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The Edification Complex
of the Soul

“For we must all appear before the Bema seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” [2Cor.5:10](#)

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*The Believer's Grace Adjustment to the
Justice of God*

- Psalms 66:18 *If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*
- Psalms 32:5 *I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- 1 Cor 11:31 *But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.*
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.*

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*Invitation: Becoming a Member of God's
Family:*

- Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by a free gift you are saved through trusting and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of how good we are, so that no one may brag.*
- Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by a free gift it is no longer on the basis of how good we are, otherwise a free gift is no longer a free gift"*
- Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the free gift from God; for if righteousness comes through the following rules, then Christ died needlessly."*

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- Gal. 3:24, *"Therefore the rules of the Jewish Law have become our teacher to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by trusting."*
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 *There is nothing else salvation can be built upon, only Jesus Christ.'*
- John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*
- *"Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" Acts 16:31*

Privately praying to God the Father that you trust what Christ has done, not what you can do, is the method of salvation.

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3:17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,

EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL (ECS) – The mature believer approaches life from the divine viewpoint, which is manifested in discernment, thoughtfulness toward people, and the ability to astutely interpret current trends of history. Stabilized by his love for truth, he is distinguished by his spiritual common sense.

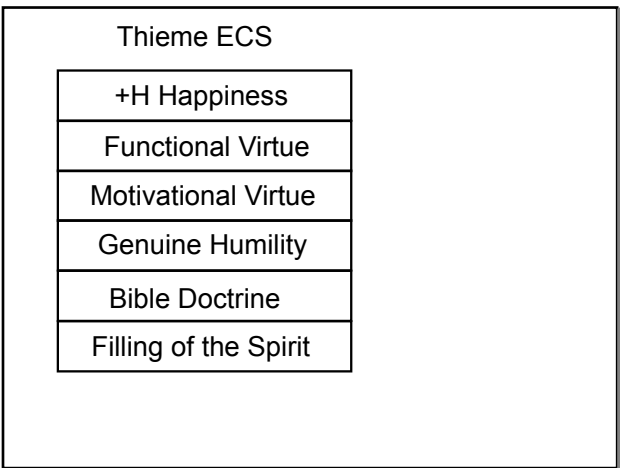
He maintains his poise in all circumstances, sustained by the unseen reality of his love for God.

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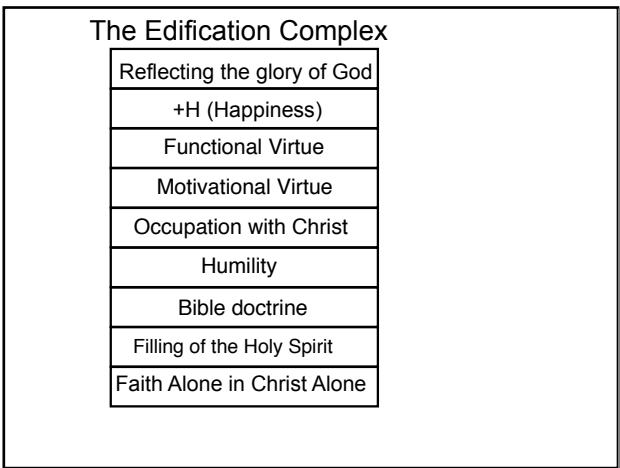
In the strength of the sphere of divine power, the mature believer has constructed an edifice in his soul (1 Cor. 3:9-17; Eph. 4:12), an inner structure I call the "edification complex," with a penthouse that represents the happiness of God.

The ECS is composed of six levels, from bottom to top: filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, Genuine Humility, Motivational Virtue, Functional Virtue, and Sharing the Happiness of God. Movement from the bottom to the top is called "progressive sanctification" in most theological seminaries. (R.B. Thieme, Jr.) In the strength of the divine dynasphere, the mature believer constructs an edifice in his soul, an inner structure built by Bible doctrine, with the happiness of God as the penthouse or pinnacle of the complex.

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The Foundation of the
Edification Complex:
Jesus Christ
(salvation by faith alone
in Him alone)

The foundation for the edification complex structure is Jesus Christ. No man can build upon a foundation other than Him. An unbeliever cannot build an edification complex in his soul. The best that he can do is to line up his thinking with divine establishment laws.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1Cor. 3:10–11).

