expression of Dissociation Mesa Pattern



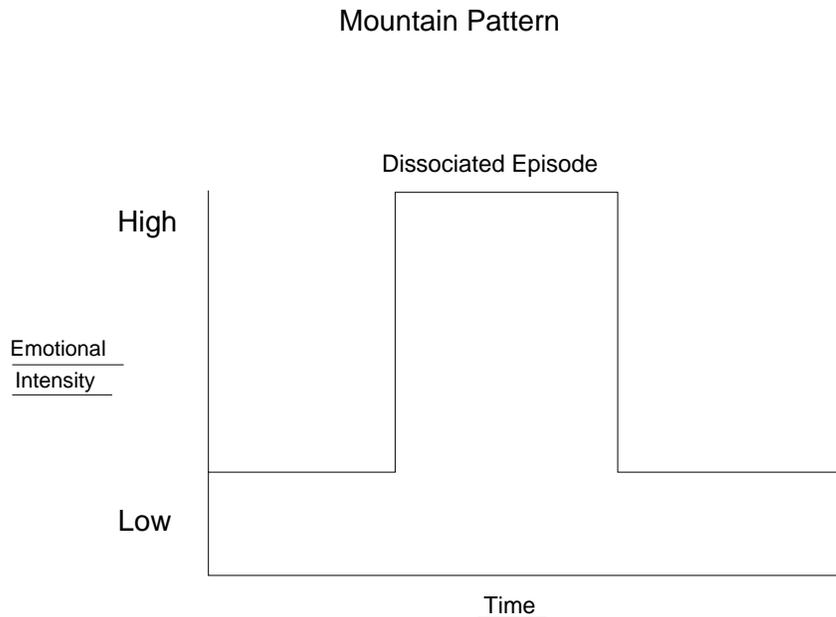
Fatigue, Stress, Shock - they all cause the integrating elements to become defective and the deficiency develops itself in one of the many forms of neurosis (reversionism). All emotional activity exhausts large quantities of energy which is necessary to keep the personality unified.

*Dissociation* - where certain elements of the soul take on a separate existence manifesting themselves in alternating personalities (Romans 7) - the "split" in the stream of consciousness. This split forms a separate or split personality in which emotional sins are

separated from the normal state of consciousness and are transferred to another "segregated" personality. In effect, "repressive" elements which are incompatible with the normal integrated personality organize a separate personality all their own, a second personality which we equate with "garbage in the subconscious."

### **Emotional Sins + Unbearable Stress in the Soul = Dissociation**

which causes: breakoff, separate existence, alternating personalities



Continuing his study on alternating personalities, Janet was able to carry on two separate conversations with one person at the same time - one verbally, the other written. The verbal conversation and the written communication, on completely different topics, would go on simultaneously without interruptions or memory of each other. This became his "splitting" of a complex personality into primary and secondary selves as "dissociation" - clear cut divisions between two (or more) "fragmented" systems of response.

Janet also observed cases of factory workers who were able to function the entire day under the control of the secondary personality, as if in a hypnotic state, and then go home and switch back to the primary personality (Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde). "The hypnotic state can only be achieved by the true hysteric."

"Dissociate fragment" was the original term for the split personality.

A large number of Janet's hysteria patients ultimately died of wasting away of the mind and body. These were more than likely a combination of patients who either had tuberculosis or who were demon possessed, neither of which had a known cure at the time.

Janet points to the "retraction of the field of conscious awareness of surrounding" and to "dissociation" as the distinguishing characteristics of hysteria. He also admits that a dissociation of functions might be claimed equally as a character of dementia. "Hysteria must be recognized as a malady of the personality."

In alternate personalities, the systems of ideas and functions tend to take on an almost independent existence and development.

Janet describes mental laziness as a person who is overly passionate, selfish, lazy, given to telling lies, continually depressed, with frequent crises of tears, agitations, and convulsive attacks.

Total modifications of the personality, divided into two successive or simultaneous persons, are the dissociation of consciousness in the hysteria.

Polarization and transference were studied by fellow neurologists in Janet's periphery that helped form his theories on the causes of dissociation.

Double existences show a kind of "oscillation of mental activity," which rise and fall suddenly. These sudden changes, without sufficient transition, bring about two different states of activity: the one higher, with a particular exercise of all the senses and functions (the divine dynasphere), the other lower, with a great reduction of all the cerebral functions (Cosmic dynaspheres). The two states separate and become isolated from each other. This is dissociation, not only of an idea, not only of a feeling, but one of a mental state of activity.

The patient may lose through dissociation a great and old system of thoughts (previously taught doctrine). Janet's terms: "unity, conception of the whole, the essential and fundamental character"

Janet's Lucy - the primary self has to invent an hallucination by which to mask and hide from its own view the deeds which the other self is enacting (similar to the split off in Roman's 7). The size of the secondary self thus formed will depend on the number of thoughts that are split-off from the main consciousness. "These secondary thoughts are quite unorganized and impersonal, and are known by no one for disaggregated sensations reduced to a state of mental dust are not synthesized in any personality."

George Pellow: "MPD is mainly an affair of women."

Magical thinking is typical of MPD. A patient wishes for someone and a person appears as a new personality to handle the problem. When a secondary personality is identified

and named, it tends to take on a more distinct existence. Once baptized, the unconscious personality is clearer and more definite; it shows the psychological traits more clearly. (E. Hilgard)

Multiple personality is found in a person already possessed of hysterical features - suggestibility, exhibitionism, manipulateness, repression as a major mechanism, preoccupation with sex masked as innocence or ignorance - who carries within herself another personality who has qualities different from those of the visible person known to the world or the person the subject refers to as "I". The hidden personality seems a protective device, rather like hallucination, for permitting a person's forbidden desires to express themselves without her having to acknowledge ownership. The patient with a multiple personality invents a new person who is usually more interesting, more exhibitionistic, more impulsive, amoral, and fun-loving. The barrier between the person's usual personality and the newly invented one is clear-cut; the two are seen as being two quite different people. In some cases, one of the personalities exists unknown to the patient, appearing only in fugue states; in other cases, it is known.

Multiples may be no more than "a dramatic personation of our everyday moods or changes of mind" - a psychodrama where the person temporarily becomes an actor, but believes she is the personality that she is portraying and enters so deeply into the situation that when it is over, it takes some time for her to "recover herself." This requires considerable creativity, and this creativity can be used as a tool to escape stress which is confronting her. They merely seize a "mood" or "frame of mind" and energize them by means of creative energy into a "personette," a temporary identity or personality. But somewhere "in there" is the Ultimate Self, which controls everything by an act of volition and is responsible. (Chambers, Goldstein)

Minor types of dissociation are the basis of moods; more extreme types amount to splitting of a personality. (M. Prince)

Janet's *psychological feebleness* occurs when the personality cannot synthesize more than a certain number of emotions and ideas to form the personal self-consciousness - an impoverishment or breaking (splitting) of consciousness. The normal "sides to one's character," the abnormal exaggeration of conflict and autonomy of dissociated processes, the therapeutic measures of reintegration of personality, all point to a concrete and relativistic conception of personality organization, as contrasted with the conventionally abstract view.

