

14. The word mystery is the subject of the sentence, the neuter, singular noun **μυστήριον (*mustérion*)** which refers to information that is hidden from the uninitiated.
15. *Mustérion* has several applications: (1) “the mystery of lawlessness” in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 which refers to the Dark Side’s agenda. It began in secret, but is not disclosed to those without the spiritual inventory of ideas to discern it, (2) Divine knowledge revealed only to believers under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 4:1; 15:51; Colossians 2:2-3; 1 Timothy 3:16), and (3) the mystery of the relationship between Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:32).
16. “Lawlessness” refers to the rejection of truth. The Greek word is **ἀνομία (*anomia*)** with has an alpha privative prefix which negates the word **νόμος (*nómos*)** which is the word for “law,” thus “lawlessness.”
17. The word “operational” is the progressive present middle indicative of the verb **ἐνεργέω (*energéō*)** translated “at work” in all the major English Bibles. Why are we going with “operational”?
18. The present tense is progressive. It signifies action in progress, or a state of persistence. In the indicative mood, it is related to present time, but in this case retroactive, denoting that which has begun in the past and continues to the present thus indicating duration.
19. This means the satanic system has intensified its attack on believers since the beginning of the Church Age.
20. We have observed that the operational aspect of *cosmos diabolicus* is restrained from reaching its full intensity due to the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit.
21. However, intensification of Dark Side propaganda has increasing effect on those who do not know the truth which will continue until the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way at the Rapture.
22. Paul addresses this problem in his two pastoral epistles to Timothy:

1 Timothy 4:1 - The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons. (See also 2 Timothy 3:1–7.) (NASB)

23. The restraint of the Holy Spirit is found in the present active participle of the verb **κατέχω (katéchō)** which is also a durative progressive present.
24. The Holy Spirit is on duty throughout the Church Age to restrain the “lawlessness” of the Dark Side through the filling, teaching, and guiding ministries He provides to believers living inside the bubble.
25. It is important to have reviewed verse 7 since verses 10–12 describe how the mystery of lawlessness is able to take a person with free will, introduce them to the lie, and neutralize them through degeneracy and reversionism.
26. We have noted the mechanics of lawlessness by noting the cosmic devices used in satanic strategies to blind the minds of the benighted: prestidigitation, legerdemain, menticide, propaganda, brainwashing, and disinformation.
27. When a person is deceived by these devices, he becomes a victim of “strong delusion” (KJV), “powerful delusion” (NIV), or “deluding influence” (NASB and NET).
28. In verse 7 we translate the verb *energēō* “operational.” In verse 11, we have the noun **ἐνέργεια (enérgeia)**, translated “strong,” “powerful,” “or “influential.”
29. Verse 7 presents the cause for degeneracy and reversionism while verse 11 informs us of the effect of the operational mystery of lawlessness as people fall victim to its mind-controlling influence.
30. Verses 8–10 give details as to how the mystery operates. In verse 11, the descriptive noun **πλάνη (plánē)** means “delusion,” “deceit,” “deception,” or “error.”

31. In verse 9, we learned how the Beast-Dictator submitted willingly to the modus operandi of Satan and was able to use his delegated power to work miracles, even wonder miracles of propaganda.
32. Likewise, in the Church Age, when we volitionally submit to Satan's cosmic lifestyle, we begin to live the lie and are thus involved in operational error.
33. The Luciferian strategy promises all that man is arrogant enough to desire. He never has to pay off since man is enslaved by his desire to get something for nothing.
34. Current delusions, produced by decades of propaganda in the Federal schools, are reflected in the souls of brainwashed, benighted millennials who are rallying around a relic of twentieth-century communism.
35. These proponents of "change" are actually going back to the days of the old Soviet Union led by Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Andropov, Chernenko, and Gorbachev whose communist experiment lasted from November 1917 to December 1991, a total of 74 years.
36. Since then the Russian Federation replaced the old Soviet Union but the country continues to be run by communists. Vladimir Putin is the current president who has allowed business interests to have a lot of influence on the national government and its economy which has rebounded under Putin's leadership.
37. If communism is what the millennials want, then twenty-first century Russia is what they'll get and they will not like it should it come to flower.
38. The denouement for current and future adherents of communism is noted in verse 10: they "perish because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved."
39. Because as unbelievers they rejected the truth of the gospel or, as believers, became negative to the Word, three things occur:

- (1) God allows them to become enslaved into Satan's operational system called the "mystery of lawlessness."
- (2) Their refusal to exit the Cosmic Systems through positive volition to the gospel or Bible doctrine results in degeneracy and reversionism.
- (3) Because they pursue a lifestyle of error, their very lives become a series of wrong decisions and they constantly go awry.

2 Thessalonians 2:10 - and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. (NASB)

1. Verse 10 concludes a sentence that began with verse 8. It prophesies the public recognition of the Satan-possessed Beasts-Dictator in the Tribulation.
2. The scene now shifts to the Tribulation and addresses victims of Satan's system, but with application to Church Age believers whose negative volition makes them susceptible to the same cosmic influence.
3. The verse begins with a prepositional phrase "with all the deception of wickedness." The word "deception" is the noun **ἀπάτη (apátē)**: "deceptive, seducing." Deceptive propensities which seduce to sin.