

The Satanic World System

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Intro. Doctrine of cosmos. 187x in NT. Jn uses 96x and X 60x. Means orderly system. Sometimes ornamentation. Order in Ex.33:4-6; Isa 49:18. Ornamentation in 1 Pet 3:3. Doesn't mean a place of abode but arrangement. 186x of NT uses it clearly means Satan's evil arrangement. Now this is orderly tho it may look like chaos to us. If it does that's bec Satan is in control. To Xn's eyes it looks like chaos but for Satan's purposes it's cosmos. lx it used in a very restricted sense of the orderly group of humanity apart from their evil institutions and ways, Jn 3:16. *of also 19:12.*

I. Satan and the Cosmos.

- A. The Authority of Satan over the Cosmos. He has full authority. Mt 4:8-9; Lk 4:6. He evidently had right to offer kgdoms of world to X. X admitted his authority in Jn 12:31; 16:11 in calling him prince. Scripture recognizes it in 1 Jn 5:19.
- B. Satan's Accomplishment with the Cosmos. He has made it evil. Not evil for evil's sake but to assert independence of God. Evil in sense that it is independent of God. This may incorporate good into that system, but independent good is evil. He has pretty well accomplished his purposes, Isa 14:16-7. Rom 3:9-12. Jas 1:27 unspotted. Jas 4:4--friendship is enmity. See what world did to X, 1 Cor 2:8 its princes crucified X. 2 Pet 1:4--corruption in cosmos.
- C. Satan's aim in the cosmos. Counterfeiting God in order to establish an independent system. Gross sin not Satan's end in itself. e.g. maybe war not his best desire because often church thrives under trouble, and people turn to God. Often peace and prosperity are his methods. Note aim from 1st, Isa 14:14. Note aim in garden, Gen 3:6. Note aim with X, Mt 4:9--worship but wrong object. Note aim today, 1 Tim 4, 2 Tim 3. Note aim in trib, Rev 17, 2 Thess 2.

II. God and the Cosmos.

- A. Planned termination. God has already judged this cosmos. Not trying and hoping it will turn out all right. Psa 2:8. Dan 2:35; ~~Mt 25:31-46~~ Rev 14-18 or 22. 1 Jn 2:17 will pass away.
- B. Permissive toleration. Yet for some wise purpose God tolerates it today. Prob so evil can run its course and show how evil and God may judge once for all. Jn 17:15.

III. The Christian and the Cosmos.

- A. Separate from it. Jn 17:14. We are not a part of it. Jas 1:27. Jn 15:18 beware if you or your program become too popular with the world. We don't belong to this doomed thing and that's something to be thankful for. *Restriction of leadership*
- B. Sent into it. *limited* 1 Cor 7:31. Use but don't abuse or don't be lulled into sleep by it. Use peace but it's not normal, Rom 8:36. Use pain relievers but don't forget why there is pain, sin, Gen 3:16. Use extra time of labor saving devices for God not devil, Gen 3:17. *Restriction of leadership*
- C. Sufficient for it. World is impotent for Xn bec judged, 1 Jn 5:4 faith overcomes. Faith in living Saviour is the one weapon Satan doesn't have. Jn 17:15.

Concl. Get God's viewpoint on the world. It's condemned, it's evil, It's Satan's.

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Comments Jn 15:14
1 Th 4:11
2 Th 3:4, 6, 10
Eph 6

Therefore (1) Don't love, 1 Jn 2:15 even things. You know, e.g, whether you love your new car bec it's new or bec it's necessary. God knows all our motives in using the things of the world. Don't be judging another, just take care of yourself.

(2) Plan your work in light of this truth. Don't spend time beautifying the world--that's like putting cosmetics on a corpse. We should be snatching people out of the world. Yet that involves doing good, Acts 10:38--don't be like people who won't do anything not directly, as they see it, related to the saving of souls. Yet aim and primary motivation is that God will use all things to glorify Himself in my life. If parents lived in apt. house that city had just condemned, what would you do? Buy them a lounge chair so they could be comfortable when the house fell down? Snatch them.

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