

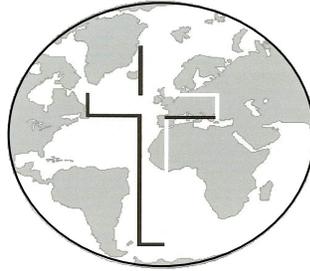
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THE LAW OF PERFECTION

From an Arabic book written in 1216 by Georgi, sammanic monk
Translated by Dr. Sadik Wardeh

The Lord Jesus Christ did not give a commandment until He applied it first to Himself and showed us from it a model and an example. First he warned us against the love of this world, saying: "Do not love the world and what is in the world, for the world and all that is in it will vanish but whoever does the will of God will live forever".

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his own soul? Or what should a man give for redemption of himself.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" When He knew that anger corrupts the mind and destroys it, He said: "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry?"

Then He showed us the example of tenderness and patience on the mourning, weeping and the sad people saying:

If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also"

He showed us the example of obedience saying: If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles"

He showed us not to have sympathy on the earthly ashes of this world saying: "If someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. Give the one who asks you".

He showed us the meaning of asceticism saying: "Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts."

He showed us the meaning of contentment in living by saying: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what will you eat or drink, or about your body, what will you wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow

or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Then he made us to be like Him and to imitate him in goodness and mercy saying: “Do not cling evil to evil but evil to good. Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. The sunshine rises on the good and the evil and God rains himself on the pure and the ungodly.

He showed us models of graciousness and hospitality saying: “If you see a man hungry, give him something to eat; naked to clothe him; sick to look after him; in prison to visit him and to find out what is good for him”

Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God”.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God”

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”.

He commanded us to say No:

“Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not give false testimony”.

He commanded us to obey our parents:

“Honor your father and mother”, love your neighbor as yourself,

He gave us another commandment “in mercy, giving, and to avoid greatness and pride: by saying: “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you

“when someone invites you to a wedding feast, take the lowest place:”,

“Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven:

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men....they have received their reward in full”

He gave us an example of courage by saying, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body”.

He commands us to tell the truth by saying: “Do not swear at all; either by heaven, for it is God’s throne or by the earth, for it is his footstool. Simply let your “Yes” be “Yes” and your “No”, “No”; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

Then he teaches us chastity by saying: “Those who have wives should live as if they had none”.

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. He gave us an example of preserving virginity, “For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can access this should accept it”.

“Anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

He showed us the significance of living after being gone to the second world by saying: "At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like angels in heaven."

The hope we have in God will draw us greater to Him where "No eye has ever seen, nor ear has heard, and no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who loved him."

Christ was the Supreme Spirit of God and His Word. He placed for us, through His mercy **The Law of Perfection**, for us to follow. .

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Amid Habib, M.D. F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past November, United People in Christ celebrated it's **20th** Birthday, helping our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

Since its inception in 1998, and as of November 30, 2018, your donations have totaled **\$675,317.07** of which we have distributed **\$645,628.00** to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ living in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We continue to spend less than 10% of your donations on administration.. Your donations as of the end of November 30, 2018 Totaled **\$29,200.00**.

At this time I want to thank the United People in Christ board members who continue to donate their time, money and talent to help me through the years. I want to give, however, special thanks to **YOU**, each and everyone of you who donated money through the years helping us to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. I want to thank a very special couple **Esther and Jonathan Phelps** who continue to donate \$1,000.00 per month to UPIC and have done so faithfully for many years. May the Lord Bless them both, their family and you, and give all of you His abundance.

THIS CHRISTMAS WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to send your tax deductible donation to help your needy brothers and sisters in Christ persecuted in the Middle East. I do know most of you are having financial difficulties these days, but I also know that our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East are in a much worse situation than us and desperately need our help. What better way to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas than to help a needy Christian you do not know!!!

YOU CAN NOW READ THIS NEWSLETTER AND OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:

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UPIC 2019 PICNIC AND ANNUAL BANQUET

THE SPRING UPIC PICNIC

Will take place on April 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
At Sanlando Park, Altamonte Springs, Florida

Please mark your calendar

THE FALL UPIC DINNER

Will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019
Time and location to be announced

Please mark your calendar

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