³For I say through the grace which has been given to me to everyone who is among you: stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think, but think in terms of sanity for the purpose of being rational without illusion as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine. ⁴For just as we have many members in one body and all members do not have the same function, ⁵so we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another."

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- a. Conformity to this world means involvement in the cosmic system.
- b. There must be a complete renovation in your thinking if you're ever going to demonstrate what the will of God is for your life. Certain types of thinking are out of bounds, i.e., thinking related to the arrogance complex.
- c. The standard of thinking from doctrine includes every aspect of divine viewpoint, orientation to life through enforced and genuine humility, and everything that makes us objective and teachable toward the Word of God.

- d. "many members in one body" emphasizes that although we have different spiritual gifts and different personalities, we all belong to one Royal Family, the body of Christ.
- e. "individually members one of another" refers to interaction within the Royal Family of God.

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3. Without enforced and genuine humility, there is neither objectivity nor teachability.

Without **objectivity** and teachability in life, you will be miserable whether you are a believer or unbeliever, successful or not.

Without **objectivity** and teachability, there is no edification complex in your soul as a believer.

Don't be subjective about the information being taught, relax and operate in grace.

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The Rejection of Objectivity

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THE SECOND LAW: *Indiscriminateness of thought does not lead to indiscriminateness of policies. It leads to siding only and always with the lesser over the better.*

Still, it's a long way from the fact that the Modern Liberal eschews rational thought to the fact that he sides at every turn with all that is evil, failed and wrong and against all that is good, right and successful. Why doesn't his lack of true intellectual engagement and real-world experience or his Blueprint for Utopia lead him to more random policies?

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Why don't his infantile beliefs and utopian ideology see him fall sometimes on the side of right, sometimes on the side of wrong and sometimes just somewhere in the middle?

The reason is both simple and irrefutable: if nothing – no person, no culture, no religion, no form of governance, no work of art, no familial construct, etc. – is better or worse than any other, then the Modern Liberal has no explanation for real-world success and failure.

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To those who deny the existence of the better, the simple fact that something has succeeded is all the proof that's required for them to conclude that some injustice must have taken place. After all, why should a person, business, culture, religion or nation succeed if it's not better than any other?

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For the same reason, to those who do not engage in discriminating thought, failure is proved to be an injustice by nothing other than the fact that it has failed. Again, why should something fail if it's not worse than anything else? And it only follows, then, that if success and failure are the result of injustice, then great success and great failure can be nothing other than the result of great injustice.

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And, at a certain point, great and sustained success and failure proves to the Modern Liberal not only that great and sustained injustices have taken place, but that that these injustices (whatever they were) were intentional and part of some evil conspiracy.

Why an evil conspiracy?

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Think about it this way: Let's say you're playing roulette. Your expectation is that no number is better than another and that each and every number should have an equally good chance of winning on any and every spin. When on the first spin one person wins and another person loses, it's not "fair," but neither is it a big deal. One thing is for sure, though – it can't be said that the winner won because he's smarter or better or harder working than is the loser.

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But what if that same number was to come up ten times in a row and the same people won and lost on each of those spins? While this might not yet prove conspiracy, it's most certainly a "cosmic" injustice. Looking over at the winners' stacks, the losers might utter the Obamaism: "You didn't build that," and like Obama and his supporters, militate for "sharing the wealth."

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But what if this goes on and on and the same number comes up fifty times in a row with all the same people winning and losing? This simply can't just be luck. The game has simply got to be fixed, and the winners simply must have been in on it. Now, not only is the call for "income redistribution" loud and insistent, but so, too, is the call for retribution against the conspirators. Soon they might even decide to "Occupy Las Vegas."

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4. Edification is the execution of the P₃G through the function of (P₃ER) -post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation. This includes your daily perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine.

5. Edification is the status of the invisible hero. She/he has completed the Edification Complex of the Soul, the most beautiful structure in life. It is found in the soul of the invisible hero.

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6. Edification is therefore impossible without humility, teachability and objectivity.

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E. Edification is the Key to the Proper Function of the Local Church.

