

11- Once the believer learns the degree and magnitude of God's love for him, he begins to acquire an environment within his soul which produces spiritual self-esteem.

12- Without this spiritual self-esteem the believer will join with unbelievers in one or more of seven areas of dependency:

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- 1- Dependency upon human self-esteem. This can be the result of a difficult childhood. A frantic search for self-worth causes believers who do not know doctrine to pursue the strengths or weaknesses of their sin natures. For example, if they are lascivious they will assume sexual prowess makes them desirable to men and/or women; * if they are ascetic they will assume philanthropy makes them acceptable to their peers.
 - 2- Dependency upon chemicals. Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are sublimations for a lack of spiritual self-esteem. They give a false confidence, a false euphoria or a false sense of power.
 - 3- Dependence upon peers. The desperate desire to be liked or accepted by others turns a person into a slave of others. They submit to manipulation and control in return for approbation.
 - 4- Dependence upon inordinate competition. This is the result of resentment of others and therefore the desire to be better than them in some way. The sad part is that when a person enters into inordinate competition he is making a tacit admission that he is indeed inferior to that person.
 - 5- Dependence upon self-pity. This is a mental attitude by which one seeks to explain away his failures on what he perceives to be unfair or unjust circumstances.
 - 6- Dependence upon cosmic problem-solving devices. This is the self-fragmentation of implosion, explosion and reversion and incorporates the sins inherent in the five emotional complexes.
 - 7- Dependence upon role models. Admiration of someone else leads to the tendency to emulate them. This provides a "by proxy" self-esteem which is instantly destroyed once the role model reveals his feet of clay. The result is iconoclastic arrogance.

- 13- All four divine institutions are threatened by the absence of spiritual self-esteem.
 - 1- Volition. As noted in our seven categories of dependence, the volition is handicapped, overruled and short-circuited by the absence of spiritual self-esteem.
 - 2- Marriage. Without spiritual self-esteem possessed by both spouses in a marriage, there will ultimately develop problems which cannot be resolved. Unbelievers can survive in marriage by submission to the laws of divine establishment and recognition of establishment morality. Believers do so in the same manner. Both without doctrine will eventually violate basic morality in some way and create problems which cannot be reconciled.
 - 3- Family. Those of you who have recently attended a family reunion need no expansion on this point. For those of you who do not attend such affairs, consult those who have.
 - 4- Nationalism. When a maximum number of people seek to deal with life's problems from the position of human viewpoint, all come under the simultaneous discipline of the law of volitional responsibility. Poor solutions create more and increased problems. No nation can survive such a situation.
- 14- The seven areas of dependency characterize a people who have rejected the absolute principles of Bible doctrine and seek to resolve problems through human viewpoint, human good and evil.
- 15- When this occurs long enough the divine institutions come under assault and the nation enters into the fourth and fifth cycles of discipline.
- 16- The fourth cycle is warfare with other nations or internal decay and revolution.
- 17- The fifth cycle is the loss of national identity in one of two ways:
 - 1- Occupation by a foreign army and amalgamation into an alien culture.
 - 2- Overthrow of the existing government by anarchists who form some new system of tyranny.

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

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

- 18- A perfect historical example of all of this is the French Revolution. The United States is rapidly copying the trends which led to the French into revolt, a national trauma from which they have never recovered. As was the case in 18th century France, our government is becoming more and more powerful and regulatory and feeds itself by taxing the middle class. Facing financial ruin the middle class will eventually react through righteous indignation and foment a revolt. From this will come true civil war as special interest groups, minorities, the middle class, and even the military struggle for power and control.
- 19- Surely every sin in the five emotional complexes are prevalent in our nation today. We must not be a part of that kind of function. We must rise above this modus operandi by adhering to a system which transcends the machinations of the Cosmic Academy. That system is the Royal Family Honor Code.

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V. Specific Functions of the Honor Code:

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

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