

## Doctrine of the OSN/STA (Old Sin Nature/Sinful Trend of Adam)

- I. Preliminary considerations.
- A. This doctrine comprises a major aspect of Biblical anthropology, the study of man and his nature.
  - B. There are basically two approaches, which one may use to attempt to understand man, his nature, and his behavior:
    - 1. Human philosophy
    - 2. Divine revelation
  - C. Human philosophy cannot arrive at a true understanding of man, since it does not correctly consider the soul, the immaterial, but real part of man.
  - D. True anthropology (Biblical anthropology) incorporates all that comprises man's being, both material and immaterial.
  - E. Throughout this study, a distinction must be maintained between the "living soul" and the brain processes.
    - 1. The living soul is an entity which is invisible but real, and cannot be destroyed by human means, Mat.10:28; *"and do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill (ἀποκτείνω, apokteino – "kill/put to death/murder") the soul, but rather fear Him who is able to destroy (ἀπόλλυμι, apollumi – "destroy/lose/perish/be ruined") both soul and body in hell."*
    - 2. The brain or central nervous system acts as a computer to interpret impulses from the 5 senses (sight, hear, touch, smell, taste – afferent impulses) and upon command, send out impulses (efferent impulses) causing the body to act or react. The brain is made up of sophisticated biochemical called "dust" in the Bible. Gen.2:7; *"Then the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives, and the man became a living soul (הָאָדָם הַחַי לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה – ha-adham (the man) became supplied lenepesh (soul/that which breathes/the breathing substance) chayah (living/alive)"; 1Cor.15:45; "The first man became a living soul". Ecc.12:6-7; "Remember Him (the Creator of vs.1) before the silver cord is broken (silver cord = the point of contact or interface between the soul and the brain computer [BC] which shuts down consciousness i.e., the higher brain stem which clinically is the area of consciousness which is broken at death. Silver is a highly conductive metal.) and the golden bowl is crushed (golden bowl = BC, which organ is primary to life and is shut down at death. Death should be legally defined as no brain waves.), the pitcher by the well is shattered and the well at the cistern is crushed (the heart and circulatory system shuts down); vs.7, then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit/breath (הָרוּחַ haruach) will return to God who gave it."*
  - F. The living soul comes by an act of creation at physical birth, Gen.1:27; *"and God created (on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of restoration) man in His own image (the soul reflects divine essence), in the image of God He created him; male and female He created*

- them*”; cf. Gen.2:7; while the body comes via procreation following the laws of genetics, Psa.139:14; *“I will give thanks to You for I am respectfully and wonderfully made”*; cf. Heb.10:5; *“Therefore when He (God-Man) comes into the world, He (deity) says ‘a body You have prepared (καταπείζω, kataptizo – “thoroughly prepare/make ready/ complete”) for Me’”*; Ecc.11:5; *“Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones (are formed) in the womb of a pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.”*
1. We are from the womb facsimiles of Adam in the fallen state, possessing a body and a soul (dichotomous vs. trichotomous).
  2. We are therefore by implication no better and no worse than Adam.
  3. Variations are allowed for under the laws of genetics (ex. Different color of hair, eyes, skin), but the body follows a fixed mode (2 eyes, feet, sexes, etc.).
- G.** It is critical to *“rightly dividing the word of truth”* and to correctly understand Biblical anthropology to know that volition resides in the soul and not in the brain.
1. As God possesses volition called Sovereignty, so man created in His image possesses volition.
  2. Volition is evidenced by every third class condition, subjunctive mood, every alternative (Joh.3:36), imperatives, and rebukes for unbelief in believers and unbelievers (why rebuke wrong doing if the potential to do right doesn’t exist?).
  3. All human sinning is an act of volition, known or unknown Eze.18:4; *“The soul who sins will die.”* Read the entire chapter, which documents free will.
  4. Clinically it has been demonstrated that volition and consciousness reside outside the brain, which is substantiated by the Word of God cp. Luk.16:19-31; awareness of life after death. Ref. Penfield’s *Mystery of the Mind*.
  5. Conclusions:
    - a. The soul comes from God perfect and sinless via creation at birth.
    - b. The soul is plugged into the BC throughout life. 2Cor.5:1-5
    - c. The soul is to the brain what a programmer is to a computer.
    - d. The problem exists when the programmer (Real You) becomes enslaved to the computer (OSN/STA). Rom.6:6; *“that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”*
    - e. The soul constitutes the Real You, since it survives death and is where all decisions are made good or bad. Rom.9:11; *“For though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad.”*
    - f. The soul of the believer dictates to the BC to produce either sin or righteousness. The former state puts the STA/BC in rulership of life, while the latter implies the rulership of the Holy Spirit, Rom.6:12; *“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts”* cf. Rom.8:4; *“Who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”*
    - g. So the issue for man in the Angelic Conflict (A/C) is to overrule the BC by reprogramming it with divine viewpoint, Psa.40:8 *“I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart”*; Psa.119:11 *“Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I may not sin against You”*; 2Cor.3:2,3.