*Psychotherapeutics* - Dissociation is a function of the normal mechanism of the mind and nervous system, and is made use of in normal life for the adaptation of the individual to the constant and ceaseless changes of the environment (coping, moods, anger, strong emotional states, absent-mindedness). It is the enormous exaggeration and perversion of this dissociating mechanism that constitutes abnormality.

Emotion is a powerful factor in producing dissociation.

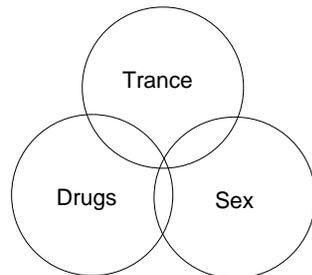
When ideas are awakened, but we are not aware of them, these are what are called subconscious, or better, co-conscious ideas, which means ideas dissociated from (split-off from) the main consciousness. Primary reasons for this split-off are:

- 1) fatigue
- 2) stress
- 3) emotional trauma
- 4) defense mechanisms

There are degrees of dissociation; it is not an all or nothing phenomenon.

Diagnosticians avoid giving the label of Multiple Personality to a patient, even in the face of strong evidence, because they do not understand this condition and do not know how to treat it. Diagnoses such as schizophrenia or sociopathic personality, difficult as they are to treat, at least have us on familiar ground. We think we know what we are dealing with. (J. Behrs)

Trance as a coping mechanism - when faced with a problem we can simply tap the nearly infinite resources within the inner self (stream of consciousness) for help. (F. Frankel)



Memory Center - Energy, constituting all that exists, is spiritual in its primary essence. Some types of primordial consciousness is inherent in any human being as it experiences its being. A strong memory mechanism is a primary prerequisite for what we call consciousness.

Frame of Reference - organization in patterns or entities

Norms and Standards - A composite of mental units or schemata

Vocabulary - thought storage

There is no such thing as the unconscious, it is only something conscious at another level.

Coping mechanisms (doctrines) forgotten by disuse atrophy

Our minds are organized into systems and subsystems all controlled by an executive who determines what comes forward and controls behavior.

Although acquiring a new complex skill requires assiduous conscious effort (academic discipline), it appears that over a long period of learning (consistent, daily metabolization of Bible doctrine), when skills have become so organized as to coalesce into a complete system or schemata, behavior involving them becomes progressively more automatic (the value of repetition).

It is the inner executive (a separate agency of the self) who makes the decisions as to what comes to the surface. Every individual has many internal sub-parts, each with its own conscious experience, even if unperceived by his executive self and therefore relegated to the unconscious. Unlike psychiatric multiples, however, we generally have a full experience of continuity of our selfhood. We experience our parts as exactly what they are - parts - and our roles as what they are - roles. The internal orchestra of a healthy person is well ordered; in dissociation, usual roles lose continuity with one another, conflicting with each other, and the impaired flow of information disturbs the persons' sense of selfhood. "Successive existences" are the same as alternate personalities. (F. Putnam)

"Subconscious fixed ideas" are personality split-offs capable of independent life. Prince renamed Janet's subconscious into coconscious - reemphasizing the simultaneous nature of the second conscious activity. Frederick Myers renamed it the "subliminal self." Janet (a Christian) and Freud (an atheist) had many "exchanges" concerning hysteria. Dissociation (Janet) was left aside while repression (Freud) was accepted, primarily as a religious matter.

### Dissociation Continuum

Daydreaming - Multiple personalities – Extreme Child Traumas – Wartime Stress - Drug Abuse- Satanic Ritual Abuse

It appears that most patients with MPD are not diagnosed until their third or fourth decade, although many will already have an extensive psychiatric history with a plethora of misdiagnosis prior to the diagnosis of MPD. (C. Thigpen)

MPD patients often complain of "depression," helplessness, hopelessness - patient feels unable (powerless) to influence or change her life; behavior not under conscious control. Sudden mood swings, suicidal gestures or attempts, low self-esteem, negative outlook on

life, fatigue, difficulty in concentrating, sexual difficulties and crying spells. Insomnia, sleep disturbance - spouses think they are "crazy," they feel they are "discounted" by their spouse; painful headaches.

Folly: drama of man - all psychological problems fall into this proverb. Immaturity? Children of God? Refused to grow up? Rebelled! Discipline is the only way left. Refusal to grow up? At age 28-34 for women? No longer little girls.

The initiation of a personality switch is usually signaled by a blink or rapid fluttering of the eyelids.

Reintegrated patients have been stripped of their primary psychological defense, dissociation, and have precious little to replace it as protection against the stresses of everyday life. Not surprisingly, a reactive depression often follows closely on the heels of the initial euphoria of becoming "one." Bible doctrine must be continuous, even after supergrace.

Some believe that what was done to them was because they are bad and ugly.

There may well be reality-based guilt feelings. Many MPD's have done things to themselves or to other people of which they are ashamed.

Transference - or displacement of responses from significant childhood figures onto the therapist (spouse) - is very common. Transference involves a displacement, usually from an important person ("object") in the patient's past, onto the therapist (spouse). The patient's reaction to the therapist (spouse) at this time is not reality-bound. The material transferred will generally contain a mixture of memories, fantasies and past perceptions, both realistic and unrealistic. The multiple will pick up on and react to many apparently innocuous experiences.

- With a MPD there are usually more than two sides to a story.
- Child personalities are usually asexual, but may ask to be held, hugged or to receive other forms of affection from the therapist.
- Struggles for control and fears about loss of control act as resistances.
- The patient will also be torn between revealing and concealing "secret" material.
- Confusion between the past and the present is frequent. The affects that accompany an abreaction can be equally vivid and intense. They have all the freshness of the traumatic moment and are concentrated by years of repression and dissociation. The expression of these affects can be explosive.
- Often there is a "cave" or "safe place," again either internal or external, where personalities go when there is trouble.

MPD patients who are overwhelmed by the pain and chaos in their lives, who are afraid of being rejected and abandoned by their therapist (spouse) or significant others, and who cannot express outwardly their anger and dysphoria, are all common precipitants of suicidal urges. This breakdown of internal control and equilibrium occurs, then the other alters become "too tired" to prevent disaster.

When a patient is in a rapid-switching crisis, either no personality wants to be "out" and therefore various alters are pushed "out" by other alters and immediately seek to retreat, or two or more personalities are struggling for control of the body and each is displacing the other in a circular fashion. Patients caught in a revolving-door crisis look exceedingly disturbed and not infrequently appear psychotic. The rapid alienation of personalities produces extreme lability of affect as frightened, laughing, angry, and depressed alters whiz by. The symptoms range from headaches to blatant hysteria, to unexplained pain syndromes, particularly abdominal and pelvic pain.

Realistic treatment of MPD patients typically falls well short of the total integration of the patient so often held out as the usual outcome (Sybil, Three Faces of Eve). Most MPD patients leave therapy before attempting complete fusion/integration. They stay long enough to reduce the overall complexity of the personality problem, but then reenter the world because they feel that their therapists will lose interest in them if they stop being multiples. Then extreme narcissistic investment in their multiplicity precludes any further attempts at fusion/integration. They may even enter a stage where they become comfortable with their multiplicity.

No spontaneous fusion has ever been reported.

Does the patient attempt to control the therapist or spouse? Multiples do not trust therapists or spouses whom they wear down and control.

