

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a range of mountains in the middle ground, and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS:

Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Is Sufficient Enough?
Colossians 2:10–11

Colossians 2:6, “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

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κενός kenós;

“empty of all intellectual, moral, spiritual value; empty of truth or power”

ἄπότη apátē;

“pleasure, deceit”

carrying off as booty, make captive of, rob”

Imagery of the *kosmic system* kidnapping Christians to an empty, fruitless life

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The Basis of Knowledge

Divine Viewpoint Autonomous Systems of Perception	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason	

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Galatians 4:9, “But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?”

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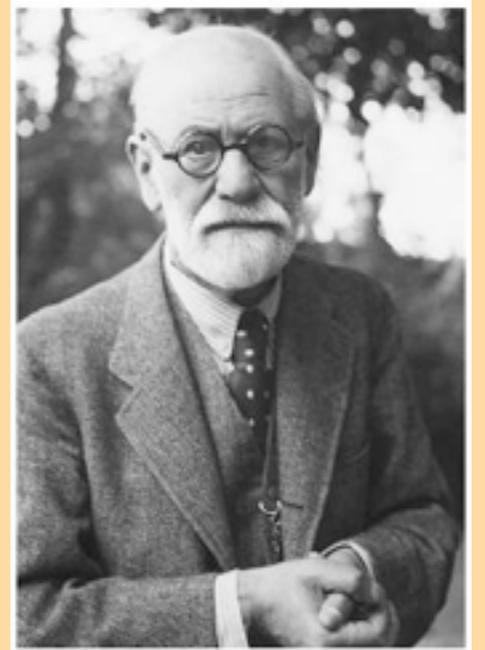
Deuteronomy 4:19, “And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.”

Deuteronomy 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.”

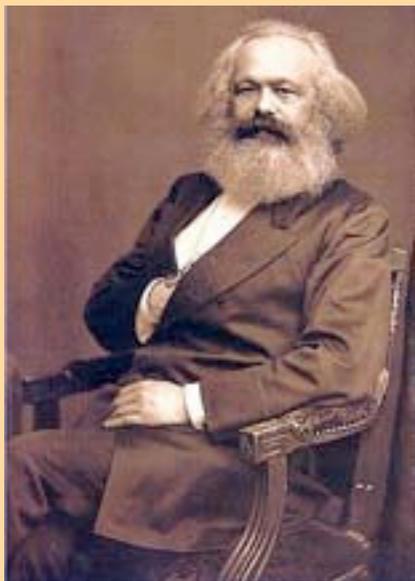
1 Cor. 10:20, “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.”



Charles Darwin Sigmund Freud



**Meaning
Purpose
Happiness
Destiny
ALL WITHOUT GOD**



Karl Marx

**Helena Petrovna
Blavatsky**



THE HUMAN VIEWPOINT SOLUTION

God PLUS

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**ΚΑΤΟΙΚΕΩ katoikéō;
to dwell or reside somewhere**

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θεότης theotes

The divine nature, “the state of being God.” (BDAG)

Only here.

θειότης, theiotes

“The quality or characteristic(s) pertaining to deity.” (BDAG)

Rom. 1:20

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τὸ πλήρωμα, to pleroma

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“That which is full of something, or fully complete,” i.e., Christ is complete and fully God, with all the attributes.

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deity.” (BDAG)

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πληρόω , pleroo

“to make full, complete, bring to completion”

τὸ πλήρωμα, to pleroma

“that which is full of something”

Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

Eph. 3:11, “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,”

Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “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.”

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

Col. 2:15, “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”