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The Doctrine of the Pivot. Part 1.

Rom 9:29 says, **And just as Isaiah foretold, “Except the Lord of Sabaoth [not the Sabbath but the Lord of the armies or literally the Lord of the military or of the Christian soldiers] had left to us a posterity,**

Posterity is the Greek noun *sperma* which refers to those believers who live in the nature of God or the sperm of God referring to His seed. Therefore a reference to those believers who live as new creatures who have been born again and therefore those who are a part of the pivot.

Remember the following passages in relationship to the sperma or the seed of God.

1Pe 1:23, for you have been born again not of seed [sperma] which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

This is the seed that allows us to live in what Peter called the divine nature of God.

2Pe 1:4, For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature,

The same seed that the pivotal believer lives in as **1Jo 3:9, No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed [God’s sperma] abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

Rom 9:29, And just as Isaiah foretold or predicted, “Except the Lord of Sabaoth [armies, Christian soldiers, the spiritual military] had left to us a posterity [a pivot], We would have become as Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah.”

The purpose of this analogy with Sodom and Gomorrah is to reveal the importance of the fact that in every generation, the Lord always provides doctrinal teachers with doctrinal believers who become a part of the pivot that stops Satan from taking complete control of the earth.

If not, we would all become like Sodom and Gomorrah, not necessarily like their lifestyle but like their destruction. Therefore, we have begun a very important doctrine for us to understand which is;

The Doctrine of the Pivot.

a. The pivot is defined as the accumulation of mature or spiritually adult believers living in a client nation in a specific geographical location, Mat 5:13-14.

b. While a pivot is composed primarily of mature believers, it also includes those new positive believers whose momentum has carried them into any legitimate stage of spiritual adulthood. They are identified in passages like **1Pe 2:2, as newborn babes, they long and desire for the pure milk of the word, so that by it they you may grow in respect to their salvation.** There is nothing wrong for the newborn seeds of God to desire the milk of the Word...they should. It’s when they try to eat of the meat of the Word without having the basic doctrines of the milk of the word first that gets them in trouble. A little knowledge with arrogance puffs them up says 1Co 8:1. As the writer of the book of Hebrews says HEB 5:12c they have come to need milk and not solid food. Why? Because in **Heb 5:14, Solid food is**

for the mature, who because of practice, practice, practice, have their senses trained to discern between divine good and that good which is evil.

c. A third principle under the definition is that technically, the pivot also includes believers who have fulfilled the principle of “virtue first” as their first priority in the plan of God. Not works or their own righteousness but virtue first! The command for the Christian way of life is virtue first. Not witnessing! Not serving! Not praying! Not doing great things for God...but virtue first.

1. At the time that the apostle Paul wrote this to the Romans, virtue always meant devotion and loyalty to your family. Some believers have no loyalty at all except loyalty to themselves. None whatsoever - they are loyal to themselves - i.e. Arrogance. They are pre-occupied with themselves-i.e. subjectivity. They have no loyalty in life and so virtue always meant that you had developed loyalties in life. The Romans also knew that no one could be virtuous unless they accepted authority (beginning with the authority of their parents). Virtue begins with a willing acceptance of parental authority which gives unity and strength to the family and it resulted in the Romans conquering the world.

2. Virtue also meant reverence and devotion to the authorities over the Romans at that time. This included respect and loyalty toward God which was revealed by exact performance of all that God required. Or a right thing being done in a right way. It also meant respect for the laws of establishment and the Roman government.

3. The third meaning of virtue to the Romans meant justice or faith - to them faith meant to be true to one's word. In the Roman business world a man's word was his bond and they didn't need signed contracts. By virtue they meant what we would call faithfulness or the ability to fulfill one's obligations and keeping one's word.

4. The fourth meaning of virtue meant virtue through absolute self-control.

5. And then the fifth meaning was consistency or perseverance. It seems like the only thing that is really consistent in this world today is inconsistency.

d. A fourth principle under definition is that when it comes to the pivot, the pivot is made up of believers who have virtue which is the visible manifestation of the invisible, i.e., metabolized doctrine and the power of the Holy Spirit controlling the soul. Humility is the foundation for all virtue.

e. For the pivotal believer, virtue is the quality of intrinsic good; it is not proving one's worth or who you really are inwardly—meaning you are not a phony, which so many are – and why they hate the truth that exposes them, Gal 4:16. The believer who is trying to prove something cannot improve spiritually. Proving one's worth is arrogance; improving one's worth spiritually is wisdom. Arrogance is the antithesis of and is antagonist to virtue. Believers who reside and function in the PPOG produce virtue, while believers who reside and function in the cosmic system destroy virtue and produce pseudo-virtue. And it is virtue manufactured inside the PPOG that is the source of all true happiness in life. Therefore, virtue and happiness coexist. There is no happiness in the cosmic system. Pseudo-virtue manufactured in the cosmic system is the basis of all hypocrisy in life.

