

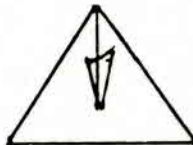
SUBMISSION AND SUBJECTION IN THE CHURCH

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

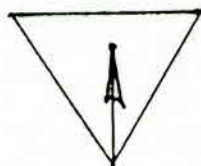


You will recognize the above symbol as the star of David. (Mogen David) In this age and at this time the star of David is also a symbol for two very different types of authority that operate in the church. They are "TEMPORAL" authority and "SPIRITUAL" authority. There are signs all around us that people have mixed them up; and we need to separate them and then rightly recombine them.

The star of David is made of two intertwined pyramids.



One pyramid symbolizes the normal regular temporal authority that is forced from the top to the bottom.



The other pyramid represents the supernatural spiritual authority that flows from the bottom to the top.

Christians are either seeking to be completely led by the Holy Spirit - or else they are allowing themselves to be controlled by elders, pastors or shepherds. There does not seem to be a middle ground.

Let's try to find peace in this MONARCH.

HUPOTASSO

A study of the Greek word "HUPOTASSO" (to set in array under, subject, submit) reveals two very different types of chains of command that are taught in the Bible.

HUPOTASSO

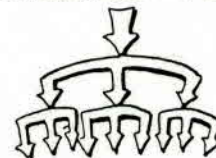
(getting all you ducks in order)



TEMPORAL CHAIN OF COMMAND

The normal chain of command, with orders coming from the top to the bottom, is a regular temporal chain of command. For instance, when the Admiral gave the order, then we white hats jumped. The temporal chain of command is any type of social structure where one person or a small group of people are voted in as the head or perhaps they step into that position themselves. Most businesses have a temporal chain of command. All orders originate at the head and then are passed down to subordinates who then carry out the actions.

NORMAL CHAIN of COMMAND



Here are a couple of examples that can be found in the Bible of the temporal chain of command.

OUR VAIN BODY

Romans 8:20, "For the creature (body) was made SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) to vanity, not willingly." Anyone who is over 40 years old will tell you that their body is vain about the changes that aging brings. And they will add, they are not willing to receive the changes, so they fight them.

VANITY
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BODY

In other words, vanity directs the activity of the human body, and there is nothing that can be done about it. That's the way that the TEMPORAL world is.

**IN THIS WORLD THE SPIRIT IS
SUBJECT TO THE PROPHET**

It is interesting to find that the Spirit is SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) to the prophet.



When someone says, "The Spirit made me do it. I could not control myself," then realize that you are dealing with a very immature Christian who needs to learn more about the Spirit, and how to get along in church.

SPIRITUAL CHAIN OF COMMAND

Now, we will analyze the Spiritual chain of command which has been neglected, much too often. In the Spiritual chain of command, the authority is offered from the bottom to the top.



This is a very important concept to master because most Christians are going to have to change their minds about who has the responsibility to boss who.

YOUNGER SUBMIT TO THE ELDER

Peter tells the younger men to SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) themselves to the elders. NEVER, in the Bible, are the elders told to put the younger men in SUBMISSION (HUPOTASSO). The only people that the church board has authority over are the people who give it to them.



The younger has the responsibility to set himself under the elder. The command was given to the younger, not to the elder.

I Peter 5:5, "Likewise, ye younger, SUBMIT yourselves unto the elder."

The elder has no authority over the younger until the younger gives it to him.

If an elder tells you what to do and you do it, you can not transfer to your elder the responsibility for your actions .



**TRANSFORMED MIND IS TO BE PUT UNDER
THE POWER OF GOD**

The transformed mind is to SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) itself to the power of God. "Let every soul be SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God." (Romans 13:1)



Contrariwise it is interesting to note that the carnal mind is NOT subject to God and it can NOT make itself SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO).

"Because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred) against God: for it is NOT SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:7) Note that the "transformed" mind IS able to do this but the "carnal" mind is NOT.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES

When a husband says, "God made me the head," he's wrong. When a wife says, "God told me to make you the head," she's right.



I can not find even one single verse in the Bible that tells husbands to make themselves the head of their houses. The command is always to the wife to SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) herself to her husband and to make him the head. That is more than a subtle difference. If a wife does not give the authority to the husband then the husband will never have it.

MINISTERS AND THE BROTHERS

Stephanas was never told to put the brethren under SUBMISSION. Contrariwise, the brethren were told that they should SUBMIT (HUPOTASSO) themselves to the family of Stephanas. The family of Stephanas had already SUBMITTED

(HUPOTASSO) themselves unto the ministry. God's supernatural Spiritual pyramid of authority did not force Stephanas into the ministry. Stephanas chose to SUBMIT (HUPOTASSO) himself to it.

