

Emotional Arrogance:

Irrational or Emotional Arrogance is the antithesis of rational arrogance. Rational arrogance uses human viewpoint and academic theory as the criterion for life instead of Bible doctrine. Irrational arrogance uses feeling and emotion as the criterion for life instead of Bible doctrine. Normal emotional function responds to the thinking of the precordial frontal lobes of the soul. Emotions are designed, under normal living, to respond to the content of your intellect and to the standards developed from your thinking. When your standards are met in any field of life, your emotions respond.

Even John became irrational for a short time until reprimanded. Revelation 5:4-5. And so I wept and wept [John became emotional in reaction to the pressure that he was facing], **because no one was found who was worthy to open the book or to read** [and understand] **it; (5) Then, one of the *twenty-four* general staff officers** [of the angelic army] **ordered me** [John], **"Stop weeping** [John has a job to do which will require concentration and thought]; **look here, the Lion from the tribe of Judah** [the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of David], **the Root of David** [Son of God] **has won the victory** [in the angelic conflict] **and is qualified to begin opening the book and its seven seals.**

John has a very important job to do, and he will not get this job done through emotional weeping. So, in the next verse, one of the Twenty-four Staff Officers will command him to stop this emotional nonsense.

Emotion is an appreciator and responder and so functioning normally only when under the authority of thought. Just as your volition must be under human authorities of establishment and under the divine authority of the Word of God, so emotion is only normal when it is subordinate to thinking. Emotion is a responder and reflector of thinking or lack of thinking in a normal person.

As a system of feeling and response, emotion in itself does not contain any of the following:

1. Emotion has no ability to reason. So, the ability to reason is lost when emotion begins to dominate the soul.
2. Emotion has no capability of thought for emotion was not designed for thinking, but for responsive stimulation.
3. Emotion has no doctrinal content or criteria, and so has no common sense. So, if emotion dominates the soul of a person, that person will be irrational!

Emotion is never the criterion for Christian experience. You are not saved or spiritual because you feel saved or spiritual. Your feelings have absolutely nothing to do with your spiritual status quo. However, your emotions can respond to your spiritual growth or to doctrines you finally understand, just as your emotions respond to other things. Under the principle of irrational arrogance, emotion becomes a major distraction to the execution of the Protocol Plan of God.

Preoccupation with self in arrogance, substitutes emotional stimulation for Bible doctrine and the spiritual life. For example, in the verse above, John was substituting emotional weeping for the proper application of some known truth. Emotion rejects the three R's of operation Z: reception, retention, and recall of doctrine, all of which require the function of the frontal lobe.

Emotion is not involved in the process of learning and applying the Word and can even lead to blasphemy. Emotion benefits from doctrine learned and responds to it. However, to the extent that you get emotional about some doctrinal point, you lose your objectivity and your ability to actually learn and apply doctrine.

Emotional arrogance concludes the following blasphemies:

1. A person is not saved unless he feels saved.
2. A person is not spiritual without an ecstatic experience.
3. A person is not forgiven of his sins without a lot of emotional weeping and wailing.

Emotions cannot solve problems since solving problems requires rational thought, judgment and decision making. Emotional stress causes the believer to act on impulse rather than the application of Bible doctrine.

A few examples:

1. The emotion of fear causes flight.
2. The emotion of disgust causes repulsion.
3. The emotion of anger causes violence. Therefore, emotions are feeling functions, and they should never become the criterion for Christianity.

Emotion is defined as a complex, biochemical, physiological process or function concerned with somatic expression of feeling. The prefrontal lobes are the cortical areas associated with thought and decisions. Normal emotions respond to thought in the prefrontal lobes. In cases where the prefrontal lobes have been removed as in a frontal lobotomy, such individuals still have emotional activity since emotions are located in the body not in the frontal lobes. So, while the removal of the prefrontal lobes may eliminate thought, it does not eliminate emotional activity. In summary, emotional arrogance (emotion dominating the soul) is a denial of divine power which is stored and utilized in the prefrontal lobes.

The cosmic believer has three emotional malfunctions. He makes a god out of his emotions as found in Philippians. He is distracted from the protocol plan of God by the improper use of his emotions as found in Romans. He is hindered by emotion in the perception of Bible doctrine as

found in 2 Corinthians. In these ways, irrational arrogance makes emotion the criterion for the Christian way of life.

Philippians 3:18-19, "For many [cosmic believers] keep walking [modus operandi in cosmic system] concerning whom I have communicated to you many times and now continue communicating, even though weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction [sin unto death], whose god is his emotions, whose fame is by means of dishonor, who keeps thinking about earthly things."

Romans 16:17-18, "Now I urge you, brethren, be alert for those who are causing dissensions and apostasies contrary to doctrine which you have learned. For such believers do not obey our Lord Jesus Christ, but their emotions, serving themselves. And by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the right lobes of the ignorant [of Bible doctrine]."