- II. Synonyms for the OSN/STA.** (Each of these terms are descriptive of some aspect of the nature, its activity or function).
- A.** Sin (ἁμαρτία – hamartia) in the singular with or without the definite article. Rom.5:12,13; 6:12-14,16-18,20,22,23; 7:8,9,11,17,20,23,25
  - B.** Body of sin. Rom.6:6b
  - C.** Corruptible man. Rom.1:23
  - D.** Body of death. Rom.7:24
  - E.** Law of sin and death. Rom.7:25
  - F.** Flesh. Gal.5:17; 6:8
  - G.** Fleshly mind. Col.2:18
  - H.** Carnal. Rom.7:14; 1 Cor.3:1,3,4
  - I.** Mortal body. Rom.6:12
  - J.** Old man. Eph.4:22; Col.3:9
  - K.** Corruptible seed. 1Pet.1:23
  - L.** Wretched man. Rom.7:25
  - M.** Evil. Rom.7:19,21, a part of evil, the policy of Satan.
  - N.** Body of humiliation. Phi.3:21
  - O.** Body of corruption. 1Cor.15:42,50
  - P.** Iniquity. Psa.51:6

**III. The origin of the OSN/STA in mankind.**

- A.** Adam, the federal head (genetic male parent) of the human race is the source of the OSN/STA. Gen.2,3
  - 1.** Adam and Eve at the outset were created perfect and trichotemous with body, soul and human spirit since God is not the author or sponsor of sinful trends, sins or temptation. Cp. Jam.1:13, 1Joh.1:5
  - 2.** The woman first, then the man, developed a trend away from God; the trend in and of itself was not sinful since there was only one sin that could be committed and that was the act of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil cp. Gen.2:16-17.
  - 3.** The temptation to sin came from without and not from within (Gen.3:1f) and the trend to disregard God's words was converted into a sinful trend when they committed the first sin of mankind, an act of disobedience to the commandment.
  - 4.** The sin is known as Adam's Original Sin (AOS), and the trend to sin is known as the OSN/STA.
  - 5.** The trend to sin (disobey God's words) as seen in the woman came from arrogance (legalism), lack of discernment (listening to a false communicator), and keeping information from her right man (associating with the serpent behind Adam's back); as seen in the man is reflected in his allowing her to usurp his authority and putting his fellowship with her over doctrine.
  - 6.** The original sin (eating of the tree) came from volition apart from the OSN.
  - 7.** By choosing for knowledge of good and evil, Adam chose a new ruler of life, the STA.

8. At the point of the fall, judgement by God as promised was executed with results affecting all of mankind:
  - a. Spiritual death occurred (Gen.2:16-17).
  - b. Satan became the ruler of the world through the STA. 2Cor.4:4
  - c. The STA became the ruler of life. Eph.2:1-3
9. So mankind is ruled by Satan through the STA. Joh.8:44; 1Joh.3:8
- B. Immediately after the fall, Adam exhibited characteristics of the OSN/STA and his progeny.
  1. He attempted to cover his own sins (operation fig leaves). Gen.3:7
  2. He demonstrated fear based on ignorance. Gen.3:10
  3. Satanic reprogramming: nakedness between husband and wife was wrong (operation legalism). Gen.3:11
  4. Failure to assume responsibility for the sin (operation “patsy”). Gen.3:12

