

11. The System of Divine Didactics is what provides believers with the resources to activate the soul's capacity to acquire divine knowledge and ultimately divine viewpoint.
12. It is James's use of the term "implanted word" in verse 21 that directed us to this review of Operation Z. Here is the expanded translation of that verse so far:

James 1:21 Therefore, put away from yourself mental attitude sins that pollute the soul and all the excesses of an evil habit of mind, you must receive with humility the implanted word ...

1. The word "engrafted" in the KJV is its translation of the adjective **ἐμφυτος** (*émphutos*). It presents an illustration of a pregnancy.
2. When the word arrives in the **νοῦς** (*noús*) of the soul it does not germinate unless the believer provides a positive response.
3. This results in a pregnancy as the idea is shifted by the Holy Spirit over to the *kardía* as *epígnōsis*. At that point it might be characterized as a "Word of God" that has the potential to become "alive and powerful" when it is applied.
4. The NASB has chosen the word "implanted" to translate *émphutos*, and we will stay with that. Here's why:
Implant. To set permanently in the consciousness or habit patterns. Synonyms: IMPLANT implies teaching that makes for permanence of what is taught. INSTILL stresses gradual, gentle imparting of knowledge over a long period of time. INFIX stresses firmly inculcating a habit of thought.²
5. Ergo, what is implanted is the word for "word," the direct object, **λόγος** (*lógos*), which in this context is collective for the entire Scripture.
6. Each of these definitions adequately describes the spiritual growth process which occurs in Operation Z.

² Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. "implant."

7. The verse continues with a final clause, “which is able to save your souls.” The word “able” is present active participle of **δύναμι (dúnami)**: “to empower.”
8. And what the Word is empowered to do is to “save,” the aorist active infinitive of **σώζω (sōzō)**. The context does not address salvation; the recipients of this epistle are believers.
9. They are Jews living as Diaspora in the hostile and most often anti-Semitic environment of heathen nations. Their safety is not dependent upon armies and weapons. They must know how to think.
10. Therefore, *sōzō* refers to deliverance. And how must they be delivered? By the Word of God resident in their souls which will provide for them the ingenuity to survive in times of disaster, danger, and the burdens of physical and mental distress.
11. The secret for making this deliverance a reality is the command to inculcate doctrine, the aorist middle imperative of the verb **δέχομαι (déchomai)**: “to receive.”
12. This is a command for positive volition to be directed toward the implantation of the Word which is able to deliver their souls from the various exigencies of life.
13. James now presents a very dangerous problem that is prone to occur in the lives of believers, especially those who have invested a lot of time and concentration in the study of the Word.
14. To know the Word is to have your gun loaded with bullets. However, far too many advancing believers have the volitional trigger on safety and opt instead for the same old problem-solving devices learned in the devil’s world.
15. Therefore, James is about to issue a mandate for them to get their minds right by taking the gun off safety.
16. Here’s the expanded translation of our verse.

James 1:21 Therefore, put away from yourself mental attitude sins that pollute the soul and all the excesses of an evil habit of mind, you must receive with humility [**IM #12**] the implanted word, which is empowered to deliver your souls from danger. (EXT)

James 1:22 But prove [**IM #13**] yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (NASB)

1. The verse opens with the thirteenth imperative mood of the book, the present tense of the verb **γίνομαι** (*gínomai*) indicating linear action of an ongoing process of “becoming” something.
2. The middle voice indicates this “something” is something you must do yourself. The volition of the believer must make the choice to do this.
3. The imperative mood is a command and is translated, “Keep on becoming.” This mandate introduces the daily requirement to utilize Operation Z.
4. If the soul is to be transformed the believer must take up the task of becoming a doer of the word rather than just a hearer. Paul takes up this subject in:

Romans 12:2 Stop being molded [**present middle imperative of συσχηματίζω** (*suschēmatízō*)] to this age, but be transformed [**present passive imperative of μεταμορφόω** (*metamorphóō*)] by the renovation [**ἀνακαίνωσις** (*anakainōsis*)] of your thought, so that you may prove what the will of God is, namely, the good, the well-pleasing, and the complete. (EXT)

5. What James commands the believer to do is “keep on becoming doers.” Paul directs the Romans to “be transformed” by the “renovation” of their inventory of ideas presently being “molded” by the devil’s world.
6. Paul wants his congregation to “stop being molded” while James wants his to “keep on becoming” rather than “merely hearers.”