

6. **Momentum** is the source of two major functions in the soul: (1) it serves as a mirror for private and personal self-evaluation by which the believer applies doctrine to himself and (2) the deployment of the ten problem-solving devices on the FLOT Line of the soul for management of problems and difficulties in life.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

7. **Wisdom** is the compartment for maximum execution of the sophisticated spiritual life. It is based on the Hebrew noun חָכְמָה (*chochmah*) and Greek noun σοφία (*sophía*) respectively and usually translated, “wisdom.” It is the development of superior wisdom that sustains unalloyed happiness in the soul.

Colossians 1:9 Because of this, we also, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, constantly asking that you may be filled with the knowledge [ἐπίγνωσις (*epígnōsis*)] of His will [divine decree] in all spiritual wisdom [σοφία (*sophía*)] and understanding [σύνεσις (*súnēsis*): Operation Z],

v. 10 so that you will walk [περιπατέω (*peripatéō*): wheel-tracks of righteousness] in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and in the knowledge [ἐπίγνωσις (*epígnōsis*)] of God;

v. 11 strengthened [δύναμις (*dúnamis*): enabling power] constantly being strengthened, according to His ruling power [κράτος (*krátos*)] of His glory, for attaining of all steadfastness and patience associated with unalloyed happiness [χαρά (*chará*)]



v. 12 giving thanks [εὐχαριστέω (*eucharistéō*): grace orientation of gratitude] to the Father, who has qualified [ἱκανόω (*hikanóō*): at salvation] us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light [Φῶς (*Phōs*): in union with Christ]. (EXT)

6. The biblical nouns for heart always refer to the part of the soul that contains the seven compartments we have just reviewed, the Hebrew **לֵב** (*lev*) and the Greek **καρδία** (*kardía*).
7. In addition, emotion is not found in the soul and the Bible never refers to the heart as the center for emotions.
8. The Bible never uses the heart for emotion. A person's faith comes from the soul's *kardía* because faith is a process of thinking with no emotion involved.
9. The mentality of the soul is divided into two areas: (1) **νοῦς** (*noús*): translated "mind" and (2) **καρδία** (*kardía*): translated "heart."
10. The *noús* is the staging area for inculcation of ideas and varies from human viewpoint to divine viewpoint.
11. When filled by the Holy Spirit and when concentrating on the teaching of the Word of God, volition is put to the test to accept or reject the information presented. At this stage, the individual must function from academic understanding.
12. A positive response allows the Holy Spirit to transfer the information to the *kardía* where it becomes understood on a spiritual level and is retained in long-term memory.
13. Information in the *noús* is perceived academically while information in the *kardía* is perceived spiritually.
14. Application emerges from the *kardía*, but the content of that application is dependent upon what principles are facilitated in the soul.
15. A person's inventory of ideas is dominated by doctrines from the Word of God for the advancing believer, but dominated by doctrines of demons for the reversionistic believer.

16. It is the latter category that draws our attention. It describes the Blackout of the Soul. Negative volition toward truth creates a vacuum into which rushes the lie creating this doctrinal blackout.
17. The accumulation of ideas facilitated during this spiritual decline results in the seventh stage of reversionism with the development of Scar Tissue on the Soul.

Ephesians 4:18 having through a process arrived at a permanently darkened state in their way of thinking, having been estranged, excluded, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which keeps on being in them because of the hardness of their heart; (EXT)

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7. Scar Tissue of the Soul

Ephesians 4:19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. (NASB)

- a) Spiritual growth is interrupted by negative volition and results in a vacuum within the soul, indicated by the noun **ματαιότης** (*mataiotēs*) (v. 17).
- b) Through this vacuum rushes “doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1) and other satanic propaganda resulting in the blackout of the soul.
- c) At this stage all previous aspects of the reversionistic process are intensified. This results in the development of scar tissue on the soul, indicated in v. 19 by the perfect active participle, **ἀπαλγέω** (*apalgēō*):
ἀπαλγέω. To be so inured that one is not bothered by the implications of what one is doing, *become callous, dead to feeling, without a sense of right and wrong.*¹
- d) This is a hapax legomenon used by Paul and the word *calloused* best translates the meaning of the verse:
callous. Emotionally hardened, unfeeling: a callous indifference to the suffering of others.²
callous. Feeling no emotion. Feeling or showing no empathy for others: hard-hearted. An indifference to suffering.³
- e) These definitions refer to the mental attitude reversionists have toward others. These mental attitudes harden their souls which over the course of time place a callous over their abilities to recall divine viewpoint.
- f) This concept brings in a second definition of the participle, *apalgēō*, of the noun “callus”:

¹ Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature*, 3d ed., rev. and ed. Frederick William Danker (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2000), 96.