2 Corinthians 6:11-12, "O you Corinthians, our mouth has been opened face to face with you; [Paul, Apollos, Timothy] our right lobes have been enlarged [by Bible doctrine]. Therefore, you have not been hindered by us, but you have been hindered by your own emotions."

Characteristics of emotional arrogance:

1. Emotional arrogance is vulnerable to flattery, and flattery encourages unreality about self.
2. Emotional arrogance encourages fear under pressure since emotion cannot think. (Courage is the ability to think under pressure.)
3. Emotional arrogance produces personality disturbances, called psycho-neurotic disorders. Psycho-neurotic personalities use emotional arrogance to try to deal with stress, but instead of solving stress, they manufacture anxiety, piling more pressure on their life. Since emotional arrogance cannot handle anxiety. So, phobic, depressive, obsessive, and compulsive reactions result from emotional arrogance.

4. Emotional arrogance not only eliminates rational thinking in the soul, but produces arrogant preoccupation with the insignificant. Arrogant preoccupation with the insignificant not only destroys any true scale of values in life, but develops an arrogant self-centeredness which destroys capacity for life, love, and happiness. Without capacity from correct thought, details of life will make you miserable.

Again, knowledge is the environment for thinking - not emotion. Emotions are wonderful when they are the result of thinking; that's what emotions are for. Therefore, emotions are designed to enjoy life, not to run life.

Strength in Faith, Weakness in Emotion:

Now, after God had delivered the Jews, they sang beautifully praising him for their deliverance, but singing does not imply spiritual strength. These believers were not praising and singing because they respected and loved God. They were expressing their appreciation to God for delivering them. Their appreciation was based on their emotional relief from being delivered, not on their appreciation of the Lord. To these Jews the most important priority in their life was their safety, not a harmonious relationship with God. Praising God and singing hymns has meaning if one has a close relationship with God based on knowledge. However, if the believer is ignorant of God and His plan, his relationship with God will be related to emotion. An emotional relationship has no strength!

One can relate to a hymn cognitively or emotionally or both since a hymn contains both lyrics and melody. The purpose of the lyrics is to stimulate thought whereas the purpose of the melody is to stimulate one's emotion pleasurably. If the believer understands and appreciates the lyrics of a hymn only then can he benefit from his singing and at the same time enjoy the melody. However, if the believer does not understand and appreciate the lyrics of a good hymn, his singing has no spiritual value and becomes a meaningless emotional activity related only to the melody. "The Lord is my

strength and song, and he has become my deliverance. This is my God, and I will praise him. My father's God; I will extol him.” (Ex. 15:2) “The chiefs of Edom were dismayed; the leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.” (Ex. 15:15)

Three days after the Jews sang ‘the Lord is my strength’, they demonstrated that they had no spiritual strength at all for they immediately began complaining under the pressure of a simple test. Then one year later after singing about how confident they would be in combat, and how fearful the Edomites, Moabites and the inhabitants of Canaan would be of them, the Jewish army refused to enter the land and wept all night in their fear of the Canaanites! So, the Edomites, Moabites and the inhabitants of Canaan didn't need to worry about that generation of Jews for those men were too cowardly to fight their way into the land (Num. 14:1-11). You see, a believer can sing and praise God until he passes out from exhaustion, but all of this is meaningless unless that believer has strength in his soul from knowledge of God and a continuous fellowship with Him. These Jews produced sinful emotion on one side of the Red Sea and non-sinful emotion on the other side of the Sea. They swung from one end of the emotional spectrum (fear) to the other end (relief from being delivered). Only Moses had divine thought in his soul and true capacity to handle all situations in life. So, when he sang, it had meaning, but for the rest of the Jews singing was meaningless their singing was based on emotion. So, every time they had a pressure situation, they would worry and fear about their safety and never even once considered God's provision and plan for their lives. So, they continued to complain and complain until they died in the desert because the majority of these Jews never learned to apply the Word of God by faith to their experience.

“For we also have been evangelized as they had been [the Jews of the Exodus generation were believers], but the word they heard [after salvation] did not profit them, because those who heard it did not mix it [knowledge of the Word] with faith. For we who have believed [in the promises, principles and

doctrines of God's word] enter into the rest [of contentment and tranquility from trusting in God]." (Heb. 4:2, 3)

The Concept of Energy and Ability:

1. Energy without ability is misdirected arrogance. Energy without ability produces mental attitude arrogance or inordinate ambition. When people have energy without ability, they become trouble makers.
2. Energy without ability results in self-righteous arrogance which manifest itself in crusader arrogance. A crusader is a self-righteous person who tries to interfere into someone else's business, intrudes into the privacy of another and tries to control the life of another. He easily enters into the sins of gossip, and maligning.
3. Energy without ability produces conspiracy arrogance, sexual arrogance, iconoclastic arrogance, morality arrogance, and the arrogance of Christian service. People who have energy but no ability to serve the Lord are always using their energy in pseudo systems of Christian production.
4. Ability without energy is lack of motivation and lack of self-discipline. In other words, the arrogance of laziness.
5. The controlled energy of hard work produces ability, and the ability channels hard work into fields of productive success. Ability is not inherent, it is acquired through hard work, through dedication, through plugging.
6. Energy plus ability produces a true purpose in life.
7. Energy is basically created in the body, but ability is created by the motivation of the soul, not by the intelligence of the soul.