Putnam: "I do not know what fusion is or is about. At times I find myself quite skeptical of the process and wonder whether we have bought into a magical expectation about treatment outcome. Everything we know about developmental psychopathological processes would suggest that the early trauma suffered by these patients has irreparably damaged them, so that a unified sense of self would be impossible to achieve in later adult life. Yet I have seen some gratifying outcomes in some cases."

After fusion, reconstructing the identity is important. Fragmented patients will often face strong overt or covert pressure to "be their own selves" again. One of the adaptive advantages that being a multiple formerly provided for a patient was the ability to be whomever or whatever was required to please and placate significant others. As the dissociative fog lifts following fusion, and the patient views her past and present life as a continuous whole for the first time, it is usually apparent that this life is a mess. Profound depression often sinks in as the patient is forced to face and cope with many problems she had previously been unaware of or had avoided by dissociative behaviors ... which includes accepting responsibility for the pain and suffering they may have caused others.

New defenses for life's stresses have to be erected, readjustments in important relationships have to be negotiated, and pathological demands to return to the divided state have to be addressed. Grief and ambivalence must be identified and dealt with after "final fusion". Pressure activity brings about an incapacity to make judicious decisions.

*Dissimulation* is making it appear that you are cured by concealing the thoughts and symptoms which others know are signs of insanity - they do not consider themselves sick. This is usually observable when you notice that they have acted in an excited, confused or emotional manner and at the same time attempt to orient themselves by glancing about and following carefully everything going on around them - a form of conscious deception.

The personality loses its identity - different psychic complexes seem to represent the personality. Integration of different complexes and striving appear insufficient or even lacking. One set of complexes dominates the personality for a time, while other groups of ideas or drives are "split-off" and seem either partly or completely impotent. Often ideas are only partially worked out, and fragments of ideas are connected in an illogical way to constitute a new idea. Concepts lose their completeness, seem to dispense with one or more of their essential components. The process of association often works with mere fragments of ideas and concepts. Instead of continuing a thought, new ideas crop up which neither the patient or the observer can bring into any connection with the previous stream of thought. The degree of intensity of the emotional reactions is not commensurate with the various events that caused those reactions. (E. Bleuler)

Anomalies of association (blocking or splitting of ideas, disturbances, divorcement from reality, illogical and often bizarre thinking, dissociative thinking, incoherence):

(1) pressure of thoughts, increased flow of ideas, too many thoughts

(2) blocking, one idea dominating the train of thought, arrest of thought, no ideas

All the indicated mental disturbances may range from a maximum which corresponds to complete confusion, to a minimum which may be hardly noticeable.

Single images or whole combinations of associations may be rendered inoperative, ineffective, in an apparently haphazard fashion. Sometimes, all the associative threads fail and the thought chain is totally interrupted. Even where only a part of the associative threads are interrupted, other influences (the old sin nature), which under normal circumstances (residence in the divine dynasphere) are not noticeable, become operative (cosmic living) in the place of logical directives (Bible doctrine in the soul) - emotional deterioration, hypersensitivity, unprovoked mood swings, irritability, lack of interest, lack of a definite goal.

Multiple personalities - where single emotionally charged ideas or drives attain a certain degree of autonomy so that the personality falls to pieces. These fragments can then exist

side-by-side and alternately dominate the main part of the personality, the conscious part of the patient. The patient may also become a definitely different person from a certain moment onwards.

Impulsive personality transformations - during twilight states, they are often marked by frequent tantrums and fits of rage. The patient suddenly becomes agitated, says what otherwise she does not believe, and distorts her logic entirely in terms of her anger. She is an entirely different person, only to return shortly to her former state. The patient may rage at her husband (screaming, yelling, roaring, shrieking - all kinds of rash behavior, physical attacks, unrestrained abuse and vilification) only to embrace him in the very next moment as her dear one and beg him to "save her life." After being in a negative sort of mood for a few days or weeks, she suddenly breaks loose, strikes out, and destroys in the wildest fury and anger. Then after a few seconds to a few hours, she calms down. The "discharge" has eased her "tension" for a time; she is relieved, both internally and externally. What she actually did during her outbreak is generally a matter of indifference to her. She discharges her fury on the first thing or person that comes to hand. In milder cases, outbursts of cursing are sufficient for their needs. Regrets after such releases are rare. The patients feel their behavior is justified or they are too indifferent to desire it to be otherwise. Other than their bad mood preceding the release of emotional tension, the patient's consciousness knows neither affective nor intellectual motives for her actions.

On the one hand, the loosening of the associations results in the opening up of wrong pathways of thought, pathways deviating from experience; and on the other hand, the patient is forced to operate with fragments of ideas.

The splitting-off of emotionally charged complexes (emotional revolt of the soul) destroys the habitual well-worn pathways of association and the soul loses its cohesiveness. If the associations no longer take the accustomed paths (the divine dynasphere), then accidental links (interlocking systems of arrogance) gain logical value.

The patient quite arbitrarily links whatever she happens to be experiencing at the moment and gives logical form to the momentary circumstances surrounding a situation. Ideas and concepts which ought to come into consideration (Bible doctrine) are simply disregarded, many others not thought out - ending in false conclusions (cosmic thinking). Splitting is the prerequisite condition ... which gives the peculiar stamp to the entire complex of symptoms. However, behind this systematic splitting into definite idea-complexes, we have found a previous primary loosening of the associational structure which can lead to an irregular (polarized) fragmentation of such solidly established elements as concrete ideas (doctrine).

Fragmentation (or disintegration) of consciousness corresponds to what we call "splitting." The consciousness, however, cannot fragment itself, but only its contents. Furthermore, we find this splitting in the unconscious (subconscious) as well as in the conscious; and the terms, "fragmentation" or "disintegration" cannot include those especially firm connections of certain association complexes. The term "dissociation" has already been in use (Janet) for a long time to designate similar observations and findings.

When concepts and ideas are only thought of in fragments, when thinking always loses itself in side issues and irrelevances, when entirely incorrect associated pathways are utilized, then certainly emotional expressions cannot be adequate. If thoughts jump capriciously from one idea to another, no homogeneous mood can possibly result from such thinking. If the sick personality be divided into various relatively loosely connected fragments in accordance with its drives to each of which there is attached a corresponding affect or emotion, then none of these various feelings or emotions can possibly take possession of the whole personality and give it a homogeneous affective life.

If the dissociative tendencies continue, they can produce a pronounced emotional devastation. Quite ordinary everyday conflicts of life (adversity), released by the powerful affects of dissociation, cause marked deterioration (stress in the soul). This thinking disturbance is partly conditioned by the affective disturbance, so that a "vicious cycle" is established. The patient lives in a dream world which becomes reality for them.

Various types of deception also develop in the sphere of memory. There are gaps in which the patient is unable to recall those associative trends she once used to return to her normal state. Lehmann wrote of a "lowered energy of consciousness," Janet of a "lowering of the mental level." Bleuler liked the concept of "weakening of the psychic synthesis" better.

In some people the disposition to hysterical symptoms is so strong that they become hysterical when confronted with the ordinary difficulties of life (adversity), whereas, in the average person, hysteria can develop only in consequence of a very severe psychic trauma (stress in the soul).