² *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed. (2016), s.v. “callous.”

³ Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed. (2003), s.v. “callous.”



callus: A thickened and hardened part of the skin or soft tissue, especially in an area that has been subjected to friction. ORIGIN mid 16th century: from Latin *callus* 'hardened skin.'⁴

- g) As the reversionistic process continues to advance there comes a point where the soul has become hardened, illustrated by Paul with the word “callous,” a condition of the epidermis where layers of skin build up due to friction.
- h) The application to the soul is illustrated by the simultaneous inhibition of wheel-tracks of righteousness and the habituation of wheel-tracks of wickedness.
- i) At this level of spiritual decline the rate of forgetting exceeds the rate of recall, momentum halts and all spiritual functions shut down.
- j) This is where the frantic search for happiness kicks into high gear. The failure to achieve true happiness results in intensified frustration and often leads of psychosis and self-destruction.
- k) This process is described in the second half of the verse where their frantic search results in “giving themselves over to sensuality.”
- l) “Giving themselves over” is the aorist active indicative of the verb **παράδιδωμι (*paradídōmi*)** accompanied with the plural of the pronoun, **ἑαυτοῖς (*heautós*)**.
- m) The present tense of the verb is constative and its function is described as:

The action in summary fashion, without focusing on the beginning or end of the action specifically. This is by far the most common use of the aorist, especially with the indicative mood.⁵

⁴ *The New Oxford American Dictionary* (2001), s.v. “callus.”

⁵ Daniel B. Wallace, “Aorist Tense: Specific Uses,” in *Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 557.



- n) Consequently, the summary of the decline into advanced reversionism, accompanied by the plural pronoun, means these people produce the action of giving themselves over to “sensuality,” the instrumental of cause of the noun **ἀσέλγεια (asélgeia)**, defined as: “licentious, lascivious, debauchery, sexual excess, absence of restraint, insatiable desire for pleasure, lustfulness, and perversion in general.”⁶
- o) There is a lot of misbehavior contained in those definitions so let’s just use the general term, “perverted.”
- p) And having become perverts, they then “practice every kind of impurity, the feminine noun **ἀκαθαρσία (akatharsía)**. Generally this noun refers to things that are unclean. Here it refers to “a state of moral corruption; the practice of every kind of immorality.”⁷
- q) And if this is not enough, they cap it off by the accompanying circumstance of the feminine noun, **πλεονεξία (pleonexía)**: “insatiable lust.”
- r) I think one of the popular words currently in vogue is the noun “dossier” (DOSS-e-ā):
A collection of documents recording information about some person or matter.⁸
- s) In our example, the documents include verses 17, 18, and 19 in the fourth chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians and contain information that reveals the spiritual decline of believers as they go through the stages of reversionism with emphasis on the scar tissue of the soul.
- t. That dossier reads as follows:
Ephesians 4:17 I repeatedly communicate and affirm at successive intervals with the Lord, that you no longer walk in wheel-tracks of wickedness as the heathen also walk in the vacuousness of their souls,

⁶ Spiros Zodhiates, ed., “ἀσέλγεια,” in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 270.

⁷ Bauer, “ἀκαθαρσία,” in *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, 34

⁸ *Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language: Unabridged*, 2d ed. (1962), s.v. “dossier.”



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v. 19 and they, having become calloused with scar tissue of the soul, have personally become perverted resulting the practice of every kind of immorality with insatiable lust. (EXT)

8. Reverse Process Reversionism

- a) This final stage is the combination of sixth and seventh stages. It is the stage of soul degradation where the believer's *kardía* is filled with the cosmic lie with total rejection of establishment and doctrinal viewpoint.
- b) True patriotism is a mental attitude that subscribes to the standards expressed by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the subsequent Amendments.
- c) The tyrant opposes this system of order and violates its standards under the subjective mantra of "change" imposed by civil disobedience rather than through legal channels.
- d) Biblically, the imperative moods of Scripture are ignored in place of malleable standards based on personal opinions.
- e) Degeneracy within the national Zeitgeist is preceded by degeneracy within the souls of its citizens each defined by the loss of order, a subject addressed by Russell Kirk:

If our souls are disordered, we fall into abnormality, unable to control our impulses. If our commonwealth is disordered, we fall into anarchy, every man's hand against every other man's.

The "inner order" of the soul and the "outer order" of society (are) intimately linked. Without an orderly pattern of politics, American private character would have sunk into a ruinous egoism.

Order is the first need of the soul. It is not possible to love what one ought to live, unless we recognize some principles of order by which to govern ourselves.