

Colossians 2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,

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3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. 5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 1: 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. **29** For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Outline

1. Susceptibility
2. Security
3. Spirit-filled Community

Heresy?

Colossians 2:

16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:

3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Heresy?

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**Three strands of
this heresy**

Colossians 2 - Intellectual Deception

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Intellectual deception

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GABE LYONS AND DAVE KINNAMAN ON THE NEW MORAL CODE:

1. To find yourself, look within yourself.
2. People should not criticize someone else's life choices.
3. To be fulfilled in life, pursue the things you desire most.

GABE LYONS AND DAVE KINNAMAN ON THE NEW MORAL CODE:

4. Enjoying yourself is the highest goal of life.
5. People can believe whatever they want as long as those beliefs don't affect society.
6. Any kind of sexual expression between two consenting adults is fine



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Colossians 2 - Spiritual Deception

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Moral deception (Asceticism)

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Colossians 2 - Moral Deception (Asceticism)

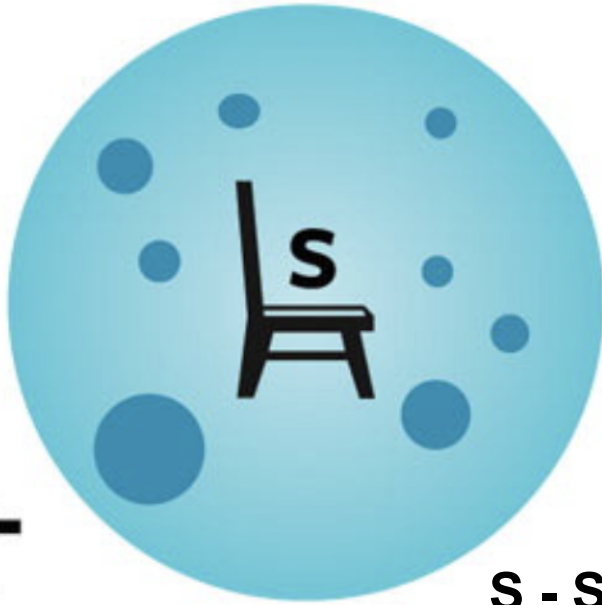
20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations — 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”

Colossians 2 - Moral Deception (Asceticism)

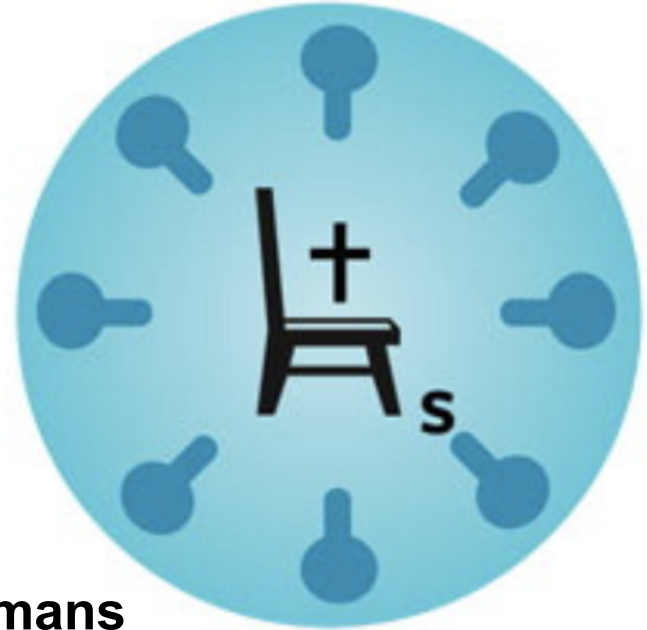
22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)
— according to human precepts and teachings?

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S - Self or Humans
† - Christ



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19 They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.