

2 Peter Series

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Areas of Enslavement

2 Peter 2:19–21



2nd PETER

Guard Against False Teachers

2A God Warns Us About False Teachers, 2 Peter 2:1–22

**1B The certainty of false teachers and
their destructive heresies, 2:1a**

**2B The destructiveness of deception,
2:1b–3**

**3B The certainty of their judgment,
2:4–10a**

**4B The self-destruction of their
arrogance, 2:10b–22**

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2 Pet. 2:13, “and will receive **the wages of unrighteousness**, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,

2 Pet. 2:14, “having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and *are* accursed children.

2 Pet. 2:15, “They have forsaken the right way and **[they have]** gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the **wages of unrighteousness**,

2 Pet. 2:16, “but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

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ζόφος *zophos*

**masc sing nom
deepest dark, the
blackness of the
nether world, 2
Pet. 2:4; Jude 1:6**

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pronoun

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2 Pet. 2:4, “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”

2 Pet. 2:17, “These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

Jude 6, “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;”

Jude 13, “raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

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Jude 12, “These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;”

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4. But who are “the ones who escape” and who are “those who live in error?”

2:18 who are the “the ones” and who are the “from those?”

“... through debauchery, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.
[~RD]

2 Pet. 2:18, “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they entice through the lusts of the flesh, through debauchery, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.”

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**δελεάζω *deleazō* 3 plur
pres act indic to
entice, bait the trap,
seduce**

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ματαιότης
mataiotēs Noun
fem sing gen (f)
futility;
emptiness;
purposelessness

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2 Pet. 2:18, “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through debauchery, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.”
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Part of the bait in the trap to seduce the weak are the “loud boasts of folly” ESV; “speaking out arrogant words of vanity” NASB, “high sounding but empty words” NET; “boastful, empty words” HCSB

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ἀσέλγεια *aselgeia*

**fem plur dat sensuality;
unbridled lust, debauchery,
excess, licentiousness,
lasciviousness, wantonness,
outrageousness,
shamelessness, insolence
(Thayer)**

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πλάνη planē

fem sing dat

error; wandering

2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

1 John 5:19, “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

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

John 14:30, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me”

John 16:11, “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

What the Bible Teaches About

the *KOSMIC* System
(*Kosmos Diabolicus*)



The Three Enemies of the Believer Are:

Satan

Satan's thought forms: the World

Our sin nature

**1. All human beings are fallen sinners.
Rom. 3:23; Isa. 53:6**

Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory [the essence] of God.”

Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

2. The *Kosmic* system is an organized system of thinking that is in opposition to God. The Greek word *kosmos*, has a root meaning of *adornment, order, arrangement*.

As such, one meaning is the arrangement of human viewpoint thinking (HVP) [pagan thinking, Satan's thinking] in opposition to Divine viewpoint (DVP).

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3. At the core of the devil's thinking are two attributes: autonomy; antagonism

Autonomy is everything related to self: self-absorption, self-indulgence, self-justification, self-deception, self-reliance, self-assertion, self, self, self. "I make the rules."

Antagonism: hostility to the Word of God, DVP, Christians, and anyone who stands for the absolute truth of the Word of God.

4. Thus the thinking of the world is juxtaposed in Scripture to the thinking of God. We have God's thinking represented as DVP and man's thinking as HVP or worldliness or even Satanic thought.

HVP
World's thinking
Satan's thinking

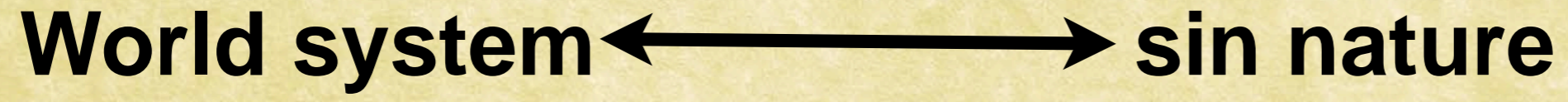


DVP
God's
Thinking

5. Both unbelievers and believers can promote *kosmic* thinking.

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

6. Sin and the sin nature produce *kosmic* thinking and are reinforced by it.



7. Since God is Truth and Light and in Him is no darkness; the opposite is true of Satan, the father of lies.

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

8. Those who represent the world system: religious leaders, political leaders, philosophers, the everyday person, are characterized by the sin nature.

9. The solution is the spiritual life given to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, *I have overcome the world.*”

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 is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

10. The cosmic system values power, self-sufficiency—as opposed to God-dependency—self-assertion and self-promotion. DVP values the power of God, the protection of God, genuine humility, replacing self protection with dependency.

2 Pet. 2:18, “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they seduce through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.”

Those who live in error are those whose thinking is controlled by the *kosmic system*.

2 Pet. 2:19, “While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.”

**they = False Teachers (FT)
them = the seduced ones
they themselves = the FT**

2 Pet. 2:20, “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.”

they = seduced believers

they are again = believers

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pres act part
masc plur nom
to be, exist**

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δοῦλος *doulos*

masc plur nom

(m) slave; BDAG;

NIDNTT

φθορά *phthora* fem

sing gen

corruption, decay,

depravity,

degeneracy