

## Ge'ah: Pride, Submits to the Sin Nature's Lust Pattern & Ga'on: Arrogance, Is an Aggressive Behavior Pattern that Produces Ra'a' Derek : the Evil Way, Prov 8:13

32. The verse's second half emphasizes the sins of pride and arrogance since they are the dispositions that refuse to submit to any category of authority.
33. Wisdom next gives four manifestations of evil. She starts with the mental attitude and ends with behavior patterns and sins of the tongue. We begin with the two mental attitude sins of pride and arrogance which may be used as synonyms, yet they have nuances that distinguish them.
34. Pride is the feminine singular of the noun **גִּאְהַ** *ge'ah*, while arrogance is the masculine singular of the noun **גִּאְוֹן** *ga'on*.
35. *Ge'ah* is the mental attitude sin that assigns to oneself greatness, superiority, and self-sufficiency. In the feminine gender it indicates that the person's free will has submitted to the sin nature's agent provocateur in this area.
36. *Ga'on* is the intensification of this sin to the detriment of others. In the masculine gender it indicates aggressive action toward others from the sin of pride and may be translated by "arrogance" or "hubris": impudent, audacious, impertinent, insolent, i.e., amplified pride.
37. From this we can see the difference in the two words. *Ge'ah* is a mental attitude while *Ga'on* is a disposition. The former is response to a sinful lust pattern while the latter is the active behavior pattern of an arrogant disposition.
38. The root verb is **גִּאְהַ** *ga'ah*: to exalt oneself, to be arrogant, to boast. Its literal meaning refers to the growth of plants or the rising of waves. If the growth of a plant were observed in fast motion it would seem to inflate or puff up. This can easily be seen in the action of ocean waves. As the water's undulation moves from trough to crest an obvious swelling of the sea occurs.
39. It is a combination of wind and gravity that forces the wave action forward. But as Solomon correctly observes in

**Ecclesiastes 1:6** - Blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, the wind continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns.

**v. 7** - All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again.

The water and the wind and the waves simply travel in cycles. The crest of a wave is soon to become a trough. God controls them all which is mentioned by Ethan the Ezrahite in:

**Psalms 89:9** - You rule the swelling of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them.

So it is with the prideful and the arrogant:

**Proverbs 16:18** - **Pride** [גִּאְוָה *ge'ah*: attitude and character trait] goes before destruction, and a **haughty spirit** [גִּבְוָה *govah*: excessive arrogance] before stumbling.

40. These are natural phenomena that help describe the swelling of self-importance in the soul of a prideful and arrogant person. In the New Testament, this disposition of soul is described by Paul by the word **φυσισμό**, *phusioō*.

**Colossians 2:18** - Let no one deprive you of your **reward** [escrow blessing in eternity] by taking pleasure in **self-effacement** [false humility] and in **worship of angels** [demon influence], taking a stand on the **things which you have seen** [dreams or visions: precanon methods of divine revelation], inflated with **arrogance** [φυσισμό, *phusioō*] under the **influence of things** [agent provocateurs] from the source of his sinful nature.

41. The first casualty of arrogance is fellowship with God, the second is divine viewpoint, and the third is relationship with others.
42. The result is the adoption of “the evil way”: **רַעַע** *ra'a'* plus **דֶּרֶךְ** *derek*. Derek is a path worn by constant walking or the travel of a wagon leaving ruts or wheel-tracks. It is used metaphorically for the actions and behavior patterns of men. The wheel-tracks can follow righteous standards or those that are evil. Here we have the latter.
43. The evil way is the modus operandi of the believer who adopts a lifestyle outside the plan of God, replacing it with the plan of Lucifer which is evil, a concept we recently analyzed under twenty points. Here are a few that define the idea of evil: (1) Lucifer's policy in his effort to control the human race, (2) unable to control sin, he utilizes it to introduce concepts of human good into human rationalization, (3) sin plus human good results in evil, Lucifer's attempt to replace the divine institutions and the laws of divine establishment with cosmic panaceas, fruitless efforts to resolve the problems of this world apart from the grace of God, (4) Believers who engage in the behavior patterns of evil, function inside the cosmic systems, and (5) God allows evil to run its course so that Lucifer's plan and policies can be proven a failure.
44. When a believer develops a facilitated disposition of pride and arrogance, he moves into the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred. A brief review of these two complexes and their components will show how unchecked they culminate into evil.
45. The Gates of the Arrogance Complex:

- 1) **Motivational Arrogance.** Pride is the mental attitude sin that motivates the other categories of the arrogance complex. The behavior patterns that emerge from pride constitute an over-emphasis on self and include rejection of authority, vanity, self-justification, conceit which results in an exaggerated sense of self-importance. From these the person enters into narcissism in which he is always right while others are always wrong. This solicits attitudinal arrogance toward others such as jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, revenge motivation and revenge tactics. Motivational arrogance becomes the functional arrogance of the other gates in the arrogance complex.

**Proverbs 11:2** - When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.

- 2) **Negative Volition.** This category is expressed in two ways: (1) passive negative volition through indifference to Bible study, and (2) aggressive negative volition through resistance to the Bible and its teachings. This latter category is the subject of category 2 of cosmic 2. There is also a third category that amounts to distraction from doctrine caused by inordinate competition with others in the congregation caused by personality conflicts. The person may have a desire to study the Word but allows the behavior of others to distract them.

**Ephesians 4:30** - Do not grieve the Holy Spirit [ life inside cosmic 1 ], by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**v. 31** - Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with malice.

**v. 32** - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

- 3) **Antiauthority.** This system of arrogance begins in the home when a child rejects the legitimate authority of his parents. It is the parents' duty to inculcate respect for the two categories of civic freedom: (1) the laws of divine establishment: there must be respect for all categories of authority such as husband over wife, parents over children, government over the people, management over labor, coach over athlete, teacher over pupil, professor over student, instructor over musician, director over actor, judge over the courtroom, commissioned officer over noncommissioned officer, police officer over criminal; and the four divine institutions: volition, marriage, family, and national entity, and ... (2) the royal family of God: the Bible over the believer, the pastor over the congregation, volition and self-determination of the believer in response to the teaching of the Word. Rejection in any of these several areas is antiauthority arrogance.

**1 Peter 2:13** - Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme

**v. 14** - or to governors as those he commissions to punish wrongdoers and praise those who do good.