In the dispensation of the church, the Christian service that is most important is done where people cannot see it. Believers in the pivot stand out in contrast to believers living in the cosmic system, whose arrogance from motivational arrogance results in self-righteous, crusader arrogance. These believers are apostate, recognized by their own clichés', their hypocritical sweet personalities, their self-righteousness, their crusader arrogance, their distortion of doctrine and disorientation to reality, and they are potential revolutionists. In fact, a certain number of these type of believers are even mentally ill from arrogance. In fact, you can also recognize the shrinking of the pivot by the social action and civil disobedience advocated and practiced by believers. Therefore, the true Christian influence in the national entity is spiritual.

The believer's civil responsibility is defined under the laws of divine establishment, as in ROM 13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Rom 13:2-10, Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil. Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

Christianity must never be the state, though religion always tries to be the state, (e.g., Arab countries like Iran and Syria). Both countries who are anti-Semitic and fallen apart and then of course blaming Israel and the great Satan, the USA. When, as Isaiah predicted and the Bible predicted two thousand years ago about the fact that there would be an Arab-Israeli conflict until the Lord comes back.

Gal 4:22-27, For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman [Hagar-Ishmael = father of the Arab race] and one by the free woman [Sarah-Isaac-father of the Jewish race]. But the son [a reference to Ishmael] by the bondwoman [Hagar-Sarah's slave] Ishmael was born according to the flesh, [Abraham and Sarah tried to fulfill the promise of God on their own] and the son [Isaac] by the free woman [a reference to Sarah] came through the promise. This is allegorically speaking: for these women are two covenants, one proceeding from Mount Sinai [referring to the bondage of the Law] bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, barren woman a reference to Sarah who thought she was beyond menopause didn't think it was possible to have a child.

Gal 4:29, But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh [Ishmael] persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit [Isaac], so it is now also.

The battle between Ishmael and Isaac still goes on today in the analogy between the Arabs and the Jews. And so today as a client nation to God and especially as a part of the pivot the influence of Christianity is not produced by influencing with Christian principles, but by growing in grace and establishing a pivot that has invisible historical impact. And this does not mean we are to force Christian principles upon the citizens of our nation. God forbid that we ever become like France when John Calvin literally has some French citizens beaten and even put to death because of rejecting the Bible.

On October 27, 1553 [John Calvin](#), the founder of [Calvinism](#), had Michael Servetus, the Spanish physician, burned at the stake just outside of Geneva for his doctrinal beliefs! Obviously, he had a prolonged, murderous hate in his heart and was willing to violate Scripture to put another to death and in a cruel way. Servetus was convicted of heresy by the Roman Catholic church but he escaped the death penalty by a prison break. And then heading for Italy, Servetus was stopped at Geneva, where he had been denounced by Calvin and the other religious Reformers. He was seized the day after his arrival, condemned as a heretic when he refused to repent, he was **burned in 1553 with the approval of John Calvin**. Here we see the evil of what happens when the church and state intermingle.

John Calvin was spiritually blinded by this hate and therefore, spiritually hindered from rightly dividing the word of truth many times. Let me remind you and all of us of a few passages in scripture.

1Jo 3:15, Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

And if you want to be biblical, instead of saying someone is not saved, as if you are God, remember, if you hate another or hate your fellow believer you are a murderer. And as Rev 21:8 says, **“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”**

Or look at **1Jo 2:10-11, The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

1Jo 3:10-11, By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

The apostle John goes on to write in **1Jo 4:7-8, Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

1Jo 4:11-12, Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

And so if you claim to have love then you don't go around with your hypocritical judgmental gross opinion of who is saved and who is not. My Bible says **Rom 14:4, Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.** My Bible says **Mat 7:1, “Do not judge lest you be judged.”** My Bible says if I have God's love, even toward the guilty, I am to operate in **1Pe 4:8, Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.** And if you are so stupid, dumb, and ignorant and say well the Bible says we have a right to judge, it never says that at all! It says you have a right to evaluate a situation but not judge the person. For when Joh 7:24 says, **“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment [evaluation].”**

It means to evaluate a situation not a person. And who the hell do you think you are to say who is saved and who is not? How more satanic can you be? The real issue with those who operate in this manner is found in

Rom 2:1, Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.