1 Cor 12:1 - 14:40

1 Cor 14:12, "So also you, since you are eager to have the function of spiritual gifts, seek to abound in spiritual gifts that edify the church."

"so also you" is a Greek idiom that should be translated, "this applies to you."

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a. The Corinthians were all eager to get the gift of tongues because it was spectacular, and then they could assume they were spiritual.

In reality, the worst believers in the Bible (the Corinthians) are described as having the gift of tongues.

b. "seek to abound", means you should give precedence to those spiritual gifts which result in edification. The primary spiritual gift in this category is the gift of Pastor-Teacher.

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The pre-canon temporary gift of tongues did not edify the church. **1 Cor 14:4**

1 Cor 14:26, "**...When you assemble, ... Let all things be done for edification.**"

a. There are a number of ways in which we worship God, but they must all relate to our spiritual growth.

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b. Everything in assembly worship should be done with a view toward the objective, which is edification.

c. The objective is to communicate doctrine, the purpose of which is to produce edification.

1. The key to the modus operandi of the local church is edification. Edification, or the advance to spiritual maturity, is the objective of the Christian way of life.

2. In the context of **1 Cor 14**, the gift of tongues did not fulfill that purpose.

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1 Cor 14:40 concludes that The gift of tongues did not do "all things properly and in an orderly manner."

a. The gift of tongues only existed for the first forty years of the church age. It was discontinued when the fifth cycle of discipline was administered to Israel by the Romans in August, 70 A.D.

b. In Corinthians, the gift of tongues illustrated how not to do things decently and orderly.

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F. Edification Follows the Pattern of the Priority Solution.

1. Priority #1 for edification must be perception, metabolization and application of the mystery doctrine for the church age under the Grace Apparatus for Perception (G.A.P.).

This demands concentration under the ministry of the Holy Spirit inside the operational-type Divine Dynasphere.

Therefore, when doctrine is taught, concentration means there is renewing of the mind through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

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2. As you give Bible doctrine #1 priority in your life, you organize your life around priority #1. Therefore, you have an organized life and your life is in order. This means you always give proper time to the perception, metabolization and application of doctrine.

3. **Rom 12:1 – 3**, As you learn doctrine, your thinking inevitably begins to change; there's a "renovation of your thought". (**Rom 12:2**)

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Therefore, you begin to organize your thinking around priority #1.

The more doctrine you learn, the more you organize your thinking around doctrine.

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4. Mechanically, that means you use the ten problem solving devices (P.S.D.) of the P₃G.

As you develop the problem solving devices in your mind, you concentrate on executing the P₃G through the doctrine you have learned.

That is how you construct the Edification Complex of the Soul.

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Ten Problem Solving Devices

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, that is, if you have placed your personal faith in Him for eternal salvation, then you have a responsibility to grow, to advance spiritually. At the cross Jesus Christ won the strategic victory over Satan. In your spiritual life you can achieve a tactical victory in the angelic conflict - the spiritual warfare in which every believer is involved, **only if** you advance to spiritual maturity. For that reason God commands you to grow up.

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2 Peter 3:18 'but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.'

The means of growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ is through the consistent study and application of the doctrines and principles contained in the word of God.

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2 Timothy 2:15 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

There are 10 Problem-Solving Devices which God has provided for the execution of the Christian Way of Life. These are:

- 1] Confession of sin/Rebound.
- 2] The filling of the Holy Spirit.
- 3] Faith-Rest.
- 4] Grace Orientation.
- 5] Doctrinal Orientation.
- 6] Personal Sense of Destiny.
- 7] Personal Love for God.
- 8] Impersonal Love for all mankind.
- 9] Sharing the Happiness of God.
- 10] Occupation with the Person of Christ.

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The Problem-Solving Devices encompass every aspect of the Christian Way of Life, the victorious life that God has planned for every believer. The Problem-Solving Devices are to be used as a system of problem solving for every Christian, regardless of their stage of growth in the Christian life. In other words, no one ever outgrows the need to use all ten. Depending on the problem to be solved, the believer may use one or several of the devices simultaneously as the solution to any of life's challenges.