There are four components, or layers, of dissociation to explain the phenomena which dissociators encounter - the mind, the emotions, the body's experience and the will. One or more of these may be dissociated during a partial dissociation. When all four are dissociated, the amnesia will be total and an amnesic episode will occur. (J. Friesen)

Co-consciousness: when one alter is out and other alters watch and listen silently.

Most alters have only a certain level of negative feelings they can tolerate, and when that level is reached they disappear.

While they are divided, parts of them will need to remain hidden, and parts will cringe when the dividedness is talked about. Hiddenness has been a way of life.

For a complete dissociation, all four parts are necessary (mind, emotions, body, and will). When one of these components is not broken but the rest are, a partial dissociation occurs.



neurograms are the physiological records of our mental lives stored in the unconscious - in a primarily passive form, in which psychical energy is stored.

When the subconscious personality (consisting of both the unconscious and co-conscious) is constellated into a personal system by dissociation, it manifests itself as a secondary system of self-consciousness endowed with volition, intelligence, etc. It can, after repression of the primary personality, become the sole personality for the time being . . . and can give full and explicit information regarding the nature of the subconscious process. It is common for thoughts which have been resolutely put out of the mind as intolerable or unacceptable, or problems which have not been solved, to continue functioning in the lower stratum without entering awareness. While a normal person may postpone the decision of any everyday problem and store it in their second stratum fringe as a matter of convenience, an abnormal person will acquire a habit of stuffing all decisions into their lower stratum (garbage can) as an escape mechanism.

A large measure of the experiences of life are conserved or deposited in what may be called a storehouse of neurographic dispositions or residua - called the unconscious. From this storehouse our conscious processes draw for the material of thought.

In the dissociated or split personality, there are very definite states of coconsciousness - a coexisting dissociated consciousness or co-consciousness of which the personal consciousness is not aware.

#### SUBCONSCIOUS    COCONSCIOUS    UNCONSCIOUS

- a) subconscious ideas, unconscious processes
- b) conserved dormant neurograms,
- c) active functioning or neural dispositions
- d) neurograms or neural processes

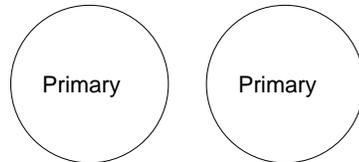
All dormant ideas with their feeling tones and conative tendencies belong to our personality, but they may be arranged with varying instincts and innate dispositions into a number of differentiated systems, each synthesized into a corresponding personality. In the "normal person," there is no distinct "subconscious person," or "subliminal self," or "secondary self," or "hidden self." But in pathological conditions, there may be a splitting of consciousness and the aggregation into a secondary coconscious system of large systems of ideas which have all the characteristics of personality. This secondary personality (of which the primary personality is not aware) may have its own memories, feelings, perceptions, and thoughts. It may appropriate to itself various complexes of neurograms deposited by the experiences of life which are not at the disposal of the principle personality.

The many facets of ourselves which make up our whole are under control; MPD is out of control.

"Mood changes, daydreams, fantasies, roles, imaginary playmates, selective amnesia, altered states of consciousness, subpersonalities, and multiple personality are points on a continuum of dissociation." (J. Rowan)

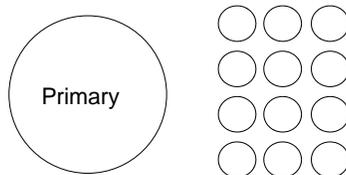
Multiplicity is a self-hypnotic state, albeit an extreme one.

### Schizophrenia



Two side-by-side primary souls operating at the same time

### Multiple Personality



One primary, innumerable secondary souls from dissociation

In 1964, after more than 20 years of working with psychopaths, Dr. Cleckley concluded that there was no available form of treatment that could produce change in this group. We started where he stopped. (H. Cleckley)

"The multiple personality patient's assumption of a new identity allows her to escape restrictive standards of society by either deliberate pretense or self-delusion. Authority orientation completely malfunctions." (Sutcliffe, Jones)

The progress of honesty follows this trend:

1. They hear voices "out there"
2. They hear voices "inside their heads"
3. They are "talking to themselves"

The symptoms of MPD can come from:

- demon possession
- drug abuse
- sociological role playing (deliberate deception)
- physical problems in brain
- real psychological splitting
- religious emotionalism (holy rollers)

"A study comparing professional actors might produce the same amplitude and latencies of VEP's (visually evoked potentials) across personalities."

From approximately 1920 to 1970, multiple personality disorders (MPD) disappeared and the schizophrenics, manic depressive episodes, dementia praecox, and others took over. But in 1970, several things began to happen. More time was spent in clinics with some of these people who were mis-diagnosed - they were really MPD. First there was the "Three Faces of Eve," which woke up a few psychiatrists. But when they got to "Sybil," she flat opened the door to MPD. Now there is a gradual return to where Janet left off.

Both MPD/schizophrenics and cosmic believers share the following processes:

- (1) Hypofunctionality (below normal) of certain cortical areas;
- (2) Diaschisis (split-apart mental activities);
- (3) Relative prominence of lower centers (uncontrolled emotions);
- (4) Dysencephalization (bad, ill, difficult use of the brain).

The last one may prove to be the most characteristic. Atrophy of the brain is a proven fact.

## **Satanic Ritual Abuse**

In the case of Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA), six out of six reported consumption of feces, blood, urine, and drugs. Four out of six said the perpetrators wore robes. Five out of six said that the perpetrators were important people, i.e., doctors, dentists, religious figures ... who were basically the solid backbone of the community. Five out of six discussed incest as being part of their family environment. Four out of six described that these experiences happened under the guise of a traditional, fundamentalist Christian group ... The same people who were involved on a daily basis in the Christian aspects of religious worship were involved in satanic aspects at night. Four out of six talked about Satan being worshipped.

They also witnessed the deaths of animals and children. There were full-blown orgies, live burials, and acts of cannibalism.

It is widely known that abused children develop a strong loyalty to the abusing parent. That is part of the problem. Some of the child alters have unrealistically strong bonds to the evil parent(s), and can have a great deal of trouble staying out of contact with them.

To come to terms with evil in one's parentage is perhaps the most difficult and painful task a human being can be called upon to face. Most fail and so remain its victims.

Dr. Mayer explains away demon possession as "simultaneous dual personalities" with either "one-way" or "mutually" amnesia – a classic case of atheistic blind arrogance. One of Satan's highest priorities is to persuade people to believe that he doesn't exist. He makes as big an ass out of disbelieving psychologists as he does the patients.

A demon has seemingly boundless energy, which leads to many multiples being misdiagnosed as manic. A pure demon, when fully free and out, may like to have fun with little or no behavior control. More than anywhere else in psychiatry, demons raise the paradoxes inherent in good and evil. Some demons may like the protection provided by the primary personality's moral structure - at home in a well-organized multiple.

Sometimes a patient has a genuine demon *possessing* or *influencing* her behavior (with or without the existence of multiple personalities as well) and is told by an atheist psychiatrist (who believes he has merely contacted another personality): "Why do you want to get rid of something that is part of your own basic being?" This patient may "do a double-take and enter into careful thought," which the psychiatrist thinks is contact with another personality. In effect, the demon is "sensing a potential ally" – the psychiatrist has just explained away the demon's existence, so now the demon can relax, allay some of the anxiety of the patient, and hide behind the scene - all the time confusing and influencing the patient's behaviors. The patient is taught to "accept and direct this basic life energy positively," which I'm sure is of immense hilarity to the demon.

