

**Postulates of Divine Integrity: Personal: No Advantages of the Escrow without the Advantage of Spiritual Maturity; National: No Advantages from Blessings by Association without the Advantage of the Pivot; Anadiplosis: Cycle of Civilization; 5 Cycles of Discipline**

## The Postulates of Divine Integrity

### I. Personal Postulates:

#### 1. There are no advantages to the advantages without the advantage.

- 1) The advantage for the believer is the attainment of spiritual maturity.
- 2) The advantages are those escrow blessings that flow down the grace pipeline to the mature believer.
- 3) Believers who are in reversionism have none of these advantages although they have the option of rebound and doctrinal recovery in order to obtain them.

#### 2. If you have the advantage, you have the advantages.

- 1) If you are a spiritually mature believer then you have the advantages of escrow blessings.
- 2) If you are in reversionism then you do not have the advantage and therefore no advantages.
- 3) There is potential for recovery but potential minus capacity equals depravation.
- 4) If the reversionist seeks recovery then he has renewed potential. Potential plus capacity equals possession of the advantage and therefore the advantages. Therefore,

#### 3. Without the advantage, there are no advantages.

### II. National Postulates:

#### 1. No nation can have the advantages without the advantage.

- 1) The advantage is a pivot of mature believers.
- 2) The advantages are the blessing by association enjoyed by the nation's general population due to the blessings imputed to mature believers.

#### 2. A nation without the advantage loses the advantages.

- 1) When the pivot shrinks thus losing its preserving power, the client nation is without its advantage.
- 2) Loss of pivot power results in the nation losing its advantages related to blessing by association.

#### 3. No nation can recover its advantages without the advantage of a pivot.

- 1) Redevelopment of a pivot requires a national reawakening to the gospel and widespread interest in learning and applying the Word of God to life and circumstances.
- 2) Without this recovery the client nation continues on a downward trend toward destruction. The cycle of a civilization from bondage to freedom and back into bondage is illustrated by this anadiplosis:

**Man begins his existence in *bondage*,  
And rises from bondage through *spiritual faith*,  
From *spiritual faith* to *courage*,  
From *courage* to *liberty*,  
From *liberty* to *abundance*,**



From abundance to *selfishness*,  
From selfishness to *complacency*,  
From complacency to *apathy*,  
From apathy to *dependency*,  
From dependency back into *bondage*.<sup>1</sup>

**4. Loss of both the advantage and the advantages eventuates in the removal of the nation from history under the fifth cycle of discipline.**

- 1) Without the pivot and the blessing by association provided by it, the nation ceases to function as a client nation.
- 2) Loss of client nation status results in the country becoming vulnerable to predator nations and will be eventually taken out under the fifth cycle of discipline.
- 3) The five cycles of discipline, the subject of Leviticus 26, are summarized as follows:
  - (i) The First Cycle: Loss of health, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror, fear, and death in combat, loss of personal freedoms due to negative volition toward Bible doctrine (Leviticus 26:14-17).
  - (ii) The Second Cycle: Economic recession and depression, increased personal and individual discipline for continued negative volition in spite of the first warning (Leviticus 26:18-10).
  - (iii) The Third Cycle: Violence and breakdown of law and order; severe restriction of travel and commerce (Leviticus 26:21-22).
  - (iv) The Fourth Cycle: Military conquest and/or foreign occupation, scarcity of food (reduced to one-tenth of normal supply), separation of families (Leviticus 26:23-26).
  - (v) The Fifth Cycle: Destruction of the nation due to maximum rejection of biblical principles (Leviticus 26:27-39).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The author of this quotation is unknown but attributed to several men, the most likely being Henning W. Prentis, Jr., in a speech delivered on March 18, 1943 in New York City.

<sup>2</sup> R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Freedom through Military Victory*, 4th ed., ed., R. B. Thieme III (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 16.