

- Contact with **God (the Father)** = coming to terms as sinners with His holiness (His integrity) by responding to His prodding and provisions
- *[w/o blameshifting, rationalizing, inventing diversionary false guilt, anesthetizing a violated conscience, and tell-all-pseudo-confessions]*
- Contact with **God the Son** = coming to terms with the authority of His deity by responding to His commandments
- Contact with **God the Holy Spirit** = coming to terms with His work in our midst by responding to the needs of those He has regenerated and is sanctifying, i.e., our fellow believers

# Resisting “cosmos diabolicus”

1	Counter “diversions” from your previous experiences with God: <b><i>your priesthood, framework knowledge, faith choices</i></b>
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2	Maintain “situational awareness”: <b><i>civilization is passive to Satanic manipulation, God’s plan strategically envelops evil--making it for losers, believers’ quality-of-life in eternity shaped now.</i></b>
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3	Beware of “revisionists” that “update” Scripture: <b><i>Bible authority trumps all other authority, develop discrimination based upon coherence with Scripture</i></b>

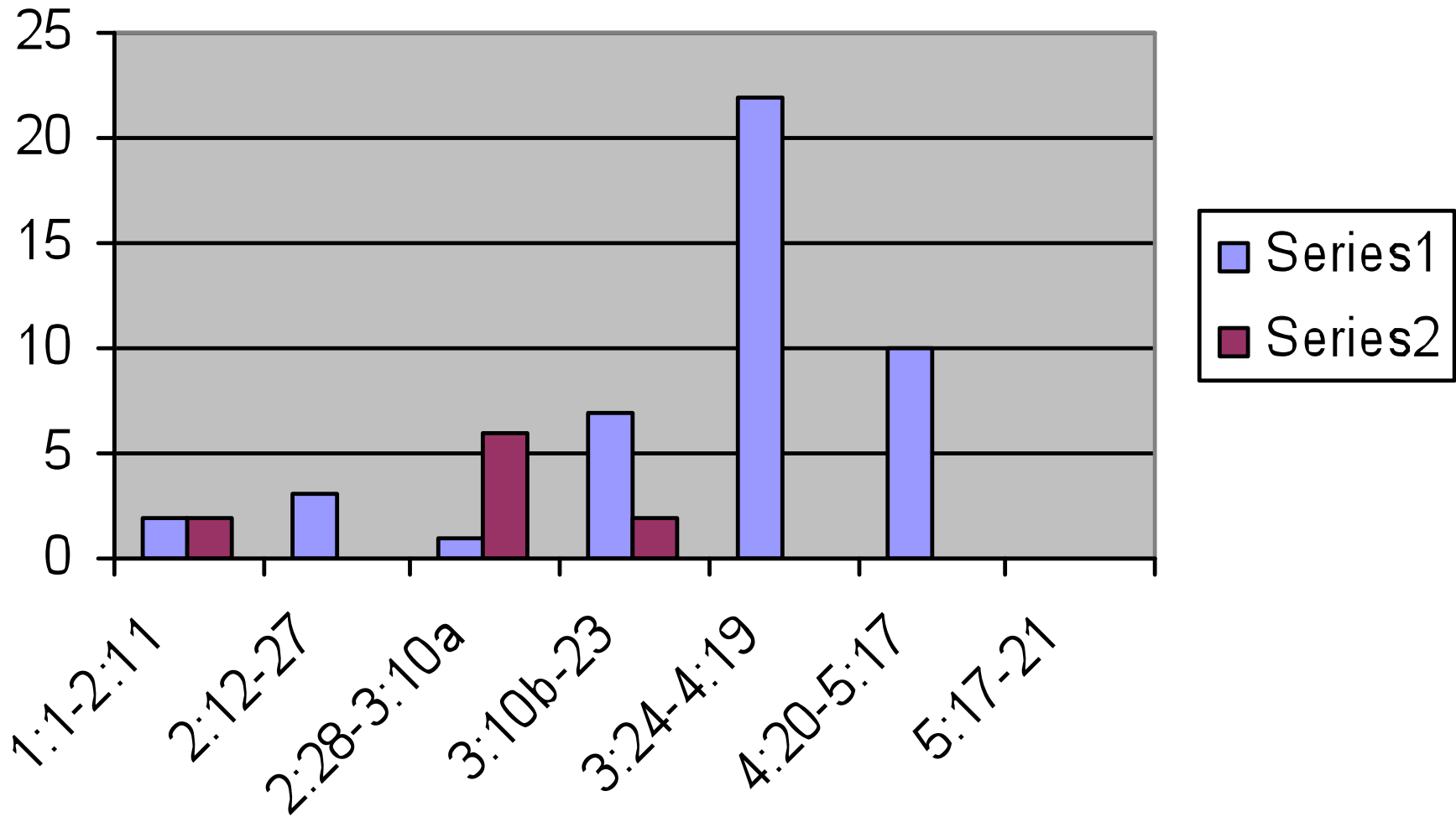
## *Human Relations*

**Respect exists *only* if we see others as images of God (everything else is approbation lust or manipulation)**

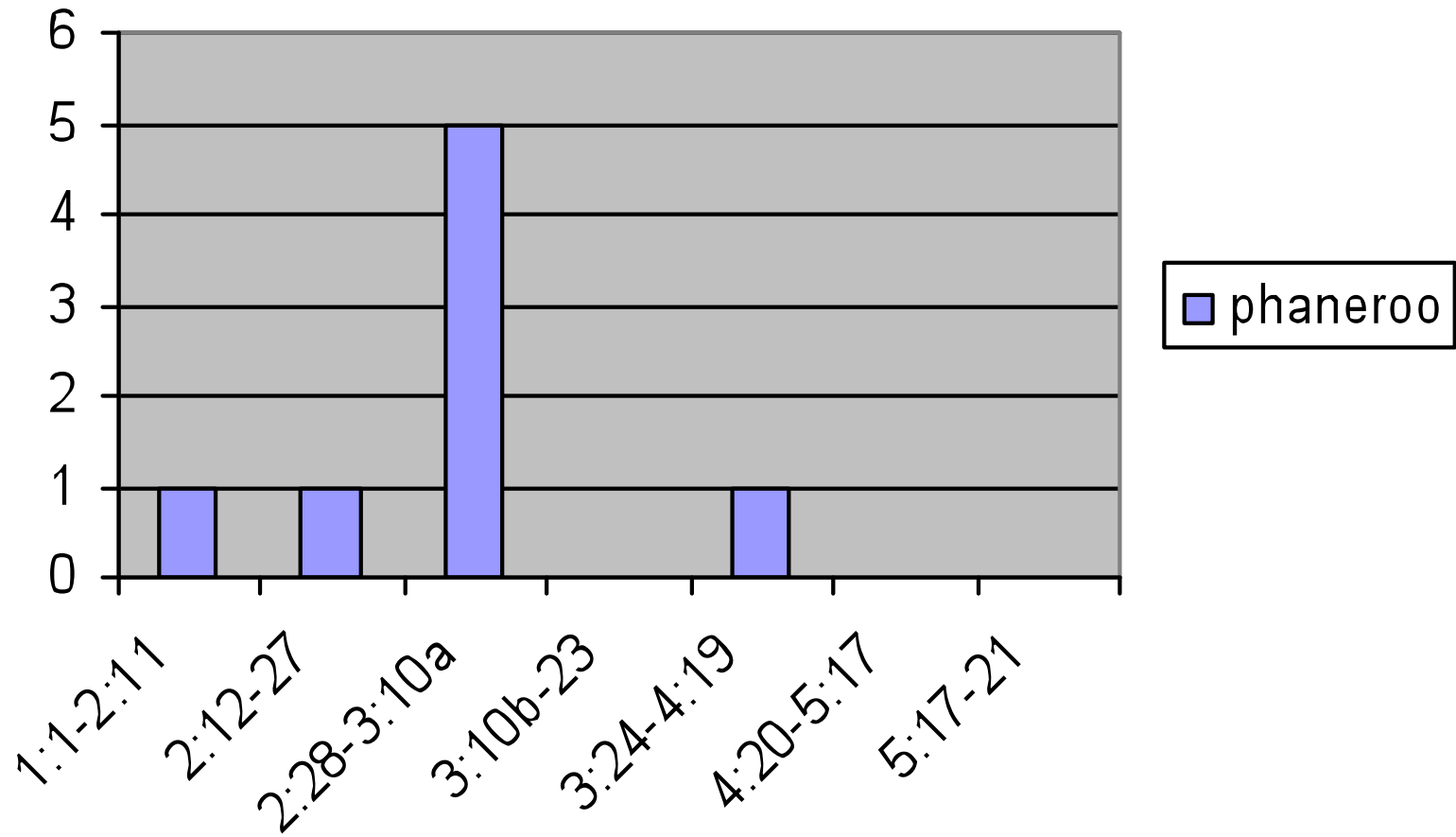
**Stability exists *only* if respect is built upon God's unchanging image (not changing beauty, personality, usefulness)**

**Freedom from manipulation, enablement, and antagonism *only* if eternal life is exercised**

# Love vs. Righteousness



# phaneroo



<b>Text</b>	<b>Contrasting element</b>	<b>Individual detail</b>
