DOCTRINE OF THE COSMIC SYSTEM

- A. Definition.
 - 1. The <u>Cosmic System</u> is Satan's strategy as the ruler of this world to control believers. It is His policy for the rulership of this world.
 - 2. Satan's Cosmic System is composed of two separate dynaspheres.
 - a. **Cosmic One** is Satan's exploitation of believers through their own arrogance. This is his means of controlling the human race. Satan invented arrogance, for arrogance was his original sin.

- b. Cosmic Two is Satan's propaganda and indoctrination college to educate and promote antagonism toward anything related to God, especially the grace of God.
- 3. Cosmic One represents Satan's attitude at the time of his prehistoric fall. Cosmic Two represents Satan's attitude at the time of Adam's fall in the garden of Eden.
- 4. Cosmic One emphasizes arrogance and abnormal preoccupation with self. Cosmic Two emphasizes antagonism and intolerance toward the plan, purpose, and will of God, as well as toward all Christians executing it.

- 5. Cosmic One is Satan's philosophy in the prehistoric angelic conflict. Cosmic Two is Satan's philosophy in human history as the ruler of this world.
- 6. The target of Cosmic One is yourself; the target of Cosmic Two is Bible doctrine. In Cosmic One, we destroy ourselves. In Cosmic Two, we become antagonistic toward Bible doctrine.
- 7. In order for Satan to rule, he must produce two factors.

- 1. Self related to arrogance, and therefore divorced from the reality of God's plan.
- 2. Antagonism toward Bible doctrine. Only through the perception, metabolization, and application of doctrine do believers have any hope of becoming tactically victorious, complementing our Lord's strategic victory in the angelic conflict.
- 8. Cosmic One emphasizes self in contrast to God. Cosmic Two emphasizes the human viewpoint of psychological living in contrast to the divine viewpoint of spiritual living.

9. A table helps depict the difference between Cosmic One and Cosmic Two.

	an l	COSMIC ONE	COSMIC TWO
		Emphasizes arrogance; preoccupation with	Emphasizes animosity, hatred, antagonism
		self.	toward God & His plan.
		Target: ego, self- consciousness of soul.	Target: truth or doctrine.
		Result of hit: preoccupation & obsession with	Result of hit: antagonism toward Christ as the
		self to the exclusion of God and man.	living Word and doctrine as the written Word
		Emphasizes self in contrast to God and	Stresses human viewpoint over Divine
		objective reality	viewpoint.
		Represents Satan's attitude at the time of his	Represents Satan's attitude at time of man's
		prehistoric fall	historical fall.
		Represents Satan's philosophy in the prehistoric	Represents Satan's philosophy as ruler of world
		angelic conflict when he was obsessed with self	after the fall of man. Now he is obsessed with
		in maximum arrogance	destroying the plan of God as the #1 enemy of
			the plan of God.
		Believer in cosmic one assumes the arrogance	Believer in cosmic two becomes inculcated
	+	of Satan before human history	with the attitude of Satan during human history.
		Believer is slave to self	Believer is slave to Satan

- B. The Influence of the Cosmic System on the Unbeliever.
 - 1. There are three ways in which the cosmic system can influence the unbeliever.
 - a. Demon possession of unbelievers only. Demon possession is defined as demon invasion into the body of an unbeliever by one or more demons. This cannot occur without the unbeliever's consent. Because of the indwelling of all three members of the Trinity, no demon can indwell the body of a believer.

Even the unbeliever has a volitional protection from God. But under certain conditions, demons do enter the body of unbelievers. Demon possession is generally related to religion, the phallic cult, and the emotional revolt of the soul. Demons themselves possess so much energy that when they indwell a human being, all sorts of neurotic and psychotic behavior is manifest. This doesn't mean the demons themselves are erratic, but their influence on the body is erratic.

- b. Demon influence of unbelievers. Demon influence is defined as the demon invasion of the soul through the doctrine of demons, i.e. Cosmic Thinking.
- c. **Psychological living of unbelievers.** Psychological living is defined as life without God, the lifestyle of real spiritual death.
 - (1) Distinction must be made between the academic subject of psychology and psychological living.
 - (2) Psychology is the science which relates to the mind of homosapien a systematic knowledge and investigation of the phenomena of consciousness and behavior.

- (3) In psychological living, the only thing you have going for you is your soul. If your soul is involved in such things as the occult, fortune telling, tarot cards, divination, astrology, or necromancy, you exclude God in your thinking.
- (4) Psychological living is the lifestyle of carnality. It is the function of the thinking, motivation, decisions, and actions of those directly involved in Satan's Cosmic System.

2. All unbelievers live in the sphere of real spiritual death and are influenced, to some degree, by the Cosmic System. This varies greatly among unbelievers, however, since unbelievers have a phenomenal protection against Satan's System. This protection starts with his volition, and how he uses it in relation to the only system of truth which an unbeliever can understand, i.e. the Laws of Divine Establishment. 1. Volition/Freedom 2. Marriage 3. Family and 4. Nationalism

- 3. One of the easiest ways for the unbeliever to live in Satan's Cosmic System is to reject <u>legitimate</u> authority in life found in the Laws of Divine Establishment.

 Arrogance is the inevitable result of rejection of <u>legitimate</u> authority.
- C. The Influence of the Cosmic System on the Believer in Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Because of the indwelling of all three members of the Godhead, the believer cannot be demon possessed. The believer is not vulnerable to the demonization of his body.

2. However, the believer can come under demon influence. Demon influence is the invasion of the soul with Satanic propaganda, the doctrines of demons. When the believer prolongs his residence in the Cosmic System, demon influence is the invasion of his soul with those demon doctrines mentioned in 1 Tim 4:1. Demon invasion of thought affects self-consciousness, volition, and mental attitude. This explains why many believers become psychotic. 1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

- 3. The believer can also be influenced by psychological living, which is life without God.
 - a. Christians can actually live without having a relationship with God and without ever following the plan of God.
 - b. Only believers have the potential of having a relationship with God and being in the plan of God. When an unbeliever is saved, he too has potential to have a relationship with God if he desires to have one.

- c. One of the great issues in the Christian way of life is Spiritual Living versus psychological living.
- d. Spiritual Living occurs inside the Divine Dynasphere; Psychological Living occurs inside the Cosmic System.
- e. It is possible for the believer to become so involved in the viewpoint of psychology that he is influenced by psychological living.