

Origin of Antinomian Virus and Its Cure

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The term "antinomian" is not widely known or understood and, when it is associated with a metaphoric virus affecting mankind, results in the death of every human being. There is no deterrent or cure within man's resources or capabilities. However there is an antidote available, but very few people find it because it is not accessible simply through human efforts or ingenuity. It has to be provided by a non-human source, and that source requires something that is contrary to human nature. To complicate matters further, the antidote cannot be purchased with all the riches on this planet.

The antinomian virus did not originate in the physical realm. Instead, it occurred first in the spirit realm and spread from there to mankind. However, before exploring how this occurred, it is important to define what "antinomian" means.

Any view which rejects laws or legalism and argues against moral, religious or social norms. In Christianity, an antinomian is one who takes the principle of salvation by faith and divine grace to the point of asserting that the saved are not bound to follow the moral law contained in the Ten Commandments (Puritans and Puritanism in Europe and America – ABC-CLIO; 2006. p. 306. ISBN 9781576076781; Marie, Andre (17 September 2013). "Simian Antinomianism"; Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Retrieved 28 May 2018).

So the antinomian virus targets everyone in the spirit and physical realm. It has the potential to kill anyone who is infected by it. In essence, it is a virus that destroys the ability to resist breaking laws and commandments established by

Almighty God for the benefit of everyone He has created. As soon as this resistance is broken down, an individual will transgress a law or commandment of God, and death follows sooner or later.

For the wages of sin is death... (Rom. 6:23a; cf. 1Jn. 3:4; 1Tim. 2:19; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).

In the absence of an antidote, that is unavailable through human means, death is permanent with no future resuscitation possible. Understanding this truth, it is reasonable to expect that mankind would put every effort and resource into avoiding this virus at all costs. Sadly, because it is an unseen enemy, most people go about their daily routine oblivious to its presence. Also, mankind has been "conditioned" to its effects, and accepts that death is "normal" and there is nothing that can be done about it.

For those who want to deal more effectively with the antinomian virus, its origin needs to be understood before any corrective action can be taken. As mentioned previously, this virus began in the spirit realm with one source. That source is described as an invisible agent capable of infecting the minds and attitudes of everyone. Once infected, any desire within these individuals to obey the law and commandments of God is broken down and then it is only a matter of time before they die. The "invisible agent" is described in the Bible as "the prince of the power of the air".

And you (who have repented of sin), He (God) made alive (resuscitated), who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the *god* (Gr. *aion, aeon*; cf. 2Cor. 4:4) of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience** (Eph. 2:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

This “prince of the power of the air” is the originator of sin and his works are unseen by human eyes; just as wind cannot be seen although its presence is known when it blows.

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is..... spirit (Jn. 3:8).

Because this rebellious spirit being cannot be seen by human eyes, mankind is not aware of the extent to which he encourages, influences, and infects others with the virus emanating from his rebellious attitude.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness (deception) of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places** (Eph. 6:12; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

According to one scripture, this rebellious spirit being infected a third of all angels by lying to them about God, and His law and commandments.

His *tail (lies*, Isa. 9:15) drew a third of the *stars (angels*; cf. Rev. 1:20) of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman (symbol of a religious system) who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born (Rev. 12:4; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Being able to deceive a third of God’s angels, it was quite easy for this highly infectious spirit being to deceive the first humans, and then everyone who was born from them (Gen. 3:1-4),

So the great dragon was cast out (of God’s presence), that serpent of old, called the Devil

and **Satan, who deceives the whole world....** (Rev. 12:9a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Because he is the originator of lies and murder, Jesus Christ described him as “the father of lies”. Not only did he break God’s commandments, he then infected or influenced others to do the same, including those in positions of religious authority.

You (religious leaders) are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it** (Jn. 8:44; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

If Satan can infect the religious leaders of this planet with his lies, it should be no surprise that “the population at large” lies on a regular basis. This alone should be a clear indication of the extent to which Satan has been able to transmit his rebellious attitudes to mankind.

As mentioned in the introductory paragraph, there is an antidote to the infectious antinomian virus spread by Satan. However, because this virus originated in the spirit realm, it cannot be treated by any physical means. Instead, someone with great power, love, and mercy in the spirit realm had to provide the cure. The plan to roll out this antidote began as soon as Lucifer sinned and was renamed the Adversary, or Satan (Rev. 13:8b). In order to guarantee this antidote would be effective, it required someone in the spirit realm, who had never allowed themselves to be infected by this virus (never sinned) to forfeit their life and provide the cure for this fatal illness. This action was also meant to emphasize how serious and devastating the effects, and consequences, of sin really are.

Therefore my Father (Almighty God) loves me (Christ), because I lay down my life... (Jn. 10:17a).

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down, and have power to take it again. This command I have received from my Father (Jn. 10:18).

But we see Jesus, who was made for a little while lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the *forgiveness of sin offered by God to sinners*, might taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Following Christ's resurrection from death (resurrection), the Spirit that had been granted to him became available to everyone who seeks to resist the antinomian virus through a sincere desire to obey Almighty God.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit which dwells in you (Rom. 8:11).

Although this cure is available to everyone, many may be unaware they have the antinomian virus.

Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the Lord has commanded not to be done, **though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment** (Lev. 5:17; emphasis added).

Because human nature is too proud to admit it is sick, due to sin, the majority of people do not realize how much they need God's mercy and forgiveness in order to be healed. This was the key message Christ gave the Jewish religious leaders, who saw no need to repent of their sins,

And so it was, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when Jesus heard that, he said to them, "Those who (think they) are well have no need of a physician, but those who (recognize they) are sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." For I did not come to call the (self) righteous, but sinners to repentance (Mt. 9:10-13; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Because our human nature is adept at pointing out the sins and problems of others, while downplaying or denying our own, we are incapable of recognizing how sick we really are. This is a profound deception and explains why the majority of people are in denial about their condition, which is actually fatal if left untreated.

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck out of your eye"; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speak out of your brother's eye (Mt. 7:3-5).

Following on from what Christ just said, a sense of urgency is expressed regarding the importance of seeking help from God before it is too late.

And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹If a son asks for a fish from any father among you, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, being evil,

know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!** (Lk. 11:9-13; emphasis added).

So the key to receiving the antidote for the antinomian virus is to ask God the Father for His intervention in our lives through the power of His Holy Spirit. The power of God's Spirit is referred to as "the goodness of God that leads you to repentance", in Romans 2:4b, and genuine repentance is the first step toward complete recovery from the virus. This truth was explained to all those who were present during God's festival of Pentecost following Christ's resurrection.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Ac. 2:38).

Following repentance of sin, the next step is baptism which involves a complete immersion in water. This symbolizes a deep desire to have all past sins forgiven by completely burying them under the water. Having been cleansed from these past sins, the last step, which is meant to continue for the rest of our physical life, involves an ongoing quest to obey every word of God (Mt. 4:4).

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that God's forgiveness may abound? ²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin (symbolically at baptism) live any longer in it? ³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory (power) of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.** ⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of his death, certainly we also shall be in

the likeness of his resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin** (Rom. 6:1-6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

By continuing to sin after being baptized, and not repenting of it, a person is still a slave to sin. In a case like this, sin continues to be that person's master and not Almighty God.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other... (Mt. 6:24a)

Much of Christianity today believes they can have two masters, which is contrary to what Christ said. Anyone believing this lie is still infected by the antinomian virus, even though they think they are cured and now immune from its consequence, which is everlasting death.

The only antidote that guarantees a permanent cure, is God's Holy Spirit working in one's life. However, it is clear that God does not grant His Spirit to those who believe they can continue to live a life that is contrary to His law and commandments.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so also is **the Holy Spirit which God has given to those who obey Him** (Ac. 5:32; emphasis added).

(To the) elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in **sanctification of the Spirit for obedience....** (1Pet. 1:2; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

And having been perfected, he (Christ) became the author of eternal salvation **to all who obey**

him (Heb. 5:9; cf. Ex. 23:21; Mt. 17:5; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Now **he who keeps His commandments abides in Him**, and He in him. And by this we know that **He abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us** (1Jn. 3:24; emphasis added).

Now by this we know that we know Him, **if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him** (1Jn. 2:3-4; emphasis added).

Many claim to know God and have His Spirit, but they continue to live a life contrary to His law and commandments. Christ spoke to these people in the next section of scripture, and pointed out that they were lawless and in therefore in need of a cure.

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day (ref. 2nd resurrection; cf. Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:5-6), "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?" ²³And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Mt. 7:21-23; cf. Mt. 13:41; Lk. 13:24-27).

Because our human nature is instinctively hostile to God's law and commandments, it is only through the action of God's Holy Spirit that anyone can see themselves as they really are; which is infected by sin.

Because **the carnal mind** is enmity against God; for it **is not subject to the law of God**, nor indeed can be (Rom. 8:7; cf. Isa. 30:9-11; Jer. 17:9; emphasis added).

However, for those who have been led to repentance by Almighty God; then baptized and living a new life of obedience to God's word, the antinomian virus no longer has a hold on them. They now have God's Spirit working in them and, providing they do not return to their former sinful lifestyle, will be in the first resurrection.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit which dwells in you (Rom. 8:11).

So although the antinomian virus is fatal to all of mankind, there is a cure. It can be argued that the medicine is unpleasant because it is not easy to admit how sinful we are and then ask God for His forgiveness. But that is the only cure and it is only available because Christ gave up his life to make it possible. Paul summarized our plight, and concluded by expressing his deep gratitude to Almighty God and Christ for what they had done for him.

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God (Almighty) – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin (Rom. 7:24-25; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Paul recognized that it is always a battle, while we are human, to avoid the antinomian virus of this present evil world (Gal. 1:4). However, we can continue to repent until our dying day because God is always willing to forgive our sins.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1Jn. 1:9; cf. Heb. 4:14-16).

The Lord.....is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2Pet. 3:9; cf. 2Sam. 14:14; Eze. 33:11).

A time will come when the antinomian virus will be gone forever. In the meantime, it is essential to seek immunity from it. That immunity is only possible by having the assistance of God's Holy Spirit, which fights against this deadly spiritual virus. However, God's Spirit offers no protection to those who believe they can continue to resist His law and commandments (Ac. 7:51).

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