In these cases, how many no one may know for sure, the worldview of the psychiatrist will not admit of a supernatural, demonic entity. It is described as a "separate identity" or "personality" which can be integrated. Of course, this viewpoint is human, not divine, and comes from human arrogance, i.e. "My view is more correct, accurate, and scientific, therefore, God is a liar." There is no other conclusion. Are there personalities (multiples) which address themselves as demons? Of course! But let's not confuse the two separate categories by embracing the reductionist error.

In nearly every case in which a demon actually existed, the patient after being released was "never fully integrated". Some traditional quotes (excuses, cover-ups) from therapists on their apparent, partial failure in therapy are:

(1) "Perhaps a complete unification is not desirable", or

(2) "Perhaps it is enough to create healthy multiples instead of pathological ones;"

to which I might add in the case of a real demon:

(3) "Perhaps a complete unification is not possible."

The irony and the tragedy: Neither patient or therapist are enlightened by divine truth in this situation. In these cases,

(4) "clearly something inexplicable yet important is going on. The relevance of our (psychiatry's) world view is being challenged."

The atheistic treatment of a demon can be summed up in 4 points or steps:

- 1) Contact the demon, talk to him and make friends with him.
- 2) Convince the patient that it is not an outside entity, but rather part of her personality, and make her "re-own" the demon.
- 3) Accept and use the "energy of the self" which had formerly been called a demon.
- 4) Control the "demon" and use him to control other parts of your self.

Of course, in Christian terms, this procedure would be classified as "supping with the devil" or "fellowship with Satan." Obviously, casting the demon out is a much preferred alternative. And since demons love attention and power, this therapy gives them exactly what they want (albeit in a more structured and socially acceptable environment). The patient leaves "cured" but inhabited by a demon-now-friend. The only integration which has occurred has been for the patient to become buddies with a demon, a joint-participant in the control of her life - a form of shared executive function. The demon receives a permanent body to inhabit and the *self* receives less conflict and turmoil in life. What an incredible partnership - a pseudo-peace without God, without Christ, and without Doctrine.

“Over and over again, women told me about being forced to kill and eat babies at satanic ceremonies, about seeing children dismembered and boiled and burned, about being drugged, tortured with electric cattle prods, branded with branding irons, raped with crucifixes and animal carcasses. They told me about being buried in coffins with live snakes and dead bodies, about being tied to crosses and hung upside down for days, about being photographed for child pornography and caged by satanic child-prostitution rings that farmed out their tiny victims for further abuse.” (L. Bennetts)

“You get one patient who starts to tell you about human sacrifices and having been raised as a breeder and seeing her babies killed in these horrendous ceremonies and you think: This patient is psychotic. Then you get another patient from a different community who doesn't know the first patient, and she starts telling you the same kind of stories, and you think: This is a weird coincidence. And then you get a third patient, and a fourth one, and

a fifth one - and finally you have to say to yourself: I'd better find out what is going on here.” (A. Bauer)

Dr. Walter Young, medical director of the National Treatment Center for Multiple Personality and Dissociation in Torrance, California, has treated or consulted on more than 100 ritual-abuse cases. Dr. Bennett Braun, medical director of the Dissociative Disorders Program in Skokie, Illinois, estimates that he has seen close to 200 alleged ritual-abuse survivors since the mid-1980's. Others, such as a social worker named Jan, says Kansas City is up to its neck in alleged ritual-abuse cases, but she doesn't believe any of the reports. She believes it is being promulgated by a group of irresponsible therapists who want to make a "quick buck" on the latest 'disease of the week' fad. While the debunkers observe varying degrees of political correctness, many seem to see ritual abuse as a disgusting fairy tale concocted by a bunch of hysterical women seeking attention. Nearly all of the ritual abuse cases are alleged by women, who also incidentally, claim to have been amnesiac of their abuse until recently, their "alter" unaware of what the other person's "hostile alter" had actually done to them.

The fact that women in large numbers have turned to therapy and self-help groups over the past 20 years may suggest another reason for the ritual-abuse phenomenon. "Because of the feminist movement, it became acceptable to talk about not only rape but incest," says Ruth Schofield. And because the feminist movement also sponsors a "cult of victimization," there is little concern for what is fact and what is fantasy.

Dr. George Ganaway says that some of these memories are the products of minds highly susceptible to books, movies, and other sources - "It is difficult to avoid exposure to stimulating material that can contaminate memories" - which raises questions of enormous importance concerning Freudian psychology. This "false memory syndrome" strikes at the assumptions underlying the entire field of psychiatry - the creative, neurotic, and amazingly powerful potential of the human mind, both to suppress genuine memories and to fabricate. Much of it may be "just making up stuff."

Made up or not, families are being ripped apart by assertions of ritual and sexual abuse. For every survivor who says they were abused, someone is implicated. Accused parents always deny the allegations. Sometimes siblings corroborate the accusations, but others react with outrage, siding with their parents. Nobody seems to know for sure who is telling the truth and who is lying. But there are some hard facts which cannot be denied, such as the bodies of dismembered, disemboweled, skinned and burned individuals recovered by policemen across the country - sometimes adults, sometimes small children. This is a terrible tragedy to be sure. And it is doubtful that predatory animals could have done this damage.

## **Host and Alter Personalities**

Multiple personalities may become "mature" and more complex, with new responsibilities. For example, one personality (of a patient) was commissioned to be bitter toward men, but later she became a leader of a women's liberation group, an automobile mechanic, and a lesbian.

Frank W. Putnam, comments on the host and alters as follows:

- 1) Host personality - master of ceremonies, has executive control over all the "others"
- 2) Child personality - frozen in time; curling up in fetal position; becoming unresponsive, writhing on the floor, throwing themselves against a wall or some other potentially dangerous behavior - perceiving that the therapist (or husband) is the original abuser; pollyanna-like love seekers, idealizing even their abusers?
- 3) Persecutor personality - attempts to sabotage or harm the host personality; self-mutilation, suicide attempts
- 4) Suicidal personality - single minded dedication to destroying themselves; difficult to reason with
- 5) Protector or Helper personality - counterbalances (3) and (4) to prevent real danger; in females, these are often male personalities
- 6) Internal Self Helper personality - emotionless; information and insight into the inner workings of the system
- 7) Member Trace personality - has the complete memory of the patient's history
- 8) Cross-Gender personality - clothing (unisex); tomboys
- 9) Promiscuous personality - expresses forbidden impulses; turbulent sexual lives are often lived which frustrate the host personality; re-enacts previous sexual abuse settings in front of the therapist; prostitution - a lot of so-called "rape" cases are really set-ups by the Promiscuous Personality and then abandonment to the Host Personality.
- 10) Administrative & Obsessive/Compulsive personality - aid in the workplace; aloofness
- 11) Substance Abuser personality
- 12) Special talents/Skills personality - athletic, artistic, scientific
- 13) Imitator/Imposter personality - mimics others (one of the real answers to the cultic theory of reincarnation)
- 14) Demons & Spirits - be very careful!

## 15) Original personality

At least half or more MPD patients have alter personalities sometimes referred to as "internal persecutors," who often sabotage the patient's life and may inflict serious injury upon the body in attempts to harm or kill the host or other personalities. They may be responsible for episodes of self-mutilation or for suicide attempts.

