



A Biblical Perception of Reality | KIB 527

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I. Introduction

In the modern, materialistic world we live in, we are programmed by our culture to dismiss the supernatural realm and consider only the physical. We must ask ourselves, “Is this the worldview represented in the Bible?” Could our materialistic worldview serve as a matrix of control for the priesthood of darkness to manipulate the masses?

II. The Unseen is More Real

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (ESV)

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

- Directly contrasts the temporary physical world with the eternal unseen realm.
- Our inner world of spiritual development is more powerful than our external world.

- **Eternal: Logos Word Sense** – *ainios* – Everlasting, continuing forever. **BDAG**: Without end. **LSJ**: perpetual.

Hebrews 11:1–3 (ESV)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

- Affirms that the visible world is derived from invisible, spiritual reality.

Colossians 1:15–17 (ESV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Several important things to learn from these verses:

- Jesus is the living image or likeness (eikon) of the unseen God.
- Everything both seen and unseen was created by Him (Jesus) and is subject to Him (i.e., He will eventually judge and hold them accountable for what they do).

III. Battle for Your Mind

2 Corinthians 4:2–4 (ESV)

2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Agents from the Spirit Realm can affect the minds of men in the natural realm. Their first goal is to blind men, either through emotions or intellectual means, from the light of God and the Gospel.

Must the question be asked: Can agents of the Spirit Realm blind believers to certain truths or seek to entangle them again in their control?

Ephesians 6:10–13 (ESV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Wrestle: *pale* Logos Word Sense – grappling – the act of engaging in close hand-to-hand combat.

a. The Nations Under Fallen Angel Control

Deuteronomy 32:8–9 (ESV)

8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. **9** But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

All the nations of the world came under the direct control of the fallen angels. Yet, God took one man out of Babylon to create a nation for Himself. From Abram to Jesus, Israel was under the guardianship of Almighty God. However, once Israel rejected the Messiah, they fell back under the control of a fallen angel. But, like Abram, Paul promises that they will one day come out of Babylon.

Today, the only way out of their direct control is through faith in the Messiah.

b. Delivered from the Power of the Fallen Angels

Colossians 1:13 (ESV)

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Domain: *Exousia* – Logos Word Sense: domain ↔ authority – a domain understood by the authority necessary to exercise such dominion.

BDAG: right, capability, ruling power, absolute power, government.

Here in Colossians, Paul declares that we have been transferred out of their authority and power. But this is not a static situation. We have already read in Ephesians that we are in a constant struggle with these fallen beings, who are laboring to bring us back under their control!

c. Watchfulness and Active Participation Mandatory

2 Corinthians 10:2–5 (ESV)

2 I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Strongholds are entrenched lies of the enemy embedded in our minds through strong emotional ties or events, the dark wisdom of the world, lies we learned early in life, or other life or intellectual experiences. The frightening aspect of the use of the term “stronghold” is that demonic influence will find a defensive area within our souls that must be torn down and the enemy driven out! Every thought, attitude, and intellectual or emotional argument must be brought into obedience to Christ (and His Word).

IV. Going Analog in a Digital (Demonic World)

Ghost in the Machine: While the digital world has some benefits, it also poses many dangers.

- Constant Emotional Manipulation
- Twisting of Truth by Those Caught in Darkness
- False Anointings that Can Flow Through the Digital World
- Visual Mind Control Programming in the Background of Videos
- Lies Presented with High Emotion

Going Analog:

1. Use physical Bibles and Resources More than Their Digital Counterparts.

All of us have used digital books and Bibles because of their convenience. For me, it is because I can increase the font size to make the books easier to read. However, research is discovering that your mind will not respond to digital text the same way it does to the printed page. Because the digital page is transient (i.e., not permanent), the brain will not remember it the same way. You cannot renew your mind with the digital page!

- Get a good physical Bible with Bible highlighters and pens. Spend time reading, meditating on the Word, marking important verses to make them easier to find in the future, and taking notes. These activities tell your mind that this information is important, and it is transferred to long-term memory.
- Spend some quiet time each day in prayer and journalling. This will help you sort out what is really motivating you just under the

surface of your soul. This is vital in bringing arguments into submission to Christ. Some mental arguments are as much about emotions (unspoken lies) as they are about words.

2. Digital Detox

Limit your time on social media (to include YouTube). Unplug from the digital world to give yourself a break. If you are uncontrollably drawn back in, it is a sign of either programming or dopamine addiction. You need to detox!! I have found that the 80/20 principle works well: 80% analog and 20% digital.

We need to spend more time filling ourselves with God and working in the real world for His glory.