#### IV. The mechanics of the perpetuation of the STA to all mankind.

- A. Proof that the sin nature is located in the genetic code of the flesh.
  1. David said his conception was marked by sin, and since sex is not a sin between husband and wife, he must be discussing the origin of his OSN, Psa.51:5 “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity (בְּעוֹןִי – be-awon; “iniquity” is a complex Hebrew word. אָוֶן – awan, has a root meaning “power”. It is used of abuse of power and the subterfuge and treachery employed that brings oppression, injustice, and harm. It is a good synonym for the STA) and in sin (בְּיִחְוָה – yebehet) my mother conceived me (this refers to the first cell of his fleshly existence).” Note the background of Ps.51 is David’s rebound (RB) concerning Bathsheba.
  2. Constant references to the flesh and body as being the place of sin and lust. Rom.7:18 “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is in my flesh”; Rom.7:23-25; 8:1-9,12; Gal.5:16 – “lust of the flesh”; Eph.2:3; Col.2:11; 1Pet.3:21; 2Pet.2:10,18; cf. 1Joh.2:16
  3. Necessity of the virgin birth (see pt. VI; Rom.8:3).
  4. The fact that the STA is not in the soul, since the soul comes by creation (Gen.1:27 בָּרָא – bahrah; created ex-nihilo cp. the body that was “formed” - 2:7; יָצַר – yahtsar) and God does not create imperfect beings.
- B. The mechanics of the perpetuation of the STA.
  1. Since the STA originated with Adam at the fall and is in the flesh, Adam can perpetuate nothing better than himself.
  2. When his trend became sinful, he acquired the STA with its lusts via genetic engineering.
  3. This he passed on to his progeny in procreation.
  4. The STA begins in each person when the 23 chromosomes of the male fertilize the 23 chromosomes of the female ovum.
  5. So the genetic code in general and the STA genes in particular, are found in the first cell and spreads to all cells (100 trillion) during gestation.
  6. But the STA manifests itself in the genes of the cells of the central nervous system and has excellent opportunity to influence the Real You from birth. Gen.6:5; 8:21b; Jer.17:9; Mat.12:34,35; Mar.7:20-23

7. So all men are sinners inherently due to genetic engineering.
  8. Volition of the Real You remains free to respond to grace and upset the rule of the STA.
- C. Mechanics of spiritual death and the OSN/STA.
1. Adam voluntarily chose to sin and died as God said.
  2. He lost his human spirit and acquired a sinful trend putting him in need of the new birth.
  3. He passed on the STA to his children and thereby to all humanity via procreation.
  4. So at physical conception each person inherits his/her own OSN and becomes a living soul at birth via the imputation of the breath of life (נְשָׁמָה - neshamah) from God.
  5. In addition to the inheriting of the sin nature and giving of life via the soul, man is born spiritually dead. Eph.2:1 *“and you were dead in trespasses and sins.”*
  6. Spiritual death spreads to all men when Adams Original Sin (AOS) is imputed to the STA at the point of physical life. Rom.5:12,13 *“Therefore just as through one man sin (STA) entered into the world, and (not only the STA) death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned – for until the Law (Mosaic) sin was in the world; but sin (AOS) is not imputed where there is no law”*. Cf. Gen.2:17
  7. The background to the imputation of AOS to the STA is the fact that divine justice must judge all sinful conditions and sins at some point in the A/C.
  8. Adam’s sin was judged, producing spiritual death. Gen.2:17
  9. So all of Adam’s posterity shares in his spiritual death from birth and that involuntarily. Rom.5:14a *“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned (voluntarily) in the likeness of Adam’s offense”*; Rom.5:15b *“For if (1<sup>st</sup> class condition) by the transgression of the one (AOS) the many (Adam’s progeny = mankind) died (spiritual death); Rom.5:17a “For if (1<sup>st</sup> class condition) by the transgression of the one (AOS) death (spiritual death) reigned through the one”*; Rom.5:18a *“So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation (κατάκριμα – katakrima = condemnation; the penalty/spiritual death) to all men”*; Rom.5:19 *“For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners.”*
  10. Principle: Imputation demands a home, and the home (target) of AOS is his STA, producing spiritual death. Rm.5:13b *“But sin is not imputed (ἐλλογέω – ellogeo; a technical commercial term: to charge to an account; cf. Philm.18) when there is no law”*.
  11. His one sin is charged to all men, producing universal spiritual death, since God must judge all sinful conditions (all OSN’s).
  12. Principle: Wherever the trend (STA) of Adam leads, his sin must follow.
  13. The justice of God has no choice but to impute the result (AOS) to its cause (Adam’s trend), since god has to judge sin in the flesh.
  14. Although AOS is involuntary in his progeny, it is logical, consistent, and just for God to condemn all flesh possessing the OSN via imputation.

