

**The Attackers: Stream of Consciousness: Frame of Reference: Submission to Divine Policy Sustains Believers under Unjust Authority; Israel No Longer a Client Nation; Replaced by the Church; Memory Center: Area for Recall of Doctrine: Coordinates with Doctrine Stored in the Brain's Neural Pathways**

- (39) This is why, even though Saul was trying to assassinate him, David submitted to divine policy and allowed God to be his source of protection.
- (40) The Israelites were being ruled by God through His plenipotentiary agent Samuel, a Levite who held the office of judge.
- (41) The people reacted to Samuel's appointment of his two sons to the office of judge. It was the line of descent and therefore it was up to God to manage the two young men who were using their power for dishonest gain.
- (42) The people's frame of reference was clouded by human viewpoint and as a result devolved to the desire of having a king like all the nations.
- (43) The frames of reference possessed by David and Samuel were oriented to divine authority and as a result they sought to rule on the side of the angels while the people submitted to rule by fallen man.
- (44) A good summarization of theocracy gives us insight into the frame of reference we must have with regard to human government:

**THEOCRACY.** The idea goes back to the Old Testament and to the time of Moses (Exod 19:4–9; Deut 33:4, 5). At the heart of the idea is Israel's unique relation to God as His peculiar people. It is the Covenant which binds Israel to God in this relationship (Exod 19 and 20), and constitutes Israel "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exod 19:6). God claimed Israel for Himself by redeeming this people from Egyptian bondage. The great redemptive acts at the time of the Exodus and in the course of the wilderness wanderings declare God as the eternal Ruler (Exod 15:18). Moses was merely the man of God communicating God's will to the people.

When the children of Israel demanded a king like the other nations, it was regarded as tantamount to the rejection of God (1 Sam 8:7). But after the kingship was established through Samuel the king was the symbol of God's theocratic reign. He was not a king in the usual sense of the term, but in the proper theological context he was the Lord's anointed (Ps 2:2; 20:6). During the period of the monarchy God is conceived as going before the king (2 Sam. 5:24). The king is seated on God's throne (1 Chron 29:23; cf. 28:5). The real Ruler is God and the authority of the throne of David is derived from Him.

The coming of the kingship in Israel is the organization of the theocratic kingdom under a human ruler. In its messianic significance the throne of David stands at the center of Biblical theology with its acknowledgement of God as the eventual Ruler over the whole earth.<sup>1</sup>

- (45) Israel has been removed as a client nation until the Second Advent. In the interim of the Church Age, Gentile client nations serve the purpose of being God's protected national entities.
- (46) These nations have the obligation before God to:
  - (1) Evangelize the lost,
  - (2) communicate Bible doctrine to believers,
  - (3) protect, defend, and preserve the Word of God,
  - (4) send out missionaries to foreign nations, and
  - (5) provide a haven of refuge for the Jews.
- (47) From these examples we are able to discern the importance of believers possessing a frame of reference based on biblical principles and doctrines. Without them they drift into reversionism.
- (48) It is collective reversionism that causes a client nation to experience national degeneracy and undergo the systematic warnings presented by the five cycles of discipline.
- (49) Our fellow citizen's collective frame of reference has opted for human viewpoint and consequently they are disoriented from truth and truth's solutions.

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<sup>1</sup> A. C. Schultz, "Theocracy," in *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, gen. ed. Merrill C. Tenney (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976), 5:719.

- (50) A return to the principles and doctrines of the Word of God will renovate their slack souls; yet presently they are stiff-necked preferring the largess of government rather than self-reliance.
- (51) Only a frame of reference stocked with truth can think on the level necessary to avoid the soft slavery of socialism.

## 2. The Memory Center:

- (1) The frame of reference is the compartment that retains what is learned while the memory center functions as the area of recall.
- (2) Doctrine is originally introduced by the Holy Spirit to the human spirit where He enables the individual to comprehend the information.
- (3) The data is then transferred to the soul where free will must decide, based on its inventory of ideas, whether to believe or reject it.
- (4) In our study *The Theology of Neurology*, we established that the frame of reference and the memory center must coordinate with the brain to analyze incoming data.
- (5) The cerebral cortex is what makes human beings superior to the lower creatures. Within it lie the secret of human consciousness, sensory capacities, motor skills, aptitudes for reasoning, and language skills.
- (6) The Association cortex occupies the greatest portion of the cerebral cortex. All indications are that decision-making originates in these areas.
- (7) All incoming information is gathered in the association cortex which in effect functions as a central processing area.
- (8) This is where all data comes together and presents to the conscious mind the content, meaning, and syntax of what is to be considered.

- (9) Thus, the association cortex is the area of the brain which coordinates with the *nous*, where academic understanding of the information occurs and where volition must decide to accept or reject.
- (10) Once positive volition is expressed in the association cortex, the Holy Spirit initiates the electrochemical process which permanently records that belief into the memory traces of the brain – a wheel-track of righteousness.
- (11) The belief goes into long-term memory available for recall and application at a later time.
- (12) As part of His teaching ministry, the Holy Spirit can recall these principles into the conscious mind when the believer is confronted with circumstances which demand problem-solving, decision-making, and or spiritual growth.
- (13) When a believer responds positively to doctrinal data made available under recall or inculcation, then his resultant thought, decision, or action is classified by the Bible as divine good.
- (14) Volition chose the wheel-track established by doctrine rather than the old wheel-track of wickedness which, on previous occasions, would have been the path of least resistance.
- (15) Therefore, we may conclude that spiritual decision-making, problem-solving, and spiritual growth are initiated in the cerebral cortex under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.
- (16) This documents from neurology what the Bible teaches absolutely – without the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and the Grace Apparatus for Perception, no believer can change the way he thinks and produce divine good.
- (17) It further emphasizes that the unbeliever is, according to:

**Ephesians 2:12** - ... separate from Christ ... having no peace and without God in the world.