

1st John # 22

“Light over Darkness”

1st John 1:6-7

No

believer can have fellowship with God while he’s residing in the cosmic system of Satan.

In 1st John 1:6, when it says *we lie*, it’s literally, *we keep on lying* and it doesn’t mean to tell a lie, it means to live a lie and if we live a lie, we’ll certainly have to tell a few along the way and practicing or *living out the truth*, refers to daily learning and applying biblical truth.

Blind arrogance is self-righteousness leading to legalism and it’s a perfect illustration of how believers can be under false assumption and divorced from reality.

The moral cosmic believer is affectionate without being passionate, so with his affection, he lures believers from the plan of God into the cosmic system where friendship becomes more important than the Word.

The immoral cosmic believer is passionate without being affectionate, so with his passion, he lures mature believers into the cosmic system, where passionate sex becomes more important than the Word.

Affection comes from the soul and is only meaningful when it includes virtue, integrity and capacity for love.

Passion comes from the body and is a meaningful expression of spousal love only where honor, virtue and integrity also exist.

God-consciousness

can happen in our thinking in several ways: 1. By recognizing the structure of the universe and that behind such perfect, order there must be a designer.

2. By the intuitive law of cause and effect which takes us to an original cause.

3. *By acknowledging mankind possesses the idea of a perfect absolute being, so such a being must exist.*

4. By the fact that man’s soul possesses free-will and a conscience with an urge to choose right rather than wrong.

5. By concluding that God must exist because men universally believe in His existence and they seek Him.

When the unbeliever

rejects the Gospel, he becomes actively resistant to God.

Christianity is a system that demands advance or momentum from its followers.

What happens to those who think they’re better than God’s system and try to superimpose their own personal ideas on God’s system, is that they become enemies of the cross in the sense that they’re living a lie.

Capacity for love must come from the plan of God and there’s nothing wrong with legitimate pleasure but when pleasure becomes the highest thing in life for us, we’re in for a very difficult life.

The result is a search for worldly panaceas which are solutions to life apart from God’s

truth in 3 categories: 1. The laws of divine establishment for believers and unbelievers; 2. The Gospel for the unbeliever and 3. Biblical truth for the believer.

Instead of freedom, today we have a demand for equality but human equality can only be achieved by coercion, redistribution of wealth and slavery.

In this form of darkness, the identity of the human being must be reduced to sameness, so cosmic panaceas look to big government to parent little people, so the citizen is the slave of the state instead of the state being the servant of the people. Religion is part of Satan's policy of evil; Christianity is not a religion for in religion man by man's efforts seeks to gain the attention of God or man.

But in Christianity, God saves man after condemning him and man can do nothing for his salvation; it's provided totally by TLJC at the cross.

In religion, man seeks God through his personal works, while in Christianity, God seeks man through faith alone in Christ alone, totally apart from works; Eph 2:8-9.