

Genesis Series

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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.

1. *Kosmos*, in the negative sense, describes the entire arrangement and system of thinking arrayed against God. It has as its primary meaning, order, arrangement, adornment.

2. Satan is the ruler of the *kosmic* system.

John 12:31 “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.”

John 14:30 “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;”

3. The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

**1 John 5:19 We know that we are of
God, and the whole world lies in the
power of the evil one.**

4. Satan as the ruler of the *kosmic* system was judged on the cross.

**John 16:11 and concerning
judgment, because the ruler of this
world has been judged.**

5. The *kosmic* system has its own way of thinking.

1 Cor. 2:6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

1 Cor. 2:7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

1 Cor. 2:8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

**1 Cor. 2:9 but just as it is written,
“Things which eye has not seen and
ear has not heard, And which have
not entered the heart of man, All that
God has prepared for those who
love Him.”**

**1 Cor. 2:10 For to us God revealed
them through the Spirit; for the
Spirit searches all things, even the
depths of God.**

6. Man has always sought to establish his authority of knowledge apart from revelation.

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable.
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

“I believe firmly that the scientific method, although slow and never claiming to lead to complete truth is the only method that gives satisfactory foundations to belief.”

~Julian Huxley

7. A way of thinking produces a lifestyle consistent with it, there is a lifestyle consistent with *kosmic* thinking, it may be religious and ethical or nonreligious and immoral.

1 Cor. 5:10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

8. The *Kosmic* system has three characteristics:

Arrogance: Man's assertion of independence against God.

**Fear: Fear of accountability toward God
[which drives]**

Antagonism toward God.

8. The *kosmic* system is antagonistic to God, to His plan, principles and procedures.

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

9. The believer is to extricate himself from the morass of *kosmic* thinking in his soul.

**Rom. 12:1 I urge you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies a living and
holy sacrifice, acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual service of
worship.**

Rom. 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.