

## The First Beast (Rev 13:1): Worldly Wisdom

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In Revelation 13:1, the first beast that comes out of the "sea of humanity" is worldly wisdom. We are warned repeatedly about worldly wisdom in 1Cor 2:12-14, Col 2:8, and in 1John 2:15-22 among many other references.

Moral Opposites:

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (Deu 30:15)

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.(Jn 12:46-48)

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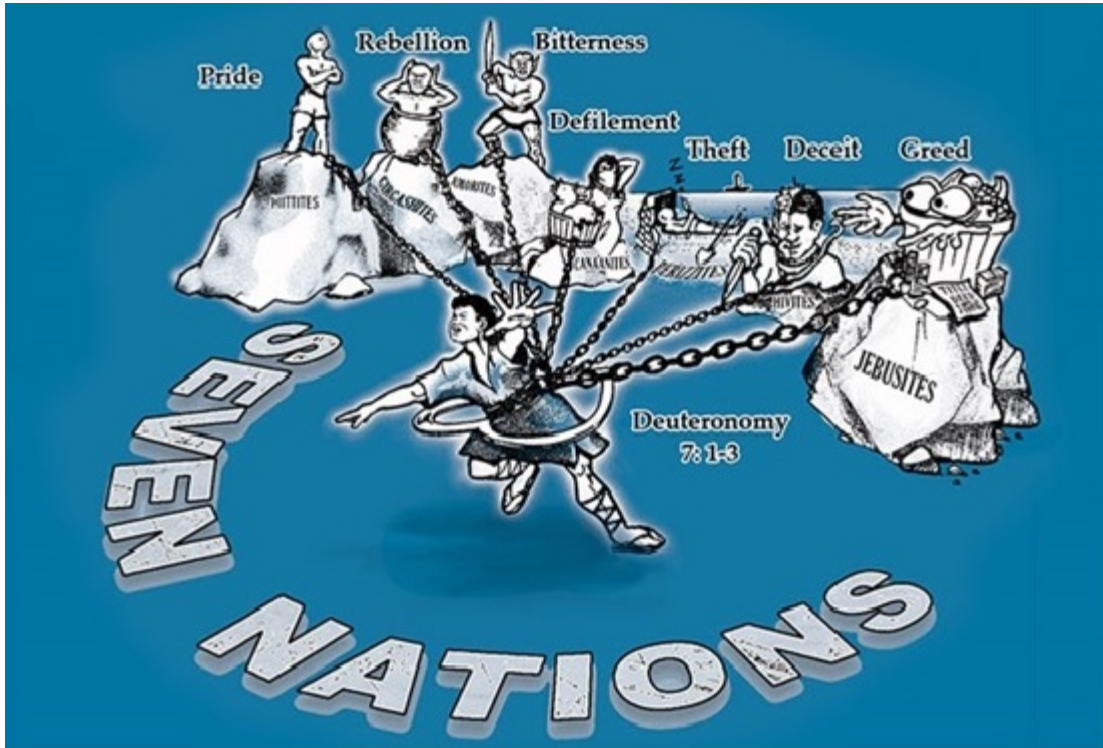
Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. **If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.** And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever. Little children, it is the last time. And just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up, from which we know that it is the last hour. **They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they were of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out so that it might be revealed that they were not all of us.** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He who denies the Father and the Son is antichrist. (1Jn 2:15-22)

And I stood on the sand of the sea, and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having **seven heads** and ten horns. And on its horns were ten crowns, **and on its heads was the name of blasphemy.** (Rev 13:1)

The **seven heads** of the beast appear to be related to these Seven Nations that were considered an abomination to God (Deut 7:1-3). They represent the opposite of God's Character [as defined by the Decalogue](#). Worldly Wisdom is an affront to God (Col2:8). These deductions are based upon the composite of Genesis (1-3), Deuteronomy, John's Gospel (1-12), Mk 7:1-23, Matt 5:3-14 mentioned below.

The "sea of humanity" is described in Rev 17:15

**And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. (Rev 17:15)**



Blessed is the one who reads and hears the Words of this prophecy, and the ones keeping the things written in it, for the time is near.  
(Rev 1:3)

[Creation Ordinances](#) show that spiritual laws describe the character or nature of the Creator.

This "Nature of God" is more fundamental than physical laws (Romans 1:20). We will see that the phrase "[...Laws of Nature and Nature's God](#)" in the US Constitution is most likely a reference to this idea.

Back when the pandemic began in 2020, I [made a remarkable discovery about our focus](#) on physical laws. I noted that biblical typology preceded our pre-occupation with Newtonian Mechanics etc.

My discovery started with finding [Thomas Bromley's writings on the Seven Nations in Deuteronomy 7](#). I, too, had written about the [Seven Nations in Deuteronomy](#) about thirty years

[prior](#).

I asked Biola's President, Barry Corey why Christian Colleges minimize biblical typology in favor of teaching physical laws. President Corey referred me to [Biola's Dean of Talbot Seminary, Clint Arnold](#).

There is an [eternal moral code built into the fabric of Scripture](#) that is incredibly integrated. The phrase "...[Laws of Nature and Nature's God](#)"... originated long before Thomas Jefferson. We have somehow lost track of what it means.



