

24. The context does not allow us to interpret *kósmos* in a positive light. We are commanded not to love the world.
24. Well, the world possesses wonderful attributes as the source of our life and sustenance. It continues to provide the air we breathe, the food we eat, and copious areas of beauty, wonder, and challenge. We truly must appreciate the world we live in, so some may very well “have gratitude for the world and things in the world.”
25. But something quite the opposite is intended in this verse. It begins with the negative conjunction followed by the imperative of prohibition: “Stop loving the world!”
26. When God issues an imperative mood to stop something then the thing addressed is not a good thing nor is it a good thing to do.
27. The planet has been host to Lucifer and his fallen angels since Adam fell in Eden. He is the ruler of this world until the Second Advent of Christ.
28. He is the genius who devised the cosmic systems designed to capture the thinking and allegiance of as many of the world’s population he can recruit into his Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics.
29. The world, the *kósmos*, that is prohibited is not the planet but the system that Lucifer has developed to lure the heathen and as many believers as he can muster to buy into and carry out his strategies.
30. Consider the current Zeitgeist of the United States. Almost every idea, every tactic, every protest, every act of violence, every angry mob with an alleged grievance is as old as Lucifer’s propaganda with Ishah and Cain’s tactics with Abel: Rebooted rebellion!
31. And the Lord did not stop with this prohibition against the *kósmos*, He went on to prohibit us from “loving the things of the world.” The world has allurements that attract the attention of those without doctrine.
32. The world promotes diminishment of standards and personal responsibility, evils that result in an anti-God, anti-Bible, and anti-establishment mentality.

33. Loving the world has to do with one's adoption of the world's thought processes, character traits, behavior patterns, and lifestyles that produce opposition to God and His Word.
34. This is followed by the prohibition of loving the "things of the world." This phrase is connected to the one before by the negative particle **μηδέ (mēdé)**: "nor." Its function is to continue the preceding prohibition.
35. The "things" have to do with the abundant distractions that the world offers to those who are functioning in the cosmic systems.
36. The next sentence begins with an example of what happens when a person loves the world: "If anyone loves the world" begins with the protasis of a third class condition which is introduced by the conditional particle **ἐάν (eán)**, translated "If."
37. A third-class condition indicates the uncertainty of fulfillment but still likely to occur. Such a condition requires the verb to be in the subjunctive mood so we have the present active subjunctive of the verb **ἀγαπάω (agapáō)**: "If anyone keeps loving."
38. And the object of the love is the world. Maybe he is or maybe he is not, but the apodosis indicates the latter, "the love of the Father is not in him."
39. The verb "is" is the present active indicative of **εἰμί (eimí)**. The present tense indicates punctiliar action in present time while the active voice places this person in the cosmic systems.
40. He is outside the bubble and therefore vulnerable to the wiles of the cosmic systems' various temptations. Dependent on how long he has been out of fellowship determines how deeply invested he is in the Dark Side's strategies and tactics.
41. Whatever his degree of involvement, the declarative indicative mood certifies that his indulgence in the world's inventory of temptations is presently occurring in real time.
42. Here is the expanded translation of verse 15:

**1 John 2:15** Stop the persistent habit of loving cosmos diabolicus or loving the things of the cosmic systems. If anyone keeps loving the cosmic systems, the love of the Father is not in him. (EXT)

**1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. (NASB)

1. Before addressing verse 16, we need to observe a few principles. This verse requires that we distinguish between functions that originate in the body and those that originate in the soul.
2. We begin this process by going back to the original creation of the human soul in Genesis 1:26–27.

**Genesis 1:26** And Elohim [ plural: the Trinity is involved ] said, “Let us manufacture [ Qal imperfect of עָשָׂה ('*asah*): to make out of existing materials ] mankind in Our Own image [ בְּצֶלְמֵנוּ (*be tselem*): shadow image ] after Our Own pattern [ כְּדְמוּתָהּ (*ke demuth*): the soul ] .