15. "...in Adam all die" (1Cor.15:22), and we are all born "in Adam" via genetic engineering and imputation.
  16. The necessity to judge men at birth with spiritual death conversely stifled the giving of the human spirit by God.
- V. The nature and function of the STA in fallen mankind.
- A. The sin nature resides in the genetics of the flesh, not in the soul.
    1. The soul comes from God by creation and therefore, must be perfect.
    2. Constant references to the physical body as the residence of the STA are found in scripture.  
Rom. 7:17-25; Gal.5:16; Eph.2:3; 2Pet.2:10
  - B. The STA is in opposition to God.
    1. Those ruled by the sin nature cannot comprehend God or His plan. 1Cor.2:14
    2. Those under their STA's view BD as foolishness. 1Cor.1:18-21; 2:14
    3. People under the domination of the sin nature cannot please God. Rom.8:8; Col.1:21; cp. Jam.4:4
    4. The STA is hostile toward God and opposed to His plan. Rom.8:7
    5. The STA is incapable of subjecting itself to the will of God. Rom.8:7
  - C. Even as spiritual death reigns over the Real You through the imputation of AOS to the STA, so the STA reigns over the Real You in the sphere of spiritual death. Rom.5:17a "*For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one*"; cf. Rom.5:21a "*Sin reigned in death.*"
    1. The personal sins of the STA is the STA reigning over the Real You. Rom.6:16-21
    2. Spiritually dead mankind is born with the STA as the ruler of life. Rom.6:17 "*though you were slaves of sin.*"
    3. Satan rules mankind through the STA/BC. Joh.8:44
    4. Via programming, Satan loads the BC with his policies and evil.
    5. Variations exist, but all mankind is genetically in Satan. 1Joh.5:19 "*The whole cosmos lies in the evil one.*"
    6. So man's link to evil is through the STA lust pattern. Eph.2:1-3 "*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins (STA reigning in spiritual death) in which you formerly walked according to the course (literally αἰών – aion; used in the sense of an era or epoch; Mat.13:22; Mar.4:19. Refers to the particular trend the corporate STA takes during a particular era of history) of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (the second "according" – κατά clause shows that behind world evil is the god of this world working through the corporate STA at any given point of time), of the spirit that is now operating in the sons of disobedience (they refuse to overrule the STA). Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging in the desires of the flesh (flesh has desires of its own) and of the mind (STA readout in the soul's analysis center), and were by nature (φύσις – physis) children of wrath, even as the rest.*"
    7. There are four general categories of evil which the STA has an affinity for.
      - a. E1 which refers to evil in general. Rom.7:21
      - b. E2 refers to the realm of personal sins. Mar.7:20-23

