

***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.**

Chafer: The *cosmos* is a vast order or system that Satan has promoted, which conforms to his ideals, aims, and methods. It is civilization now functioning apart from God—a civilization in which none of its promoters really expect God to share, who assign to God no consideration in respect to their projects; nor do they ascribe any causativity to Him.

This system embraces its godless governments, conflicts, armaments, jealousies, its education, culture, religions of morality, and pride. It is that sphere in which man lives. It is what he sees, what he employs. To the uncounted multitude it is all they ever know so long as they live on this earth. It is properly styled the satanic system, which phrase is in many instances a justified interpretation of the so-meaningful word, *cosmos*. It is literally a *cosmos diabolicus*.

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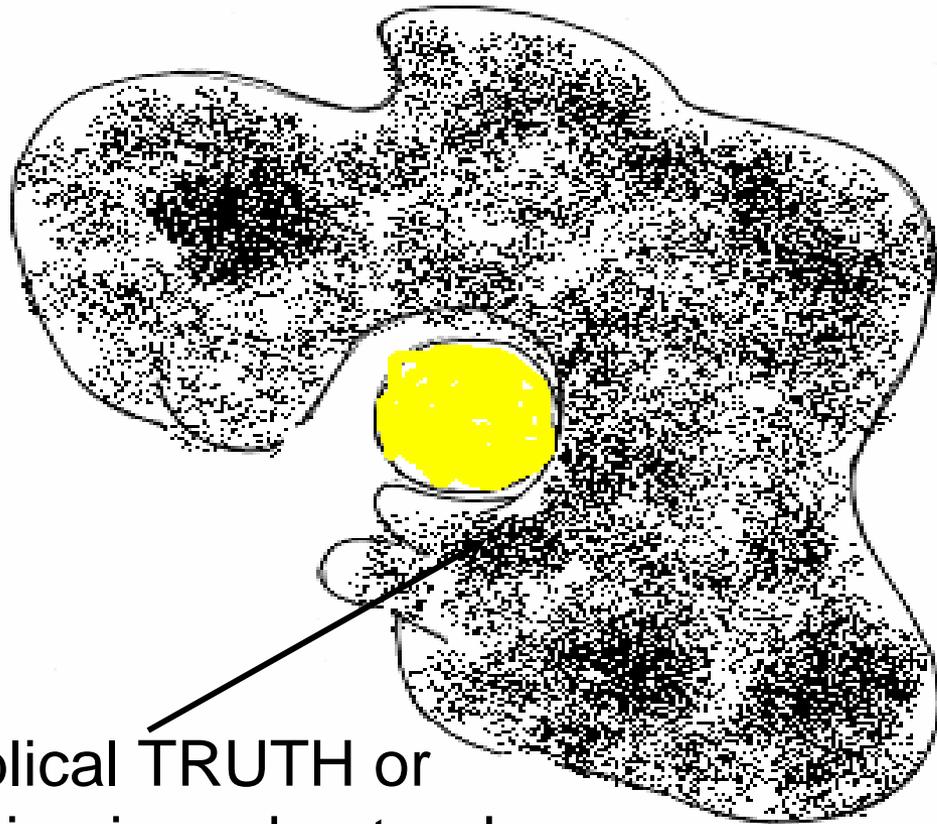
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αἰών *aion*, age, thinking of an age or era.

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**ἀπολογία *apología*; legal, rational
defense**



A biblical TRUTH or doctrine is understood.

Unbelief reinterprets and absorbs the doctrine within its own categories, isolating and neutralizing it.

“Pagan worldview absorbs and recasts doctrine”

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.”