

7. Personal sin is a manifestation of the sin nature's sovereignty over human life.
8. Paul discovered that the true ministry of the Decalogue is to reveal the existence of the sin nature through the perfect standards of God in the Decalogue.
9. These standards not only reveal the production of the sin nature but the status produced by the presence of the sin nature – the imputation of Adam's original sin which is the source of our condemnation.
10. The production of personal sin is promoted by the lust patterns of the sin nature and result in the believer being outside the bottom circle and its status quo carnality: **σαρκικός (sarkikós)**, therefore, unspiritual.
11. Paul summarizes his dilemma and its solution in:

**Romans 7:24** - Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from the body of this death [ condemnation ]?

**v. 25** - Grace belongs to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand with my mind I myself serve the law of God [ inside the bubble ]; but on the other hand with my flesh I myself serve the law of sin [ status quo carnality ].

2. **Negative Volition.** This category is functional in all areas of the cosmic systems.

In Cosmic 1 Arrogance, the motivation is preoccupation with self, but does not indicate total rejection of Bible teaching.

In Cosmic 2 Hatred, negative volition's direct result is hostility toward the Word of God, its doctrines, its institutions, its followers, and its communicators.

There are three areas of antagonism toward the Bible and its teachings as expressed through negative volition:

- (1) God consciousness. The unbeliever rejects the existence of God or becomes antagonistic toward those who present him with information about God. (Romans 1:18-25)
- (2) Gospel Hearing. The unbeliever rejects the salvation message presented by a gospel presentation. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
- (3) Bible Teaching. The believer rejects the Bible study and develops a hostility toward its content and all things associated with it.

There are four levels of spiritual growth that result in the believer rejecting the message: **(1)** rejection of church attendance or use of electronic contrivances, **(2)** rejection of Bible teaching either by ignoring what is taught or rejecting its content, and **(3)** refusing to apply what doctrine is retained as unimportant or after learning the information, not considering it of any value for application.

Failure to advance in the divine system of spiritual growth means that the believer will move into the status of reversionism.

This is accompanied by further antagonism toward the Word of God because of chronic carnality and the ravages associated by one's advanced spiritual decline.

Reversionism employs eight stages of steadily intensifying levels of divine discipline designed to grab the attention of the believer's free will so that he might recover through spiritual growth.

Believers who are ensconced in a lifestyle of negative volition contribute to the shrinking of the pivot. This results in personal loss of blessings as well as diminishment of those generally provided broadly by the pivot.

### 3. **Anti-Establishment.**

The laws of divine establishment are designed for both believers and unbelievers. These laws include principles that provide maximum freedom for the individual.

When these principles are abandoned, it produces an imbalance between freedom and authority.

Freedom without authority results in anarchy. Example: the French Revolution. Authority without freedom results in tyranny. Example: the Bolshevik Revolution.

The Bible addresses these conditions under the principles of anti-establishment related to both unbelievers and believers.

Unbelievers involved in anti-establishment principles are addressed in:

**Romans 1:28** - Since they did not acknowledge God at gospel hearing, God delivered them over to a worthless mind, doing those evil things which are improper,

**v. 29** - being fully influenced by all categories of unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of jealousy, murder, strife, discord, treachery, craftiness, gossips,

**v. 30** - the implacability of the maladjusted, haters of God, spiteful, arrogant, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

**v. 31** - lack of integrity, lack of honor, unloving, implacable,

**v. 32** - and although they know the justice of God by hearing the gospel, that they which commit such things are worthy of the sin unto death, they not only do the same things, but also give their approval to those who practice them. (EXT)

### **Principles:**

1. While those who are involved in religion are without the Word of God, the unbeliever is without excuse.
2. Those who have heard the gospel and rejected it understand the justice of God and its condemnation to the lake of fire for rejection of His magnificent gift.
3. Rejection of the gospel presentation results in instant maladjustment to the justice of God.
4. On the other hand, the believer involved in anti-establishment is described in 2 Timothy 3:1-7 which takes up the subject of a client nation in decline being on the wrong side of history.