Persecutor personalities may disrupt the patient's family, social and occupational life. Many multiples become socially isolated because the persecutors deliberately alienate their friends. Persecutors can make a patient's family life difficult, resulting in divorce and rejection. Other forms of social sabotage may involve huge debts for the patient (or spouse) and/or legal problems resulting from the behavior of the persecutor alters. These persecutors often serve as a patient's "trauma membrane." The patient must be convinced, either as a whole or at least the alter, that it is safe to allow him (therapist or spouse) behind the shield. It is important to remember that most persecutor alters are really like frightened children filled with rage and an infantile sense of omnipotence. They welcome the attention a therapist (spouse) can bring to them.

It is important to validate the persecutors - not attempt to do away with them. If the persecutor is "layered" with anger and dissociated memories, the therapist must work through each layer, dealing with alters at each level. This can be a monumental task.

## Multiple Personality in Romans 7

Romans 7:11-26

7:11 "For the sin nature, which had grasped the opportunity through the commandment (the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment: "You will not lust or covet"), deceived me, and through it killed me" (spiritual death in the soul).

Paul was using himself as an illustration - he did not have problems of his own.

The normal believer finds his weaknesses, shortcomings in Scripture through teachings on *hamartiology* and applies doctrine to the problem.

7:12 "So then the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and absolute good."

7:13 "Therefore, did the absolute good (the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment) become (carnal) death for me? Absolutely not! But the sin nature, in order that it might be revealed (exposed) through the absolute good, made (temporal, spiritual) death a reality to me, that through the (10th) commandment the sin nature might become utterly sinful."

7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual phenomenon when it is properly understood - but I am controlled by the flesh (carnality of the Old Sin Nature), having been sold (led away as a slave under the sin nature."

7:15 "For that which I am accomplishing (under the Old Sin Nature control of the soul in Christian degeneracy), I do not understand, for I am not practicing that which I would like to do (which is to execute the Christian Way of Life), but I am doing the very thing that I hate" (believers who are entering into a psychotic or neurotic condition, having a split personality – their reality of Bible doctrine is gone).

7:16 "But if I keep doing the very thing that I do not wish to do (and I do), I agree with the law that it (the law) is noble."

7:17 "But now I am no longer the one doing it (he has gone so long without using Rebound that the Old Sin Nature has control of his soul and he has now become, through dissociative splitting, the Psycho Believer), but the sin nature which dwells in me" (there is no longer a cohesive, integrated soul).

7:18 "For I know that nothing good dwells in me (realizes that something is terribly wrong in his soul), for to will is present with me, but the performance of that which is noble (excellent) is not there" (the altered personality is in control).

7:19 "For I do not do the intrinsic good that I desire to do, but I practice the very evil that I do not wish to do (here is the split soul).

7:20 "But if I am doing what I do not desire to do (and I am), I am no longer the one doing it (my primary normal personality is out of control), but the sin nature which lives in me" (the split personality is under control and he is divorced from reality).

7:21 "Consequently, I discover this (doctrinal) principle, that when I desire to do the honorable thing, that evil (injurious, pernicious, split personality of the Old Sin Nature) resides in me."

7:22 "For I joyfully concur with the law of God with reference to the inner man." The real you is not what you see on the outside, but what goes on in the inside.

7:23 "But I see another principle (or law) of a different kind (carnal) in my members, fighting against the principles (or law) of my mind (the split personality or psychotic condition is at war with the integrated personality), and making me a prisoner (POW) to the law of the sin nature which is in my members (the sin nature is in the cell structure of the body and remains there unless you succumb to its' temptations).

7:24 "I am a stressed-out person. Who will rescue me from this body of (spiritual or carnal) death?" The conflict between the Old Sin Nature and Bible doctrine has placed you out of fellowship.

7:25 "Grace belongs to God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

7:26 "Therefore, on the one hand, I myself serve the law of God, but, on the other hand, with my sin nature I serve the principle of sin." The secondary self always exhibited "weakened integrity" and a lack of inhibitions compared to the primary self (ex. Paul in Romans 7).

In Romans 7:24 Paul penned this word for "mental disorders," not wretched or miserable.

Shepherd of Hermas, Similitudes, uses :

- arrogance complex of sins as related to insanity - MPD (dissociative)
- arrogance and divorcement from reality
- multiple personality disorders (dissociative)
- insanity (verb - to be insane)

## **Warnings to the Therapist and Spouse**

In spite of its recent resurgence, MPD as a theory is still incoherent, its predictive value is nil, and its therapeutic application is a matter of constant debate. Even DSM©III warns against imagining that the diagnostic categories are clearly separable from one another.

- Hypnosis does not exist; it is an interesting cultural delusion.
- Treating the facets of a multiple on their own terms has the effect of further solidifying their reality.

One of the outstanding features of multiple personality is the part the investigating psychiatrist may play in revealing and probably helping to create it. These patients are suggestible and inventive; and if their imagination is congenial to the psychiatrist, one can sometimes hardly distinguish who is enjoying herself more.

(1) Multiples are exquisitely sensitive to rejection and will perceive it where none is intended.

(2) They drive people away and dependable relationships are impossible.

A single MPD patient can monopolize all of a therapist's (or husband's) time. They tend to become "special" patients and use this status to extort extra time from the therapist. A therapist who allows this to happen will find out that he or she is giving more and more to a patient (spouse) who is making less and less progress.

Belief-Disbelief Cycle of the therapist: is there really a case of MPD or am I being duped by a clever actress?

MPD patients create artificial crises in order to get attention - more of your time. An agreement to the length of time of sessions and the number of phone calls is essential. If this is not done, the therapist will receive 10 calls in a night as each personality calls up to give her opinion on something happening. An MPD patient does everything to intrude into the therapist's private life.

Many MPD patients force the therapist (spouse) into acceptance-rejection situations as part of the testing that goes on in therapy. The patient will often see to it that rejection occurs. The only way out of these no-win setups is to call them for what they are.

Many tests are directed by MPDs at determining trustworthiness. The core concern is that the therapist (spouse) will turn on them and abuse them in some way. So, paradoxically, they will often maneuver a therapist (spouse) into situations where she may symbolically recapitulate an original abusive situation.

1. Will the therapist (spouse) leave some loophole in a contract that permits self-destructive behavior?
2. Will they allow the MPD to transgress a boundary?
3. Can they be bought-off in some way?
4. Will they find the patient to be a worthless and degraded human being?
5. Will the therapist (spouse) himself be contaminated?

Promises are special tests, and failing them can have serious repercussions for the therapeutic alliance. The therapist (spouse) cannot pass all of the tests, in fact, many of them are deliberately constructed to be no-win, forced-choice situations.

Manifestations of resistance against the therapist include blaming others, mistrusting or having paranoid feelings, acting out, using a significant other to oppose treatment, denying emotional problems, having financial or time problems, fearing the therapist, fugues, dissociating, bolting for the door in a panicked state, self-mutilation, suicide gestures, behavioral regression, extreme anxiety, thumb-sucking, fetal positions, tyrannical 2-year-old uproars, conversion hysteria symptoms, denial of multiples (admits "they made it all up"), requests for medication, claiming they are O.K. and it is their children or husband who needs medication or treatment, and other interesting forms of ventilation.

