

**The Attackers: Prosperity Testing: Fraudulent Concepts of Freedom; Bon Vivants, Renegades, Rebels, & Rogues; Deviation from Tradition Results in Hedonism; Formula for True Happiness: the Copacetic Christian; Protocol**

60. Cultural norms and standards are ignored and replaced by a fraudulent concept of freedom. True freedom is maintained by personal responsibility; false freedom allows people latitude to become unrestrained in their decisions while taking no responsibility for their actions.
61. Cultural decline offers opportunity for bon vivants to pursue epicurean excesses. Fictional literature's most famous bon vivant is Ian Fleming's James Bond who lust patterns knew no bounds.
62. This lyric of the title song from the movie *Thunderball* illustrates a few of his epicurean excesses:

He always runs while others walk.  
He acts while other men just talk.  
He looks at this world and wants it all,  
So he strikes like Thunderball.  
He knows the meaning of success.  
His needs are more, so he gives less.  
They call him the winner who takes all,  
And he strikes like Thunderball.  
Any woman he wants he'll get.  
He will break any heart without regret.  
His days of asking are all gone.  
His fight goes on and on and on,  
But he thinks the fight is worth it all,  
So he strikes like Thunderball.<sup>1</sup>

63. Behavior patterns of the hoi polloi are captured by Tracy Lawrence's rendition of "Renegades, Rebels, and Rogues":

They come from the wrong side of the tracks  
Born a breed apart  
Can't tie 'em up, can't pin 'em down  
They're clinging to some old star.  
They'll take their restless spirit  
Wherever the four winds blow;  
There's another dream just around the bend  
For renegades, rebels, and rogues.

Renegades, rebels, and rogues,  
Eyes of fire, hearts of gold,  
They'll revel till they drop  
And gamble till the money runs out.  
They'll take any wrong direction  
It's in their blood you know,  
And all roads lead to another road  
For renegades, rebels, and rogues.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John Barry and Don Black, "Thunderball," in *Just Standards Real Book* (Miami: Warner Bros. Publications, 2001), 347.

<sup>2</sup> Tracy Lawrence, *Maverick: The Soundtrack*, compact disc, Warner Bros., 82595-2, © 1994 Atlantic Recording Corp.

64. These two sufficiently sum up pre-doctrine days of yore for a number of us in here; a retrospective of how we abused the freedom bought by the blood of our ancestors.
65. You get the picture from definitions of the three descriptive nouns:

**Renegade: an individual who rejects lawful or conventional behavior; having rejected tradition.**

**Rebel /ri-bel\': to show opposition or disobedience against the conventions of polite society.**

**Rogue: a mischievous person.<sup>3</sup>**

66. Deviation from tradition gravitates toward hedonism which includes self-indulgence. Subscription to establishment principles or doctrinal truth is abandoned through reverse process reversionism and reflected by an insatiable pursuit of pleasure.
67. Individually, pleasure replaces right priorities while collectively the population exchanges standards of truth for the permissiveness of hedonism.
68. In ancient societies this was manifested by idolatry, the phallic cult, and human sacrifice.
69. In modern society these behaviors reemerge where the idol is self, the phallic cult is unbridled sex, and human sacrifice is partial-birth abortions.
70. Believers in client nation America currently enjoy establishment prosperity in the sense that they have the right to free exercise.
71. Failure to capitalize on this right constitutes failure to pass prosperity testing and results in failure to advance spiritually.
72. Spiritual prosperity does not occur until the believer becomes a copacetic Christian.
73. If you want to be really happy – a happiness that will provide the staying power to endure all the challenges and tests common to man – then this is the winning formula:

**PLG + ULM + UH or ExH = EsH or CC:**

**Personal Love for God, plus Unconditional Love for Mankind, plus Unalloyed Happiness or Exōterikē Harmonía, equals Esōterikē Harmonía or the Copacetic Christian.<sup>4</sup>**

74. Your loyalty to the Word of God will fulfill Paul's mandate in Philippians 4:4, "Keep on having inner happiness."
75. For those who have made that advance and for those who are well on the way, let it be known that after attaining this status quo you will consider yourself to be a Copacetic Christian.

<sup>3</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.vv.: "renegade," "rebel," and "rogue."

<sup>4</sup> See Joe Griffin, 2011 Shreveport Bible Conference, *The Copacetic Christian*, <http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassInfo.aspx?&seriesid=SBC11&classnumber=1>

76. It is imperative that the believer pass prosperity testing if he is to attain and hold the spiritual prosperity of spiritual maturity.
77. Passing the test requires that the believer's application coordinates with the protocol plan of God – doing a right thing in a right way.
78. Unhappiness in the midst of prosperity indicates you have not passed prosperity testing.
79. Unalloyed happiness in adverse as well as auspicious circumstances indicates you have passed prosperity testing.
80. Spiritual prosperity is the result of grace orientation in one's advance to the rarified life of the copacetic Christian. It is emphasized in the benediction to our Bible classes:

**2 Peter 1:2** - Grace and peace [ εἰρήνη (*eirēnē*) ] be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." ( NASB)