



**A Negative Inventory Results in Punishment, Rev 2:23b; the Four Classes of Inventories, Romans 16:17-18; 2:14-15; 2 Cor 11:3-4; 1 Pet 4:12-14**

**Revelation 2:23b - ... I am He Who inventories the emotions and stream of consciousness ...**

1. The Lord continues with an expression of divine policy toward believers whose inventory is lacking. He resumes with the conjunction **καί, kai** plus the future active indicative of the verb:

**δίδομι, didōmai** - “to give, grant, bestow, impart, hand over, give up, or place.”

2. In the context of verse 23 the thing given is punishment and according to Walter Bauer’s *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* (translated by William F. Arndt and F. Wilber Gingrich) it means to “impose punishments” (p. 193).

3. Therefore we translate the phrase “and I will impose punishment.”

future: Predictive: predicts an event which is expected to occur in future time. With the indicative mood it anticipates the imposition of divine discipline to reversionists who fail to rebound and pursue the recovery process of spiritual growth. In other words, the inventory turns up a deficiency of doctrinal thought in their streams of consciousness and rebellious motivations in their emotions.

active: Jesus Christ will produce this future action whenever He determines a sufficient time for recovery has been graciously provided.

indicative: Declarative: divine discipline is to become a reality in these reversionists' immediate future.

4. Which ones of these reversionists will receive this punishment? This is answered by the dative of disadvantage from the indirect object:

**ἕκαστος, hekastos** plus the pronoun **σὺ, su**: “each and every one of you.”

5. Individually this punishment is administered through divine discipline but collectively it results in the administration of the cycles of discipline to the geographic location in which they reside.
6. The change of a nation’s Zeitgeist reflects the collective alteration of its citizens’ streams of consciousness.
7. When that collective change is toward degeneracy, then the imposition of punishment is cumulative and results in national discipline.
8. Consequently, when any nation begins to suffer various forms of disaster, it is the direct result of collective decisions made by its citizens.
9. Advancing positive volition means national prosperity. Advancing negative volition means national discipline.
10. It is the inventory of the emotions and streams of consciousness of the Pivot which determines the uptrends and the downtrends of history.



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11. The reason for the administration of punishment is given next in the prepositional phrase:

**κατά, kata** - “according to” plus the plural noun:

**ἔργον, ergon** - “deeds, actions, accomplishments”

1. This refers to actions from the cosmic system which originate from a darkened stream of consciousness and stimulated by emotions from the arrogance and hatred complexes of sins.
2. Therefore, we translate the verse:

**Revelation 2:23b** - ... I am He Who inventories the emotions and stream of consciousness, and I will impose punishment to each and every one of you according to your production from the cosmic system.”

3. According to this verse, as well as several other passages we have noted, Jesus Christ inventories the “kidneys” and “heart” of believers on a continuing basis. He may discover the following combinations:

**Class 1:** The *kardia* may be very weak with little truth circulating in the stream of consciousness indicating that the spiritual life is weak. In addition, the emotions, when placed under pressure, react to outside adversity thus overriding the believer’s capacity for rational thought. This believer is therefore disoriented to truth, easily manipulated by rhetorical veils, and assumes a lifestyle of either moral or immoral degeneracy.

Solomon’s later life is characterized by this category. This class is described in:

**Romans 16:17** - Now I urgently encourage you, fellow believers, be alert for those who are causing divisions and setting traps contrary to the doctrine you have been taught, in fact, be separating from them.

**v. 18** - For such types of believers do not serve our Lord Christ but instead serve their own emotions; and by smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of those who are unable to discern.

**Class 2:** The *kardia* may be very weak with little truth circulating in the stream of consciousness indicating that the spiritual life is weak. The emotions, however, may be in proper response to the *kardia*’s inventory of the laws of divine establishment. Consequently, this believer functions under the principle of Establishment Integrity although neutralized in the Angelic Conflict.

**Romans 2:14** - When the Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

**v. 15** - in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.

**Class 3:** The *kardia* may be very strong with maximum truth circulating in the stream of consciousness indicating that the spiritual life is strong. The emotions, however, when placed under pressure, tend to react to outside adversity thus overriding the believer’s capacity to apply doctrine under pressure. Although capable of having historical impact, he allows emotions to control his life and is therefore neutralized in the Angelic Conflict.



**2 Corinthians 11:3** - I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his deceitful scheming, so your minds [ νόημα, *noēma* ] should be subverted from the simplicity of dedication and blamelessness to Christ.

**v. 4** - For if one comes and preaches another of the same kind as Jesus whom we have not preached, or receive a different kind of personality which you had not received, or a different kind of Gospel which you had not accepted, you readily submit to these false doctrines.

In verse 3 the word for “minds” is the plural of *noēma* which refers to the thinking that takes place in the *kardia*. This is supported by:

**Kittel, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, 4:961:**

**νόημα, *noēma*.** In the New Testament the word ... is found only in the plural and always (apart from Philippians 4:7) [in a bad sense]. It means corrupt human thoughts in 2 Corinthians 3:14, 4:4, 11:3. In Philippians 4:7 ... it means the thoughts which proceed from the heart of Christians.

In (2 Corinthians 3:14 and 4:4) there is a shift in usage inasmuch as statements which should be made of the organ νοῦς (*nous*) are transferred to the products of its activity. But the word νόημα, (*noēma*) does not thereby lose the sense of “thought.”

These Corinthians had learned doctrine under Paul face-to-face and from his first epistle to the church. Yet under the influence of false teachers they failed to apply what they possessed in their *kardiais* and as a result were co-opted over to the Dark Side.

**Class 4:** The *kardia* may be very strong with maximum truth circulating in the stream of consciousness indicating that the spiritual life is strong. The emotion, when the soul is placed under pressure, immediately responds to doctrine and appreciates its application to the situation. This inventory indicates maximum content of thought, maximum application of thought under pressure, and maximum appreciation of the spiritual life from the soul’s emotional complex. This believer has developed Christian Integrity and produces maximum historical impact in the Angelic Conflict.

**1 Peter 4:12** - Fellow believers, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

**v. 13** - but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

**v. 14** - If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.