

THE Monarch

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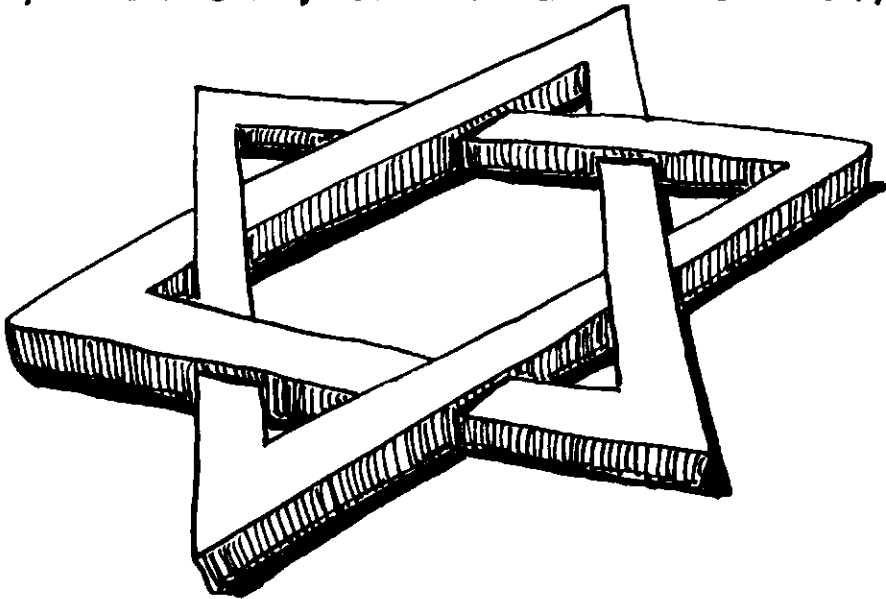
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SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

(Or, who's in charge of what and how come??)

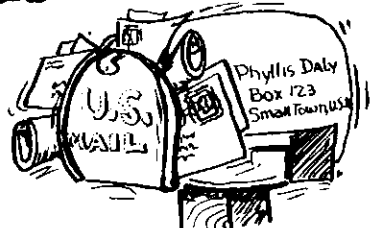


You will recognize the symbol above as the star of David. It is also a symbol in this age for two types of authority found in the church.

The star consists of two Pyramids:
one  symbolizes authority being forced from top to bottom
the other  symbolizes authority granted from bottom up.

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Hi Butterflies: You are probably wondering what this new piece of paper is that is cluttering your mailbox. Well, it is the beginning of something that we hope, Lord Willing, will be of great benefit to you.



Our mailing list is growing and we feel that God would have us offer something to you that is more solid than what we have offered in the past. If you have been receiving letters from us for

some time you know it has simply been information about new tapes and books or maybe notices of where Dave will be speaking throughout the country. You have shown great interest in the ministry by your responses and now we hope to be of better service to you.

The desire of our hearts is to be led by the Holy Spirit. Our ministry is to those Christians who are becoming kings and priests, joint heirs with Christ; to those who are presenting themselves as candidates before God for the salvation of spirit, soul, and body. We hope to bring you articles each month that will help you to see your position in Christ and aid you in understanding what is happening to you in your Christian walk. We pray that these messages will be anointed and of much value to you.

You may be asking yourself, "Why the name ----- Monarch?" We would offer a double reason because the name 'Monarch' has a double meaning and you may know that we believe very strongly in doubles. First, the name means king, and we are looking and preparing for the return of THE KING. Secondly, the monarch is a butterfly, symbol of new life and of transformation; these we are hoping for.



Your criticism, encouragement, and suggestions will be much appreciated. We do not wish our little publication to become only a piece

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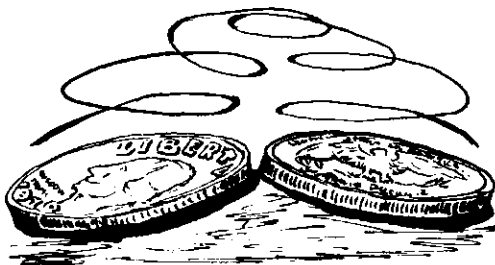
of 'junk' mail. We do hope it will be something you look forward to receiving and reading and maybe even keeping for future reference. We will grow as God allows.

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURE ARTICLE

You may be aware of the present controversy in the church over the teaching of authority and submission. We believe it is very important for Christians to see both sides of this issue. It appears that Christians are going in one of two directions. They are either seeking to be completely led by the Spirit at the expense of healthy Christian relations or they are allowing themselves to be controlled by pastors or shepherds at the cost of knowing the beauty & wonder of being led by the Holy Spirit of God.

SEE BOTH SIDES



HUPOTASSO

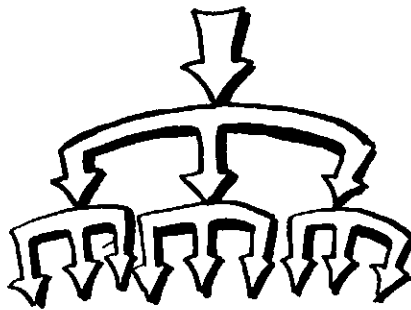
(getting all you ducks in) order.