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Relating the Commands to Daily Life

| God's Command   | Related Topic   | Specific verses in St. John that mention the topic |
|---|---|--|
| Do not Steal (Be diligent)<br><br>(Specific verses in <b>John 4-6</b> ) | Faith leads to works (Action, diligence) Root? Fruit?   | 4:50   |
|   | Miracle to increase faith                               | 5:48   |
|   | Order?: works, knowledge, faith, commitment             | (Hint: Rom 10:14-17 )                              |
|   | Commensuration, Fairness, equity                        | 5:21,5:28-29                                       |
|   | Hierarchy, division of labor, teamwork                  | 4:38,5:21-22,5:17                                  |
|   | Misappropriation (Clue: eat to live/ live to eat)       | 6:27, (see Matt 24:45-51)                          |
|   | Eternal rewards, temporal rewards                       | 5:24,29,6:27                                       |
|   | Earthly commerce, heavenly commerce                     | 4:31   |
|   | Judgment, Justice                                       | 5:22-23  |
|   | Thoroughness, frugal with possessions                   | 6:12,13 , 2Tim 2:1-7                               |
|   | Labor leads to rewards, wages, reparations              | 4:36,5:22  |
|   | Agency  | 6:63   |
|   | Nutrition, sustenance, vitality                         | 6:27   |
|   | Impotence: inability to perform work                    | 5:3-6 , Prov 12:27                                 |
|   | Empowerment, fuel, energy, to perform God's work        | 5:6, 6:63  |
|   | Individual responsibility/reward/ownership: capitalism? |  |
|   | Group responsibility/reward /ownership: communism?      |  |
| Do not Lie (Be truthful)<br><br>(Specific verses in <b>John 6-10</b> )  | Openness, secrecy, stealth                              | 7:4  |
|   | Betrayal  | 6:71   |
|   | Confusion   | 7:12-13, 7:26-27, 9:9,16                           |
|   | Truth   | 7:18,28,8:13,14,17,18,31,32,26,40,44,45            |
|   | Revelation,(exposure) of sin                            | 7:7  |
|   | Genuine/ False  | 7:28   |
|   | Devil/Demon   | 6:70, 7:21   |
|   | Waylaying, ambushing                                    | 7:30, 8:20   |
|   | Predatory, Beastlike                                    | 7:1,19,30  |
|   | Deceit, Russian roulette, gambling, chicken             | 7:12, 47, 8:6, 44,9:34,41,42                       |
|   | Truth of conscience, admission                          | 8:9  |
|   | Upright, Shepherd like                                  | 10:14  |
|   | Mercenary/Minister                                      | 10:12  |
| Assurance   |   |  |
| Verification (Clue: "search the Scrip...")                              | 7:52, 8:25,37,38  |  |

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| W/D<br>God's Command                                       | Hireling/Servant<br>Related Topic | 10:12<br>Specific Verses in John that mention the topic |
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| Do not covet (be content)<br>Specific verses in John 11-12 | Gratitude, Thankfulness           | 11:14   |
|  | Greed                             | 12:5,6  |
|  | Covetousness                      | 12:5,6  |
|  | Discontentment                    | 12:43   |
|  | Envy                              | 11:48, 12:9-11  |
|  | Jealousy                          | 11:48   |
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|  | Commensuration, Fairness, equity  | Jn. 5:28-30 <i>OK</i>  |
|  | Hierarchy, division of labor, teamwork  | Jn. 4:36-38 <i>OK</i>  |
|  | Misappropriation (Clue: eat to live/ live to eat) <i>4:34?</i>                | Jn. 6:26-27 (?) <i>don't really get what I'm asking w/ this one!</i> |
|  | Eternal rewards, temporal rewards   | Jn. 4:34-37, Jn. 6:47 <i>Good!</i>                                   |
|  | Earthly commerce, heavenly commerce   | Jn. 6:27-29 <i>Good!</i>   |
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|  | Thoroughness, frugal with possessions   | Jn. 6:5-9 (6:12?)  |
|  | Labor leads to rewards, wages, reparations                                    | Jn. 5:28-30 <i>4:36, 5:22 judge commentaries</i>                     |
|  | Agency (active force, action, power; <i>that by which something is done</i> ) | John 4:34; Jn. 6:53-58   |
|  | Nutrition, sustenance, vitality   | Jn. 6:32-37, Jn. 4:13 <i>OK</i>                                      |
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|  | Betrayal  | Jn. 6:66 <i>Good</i> Jn 6:71 <i>Better!</i>                          |
|  | Confusion   | Jn. 7:25-43, 7:12-13, 9:9, 16  |
|  | Truth   | Jn. 7:18; 28, Jn. 8:32, 13, 14, 17, 31, 26, 4                        |
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|  | Genuine/ False  | Jn. 6:70-71; Jn. 8:44-46, 7:25                                       |
|  | Devil/Demon   | Jn. 8:44; Jn 10:20; <i>Good</i> 6:76, 7:20                           |
|  | Waylaying, ambushing  | Jn. 8:6; Jn. 7:1 <i>Good!</i> 7:19, 30                               |
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|  | Deceit, Russian roulette, gambling, chicken                                   | Jn. 8:3-10, <i>why?</i>  |
|  | Truth of conscience, admission  | Jn. 9:40-41, 9:9   |
|  | Upright, Shepherd like  | Jn. 10:1-5; 11; 14-18 <i>Good!</i>                                   |
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| Assurance  | Jn. 10:28-29  |  |
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How is that the same as one who ministers?

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|  | Covetousness            | Jn. 11:47-48; Jn. 12:5-6                       |
|  | Discontentment          | Jn. 11:47                                      |
|  | Envy                    | Jn. 11:47-50, 12:9-11                          |
|  | Jealousy                | Jn. 11:48                                      |
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