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Dan.2, 21: *“He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others.”*

Rev.15, 3-4: *“Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?”*

Limits are set to the reach and duration of every human power structure. None can prevail as far as they please or last as long as they would. The attempt to go beyond such limits is hybris. And human hybris – a most destructive force which always precedes a fall – is a consequence not of overstepping the limits but of failing to acknowledge the one who sets them – God.

It seems to me it is most important to recognise that hybris is constituted not by any human strivings as such, but by the disregard of the Almighty and of the fact that *his* ways are the ones whereby mankind walks in truth and justice.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Mi.6,8)

Praise God He gave us His Son, not just to model this but to save us for it – if we would but have him.