There is no question that the symptoms and behaviors of most MPD patients have a strong impact on other family members. (P. Coons)

Many spouses report that with the diagnosis of MPD, the patient's behavior suddenly becomes understandable. Shortly after the diagnosis and dynamics of MPD are explained to a spouse, I receive letters or phone calls in which the spouse has "re-examined" a number of "unexplained" experiences that now "make sense."

Crises can be expected to occur with dismaying regularity. Any event or pressure, internal or external, which unbalances the personality system and circumvents the usual coping mechanisms, will cause a crisis.

One of the difficult aspects of working with multiples is the frequency with which these patients abdicate responsibility for their crises, especially those which occur at inopportune times. Some patients "tone it down" at times and exercise some modicum of control, while others appear to be "raging out of control." Very disorganized or fragmented patients, often with psychotic alters, may not have the resources to exert control during a crisis.

These crises demand greater availability and involvement from the therapist (spouse). Unusual hours, long sessions, daily sessions, and even several daily sessions may be required at times (demand syndrome). The therapist (spouse) must be willing to give this time and energy, but it should not be expended unreasonably; it may perpetuate the problem by gratifying the alter's wish to have the therapist (spouse) all to themselves. Boundaries and time limits must be set and scrupulously maintained, especially during times of crisis. Many crises are, in fact, a form of limit testing. The therapist (spouse) must make it clear how far he is willing to go and when it is necessary to break off.

Certain personalities often evince profound disappointment, which quickly turns into despair and hopelessness that anything will ever change. Some multiples are concerned that their failure to integrate will cause their therapist (spouse) to reject them or lose interest in them; others may be triumphant and gloating, viewing their failure to integrate as a sign of power and a victory in their struggle for control of the therapist (spouse). Tests initiated by the MPD include:

- (1) Can the therapist (spouse) detect the covert dividedness and thereby reaffirm his or her sensitivity to the internal world of the patient?
- (2) Can the therapist (spouse) accept being misled or lied to about the fusion?
- (3) Will the therapist (spouse) still accept the multiple when the fusion is revealed to be a fraud?
- (4) What will happen to the therapist's (spouse's) sense of competence/grandiosity when the fusion is found to be a sham?
- (5) Will the therapist (spouse) become punitive when he discovers the deception?

I have repeatedly observed competent therapists (spouses) plunged into feelings of despair, helplessness, and hopelessness over the failure of fusions that they were certain had "cured" patients. Anger over deception, and humiliation over "gullibility," occasionally become transformed into resentment and rejection of a patient. Most therapists (spouses) will experience the wish to be rid of MPD patients from time to time.

Multiples, with their extreme interpersonal sensitivity, will pick up on this message and may feign fusion to please a therapist (spouse) and set him up for a fall at a later time.

The therapist (spouse) must be able to tolerate a high level of "background noise" and must react cautiously to the patient's provocations, threats, and struggles for control.

Non-confrontation needs to become a way of life for those who live with multiples, even though sometimes they may seem manipulative or deceptive. There may be confabulated stories, made up by child alters who are accustomed to turning out explanations to fit any situation. They are great at covering up when they are in charge, with no idea of what just happened.

## ***Other Personality Disorders***

### **Schizophrenia**

Schizophrenia - Two side-by-side primary souls operating at the same time

Multiple Personality – One primary, innumerable secondary souls from dissociation

- Eugen Bleuler developed the "splitter" called schizophrenia.
- Adolph Maier - Prof. at John Hopkins, discovered the "splitter" called dementia praecox, which comes from rejection and reaction to authority (closely related to the "split" called psychosis)
- Robert Louis Stevenson - developed the "splitter" called Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (while on a cruise in the South Pacific).

Personality disorders (previously mentioned) are not the same thing as multiple personality disorders. Personality disorders occur at the brink of disaster, just prior to major personality splits - more than two personalities in your soul.

“Schizophrenia to me is just a nice Greek word that some psychiatrists use to sound scientific and impress relatives.” (K. Meninger)

Schizophrenia is "a habit of disorganization and irrationality resulting from progressive maladaptation with the increasing use of substitutive reaction instead of effective ones." (A. Maier) Disorganization of the personality can result in a final withdrawal from reality.

Bleuler's discovery of schizophrenia took the center stage of psychiatry for nearly a century, along with the psychopharmacological revolution which began with the

discovery of Thorazine. Instead of utilizing Janet's psychotherapeutics, psychiatrists preferred a short one-on-one dialogue in combination with thorazine medication. Schizophrenia and Thorazine thus created the 50-year blot-out in Psychiatry. Janet was left behind.

Dr. J.J. Putnam has perhaps done more than anyone else to bring this subject (psychotherapeutics) back into focus. Attention is now shifting away from schizophrenia and towards dissociative multiple personality disorders.

Bleuler concentrated on:

1. schizophrenia (blackout of the soul, scar tissue)
2. manic depressive episodes
3. dementia praecox

(All three relate to Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde)

It happened to the Exodus generation, Saul, King of Israel, Baalim (as related by his dumb ass), and the early Church - Corinthians, Galatians, etc.

“Under the organic concept, which for a long time, has dominated the whole field of psychiatric medicine, researchers have examined every possible spot of the body of the schizophrenic patient, from top to bottom, from the hair to the sexual glands, in a relentless attempt to find clues which would reveal the organic nature of this condition. It is possible to state that the organic nature of schizophrenia has not been demonstrated. Genetic studies have failed to reveal, in a clear and uncontroversial manner, that schizophrenia follows certain genetic laws. Anatomical pathology, including neuropathology, has not ascertained any causal relation between organic factors and schizophrenia. The quantity of these works and the variety of the directions which they have taken, reveal that no headway has been made and that no constructive avenue of research has yet been found in the organic field.” (S. Arieti)

Schizophrenia is due to an abnormal level of anxiety/worry which starts in childhood and continues into adult life without correction. How many times do we hear Paul warning: Do not be anxious for anything! But when a person under anxiety (adversity) is unable to change herself any longer, she has to change or recreate reality (succumbing to stress in the soul). Reality is envisioned in a less frightening manner and the whole point of view is changed.

Findings do not prove that schizophrenia is primarily an organic condition, but rather the opposite, that is, that the psychological changes produce alterations of the somatic (body) functions. These altered somatic functions in turn may produce even organic pathology in certain cases. A chain of altered functions, leading to clear-cut anatomical pathology, may be engendered. And if psychological stimuli produce functional or organic disorders in practically every organ of the soma (body), there is no reason why they should not be able to affect the nervous system, too, which is more directly under their influence.

Stressful situations act upon the body directly and indirectly through the pituitary and adrenal glands, through some "unknown pathway." Experimentation with the ACTH hormone and other corticoids on the effects of stress on schizophrenics became a famous new approach called the "general adaptation syndrome." (H. Seyle)

“Similar tests have shown that as schizophrenia patients regressed, their blood sugar (glucose) levels regressed as well. Most patients develop a worsening case of hypoglycemia as their mental condition deteriorates.” (M. Shattock)

Most MPD goes unnoticed and their disorder is misdiagnosed as schizophrenia, borderline state, affective disorder, antisocial personality, codependency or others.

