

The Spirit of the World or Jesus?

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Jesus told His disciples: *“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you”* (**John 15:18-19**).

“He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sinned; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE’” (**John 15:23-25**).

Jesus prayed to our Heavenly Father: *“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world”* (**John 17:14**).

John, the apostle of love, also wrote: *“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them”* (**1 John 4:4-5**).

The chart shows the contrast between **worldly wisdom** and **godly wisdom**. Satan is the “*god of this world*” (**2 Cor. 4:4**) who is outstandingly deceptive and has fooled so many otherwise good people to follow what seems to be innocent thoughts and ideas. Scripture shows why the world hates true Christianity. Learn to love the people of the world, but do not “drink their Kool-Aid”!

World: “Follow your heart”
Jesus: “Follow Me”

World: “Believe in yourself”
Jesus: “Believe in Me”

World: “Discover yourself”
Jesus: “Deny yourself”

World: “Be true to yourself”
Jesus: “Be true to Me”

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