When learned, believed and applied, this system will stabilize, sustain, empower, and liberate the believer. Consistent utilization of the system will advance the believer far beyond what he can imagine, to a lifestyle of a relaxed mental attitude toward circumstances, toward self, toward others and most importantly, toward God.

You must live your own spiritual life before the Lord. No one else can live it for you. Whether or not you glorify the Lord depends on your decisions to learn, metabolize and apply Bible doctrine. You can become victorious in your spiritual life by advancing to and maintaining spiritual maturity which glorifies God, or you can choose to remain a spiritual infant and be a loser believer. It is a choice you must make.

ADVANCE TO THE HIGH GROUND

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The construction of the Edification Complex of the Soul. [Building of your Soul.]

1. When you execute the Pre-designed protocol plan of God, over a period of time, you have constructed the following building.
2. **Foundation:** Your eternal salvation, with resultant regeneration and creation of your human spirit. This foundation is based on the foundation of Christ as our corner stone which the Apostles built upon. **1 Pet 2:6-7; Eph 2:20-21; Act 4:11-12; Luk 20:17; Mar 12:10; Mat 21:42; Psa 118:22**

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Eph 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

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First floor: The perception, and metabolization of Bible doctrine under the consistent process of renewing your mind [post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.] **Psa 51:10 – 12; Rom 12:2; Tit 3:5**

Psa 51:10-12, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.”

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This is the endowment of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, Church Age the indwelling is permanent. **2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; 4:10** (sealed with the Holy Spirit, our eternal pledge.)
Rom 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

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Second floor: Dispensational orientation, (i.e., understanding the uniqueness of the church age.) **Eph 1:10; 3:9-10**

Eph 1:10, "with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him"

Eph 3:9-10, "and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; ¹⁰so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*."

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Oikonomia:

Oikos – a house, any dwelling place, the human body as the abode of demons that possess it: [of tents, and huts, and later, of the nests, stalls, lairs, of animals; the place where one has fixed his residence, one's settled abode, domicile] All the persons forming one family, a household, [it was used for] the family of God, of the Christian Church.

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Nomos – Anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, a command. A law or rule producing a state approved of God, by the observance of which is approved of God. A precept or injunction, the rule of action prescribed by reason; the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, the moral instruction given by Christ. This word is also used when referring to the Old Testament and the first 5 books called the Pentateuch.

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Oikonomia has come to mean the management of a household or of household affairs, specifically,] the management, oversight, or administration, of other's property, (dispensation).
God has designed the administration, management, or dispensation of the human race through His protocol plan, specific to each age according to His sovereign will.
God has designed a law for the proper administration of another's household that His family is temporarily dwelling in. And it is our job to understand what that dispensation is for our time and live in it.

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Third floor: Problem solving devices, which are very important for experiential Christianity.

(1) As you understand and function under these problem-solving devices, you become spiritually self-sustained, and you function under the privacy of your priesthood to resolve your own problems, including the greatest problems in life.

(2) There are two ways in which problems are properly resolved: Through the use of the ten problem solving devices, and through cognizance of specific principles in the word of God.

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Fourth floor: Spiritual self-esteem, the first stage of spiritual adulthood.

Fifth floor: Spiritual autonomy, the second stage of spiritual adulthood.

Sixth floor: Spiritual maturity, the point at which we execute the protocol plan of God.

Seventh floor: The modus operandi of the invisible hero.

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1. The moment you personally believed in Jesus Christ, a foundation was constructed, comprised of the forty things from God. The foundation is Jesus Christ. **2 Tim 2:19a; 1 Cor 3:11**
2. 2 Tim 2:19a, "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, the Lord knows those who are his..."
3. 1 Cor 3:11, "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

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1. The foundation is constructed on the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, (i.e., redemption, propitiation, reconciliation, imputation, and justification).
2. The foundation is instantly constructed the very second we believe in Christ. Again, the foundation is comprised of the forty things we receive at the point of our salvation.
3. (1) One of the forty things we receive is eternal life. **Heb 6:1**
4. **John 3:15, "whosoever believes in him shall never perish, but have eternal life."**
5. **John 3:16, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his uniquely-born son that anyone who believes in him should never perish but have eternal life."**

