

# Balancing the Kingdom and the World System

This article follows on from these teachings on the world system (AKA ‘Babylon’) with a few pointers:

- “The Epic Battle for Planet Earth”<sup>1</sup>
- “A Check-up to See How Much You Are in the World System”<sup>2</sup>

From these you will have found out that anything originating from the mind of human is part of the world system and therefore is not part of the Kingdom. Kingdom entities only originate from the Kingdom, nothing else.

Our task as sons is to be in the world and impacting it, so leaving it and living a monastic or Amish-like lifestyle<sup>3</sup> is out of the question. Therefore the onus is on each of us to check what we adopt or adapt from the world system. This is vitally important for apostles, Kingdom teachers and elders whose duty is to teach the *ekklesia* how to live in the Kingdom, not the world system or the church system.

If you took the “World System Check List”<sup>4</sup> which I suggested in the two documents then you’ll know that almost ZERO of what you think and do, as well as what you get yourself involved in, originates in the Kingdom which you now belong to. Putting aside the few things God put in place at creation, The Fall has polluted everything, including the human mind which has produced the visible world system and its mentality.

One question that should have come into your mind after reading the above documents is: “How much of the world system in which I live can I utilize so what I do is not unrighteous?” The answer to this can only come from the Kingdom itself – i.e. from the King himself. This means a great deal of understanding is required to be received from the Trinity so you can sort through your life and begin to properly align with their desire for your life.

Everything you believe, live by, do, wear, possess, use, etc. has to be checked via your spirit with Holy Spirit. This is a big ask, but every one of us are required to do it. Not because I said so, but because that’s what’s involved in being a Kingdom citizen, a member of a different (spiritual) world. When you come to grips with that you will then see that some of Jesus’ ‘hard’ statements make a whole lot of sense. This is because the Kingdom operates differently to the way those in the world system think, and for that matter, Christianity as well. For example:

**Matthew 12:30** (NKJV) – *He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.*

**Luke 14:26** (NKJV) – *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.*

**Matthew 19:29** (NKJV) – *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands<sup>5</sup>, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.*

The temptation is to withdraw from the world because “it’s evil”. That’s what my Methodist upbringing instilled in me and as a result I left home and went into ‘the big bad world’ totally ignorant of it. But, like Jesus the man we take the Kingdom to the general public and touch them with it, inviting them to change allegiance when they show interest.

This method was used by the Irish monks who withdrew from the world. They spent most of their time in spiritual communication with Heaven and were shown a great deal of spiritual knowledge because of their time spent. Out of this they roamed the Irish countryside converting the druids with the spiritual power they received from their connection with heaven. They were the ones who took the Gospel to Europe and brought about a Christian revival there. We haven’t been asked to take up their monastic lifestyle in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, only their desire to connect spiritually with the Jesus (our King).

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1 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Epic-Battle-for-Planet-Earth.pdf](https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Epic-Battle-for-Planet-Earth.pdf)

2 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Check-up-to-See-How-much-You-Are-in-the-World-System.pdf](https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Check-up-to-See-How-much-You-Are-in-the-World-System.pdf)

3 – [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amish) & [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mennonites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mennonites)

4 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/World-System-Check-List.pdf](https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/World-System-Check-List.pdf)

5 – i.e. property

We can also shun some things in the world because we think all the world is evil and accept other things. This is what religious Christians have done in the past:

*“Perhaps [Puritan’s] greatest gift to history, however, is their wonderfully strange taste in names. A wide variety of Hebrew names came into common usage beginning in 1560, when the first readily accessible English Bible was published. But by the late 16th century many Puritan communities in Southern Britain saw common names as too worldly, and opted instead to name children after virtues or with religious slogans as a way of setting the community apart from non-Puritan neighbors. Often, Puritan parents chose names that served to remind the child about sin and pain.”<sup>6</sup>*

We chose to use worldly names for my children. I had confirmation of the righteousness of that when I felt in myself that I should name my last child Kathryn Elizabeth. This happened after I was baptised in the Holy Spirit, so I felt I was being led to use those names. Not thinking anything of it, it came as a delightful shock a year or so later when I found the meaning of her names in a book of baby names. Kathryn means ‘Pure’ and Elizabeth means ‘My God is an oath’ or ‘My God is abundance’. The significance for me was that she: (1) Was a gift from God because my wife felt she should have a 4<sup>th</sup> child but we couldn’t afford it, however Kathryn was our step of faith and Father supplied all our needs from his abundance; & (2) Grew up to be a pure young woman and a huge blessing to us.

The moral from my experience? Know the Spirit’s voice and do what he says and you can’t go wrong in your decision making while you’re living in the world system.

How does all this complicating protocol of not taking on the world system all work out?

Our lives should gradually take on revolutionary change as the Kingdom causes us to radically alter the way we approach life. For example: When a child is stroppy and throws a tizz, we must see this as the enemy at work. Not from the point of view that they are demon possessed, but seeing them being influenced by the Dark Kingdom. As a consequence, statements like this should never again be on our lips: "He's only a child and they do that. It's normal." In love, all untoward behaviour and speech must be dealt with. If not, a doorway is open for the enemy to work even more in the child’s life through each and every rebellious incident.

Concluding, it should be patently clear now why the main focus of the CCOP message<sup>7</sup> for the past 2 years has been ‘alignment with heaven’. We’ve been so focussed on the separation of church and society that we’ve failed to see that our lives are dominated by our society (i.e. the world system). We’ve adopted holus-bolus the Australian way of life and created Christianity and church as a distinctly different adjunct to it, thinking we were safe. All the time, however, we were blissfully unaware that anything man-made actually belongs to the world system.

Can you see why the Futurist Eschatology is so dominant today in Christian thinking? “The world is getting worse so hurry up Jesus and come back so you can destroy it.” WRONG! The Kingdom can't fill the whole Earth if we hide away. In this new era of the Kingdom our King is training us to operate with discernment so we can be in the world, using what he shows us we can use of it, and training us to impact it.

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