3:3	<b>purifies himself (+)</b>	<b>regenerated by God</b>
3:4-5	<b>commits sin (-)</b>	<b>violates plan of God in Christ</b>
6a	<b>abides (+)</b>	<b>doesn't sin</b>
6b	<b>sins (-)</b>	<b>doesn't see or know Christ</b>
7	<b>does righteousness (+)</b>	<b>as righteous as God</b>
8	<b>commits sin (-)</b>	<b>sourced from Satan</b>
9	<b>regenerated doesn't commit sin (+)</b>	<b>sourced from "seed" of God in him</b>

# Light : Life : : Righteousness : Love

- *within the Trinity:* Father **loves** the Son's **+R**
- *within the cosmos:* we **respect** **divine image-bearers**
- *within the Church:* we **love** the **work God is doing** in believers

“There is a right and a wrong way to feel with the sufferer. One way relieves his suffering, the other relieves what I suffer for him; one gives him what he needs, the other merely gives him what he wants—or just plain puts him out of sight. Compassion ought to make us visit the prisoner, dry out the alcoholic, help the pregnant girl prepare for the baby, and encourage the young homosexual to live chastely. But how much easier it is to forget the prisoner, give the drunk a drink, send the girl to the abortionist, and tell the kid to just give in. False compassion is a great deal less work than true [compassion].”

J. Budziszewski, What We Can't Not Know



**“ . . . shall convince our heart  
    that if our heart should condemn us  
    that God is greater than our heart  
and knows all things. . . . ”**