Healthy people have a tendency to draw upon all appropriate material (doctrine), while schizophrenics have a loosened logical process which leads to the exclusion of all associations conflicting with emotionally charged complexes (ERS).

At present, we know of no measure which will cure the disease (schizophrenia), as such, or even bring it to a halt.

## **Borderline Personality**

## **The Wrong Solution: Psychoheresies**

(In progress)

## **The Correct Solution: Post-salvation Epistemological Rehabilitation**

In progress.

## **Case Studies**

In progress.

## **Comparisons Between the Divine and Human Systems**

In progress.

## **APPENDICES**

### ***Cosmic I -- Arrogance Complex***

#### **Walking in Darkness, Fighting Yourself**

##### Gate

- 1     **MENTAL ATTITUDE ARROGANCE**  
Hatred; implacability; revenge motivation; anger; bitterness; vindictiveness; guilt complex.
- 2     **NEGATIVE VOLITION ARROGANCE**  
Preoccupied with self; rejects Bible doctrine; forms scar tissue on the soul; links with Cosmic II; instability; in times of prosperity - self righteousness; in times of poverty - self pity.
- 3     **IMPULSIVE ARROGANCE**  
Abuse of your authority at work, home.

- 4     **INSTITUTIONAL ARROGANCE**  
Rejects authority, policy, purposes and objectives at work, home, the community (police, fire dept.) and the local church.
- 5     **BLIND ARROGANCE**  
Self righteousness; self sacrifices; legalism; partial divorcement from reality.
- 6     **CONSPIRACY ARROGANCE**  
Seeks to overthrow persons or structures in society.
- 7     **CRIMINAL ARROGANCE**  
Solves problems by violence, terror; self justification for evil deeds; con-artists; gates 4 & 6 combined.
- 8     **CRUSADER ARROGANCE**  
Tries to change everything around them to their own standards; vigilantes; terrorists; above the law; occurs after gate 5 sinks in.
- 9     **PSYCHOPATHIC ARROGANCE**  
Total divorcement from reality; megalomania; instability; imbalanced; egocentric; emotional revolt of the soul.
- 10    **SEXUAL ARROGANCE**  
Self gratification; homosexuals; rape; incest.
- 11    **GENETIC ARROGANCE**  
Ancestor arrogance; Roots mania; genetic superiority (Hitler).
- 12    **POLITICAL ARROGANCE**  
Human panaceas for the problems of life (M.L. King); liberalism; activism; welfare state.
- 13    **CLIENT NATION ARROGANCE**  
Tyranny, oligarchy, democracy as opposed to monarchy, aristocracy, republic.
- 14    **AUTHORITY ARROGANCE**  
Satanic syndrome; fails to transfer organized humility in the home to freedom in life (enforced to genuine humility); guilt complex; chaos in the soul; unhappiness.
- 15    **IGNORANCE ARROGANCE**  
Lack of concentration on doctrine; pride; scar tissue; reversionism; this gate destroys your whole life and robs you of your talents and success.
- 16    **UNHAPPINESS ARROGANCE**  
Blackout of the soul; expects others to make them happy; martyr complex; tries to control other people who won't go along with them; the nagging wife; the woman

- who makes her husband miserable because he won't do what she wants to do; seeks to dominate her environment and enslave everyone in it.
- 17 **ICONOCLASTIC ARROGANCE**  
Feet of clay syndrome; disillusion, disenchantment; creates idols out of people and smashes them when their faults are discovered; disappointment with friends, loved ones, pastor, boss, etc.
  - 18 **MORALITY ARROGANCE**  
Salvation by morality or spirituality by morality; pushes human freedom onto other people.
  - 19 **EMOTIONAL ARROGANCE**  
Loss of rational thinking; tongues' movement, holy-rollers; drug abuse; converts reality into fantasy; these people fall apart under pressure.
  - 20 **PSEUDO-GENEROSITY ARROGANCE**  
Approbation lust; desire to buy friendship; liberalism & the welfare state; redistribution of wealth by taxation.
  - 21 **CHRISTIAN SERVICE ARROGANCE**  
Rejects Bible doctrine but stays in the church "doing things"; loss of momentum and spiritual life inside and outside the church.
  - 22 **DISCOURAGEMENT ARROGANCE**  
Self-pity; unfair treatment syndrome; being maligned or under adversity without momentum; falls apart under pressure.
  - 23 **LUST ARROGANCE**  
Unrestrained desire for money, power, sex, etc.
  - 24 **PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL ARROGANCE**  
Super-imposing human IQ over spiritual IQ; rejects divine viewpoint; glorifies human speculation.
  - 25 **PSEUDO-LOVE ARROGANCE**  
Faking the divine dynasphere.
  - 26 **SUICIDAL ARROGANCE**  
Maximum preoccupation with self; ultimate disorientation to life.

## ***Cosmic II -- Hatred Complex***

**Kingdom of darkness; Fighting God**

### **Gate**

- 1     **NEGATIVE VOLITION ARROGANCE**  
Suppression of the Truth; rejection of doctrine; destruction of God consciousness; darkness in the right lobe of the soul; becoming fools; continually fighting against God; antagonism; reversionism; emotional arrogance of Cosmic I connects here.
- 2     **DEGENERATION THROUGH FRUSTRATION**  
Abuse of freedom; vandalism; drug addicts; rebels; violence; crime; no integrity; sexual perversion; protest marchers.
- 3     **ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT MENTALITY**  
Envy of the rich; no respect for authority in society, at work, at home; violations against privacy, personal property, volition, government institutions; lawlessness; treachery; ignorant; hates parents or husband; no honor code.
- 4     **COSMIC PANACEAS**  
Replaces God's divine institutions with human solutions (communism, socialism, welfare state); social action; destruction of private enterprise through liberalism; total indifference to divine standards; false premises; utopianism; terrorism and violence by social engineering.
- 5     **RELIGION**  
Satan's policy of evil; legalism; works righteousness; rituals and asceticism; church work emphasized over the knowledge of doctrine; traditionalism; Catholic rituals and rites; cults; mysticism; tongue's movements.
- 6     **DEMONISM**  
Fallen angels are controlling mankind; demonic activity; sorcery; witchcraft; confusion; doctrines of demons in the believers' soul when (s)he has gone negative to doctrine (vacuum = mataiotes); subjectivity; false ideas.
- 7     **ANTHROPOCENTRIC ACADEMIC SPECULATION**  
Absorbed in philosophy, psychology, sociology; total antagonism towards God's Truth; pseudo-intellectualism; absolute human viewpoint.
- 8     **OLD SIN NATURE**  
Mind controlled by Satan through his many temptations; waging war in the mind; habitual sinning without repentance.

- 9      **SATANIC SYSTEM OF EVIL**  
Self destruction; evil discernment; deceit; violence; terror; Satanic system of ruling the world.

### Uncategorized stuff

The believer with inner happiness has learned to pass the test. She does not convert outside adversity into inside stress. She has doctrine and knows how to apply it. She has overcome the garbage in her subconscious.

II Corinthians 11:23 "I keep chattering like a psychotic person".

Paul spoke in a parenthesis, tongue-in-cheek, with sanctified sarcasm, that he was beginning to sound just like the psychotic Corinthians. The Corinthians had gone from status A (Bible doctrine in the soul) to status B (the false teachings of legalism and/or antinomianism, otherwise know

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