- c. E3 involves trends toward human good and/or human righteousness apart from BD and being in FHS. Mar.7:1-8; Gen.4:3ff cp.1Joh.3:12 *“not as Cain, who was of the evil one (through genetics, STA rulership + -V), and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds (salvation by works) were evil and his brother’s were righteous.”*
- d. E4 refers to false doctrine (doctrine of demons) which is rampant in the negative world. 1Tim.4:1; Eph.4:14 *“As a result, we are no longer to be children (grow up spiritually), tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, (illustrates how helpless man is to avoid being influenced by evil), by the games of men (κυβεία – kubeia; refers to dice playing and here the games are devised by men), in the sphere of unscrupulousness (πανουργία – panourgia; from “pan”/all and “ergon”/work. The dice game is rigged! People who push false doctrine lack principles) with reference to the scheme (πρός ἡ μεθοδεία – pros [with reference to] he methodeia [from meta “with” and hodos “way” cf. the plural use in 6:11] ); of the deceit (gen. of ἐ πλανή - he plane).”* The visual then as presented is: You are in a gambling house = cosmos diabolicus; there are many games = winds of doctrine; each one is rigged and somebody watches over it = the pit boss (individual pushing the false doctrine) who lacks principles of integrity of God’s word; and when you place your bet = choose your place under evil in general (E1), you are ultimately being deceived by the casino owner = Satan who is behind the scheme. So you are playing face to face with the god of this world and fall for the scheme of E1 call deceit. You lose big because you led with your STA. Satan recognizes that each of us has an STA and has some overt agency or system of thought that the STA will go for = knowledge of good and evil.

**D. Further observations on the collective STA.**

1. There has been increased STA activity since the giving of the Mosaic Law. Rm.5:20 *“and the law came in (1446BC) that the transgression (collective singular for STA activity) might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more”*; cf. Rom.7:5
2. The STA cannot on its own accord and trend, handle divine viewpoint. 1Cor.2:14
3. The STA deceives the Real You via the lust pattern. Rom.7:11; Eph.4:22
4. STA trends vary among men. Psal.58:3.
5. Based on these facts as documented, it should be apparent why those who take their cues from the sin nature cannot please God or adjust to Him.

**VI. The exception to the STA in mankind.**

- A.** The humanity of Christ is the exception. 2Cor.5:21; 1Joh.3:5
- B.** The way Christ avoided the STA contamination in His humanity was via the virgin birth.
  1. While the woman is a carrier of the STA, she is not a transmitter; this was biologically established by God, since the woman sinned in ignorance and Adam in cognizance. 1Tim.2:11-15

2. The man then transmits the STA as seen in the fact Jesus had a human female parent but not an actual human male parent. (See infancy narratives in the gospels)
  3. Mary was a carrier of the STA, committed personal sins, and needed salvation. Luk.1:47
  4. As in all conceptions, Mary had the 23 chromosome cell - the ovum – which had to be genetically pure so that Jesus’ humanity could by-pass the STA genes.
  5. God the Holy Spirit contributed the 23 male chromosome cell, called the sperm.
  6. The fetus was therefore perfect genetically while being true humanity. Luk.1:34,35
  7. Adam was created perfect while Christ was born perfect. Heb.10:5
  8. That Christ was without sin logically concludes the omission of the STA that is the target of AOS. 2Cor.5:21; Heb.4:15 cp.Rom.5:19
  9. Without the indwelling STA (ISTA), it was impossible for God to impute AOS to Jesus; therefore Jesus was given a human spirit.
  10. Conclusion: Christ was uniquely born. Joh.3:16; cf.1:14,18; 3:18; Heb.11:17; 1Joh.4:9.
- C. In addition to being genetically pure, Christ had to remain experientially pure/sinless under kenosis to qualify as sin-bearer. Heb.4:15; cf. 2:18
- D. It was necessary for Christ to be pure in both cases in order for God to provide the potential of the SAJG. 2Cor.5:19,21; 1Pet.2:24; 1Joh.2:2

## VII. The OSN/STA and sanctification.

### A. The STA and Ph1 sanctification.

1. Due to the inability of the STA to perceive or understand divine viewpoint, the Holy Spirit acts on behalf of the unbeliever by providing a clear readout on the gospel (Joh.16:8,9) while placing unbelieving men/women under conviction of their nature/life as being less than perfect righteousness (1The.1:5) and in need of salvation.
2. If one believes, the individual is provided with +R, enabling God to establish a relationship with Him, setting up the grace pipeline of blessing.
3. In addition, the individual is given the human spirit and E.L., thus canceling out spiritual death and the believer is indwelt and filled with God the Holy Spirit, introducing a new ruler of life while for the first time breaking the continuous rule of the STA since birth.
4. However, the indwelling OSN is not eradicated or modified in any way at salvation. 1Joh.1:8,10; Ecc.7:20
5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit of the believer into union with Christ (1Cor.12:13) only positionally sets aside the STA per the doctrine of retroactive positional truth (RAPT). Rom.6:2-7 *“How shall we who died to sin (RAPT) still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death; Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, even so we*

