

40. There is a blind arrogance held by others that their lifestyle is not all that bad and if biblical standards require abandoning them then they favor the former.
41. Few unbelievers cotton to the idea of giving up what they've become used to doing. They recoil from what they assume becoming a Christian would require.
42. But the gospel is taking on something, not giving up anything. The new believer takes on Christ and becomes a new spiritual species and a member of the royal family of God.
43. God will make the pleasures the reversionistic unbeliever thought were the summum bonum of life become the course, common, and vulgar things they really are.
44. Knowledge of divine truth puts an entirely new perspective on life. Knowledge of truth undergirds stability of one's soul with the certainty of an afterlife that goes far beyond what the pleasures this world feebly offers.
45. The only way this can occur is for some believer, evangelist, or pastor to accurately present the plan of salvation: Faith alone in Christ alone. Nothing else. Then, let the Holy Spirit take it from there.

PRINCIPLES:

1. Believers observe the rampant degeneracy around them and in righteous indignation seek to bring it to a halt.
2. Often they form their own cliques motivated by compartments of the Cosmic Systems, become crusaders, and engage in self-righteous arrogance.
3. They see the reversionist getting pleasure out of his lifestyle and then lust to reverse that behavior by intimidation.

4. But they always attack the symptoms and not the causes. The root cause is either unbelief in the gospel or unbelief in the Word of God.
5. People busy themselves to impose laws, taboos, and human constraints on people. But these never work.
6. Permanent change in a person's soul will not and cannot occur unless he makes a free-will decision to change the way he thinks.
7. However, the only certain way one can permanently change his lifestyle is to change the way he thinks and only the truth of Bible doctrine can do that.
8. Philippine missionaries report cases where many will come to Christ for salvation but insist on maintaining their old culture whenever it and doctrine come into conflict.
9. Such individuals were saved and possessed eternal security, but they did not change the way they thought. British missionaries to India encountered this very same circumstance.
10. British foreign policy during the reigns of Victoria, queen of the United Kingdom from 1837–1901, and Edward VII, king from 1901–1920, was a time of significant British influence in India.
11. It was during Victoria's reign that among the important goals of empire were efforts to evangelize Indians into the Christian faith:

The cultural effects of British influence during the century 1757–1857, though less spectacular, were in the long run farther-reaching. The agents of Western influence were government officials, who carried Western ideas, such as utilitarianism, equality before the law, and property into their administration of revenue and the law, and missionaries, who combined hostility to Hinduism and Islam with the presentation of a new ethic—practice of good works and the promotion of English education as a preliminary for conversion.

The English language was popular because it opened paths to employment and influence; orthodox Hindus patronized the English schools and promoted the Hindu College in Calcutta. This college, along with Alexander Duff's Scottish Church College, also in Calcutta, became a centre of Western influence and saw the rise of the Young Bengal movement, the Westernizing zeal of which denied the Hindu religion itself.

But between the complete Westernizers and the careerists was a third group, which found a leader of genius in Rammohun Roy. Roy advocated reforms in Hindu society and the acceptance of some features of Western thought. He advocated English education as a means of bringing Western knowledge to India. He denounced idolatry and preached monotheism. With his *Precepts of Jesus* he ... introduced the Christian ethic into Hindu society.

Along with education went the Christian missionary intrusion, with its moral and ideological challenge. Then came the Western innovations of the now overconfident British. Their educational policy was a Westernizing one, with English instead of Persian as the official language. Western inventions like the telegraph and railways aroused the conservative prejudice of a conservative race. More disturbing were the interventions, in the name of humanity, in the realm of Hindu custom—e.g., the prohibition of suttee,⁴ the campaign against infanticide, the law legalizing remarriage of Hindu widows. Finally, there was the activity of missionaries, by this time widespread.⁵

12. The government of present-day India is a democratic republic made up of 28 states. Yet the people have made no significant strides in its social conditions or general welfare:

Health conditions remain poor for many; the average life expectancy is about 64 years. The country is plagued by such diseases as dysentery, malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, and filariasis. Intestinal ailments are the leading cause of child mortality, largely because of the lack of safe drinking water. Since the late 1970s, India also has had to contend with the rise of Hindu nationalism.⁶

13. The reason India has never been able to take full advantage of its democratic republican form of government and its tripartite division of the Council of States, House of the People, and President is explained by an anonymous citizen of India:

⁴ “Suttée: The act or custom of a Hindu widow willingly being cremated on the funeral pyre of her husband as an indication of her devotion to him” (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v. “suttee.”)

⁵ “India,” *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia* (2010), 21:95, 96.

⁶ “India,” *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia* (2010), 6:286.

“The West didn’t understand the thinking of people in the East. We have a democratic form of government, but we have never had a democratic thought in our souls.”

14. Principle: Flawed foundation leads to flawed application. Democracy is the worst possible form of government. It is simply a dictatorship in its formative stages.
15. Sadly, the United States has morphed from a republic to a democracy, primarily over the course of the last century.
16. This decline has been accompanied by an ebb and flow of citizen interest in the teachings of the Word of God which requires positive volition to assembly, inculcation, and application.
17. If the Bible authorized forced compliance with its teachings, then there would be no Angelic Conflict.
18. To the contrary, free will is the issue in that contest and persuasion through grace is the only divinely permitted tactic for conversion while faith alone in Christ alone is the only authorized gospel.
19. The ever-growing suspects for conversion are those enmeshed in twenty-first century pursuits of pleasure in unrighteousness.
20. Unleashed sin natures ultimately must endure a boomerang of misery and the dubious distinction of contributing to the demise of the current Client Nation.
21. The process of national discipline brought about by widespread rejection of truth is Hosea’s subject in:

Hosea 4:1 - Learn and obey the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has an arrangement against the citizens of the priest nation, because there is no divine thought being communicated, nor grace being applied, nor is there knowledge of God in the land.

Hosea 4:2 - Instead there is lying [**perjury**] and deceiving [**grifting**], homicide, stealing, and rape, therefore there is violence in the land as blood reaches out and touches blood [**idiom for mob violence resulting in bloodshed**].

v. 3 - For this cause, the land shall mourn, and everyone who lives in it shall loose strength along with the animals of the field and birds of the sky, the fishes of the lakes also shall be taken away.

v. 4 - Only let no one try to destroy the authority of someone who offers correction. Your people resemble those who try to destroy the priest.

v. 5 - Therefore, you have stumbled in daylight, even the prophet will stumble with you in the night [**blackout of the soul**]; and I will destroy your mother [**fifth cycle of discipline inflicted by Assyria in 721 B.C.**].

v. 6 - My nation is destroyed because of lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, therefore I will reject you from being a priest nation to Me. Since you have rejected the law of God, I also will neglect your children [**citizens of the priest nation**].
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22. These warnings by Hosea to the Northern Kingdom were not heeded by the Jews and Sennacherib destroyed the nation while taking hostages captive.
23. The horrors that resulted for these people, a traumatic as they were, are small by comparison to those awaiting their future progeny that enter into the environment of the Lucifer-controlled dispensation of the Tribulation.
24. Here is an expanded translation of the first paragraph of 2 Thessalonians 2:

2 Thessalonians 2:1 - Now we urgently request you, fellow believers, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [**the Rapture**] and our gathering together around Him [**resurrection of “the dead in Christ” and “those who are alive and remain”**] (1 Thessalonians 4:16c–17a),