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**1 John 5:11-13, "This is the deposition: God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has this [eternal] life; he who does not have the Son does not have this [eternal] life. ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the person of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."
John 6:47, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has eternal life. "Heb 6:1-8**

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1. The first floor is consistent perception, metabolization, and application of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age. [It is converting gnosis into epignosis doctrine.]
2. The second floor is comprised of the unique characteristics of the Church Age, called dispensational orientation. [We have ten unique things in the Church Age that believers in other dispensations do not possess. As a result, there is tremendous emphasis on the individual believer in the Church Age.] The baptism of the Spirit results in the creation of a new spiritual species and the royal family of God. [Cognition of being a new spiritual species makes you aware of the tremendous requirements related to your spiritual life. As a member of the Royal Family of God, you have a unique modus operandi.]

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- a. The Predesigned Protocol Plan of God or P₃G is unique for the Royal Family of God only.
1. A phenomenal portfolio of invisible assets belongs to each one of us as Royal Family of God.
 2. For the first time in history every believer regardless of his background, attainments or lack of attainments, handicaps, success, or any other distinguishing human factor has equality given by God himself.

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- (1) It is impossible for man to make men equal, [as the communists allege] man can only provide freedom, but freedom manufactures inequality.
- (2) Equality originates with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. [The first time anyone is equal is the moment when they believe in Jesus Christ, and are entered into union with Christ. That is the only moment of equality.] Spiritual freedom means that immediately after salvation, stratification among believers begins to develop. Some believers become winners; some believers become losers of rewards.

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(3) Under election, we have equal privilege (Royal Priesthood) and equal opportunity (logistical grace). Under predestination, we have equal privilege (union with Christ, new spiritual species, Royal Family of God) and equal opportunity (operational-type Divine Dynasphere).

(4) Freedom guarantees and manufactures inequality. [Some believers will advance to maturity and become winners. Some believers will use their free will to be losers.]

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(5) Only God can create equality. [Only once in all of history has God created equality, and that is in the Church Age through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.] [That's why we have no right to racial discrimination or inferiority or superiority complexes.] As born-again believers, we all have exactly the same status in the Royal Family of God. **Gal 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."**

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1. We have our unique royal commissions:
 1. (1) Royal Priesthood, where we can and should approach the throne of grace in confidence.
 2. 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"
 3. **Heb 4:16, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**
 4. **Mat 21:22, "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."**

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(2) Royal Ambassadorship where we represent our Sovereign God while on foreign land. **Eph 6:20, "for which I am an ambassador [Presbeuo] in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."**

1. We have the unique mystery doctrines of the Church Age. Power at our disposal.
2. Every member of the trinity indwells every believer. This never existed before in history! **Rom 8:10-11; "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

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Father's Indwelling – John 14:20, 17:21
 Holy Spirit's Indwelling – 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 3:16
 The Lord Jesus Christ's {TLJC} Indwelling – Col. 1:25-29
1 John 4:4, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

1. We have the unique availability of divine power. Never before in history has divine omnipotence been available for use to every believer. Remember how this power was used by the test pilot (TLJC).

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- (1) The omnipotence of God the Father is related to our portfolio of invisible assets. [pre-designed in eternity past]
- (2) The omnipotence of God the Son is related to the perpetuation of history and preservation of the universe. [personal sense of destiny, knowing Christ has everything in control]
 Furthermore, Jesus Christ guarantees the protection of the positive believer for the fulfillment of His will.
- (3) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit is related to the operational-type Divine Dynasphere.

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1. This is the first time in history when there are no prophecies to be fulfilled during the Church Age.
1. (1) There are only 2 prophecies related to the Church Age: The baptism of the Spirit began the church age, and the rapture of the church will terminate the church age. [Everything in between is a matter of historical trends.]
2. (2) Historical trends are based on the principle: as goes the believer, so goes the client nation to God. If there is a large pivot, there is real prosperity. If there is a shrinkage of the pivot, there is loss of real prosperity, substituted for a time with pseudo prosperity and often loss of client nation status.

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1. This is the dispensation of invisible heroes.
 Visible heroes in this dispensation are related to the laws of divine establishment, and those put in authority by Christ to protect our freedoms in the realm of volition, marriage, family, and nationalism, whether they are a believer or unbeliever. Invisible heroes are believers who execute the protocol plan of God. No believer ever advances in the protocol plan of God apart from dispensational orientation.