*might walk in newness of life* (potential of experiential isolation of the STA). *For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in likeness of His resurrection* (RAPT guarantees a resurrection body for the believer in which there is no STA), *knowing this, that our old self* (OSN/STA) *was crucified with Him* (sins of the STA judged), *that the body of sin might be eradicated* (ultimate setting aside), *that we* (Royal Family – RF) *should no longer be slaves to sin* (experiential isolation), *for he who has died* (RAPT) *has been justified from sin.*” Cp. Gal.2:20

6. So RAPT constitutes the positional setting aside of the STA, which position guarantees its ultimate setting aside via a resurrection body minus the STA.
  7. It does not follow and is non-documentable that the believer will necessarily go on to the experiential setting aside of the flesh enjoying the benefits of experiential sanctification. Gal.3:3
- B.** The STA and Ph2 sanctification.
1. It is readily established by the Word of God that the believer continues to possess a sin nature and commit personal sins after the SAJG. Rom.7:18-19
  2. Those who contend otherwise are deceived and blaspheme. 1Joh.1:8,10
  3. The Bible is replete with exhortations to believers not to engage in their pre-salvation manner of life. Gal.5:19-21; Eph.4:17-22; Rom.6:1,15
  4. The STA is the source of the inner conflict, which begins at the point of salvation until the end of your Ph2. Gal.5:17; Jam.4:1
  5. In this inner warfare between the indwelling H.S. and the lust pattern of the STA, the battleground is the soul. 1Pet.2:11
  6. There exists in the life of every believer two potential rulers of the Real You/soul. Rom.8:4-8
  7. So the issue in this internal conflict is, “Who is going to rule the soul?”
    - a. The believer that lacks doctrine or is negative to the truth lacks the mechanics and the understanding to effectively place the H.S. in the position of rulership and maintain that position. 1Joh.1:9; Gal.5:16
    - b. Therefore, he lives much like his unbelieving counterpart, a slave to the STA (1Cor.3:1-3) operating under the various lusts that the STA sponsors/salivates:
      - 1) Sex lust. 1The.4:3-7
      - 2) Monetary lust. 1Tim.6:9-10
      - 3) Approbation lust. Col.3:22ff
      - 4) Power lust. Mat.20:20-28
      - 5) Youthful lusts. 2Tim.2:22
      - 6) Abnormal lusts. Rom.1:26-27
      - 7) Pleasure lust. Tit.3:3
    - c. The believer who is +V, consistently assimilates sound doctrine and is fastidious in their RB possesses both the knowledge and mechanics to keep the H.S. in the position of rulership.
  8. Under the OSN, the believer is a spiritual P.O.W. in the A/C. Rom.7:23
    - a. Life in the P.O.W. camp is characterized by personal sin, human good, false doctrine and human viewpoint.

