

The Driving Delusion

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The Consequences of Ideas

Ideas have consequences. Bad ideas have bad consequences. What happens when someone yells ‘Fire!’ in a crowded place? It makes a tremendous impact, even if there is no fire.

The Danger of Worldly Philosophy

3 reasons to reject worldly philosophy/psychology/popular opinions.

- ▶ Worldly philosophy seems to be necessary. (Colossians 2:1-7)
- ▶ Worldly philosophy is anti-Christ and anti-Cross. (Colossians 2:8-15)
- ▶ Worldly philosophy promises what it can’t deliver. (Colossians 2:16-23)

The Marxist Philosophy

12 Aspects of Marxism

- *Groups*: Dividing people into groups (oppressed and oppressors).
- *Group Approval or Disapproval*: Approval based on grouping (wicked oppressors; righteous oppressed).
- *Zero Sum Game*: The assumption is that life is a ‘zero sum game’ (those with more of the ‘pie’ must have stolen it from those with less).
- *Victim Mentality*: The presumption is that people are simply victims (not responsible).
- *Equal Outcomes*: The goal is social justice defined as social equality through social revolution (redistribution of resources and power).
- *Freedom from Biblical Traditions*: The requirement is freedom from traditional Christian morals, the traditional family structure, and traditional gender norms.
- *Systemic Injustice*: The problem is systemic injustice (oppressor systems that must be destroyed and rebuilt).
- *Order Out of Chaos*: The process is created chaos/conflict (to bring order out of chaos).
- *The State is God*: The means is the state (government provision and control).
- *Oppress the Oppressors*: The result is reverse oppression (the oppressed must be liberated and the oppressors must become the oppressed).
- *Social Revolution*: The goal is revolution (not repentance or reform).
- *Socialist Utopia*: The ultimate goal is a socialist utopia (everyone doing what they want and having what they want).

The Sufficiency of Christ

The main point of Colossians 2: Christ is our Wisdom and all that we need.

If you think there is wisdom and knowledge apart from Christ and His Word that you need to relate to God and man and to understand and solve the issues in society, then you have moved away from the truth of the sufficiency of Christ.