



Eternal or Cosmological Dualism
vs.
Dominionism or Kingdom Now Theology
vs.
Bible Theology

1. Will the **United States** ever come **BACK** to **God**?

2. When the **Bible** says that **Satan rules** this world...

- Luke 4:5-6 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an **instant ALL** the **kingdoms** of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their **authority** and **splendor**; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.
- I John 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the **WHOLE WORLD** is **UNDER** the **CONTROL** of the **EVIL ONE**.

and that the **END** will be marked by rampant **Immorality** & increased **Hatred** of Christians!

- Matt. 24: 3, 9-13 the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and **what will be the sign** of your coming and of the **end of the age?**" ⁹ Then you will be **handed over** to be **persecuted** and put to **death**, and you will be **hated by all nations** because of me. ¹⁰ At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and **deceive** many people. ¹² Because of the **increase of wickedness**, the **love of most will grow cold**, ¹³ but the **one who stands firm** to the **end** will be **saved**. ²¹ For then there will be **great distress, unequalled** from the beginning of the world until now—and **never to be equaled** again. ²² "If those days had **not been cut short**, **no one** would survive, but for the **sake** of the **elect** those days will be **shortened**."
- II Tim. 3:1-5 But mark this, there will be **TERRIBLE** times in the **LAST days**. People will be **LOVERS of THEMSELVES**, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, **LOVERS of PLEASURE** rather than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.
- Daniel 7:25, 8:23-25, II Thess. 2:1-12

and that **Suffering** and **Persecution** are **NORMAL** for Christians.

- 2 Tim. 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- 1 Peter 4:12-16 Dear friends, do **not be surprised** at the **fiery ordeal** that has come on you to **test** you, as though something **strange** were happening to you. ¹³ But **rejoice** in as much as you **participate** in the **sufferings** of **Christ**, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but **praise God** that you bear that name.
- I John 3:13 Do **not be surprised**, brothers, that the **world hates you**.
- Mt. 5:10-12, 44, 13:21, Jn. 16:1-4, 2 Cor. 4:8-12, 12:10, Rom. 8:17-18, 35-39, 12:14, 17-21, Phil. 1:29, II Tim. 1:8, Rev. 6:9-11

Where does that **place us** as **Christians** in **relation** to what we should **DO**?

- What is our **IDENTITY & PURPOSE**?
- What is our **RESPONSIBILITY** and what should we **DO**?

What is our **IDENTITY & PURPOSE?** What is our **RESPONSIBILITY** and what should we **DO?** → **3 world views!**

1. **Eternal or Cosmological Dualism**

This is the belief that there are two equal and opposing realities - good and evil. These forces are in an eternal battle with one another. There are several religions such as Taoism that hold to an eternal dualism. It is most clearly seen in the Star Wars movies with the "Force".

The dualistic idea is not biblical. God and Satan are NOT equals. Satan is a created being that came into existence at a time in the past when God created him and the Bible also predicts that he will have an end.

When a Christian is not aware that they operate out of an "Eternal Dualism" mentality, they **feel "RESPONSIBLE"** for the **RESULTS** in **SOCIETY**. They feel **great pressure, frustration** and **anxiety** related to elections and the direction of our country. It is no longer good enough to do all that they know to do. Because they feel that **they** are the **TIPPING POINT** in this equal battle, it is **their** prayers, **their** actions and **their** **effort** that ultimately is what will determine the victory. This identity produces tremendous anxiety and ultimately tremendous pride.

2. **Dominionism or Kingdom Now Theology**

Is the world going to get **BETTER?** or Is the world going to get **WORSE** morally and spiritually?

This one question separates those who believe in "Dominionism" or "Kingdom Now" Theology from those who believe in a basic Bible Theology. The Bible says that we are the "Salt" of the earth. Salt is meant to **SLOW** the decay process, but it cannot stop or reverse the decay process.

It is wonderful, wise and Godly for Christians to do all they can legally to be a moral influence for righteousness in this country. However, when you hear Christians talking about **TAKING BACK** this country for God – do you **CRINGE?** Do you recognize the danger of going **AGAINST** the **Word** of God?

In this world view, the focus is constantly on "**SOCIETY**" as a whole. Because they believe that they can somehow **overrule Satan** and **reconquer** the earth, they believe that it is the **responsibility** of Christians to **CHANGE** or **IMPROVE** society.

3. **Bible Theology**

We do **NOT** get **anxious**. (*Phil. 4:6-7*) We are **filled** with **Jesus peace** (*John 14:26*) With our overall society and society's morals, we do all we can to be a moral positive influence (*Eph. 6:13*) but our **DAILY MAIN FOCUS** is on **INDIVIDUALS**. It is the **INDIVIDUALS** around us in our world whom we can **serve** with **love** to show them the life salvation offer of Jesus Christ. Serving and loving these **INDIVIDUALS** is what fills our **emotions**, fills our **minds constantly** and fills our **tongues**. We are not shocked or discouraged when the world gets worse.

Our identity is clear. We are from a **completely different kingdom**. We are an **UNDERGROUND Foreign Army** with a **single focused intense goal**. We want to reach **INDIVIDUALS** in Satan's kingdom of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of Jesus light. We know that this world will always belong to Satan until Jesus returns.

John 15:19 If you belonged to the world, it would **love** you as its **own**. As it is, you do **not belong** to the world, but I have chosen **you out** of the world. That is why the **world hates you**.

Luke 17:21 **nor** will they say, '**See here!**' or '**See there!**' For indeed, the **kingdom of God** is **within you.**"

John 17:14-16 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are **not** of the **world** any more than I am of the world. My prayer is **not** that you take them out of the world but that you **protect** them from the **evil one**. They are **not** of the **world**, even as I am not of it.

Heb. 11:9-10 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a **stranger** in a **foreign country**; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

1 John 4:5 **They** are **from the world** and therefore speak from the **viewpoint** of the **world**, and the **world listens** to them.

We recognize that our reaching individuals **sometimes** gives us **larger pockets** of freedom for **short seasons**, as it has throughout history.

However, as he always has throughout history, Satan will mount counter offensives and win the overall society because the society and world belong to him. The Bible promises that at the end of time, Satan will win and control society with hatred toward Christians in a greater measure than ever. We will be salt and slow this process as much as the Lord permits. However, it will happen!

We also know that both Biblically & historically the **worse** it is for Christians in the world the **greater** will be our influence on **individuals** for we do **not** get **anxious**, we are **peaceful**, and our **focus** is to love & serve others.

<i>Rev. 12:11</i> They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, & by the word of their testimony ; & they loved not their lives unto the death

So, WHAT do we DO as Bible Believing Christians?

1 Thess. 4:11-12 make it your **AMBITION** to **LEAD** a **QUIET** life: You should **mind** your **own business** and **work** with your **hands**, just as we told you, so that your **DAILY LIFE** may **WIN** the **RESPECT** of **OUTSIDERS** and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

There is a separate document titled "**Mission Successful – Victory Strategy for Every Christian**". In this document we outline the basic strategies that keep us so **joyfully busy** with **successful serving** of those around us that we do **not** have **time** for **fear** or **distractions**.