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1. The third floor is made up of the problem solving devices.
2. The fourth floor is Spiritual Self-Esteem (SSE) characterized by cognitive self-confidence.
3. Here you begin to apply and use Bible doctrine. Previously you grabbed Bible promises and used them, now you grab whole chunks of doctrine and use them. Now you are becoming powerful in your spiritual life.
4. Suffering for blessing begins in SSE, specifically Providential Preventative Suffering (PPS). SSE + PPS = SA (Spiritual Autonomy)

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1. We do not advance past SSE unless we pass the four tests of PPS: (people, thought, system, and undeserved suffering).
2. Now you have really grown up, because you have at your fingertips all the doctrinal rationales you need to push your way through life and glorify God.
3. You must pass suffering for blessing in the form of Momentum Testing (MT) if you are going to advance. SA + MT = SM (Spiritual Maturity)

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1. Cognitive invincibility is necessary to pass the third category of suffering for blessing, which is Evidence Testing. SM + ET = Glorification of God to the maximum [as a witness for the prosecution in the rebuttal phase of Satan's appeal trial, which runs co-terminously with human history.] **Job 1:12**
2. Personal impact – blessing by association to others.
3. Historical impact – blessing by association to the client nation as a part of the pivot of mature believers.

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1. International impact – blessing by association to non-client nations through missionary activity of invisible heroes.
2. Angelic impact – the invisible hero becoming a witness for God against Satan in Satan's appeal trial.
3. Heritage impact – blessing by association to loved ones after the death of the invisible hero.
4. The manufacture of an invisible hero and the five areas of invisible impact.
5. The modus operandi of the invisible hero.
6. The distribution of escrow blessings for time.

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1. The fifth floor is Spiritual Autonomy (SA) characterized by cognitive independence.
2. The sixth floor is Spiritual Maturity (SM) characterized by cognitive invincibility.
3. The seventh floor is the modus operandi of the invisible hero with his invisible impact. [Invisible God plus invisible assets plus invisible power equals invisible heroes.] The invisible impact of the invisible hero includes:
4. The results of construction of the Edification Complex of the Soul are:
The anticipation of escrow blessings for the eternal state, received at the judgment seat (Bema) of Christ.

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H. Edification is motivation.
Edification is the motivation in the function of virtue-love which results in executing the royal family honor code, especially in the congregation, through which tolerance provides room for spiritual growth.
Rom 15:2, "Let each of us accommodate his neighbor for the good to edification."
1 Cor 8:1, "Gnosis puffs up, but virtue-love builds (the Edification Complex of the Soul)."
1 Cor 10:23, "All things are lawful, but all things do not edify."

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The Edification Complex (ECS) of the Soul is the capacity for escrow blessings.

Acts 9:31, "All the church were having prosperity, having been edified, and advancing in occupation with Christ."

Local church prosperity is directly related to the number of edification complexes in that church.

The ECS is to the church what the pivot is to the nation.

Virtue-love includes three problem solving devices.

- (1) Personal love for God the Father is motivational virtue and motivation for perception of doctrine.
- (2) Impersonal love for all mankind is functional virtue. It gives one the ability to listen objectively to a Pastor-Teacher regardless of his personality.
- (3) Occupation with the person of Christ is the ultimate.

This Doctrine was adapted from the doctrine by Col. R.B. Thieme,

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DOCTRINE OF THE BEMA SEAT

Vocabulary: bema; noun; used 12x; literally a step or pace, a foot length, a raised place that is mounted by steps, a raised platform used of the official place of a judge.

II. Definition and description:

The term bema is used generally of an elevated platform from which a ruler could review the games, make speeches, or render judicial decisions. Act.12:21; 18:12,16,17; 25:6,10,17

It is used of the place where Pilate judged Jesus. Mat. 27:19; Joh.19:13

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Technically, theologically it is used of the place where Jesus Christ will evaluate the Ph2 production of believers and distribute the appropriate rewards.

