



Review: Moral Relativism; Proper Separation Requires Biblical Absolutes; Doctrines of Demons, Love of the Kosmos, & 5th Columns; the Will of God

- (26) Similar moral relativism is practiced by them with regard to marriage, family, and the free will of children whom they continuously propagandize.
 - (27) It is important for us to remember that the Invisible War is a struggle where the renovation of thought is sought by both sides.
 - (28) The Dark Side seeks to prevent people from giving objective consideration to establishment or biblical thought hence its ideologies constantly attempt to renovate the souls of men away from traditionalist standards.
 - (29) The plan of God seeks to transform those so victimized by demanding the renovation of their souls with traditionalist and biblical standards.
6. Proper separation can only be accomplished when the absolutes of the Word of God establish one's priorities in life.

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

v. 16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

v. 17 - And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

- (1) Verse 15 begins with the phrase **Μη ἀγαπάτε τὸν κόσμον, *Mē agapate ton kosmon*** and is a mandate to “Stop loving the cosmic system.”
- (2) We recently did a brief review of the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred that describes how the lust patterns combine with the weaknesses of the sinful nature to dominate the soul of an individual and make him a “lover of the world.”
- (3) The prohibition against giving one's attention to the allurements of the cosmic system introduces this paragraph: “Do not love the world.”
- (4) The “world” is the Greek word *kosmos* and makes reference to all that defines the environment controlled by Lucifer, his strategy, tactics, and especially his thinking.
- (5) The *kosmos* includes the “philosophies and empty deceptions,” the “traditions of men,” and the “elementary principles” that Paul warns us about in Colossians 2:8.
- (6) The curriculum of the *kosmos* is summed up by Paul in 2 Timothy 4:1 as the “doctrines of demons” and its faculty is condemned by him in 2 Corinthians 11:13, 15 as “false apostles” and “deceitful workers” who “disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.”
- (7) Dr. Cyrus I. Scofield summarizes the *kosmos* in a footnote at Revelation 13:8 in his:

Scofield, C. I. (ed.). *New Scofield Study Bible: New American Standard*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 1787:



10 [(Revelation)13:8]. World (Greek *kosmos*), Summary: In the sense of the present world system, the ethically bad sense of the word refers to the order or arrangement under which Satan has organized the world of unbelieving mankind upon his cosmic principles of force, greed, selfishness, ambition, and pleasure (Matthew 4:8-9; John 12:31; 14:30; 18:36; Ephesians 2:2; 6:12; 1 John 2:15-17). This world system is imposing and powerful with military might; is often outwardly religious, scientific, cultured, and elegant; but, seething with national and commercial rivalries and ambitions, is upheld in any real crisis only by armed force, and is dominated by satanic principles. Compare. Zechariah 12:1-6.

- (8) John sums up 1 John 2:15 by asserting that for anyone who “loves the *kosmos*” the “love of the Father is not in him.”
- (9) The protasis of a third class condition—maybe it’s true for you or maybe not—introduces the conditional sentence: “If anyone loves the world”: τὸν κόσμον, *ton kosmon*.
- (10) The apodosis follows with the conclusion that when a person “loves the world” the “love of the Father is not in him.”
- (11) The reason for a person’s love of the world is explained next in:

1 John 2:16 - because all that is in the world, the lust from the flesh [lust patterns of the sinful nature: internal fifth column], the lust from the eyes [stimulation from external fifth columns], and the arrogant pattern of life [behavior patterns associated with the arrogance and hatred complexes], comes not from the Father but from the world [*cosmos diabolicus*].

v. 17 - In fact, *cosmos diabolicus* and its lusts will pass away, but anyone who executes the will of God keeps residing forever.

- (12) Execution of the “will of God” is expressed in two ways and summarized by John in:

1 John 3:23 - This is God’s commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ [πιστεύω, pisteuō: positive volition at Gospel-hearing], and that we love [ἀγάπη, agapē: unconditional love] each other, just as He commanded us.

- (13) The will of God for the unbeliever is that he believes in Jesus Christ. It is not the desire of God that any should perish:

2 Peter 3:9b - God keeps on being patient toward us, not decreeing that any should perish [eternal sentence to the lake of fire at the great white throne judgment] but that all [the human race] should come to repentance [μετανοέω, metanoēō: to change one’s mind about Jesus as the Christ].

- (14) The will of God for the believer is that he should advance in his spiritual growth so that he could develop the capacity to unconditionally love others.
- (15) The context of 1 John is directed toward the believers who are admonished as little children to be on guard against the temptations presented by the Dark Side as they continue their spiritual advance.
- (16) The believer who withstands these temptations and advances to spiritual maturity will “reside forever,” a phrase that makes reference to his resurrection body which will be decorated accordingly as described in Revelation 2-3.
- (17) The believer must therefore learn to separate from those influences that would cause him to deviate from the absolute principles of the divine standard and thus be deprived of accoutrements for the resurrection body that are associated with escrow blessings in the eternal state.