8. Motivation in the soul produces the decisions to take in doctrine consistently regardless of circumstances, regardless of discouragement.

9. Both energy and ability are harnessed through perception and application of Bible doctrine.

10. Therefore, both energy and ability must be related to doctrine and wisdom, otherwise a pseudo drive is created. All pseudo drives terminate in the Cosmic System.

Our Lord's wisdom and ability during His first advent was derived from His residence and function in the Prototype Divine Power System, and it resulted in the greatest of all victories in human history, the strategic victory of the cross. Our Lord's wisdom coupled with His energy and ability at the second advent sets in motion the greatest reign in all of human history, the tactical victory of the second advent. In the meantime, our Lord has provided the Operational Divine Power System for the royal family so that believers in the Church Age can face and overcome every disaster in life. We have the means of meeting any disaster, any tragedy in life.

Arrogance rejects Grace:

There are four areas in which pride rejects grace. This explains Satan's pride and human pride, and why pride is the greatest enemy of grace. For example, the pride of the believer who rejects the doctrine of eternal security. A person who rejects eternal security thinks that his own sins are greater than the plan of God. Secondly, there is the pride of the believer who succumbs to the pressure of adversity, and he in self-pity thinks that his suffering is greater than the grace provision of God. Third, there is the pride of pseudo-spirituality, the pride of trying to be spiritual by something you do. Finally, there is the pride of the believer in emotional revolt of the soul who assumes that his feelings and his emotions and experiences are more important than doctrine.

Arrogance related to Personality: the assumption that a good personality means a great person; that greatness is found in personality.

1. While it is true that some people do have great personalities, it is not true that a great personality has greatness.
2. While flair may accompany greatness, flair in itself is not greatness, it is merely a personality trend.
3. What the average person fails to realize is that personality often obscures the real person.
4. It is true that personality often reveals the person, but it is also true that it can be a disguise as much as a manifestation. Personality can obfuscate the real person.
5. Having a great personality does not imply greatness. This does not downgrade personality but merely places personality in its proper perspective.
6. Personality is merely what people see. No one can see inside of your soul where the real person exists.
7. Personality, then, can be a manifestation or an obfuscation of the real person.
8. Furthermore, personality can be used to disguise hypocrisy for example a coward may have a pleasing personality, but a coward is still a coward.
9. In reality good personality is a non-essential in life, and those who confuse a good personality with greatness do not have the ability to appreciate a great person with integrity.

10. The essential is the function of the soul; the non-essential is the personality which covers the soul. By analogy, the essential is the function of the human body; the non-essential is the clothes that cover the human body.

11. So, the essential is the norms of the soul, the norms of the conscience of the soul. The non-essential is the personality which fronts for the soul.

12. The believer must be inflexible about Bible doctrine in his soul, but he must be flexible about the non-essentials of personality.

Arrogance related to Success:

1. Arrogant presumption can occur when a person has by some standard been labelled or qualified as being successful or the person who has come into public notice, has achieved some kind of public attention may develop an arrogant problem.

2. People who are brilliant or successful in a certain field assume in their arrogance that they are an expert in all fields or subjects. Therefore, in their arrogance they feel qualified to express an opinion on any subject that may come up. The momentum for this tragic flaw comes from success in one field of endeavour which linked with arrogance assumes expertise in every field of endeavour.

Emotional Revolt of the Soul:

Emotional revolt means that emotion replaces thought as the criterion by which one makes judgments and decisions. The believer becomes irrational, egocentric and unstable through emotion for emotion in itself is an empty physiological response; it contains no doctrinal content, no mental function, no norms and standards, and no common sense. The spiritual life cannot be executed through emotion, only through divine thought.

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons [believers filled with the Spirit], but as unto carnal [fleshly, belonging to the sin nature], as childish ones [because emotion was their criterion] in Christ. I gave you milk [basic doctrine] to drink, not solid food [advanced doctrines], for you were not yet able [to receive it], moreover even now, you are still not able [to receive solid food]. For you are still carnal, for while [there is] jealousy and strife among you, are you not carnal and keep walking in conformity with men [unbelievers]?"[Expects a 'yes' for an answer] (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

"O, you Corinthians, our mouths [means of communication by Paul, Apollos, and Timothy] have been opened face to face with you; our right lobes have been enlarged [we were prepared]. Therefore, you have not been hindered by us [Paul, Apollos, Timothy], but you have been hindered by your emotions." (2 Corinthians 6:11-12)

"For many keep on walking [living out of fellowship] whom many times I kept on telling you [warning you] and now even weeping I say [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is destruction [they will die the sin unto death] whose god is their emotions and whose glory [in resurrection body] is in their shame [they will experience shame at their evaluation]. They who keep on concentrating on earthly things [have no eternal values]." (Philippians 3:18, 19)

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