The purpose of the Bema seat:

Works or deeds, which are performed in time, are the basis for the reward of believers and punishment of unbelievers alike. [Rom 2:6](#); [2Cor.5:10](#); [2Tim.4:14](#); [Rev.2:23](#); [20:12-13](#)

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The purpose of the Bema seat is to evaluate the Ph2 production of believers that live in the Church Age and to reward Divine good production in time. [1Cor.3:8,14](#); [Rev.22:12](#)

The judgment and evaluation is not for sins, which were judged in Jesus Christ and will not be an issue per se according to the law of double jeopardy. [1Joh.2:1-2](#); [1Pet.3:18](#) cp. [Heb.9:26b-28](#)

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Sin is only an issue in the fact that time spent out of fellowship by the believer in time voids any possibility for the believer priest to produce Divine good production.

Jesus taught this principle clearly in [Joh.15:4](#).

The standard by which the believer's works will be evaluated is the standard of sound Bible doctrine. [1Cor.3:10-15](#)

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1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Or, to put it another way, you are God's house. Using the gift God gave me as a good architect, I designed blueprints; Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation! Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. You won't get by with a thing. If your work passes inspection, fine; if it doesn't, your part of the building will be torn out and started over. But *you* won't be torn out; you'll survive—but just barely. (The Message)

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The building analogy recognizes that there is but one true foundation, faith in Christ. vs.11

The communicator is viewed as a builder that is building up believers. vs.12 cp. [Eph.4:11-13](#)

Two distinct types of materials are possible. vs.12

Gold silver, precious stones refer to the sound doctrines of the Word of God. Cp. [Rev.3:18](#)

Wood, hay and straw refer to teachings, viewpoints and systems of doctrine that are passed off as solid building material, but in reality are in contrast to the truth. Cp.[Eph.4:14-15](#)

The fire of judgment refers to the evaluation of one's actions by perfect righteousness. vs.13

Gold, silver and precious stones are purified by fire making them more valuable, while wood, hay and straw are totally consumed by fire.

That which is left after the conflagration/bonfire will be rewarded with SG3. vs.14

Those that did not build with the proper materials will be delivered into heaven, but at the expense of loss of reward. vs.15

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Again, Jesus taught this same principle in the allegory of the vine and branches in [Joh.15:1ff](#), esp. vs.6.

Jesus Christ, who is uniquely suited to judge, will be the One that evaluates His people. [Rom.14:9-12](#); [2Tim.4:8](#)

For this reason, believers are to abstain from evaluating the intent of one another's works in time and passing a sentence of blanket condemnation on their Ph2. [Mat.7:1](#); [Rom.14:13](#); [1Cor.4:5](#)

This does not mean that there is no place for critiquing the actions of others, since on the other hand Jesus taught that there is a place for righteous judgment. [Joh.7:24](#)

While the believer can discern that which is construed as being human good, legalism, traditions of men, sin, etc., through the truth of BD, they are to avoid any attitude of judicial condemnation and leave that area to be taken care of between Christ and the other party. (Judicial condemnation meaning to pass eternal sentencing on other believers as if you are God.)

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In our critiquing of other's actions, even in their failings, we are to put the matter in God's hands as to their ultimate destiny.

Rather than acting as another's judge in this regard, the believer is to separate him or herself from reversionist believers and their activities.

Cp. [1Cor.5:1-13](#); [2Thess.3:6](#)

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This evaluation will result in shame for some believers and extreme exhilaration among other believers. [1Joh. 2:28](#); [1Pet.4:13](#); as applied to [1Cor.3:15](#)

The fact that the Lord will provide a perfect evaluation and the appropriate reward for applications of BD is the basis for exhortations to continue to apply. [Eph.6:7-8](#); [Col.3:23-24](#); [1Cor.15:58](#)

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The time and place of the Bema seat:

The Bema seat will occur immediately following the rapture. [1The.4:17](#)

Jesus Christ states that He is coming quickly and that He has His rewards with Him. [Isa.40:10](#); [Rev.22:12](#)

The awards will be distributed above the battlefield in the second heaven. [1The.4:17](#)

The glorified and rewarded Church will then accompany the Lord back to the 3rd heaven and await the final seven years before returning with Him at the 2nd advent.

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"For we must all appear before the Bema seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." [2Cor.5:10](#)

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