**v. 27a** So Elohim created [ בָּרָא (*bara'*): to create from nothing physical, therefore the soul ] the man in His own image. (EXT)

3. This passage documents the divine plan to create the soul which would be imputed to the physical body of Adam once his body was created (Genesis 2:7).
4. Each member of the human race comes into this life as Adam was created: physical body through procreation plus the divine imputation of the invisible soul to the body producing human life.
5. The invisible soul is in the image of that of the Trinity while the body was manufactured out of existing materials.

6. The makeup of the human body, both male and female, has always been the same. There was no evolutionary sequence from lower creation to that of Homo sapiens over the course of billions of years. The contention that this occurred is ludicrous and unprovable since there is no physical proof of “creatures” that evolved into more complex forms during the interim.
7. Evolution has never been classified as a law but rather a theory. But the lack of substantial, physical evidence reduces it to a weak hypothesis though in fact it is nothing more than a brilliant fable concocted by the Dark Side to confuse the benighted.
8. It is the soul that ignites human life and the soul was created so that Adam would become an animated being. The body is useless without the soul.
9. It is the soul that contains the animating power of the body for its essence is made up of self-consciousness, mentality, volition, and norms and standards called the conscience.
10. These characteristics organize the stream of consciousness either positively or negatively: frame of reference, memory center, vocabulary, categorical storage, development of the conscience from which emerges doctrinal momentum and wisdom.
11. The body is developed through the genetic influence of male and female parents. At physical birth, biological life emerges from the womb to which soul life is imputed resulting in human life.
12. The human species is formally called Homo sapiens. Adam was the first and entered into the world through the creative powers of Jesus Christ.
13. Once the body was formed the Lord breathed into his nostrils the “breath of lives,” plural because human life began simultaneously with the imputation of the human spirit creating Adam’s spiritual life.
14. I John 2:16 begins with the causal conjunction **ὅτι (hóti)**: “Because” which introduces a causal clause which includes the locative of place of the noun **κόσμος (kósmos)**: *cosmos diabolicus*.

15. This is preceded by the singular pronoun **πάς (pás)**: “all.” This is a collective singular indicating that the totality of *cosmos diabolicus* consists of numerous categories and functions of them.
16. The strategy and tactics of the Lucifer’s management of his cosmic domain may be summarized by two categories of influence: **(1) Cosmic One: The Arrogance Complex** and **(2) Cosmic 2: The Hatred Complex**.
17. These two doctrines may be studied more fully in the book by R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Christian Integrity*, 3d edition, on pages 175–188. What follows is a summary of each complex.

### **Cosmic One: The Arrogance Complex:**

1. **Attitude:** Mental attitude sins motivate the functional categories of the cosmic systems.
2. **Negative Volition:** Passive study of the Bible but with no intent of applying its doctrines.
3. **Authority:** Rejection of duly appointed authority or abuse of power when in positions of authority.
4. **Self-righteous:** The conversion of moral standards into a system of salvation or divine blessings.
5. **Sexual:** Self-gratification in which sex is ritual without reality and a frantic search for happiness.
6. **Criminal:** An insolent attitude that unlawfully disregards the rights, privacy, or property of others.
7. **Psychopathic:** Subjectivity produces distorted thinking that creates a fantasy world in the soul.
8. **Unhappiness:** Frustration creates a martyr complex and a desire to control others to get one’s way.
9. **Iconoclastic:** The attempt to destroy a revered person when he doesn’t live up to expectations.
10. **Rational and Irrational:** Intellectual rejection of the Bible and emotional revolt against the Bible.
11. **Christian Service:** Efforts to perform good deeds and impress God minus the filling of the Holy Spirit.
12. **Client Nation:** When a majority of believers reject the laws of divine establishment and Bible doctrine.
18. These 12 categories of arrogance-inspired functions define the mentality of a believer who, with his own free will, destroys his spiritual life.