

THE WORLD-SYSTEM - LOVE NOT THE WORLD

CHAP. 2: THE TREND AWAY FROM GOD

1. CONTENT

- a. The power of the kosmos against Christians lies in its subtlety. It uses morally neutral and even good things to ensnare us and seduce us from complete commitment to Christ.
---- Politics, commerce, the arts, education, and the sciences can and are all used for this purpose by the kosmos. Their origination in the line of Cain (Gen 4:16-24) suggests this.
- b. Anything that can go on self-sufficiently apart from God's empowering and direction is under the sway of the kosmos. Even projects which were started by vital Christians to do Christ's work, when that spiritual direction is lost, will continue to survive and thrive, but will immediately begin to influence away from Christ.
---- Thus, Christian-initiated hospitals, denominations, colleges, seminaries and even mission agencies (i.e. YMCA) usually eventually are caught up in the trend away from God.

2. APPLICATION

- a. The Christian must realize that he is not in a spiritually neutral territory when he engages in these morally neutral/good areas. Rather, he is involved in a highly sophisticated and spiritually hostile environment which is energized by a trend away from God. He must tread warily, or he will wind up unwittingly helping to construct and advance Satan's purpose instead of God's.

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