- b. The believer who remains a P.O.W. is guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy.
  - c. RB is the only means of escape.
  - d. The +V hates being in the enemy camp. Rom.7:15, 16, 19, 20
  - e. One sin puts us in the enemy camp.
  - f. Due to –V most believers, even though they will spend eternity with God, spend their Ph2 as prisoners of the STA and as a result lose SG3.
9. The believer under the OSN also reaps Divine discipline. Heb.12:6,10
  10. Which ruler in life the believer chooses also impacts his/her understanding or distortion of Bible doctrine. 1Cor.2:14
  11. When the believer in time succumbs to the temptations of the STA, they are considered “dead” to God until they resuscitate themselves through RB. Jam.1:14, 15 *“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it bears sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.* (The STA is personified as a lascivious female on the prowl for a man to produce a bastard child. The soul/real you is the weak minded male. The insatiable seductress comes on strong attempting to sexually arouse the male. The two participles, carried away and enticed, represent the intense pressure the flesh puts on the soul causing the salivation of trend and the promise of gratification. Conception implies the sex act that is the soul giving the STA the green light. The bastard progeny is the sin, be it mental attitude, verbal or overt. The result of fornicating with the STA is temporal death. Cp. Rom.7:8-11.
  12. When the believer is ruled by the STA, he is of no value in the plan of God as seen in the terms used to describe this state.
    - a. Dead: emphasizes the total inability of one to do anything and the state of utter helplessness. Rom.6:21-23; 7:9-13; 8:13
    - b. Sleep: emphasizes the state of insensibility caused by lethargy and spiritual slackness, allowing the STA to call the shots. Eph.5:11-14; 1The.5:4-8
    - c. P.O.W. as defined above in pt. **VII, B, 8** which shows that the believer is neutralized in the conflict until escape occurs.
    - d. Slaves: indicating the abject state of servitude to a cruel, abusive master. Rom.6:16,23
    - e. Drunk: illustrating the disorientation and inappropriate activity caused by intoxication of the STA. Eph.5:18; Jer.51:39,57
    - f. In darkness: indicating the lack of true perception and the inability to order one’s walk/steps appropriately (Joh.8:12; 12:35), which perception is only provided by the light of the Word of God.
  13. Walking by the Spirit/filled with the Spirit is the one method of spirituality and victory over the STA. Gal.5:16
  14. When the IHS rules the soul, the believer does not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Rom.8:13; Gal.5:16
  15. Synonyms for the state of FHS.
    - a. Alive (indicates condition). Rom.6:13; 7:9
    - b. FHS (indicates rulership). Eph.5:18

- c. Walking in the Spirit, light or love (indicates modus operandi and vivendi). Gal.5:16; 1Joh.1:7; Eph.5:2
  - d. Imitators of God (indicates representation/ambassadorship). Eph.5:1
  - e. Slaves to righteousness (indicates ownership). Rom.6:16,18
  - f. Spiritual (indicates state of). 1Cor.2:15
  - g. Crucify (indicates who/what (cross) we identify with). Gal.5:24
- C. The STA and Ph3 sanctification.**
1. The inner conflict between the STA and the Holy Spirit ends at physical death or the rapture, which ever may occur first.
  2. Since the STA is a part of the body of corruption, when the soul is separated from the body, the STA is left behind.
  3. This is one very important reason for understanding that the STA does not reside in the soul, but in the body.
  4. There will be no STA in the resurrection body since we inherit a body like His. Phi.3:20;21; cf. 1Joh.3:5
  5. Mature believers look forward to it. Rom.7:24,25
  6. Sins of the STA were judged in Christ, that the STA might be done away with. Rom.6:6; cp. 1Joh.3:8
  7. The mechanics of it 1Cor.15:35-38.
  8. E3 (human good) of the believer is judged and thrown out. 1Cor.3:13-15
  9. There will be no STA in the eternal state. Rev.21:8

**VIII. Satan has a lust pattern. Joh.8:44**

**IX. Concluding observations.**

- A.** All unbelievers are total slaves to the STA and the only deliverance is faith in Christ. Tit.3:3
- B.** Once you believe, you continue to possess and will repetitively succumb to the STA your entire life. Ecc.7:20
- C.** This begins the inner conflict between the IHS and the ISTA.
- D.** Your particular weakness and area of sinning is not going to necessarily be the same as another person's area of sinning.
- E.** Operation STA is a reason prayer is unanswered. Jam.4:3
- F.** Recognizing principles of the STA helps one to avoid judging others. Gal.6:1-2
- G.** We should encourage each other and provide support in the battle that each one of us faces.
- H.** We are not to follow the STA, but rather produce divine good. Tit.2:11-15
- I.** STA types will be much evident in the last days. 2Tim.3:1-7; 2Pet.3:3
- J.** Believers under the STA explain the born-again religious world and all their bizarre interpretations of scripture, and resultant goofy teaching and activities.
- K.** Believers in the last days will fall under the STA deception of plurality of teachers. These "ear ticklers" are teachers who will stroke their lust grid rather than challenging it. 2Tim.4:3-4
- L.** The cosmic system with its various lusts is transitory and is passing away. 1Joh.2:15-17