"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas that is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) That ye SUBMIT (HUPOTASSO) yourselves unto such." (I Corinthians 16:15-16)

CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The church is to make Christ its head because he loved us and gave himself for us. Christ does not force himself into the position of the head of the church.

HUSBAND THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY

In like manner, wives are to make their husbands their heads - and husbands are not to force themselves into the position of the head of the family.

"Wives, SUBMIT (HUPOTASSO) yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is SUBJECT (HUPOTASSO) unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." (Ephesians 5:22-23)

In God's supernatural SPIRITUAL pyramid of authority - the responsibility to SUBMIT is always given to the one who has to do the job, not the one who gives the orders.

YES! ELDERS CAN BE BOSSY.

The Bible clearly states that the local church elders have the authority to make "TEMPORAL" rules - NOT "SPIRITUAL" rules. The elders have the right to be autonomous (free from the "TEMPORAL" rules of other churches), and to determine if their own members must be vegetarians or if they can eat meat; if they will meet on the Saturday sabbath or on the Christian Sunday resurrection day; if wine may or may not be taken. Those are examples of "TEMPORAL" rules that must be observed or else get out of that particular local church. (Romans 14)

When the "SPIRIT" leads you to break one of those "TEMPORAL" rules, then either keep your big mouth shut about it, or else get out.

"Hath thou faith? (to break an elders "TEMPORAL" rule) have it to thyself before God. (Keep your big mouth shut) Happy is he that condemneth not himself in the thing that he alloweth. (himself to do that will offend the "TEMPORAL" rules of the elders.)" (Romans 14:22)

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NEW MONEY MATTERS

Some new developments have occurred in the matter of Christian management of MONEY.

NOT BAD PROPHECY

Since 1968, this ministry has had a perfect record in predicting the failure of the MONEY systems in many countries of the world. Thousands of our students will tell anyone who wants to listen, that they were given the dates before they occurred. And they will tell you that foreign governments made drastic changes in their own MONEY systems on the very date that we predicted, from Bible study.

NOW I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT!

Now is time to consider changing the rules that I gave you in 1968 - 70.

Pray about it first. If you get the go ahead from the Holy Spirit, then now is the time to pay off your secured debts. (A secured debt is like a house, a car, furniture etc. It is a debt on something that you will loose if you can not make all of the payments, on time.)

There are indications that the International Bankers (I hope that you know who they are) have set up a plan to force the USA into a cashless society very soon. It is like "THE STING" movie.

The more cash that you can accumulate in your own pocket right now, the better off you will be in a little while. And, if you have secured debts like mortgages, you better consider paying them off as soon as you can.

My big change is in the fact that in the past I predicted continuous inflation, and I was right. That made "debt" a good business tool. Now there are influences working to shut down our economy for a while, to force massive foreclosures. They will produce a nearly cashless society, so the change is - that now you will be better off with cash money, not debt.

The stock market should crash again soon. The inflation should go out of sight for a short while. If you are in a position to make instantaneous investment decisions, you may be able to become very rich, while the rest of the world crashes.

Massive bank failures should result in lock outs from banks (like Ohio and Maryland S&L customers are presently working through). Safe deposit boxes will not be accessible if the lobby door is locked up tight.

You can not trust the FSLIC, the FDIC or the government of the USA, in following rules of money management. In fact, history has shown that those people who do what our government advises have always lost money. Ask anybody who ever bought a war bond.

You should need lots of cash, but I don't think that you will be able to get much cash after the crash, unless our government drastically mends it's ways.

The money management information in this MONARCH is from sources outside of direct Bible study, but our past Bible studies have helped us to understand what is probably going on. If this information was directly from the Bible, I would tell you to follow it. But, since it is not directly from Bible study, I ask you to pray about, and to seek the leading of the Holy Spirit. And don't get huffy with people who are not led the same way that you are led. Their state laws, their age, their financial situation and Our GOD's purpose for their lives could easily take them down a road different from the one that you are on.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? And how did he handle his investments in a time

of great change? I hope that you are ready for this!

Noah was the greatest financier in the Bible. He floated his stock while the rest of the world liquidated.

"My brethren, be not many masters (teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (For a joke?) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." (James 3:1-2)

I apologize to our new readers for not explaining everything. Pray about getting some of our money management cassette tape Bible lessons, to fill in the missing pieces. If you can't find your catalog of our books and cassette tape Bible lessons, send for another one. The catalogs are free.

The love of money is the root of all evil. But money is a defense.

And, this ministry can not exist apart from the gifts from our friends, students and readers. Please pray for us.

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