A study of the Greek word HUPOTASSO - (to set in array under, subject, submit) reveals

two chains of command that are taught in the Bible. There is what we will call a normal chain of command (CofC) and a spiritual CofC. The normal CofC is found in any type of social structure (Army, business, etc.) where one man or group of men is voted in as head or assumes that position himself. All orders filter down from this head to subordinates who then carry out actions. This CofC has been well defined and taught throughout Christianity. You may be surprised to find what the bible teaches about each chain.

NORMAL CHAIN OF COMMAND



Some examples of the normal chain of command can be found in Romans 8:20; 1 Corinthians 15:27-28; & 1 Cor. 14:32

In Rom. 8:20 we find that the body is subject to vanity, not willingly, but it is subject.

VANITY



BODY

1 Cor. 15: 27-28 tells us all things are subject to the Son who in turn is subject to the Father.

FATHER



SON



ALL THINGS

It is interesting to find in 1 Cor. 14:32 that the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. Therefore we should learn to control our spirit and be mature in how we allow it to be manifested.

PROPHET



OF THE SPIRIT PROPHECY

These are only a few of the examples of the normal chain of Command found in the scriptures. You can see that in each instance the one above has the authority and or power to rule over the one below.

We will now look into the spiritual chain of command which has been very much neglected today. If this chain was realized and taught correctly perhaps both chains would work correctly. In this chain AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FROM BOTTOM TO TOP. This is a very important concept to see.

SPIRITUAL CHAIN OF COMMAND



We will use Bible examples found in 1 Peter 5:5; Rom. 13:1; and Eph. 5:22 to illustrate how this CofC operates.

In 1 Peter 5:5 Peter tells the younger men that they are to SUBJECT THEMSELVES to the elders. Do you see the difference? It should be noted that NEVER in the Bible is the elder told to put the younger under subjection. The younger has power to set himself under the elder for the command is given to the younger. Most of us have elders appointed by someone else or by themselves. 3

ELDER ↑ YOUNGER

Our next example, Rom. 13:1 tells us that the transformed mind is to subject itself to the power of God. The TRANSFORMED mind is able to do this. It is interesting to find in Rom. 8:7 that the carnal mind does not subject itself to God, neither is it able to. Praise God for transformed minds.

POWER of GOD ↑ TRANSFORMED MIND

The final example of the spiritual chain of command deals with the marriage relationship. Do you know there is not a single verse in the Bible that teaches man that he is head of the house? (Pause & think on that!) The command is always to the wife, to subject herself to her husband and make him the head. This is as different as day & night.

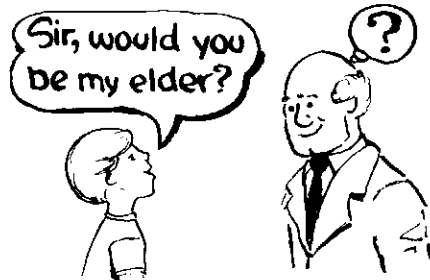
HUSBAND ↑ WIFE

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The order is always to the wife to submit herself to her husband, it is always the same: Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:5 all say the same thing. It does not say anywhere that the husband should rule over his wife.

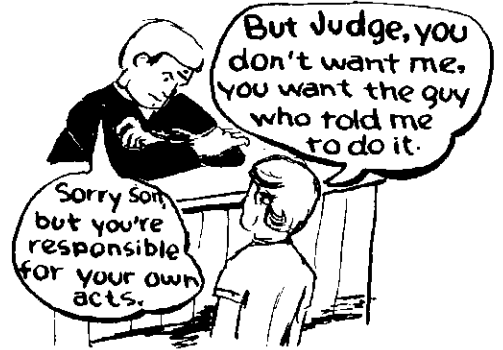
We would like to close by looking more closely at one of the relationships found in the church, that of elders to younger. We will do this by referring to yet another scripture, I Cor. 16:15-16.

Here we find that the family of Stephanos has submitted themselves to the ministry. Paul's command then is to the brethren that they should submit themselves to the family of Stephanos. Never does it tell Stephanos to put the brethren under subjection. The authority is always with the subordinate layer in God's supernatural pyramid. God did not force Stephanos into the ministry. Stephanos chose to submit himself to it, he set himself under it and made it paramount in his life.



The thing that makes an elder an elder is the younger. In Eph. 5:22-25 we see that the church makes Christ the head because He loved us

and gave Himself for us. In like manner wives are to make their husbands their heads because of the husbands love and devotion to them. Again, the younger makes the elder his elder because he sees a devotion to God on the part of the elder, he sees one with more experience than he himself has.



In this relationship the final responsibility is with the younger. Elders are not taught in the scripture to give commands, only advice. If an elder tells you what to do and you do it, you cannot transfer the responsibility of that act to your elder.

Isaiah 30:1 says, "Woe to the rebellious children, sayeth the Lord, that take counsel, but not of Me; and that cover with a covering, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin." Many mistakes have been made in this area of coverings and submission but praise God, He can forgive our past and all that we did wrong through lack of understanding. We believe that the correct understanding of this teaching could bring great peace to many Christians.