

4. The suggestions of synonyms supplied by *Oxford American Writer's Thesaurus* include:
Evanescent (adjective): vanishing, fading, evaporating, melting away, disappearing, ephemeral, fleeting, short-lived, short-term, transitory, transient, temporary.⁴
5. Not all these synonyms apply to the sudden loss of fellowship that occurs when sin is committed, but they do help describe the instant transition from fellowship to carnality.
6. The spiritual growth process occurs rapidly when a believer spends significant time Inside the Bubble. When quite the opposite, he devolves through the stages of reversionism.
7. There are eight states of reversionism:

1. **Reaction and Distraction:**

- a) **Wrong priorities** that place the importance of the advantages acquired in the devil's world over the primary obligation of acquiring divine thought from Bible study.
- b) **Rejection of the pastor's authority.** Positive volition must trust the faculty members of the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics, each having been imputed the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher with the responsibility to accurately Interpret the Word followed by accurate Communication to each man's assigned flock.
- c) **Lack of objectivity** when reprimanded by Scripture. Imperative moods establish divine policy to the believer. The pastor-teacher communicates. The believer must objectively become illuminated by positive volition to what is taught, and then apply it through Animation.
- d) **Personality conflicts from hypersensitivity.** The reversionist is extremely self-centered and easily insulted. The principle is this: God will fight your battles for you. Leave the antagonist alone and justice will uphold divine righteousness.⁵

⁴ *Oxford American Writer's Thesaurus*, 3d ed., comp. Christine A. Lindberg (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). 298.

⁵ "With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles" (2 Chronicles 32:8 [NASB].)



- e) **Retaliation** when disparaged by gossip, maligning, or unjust treatment. The believer is in the Invisible War. Successful combat is accomplished by transferring offensive retaliation to the Lord.⁶
- f) **Principle: Bad decisions limit future options** from a position of weakness.⁷
- g) **Blaming self-fragmentation⁸ on others** instead of taking responsibility for your own bad decisions.
- h) **Loss of establishment viewpoint** and deviation away from biblical mandates causes fragmentation into cosmic thoughts, decisions, and actions. Some of these include: (1) substance abuse including drugs, alcohol, and inhalants,⁹ (2) sexual deviations which include any activity outside the environment of heterosexual marriage, and (3) each of which violate, or used to violate, criminal laws and all disobey biblical standards.
- i) **Arrogant preoccupation of self and others** while being divorced from reality. Self must be reduced to that of a **δοῦλος (doulos)**:

A slave, one who is in a permanent relation of servitude to another, his will being altogether consumed in the will of the other. Metaphorically spoken of the true followers and worshipers of God and the followers and ministers of Christ (Ephesians 6:6; 2 Timothy 2:24).¹⁰

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, be obeying your masters according to the standard of the flesh [laws of divine establishment], with respect and maximum effort, by means of integrity from your stream of consciousness, as to Christ;

⁶ 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; for the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them' (Deuteronomy 32:35 [NASB]). See also parallel passages, Romans 12:19 and Hebrews 10:30–31.

⁷ "Elijah came near to all the people and said, 'How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him'" (1 Kings 18:21 [NASB]).

⁸ Fragmentation refers to parts broken off from the whole. When the believer responds to the sin nature's agent provocateurs, resultant sin causes an implosion of cosmic ideas into the soul that detonates an explosion causing fragmentation into categories expressed by either the moral degeneracy of legalism or the immoral degeneracy of antinomianism.

⁹ Tim Fitch, "No Need for Weed," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 5, 2018, A15:
http://www.stltoday.com/opinion/columnists/no-need-for-weed/article_b5bff2d3-297b-5e9c-97de-83b87c81bf40.html.

¹⁰ Spiros Zodhiates, ed., *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 483.



Ephesians 6:6 not according to the standard of eye-slavery [attracting attention to yourself hypocritically], as men-pleasers [ἀνθρωπάρεσκος (*anthrōpáreskos*): to flatter or curry favor from men but not God], but as slaves belonging to Christ, constantly doing the will of your God from your soul. (EXT)

James 1:1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes of Israel among the Diaspora outside Judea. Greetings. (EXT)

- j. **The standards of absolute truth are exchanged for the cosmic lie** programmed into the souls of men by Dark Side propaganda.

1 Timothy 4:1 But the same Holy Spirit explicitly communicates that in the latter periods of times [referring to successive generations within the Church Age] some believers will become apostate [will rebel from doctrine; Dark Side propaganda is active throughout the dispensation], paying attention to deceitful spirits [professors in the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics] and concentrating on doctrines from these very same demons. (EXT)

2. **Frantic Search for Happiness:**

- a) True happiness, a mental stability that transcends the allurements of the Devil's world, is uniquely obtained by inculcation of the Word of God and consistent application of its guidance.
- b) Absent this inventory, believers allow themselves to become emotional and self-centered which invite the temptations of the lust patterns to proliferate cosmic solutions.
- c) These solutions consist of cosmic problem-solving devices that solicit certain lust patterns: power, pleasure, influence, approbation, success, status symbols, social life, sex, materialism, et al.

- d) These lusts are applied resulting in a frantic search for happiness; frantic since only a sophisticated inventory of biblical truths learned from the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics produces true happiness.
- e) This frantic search may be pursued in two ways: (1) the self-righteousness of legalism or (2) the self-gratification of antinomianism.
- f) If the believer is self-righteous, then his tendency will be toward asceticism while repressing antinomianism.
- g) If antinomian, then he will become lascivious, the opposite of asceticism.
- h) These types are misconstrued by some casual observers. The legalist is thought of as biblical scholar while the lascivious is an assumed reprobate.
- i) What can be confusing is that some ascetics can be lascivious in a few ways while the lascivious can be ascetic in some ways.
- j) For example, an ascetic personality may have a dominant lust pattern that is facilitated, but successfully hides it. However, should it be discovered it destroys his reputation since he has gained a reputation of being Mr. Simon Pure.
- k) The lascivious individual has facilitated lust patterns for aberrant behavior for which he may have guilt which he assuages by performing certain religious or cultic rituals.
- l) Regardless of one's behavior patterns, his pursuit never achieves the happiness he desires producing unhappiness.
- m) The only true source of happiness for the believer is the accumulation of biblical doctrines in the stream of consciousness and their application to life and circumstances.
- n) Sharing the happiness of God is the polar opposite of the struggles associated with the frantic search for happiness.
- o) Here are some verses that address principles that surpass the frantic search for happiness with the accessories of the copacetic spiritual life:

