

Destructive Dogmas

Our epistemological starting point – our source of knowing, if you would – is the Word of God, the Bible. This transcendent standard of measurement is what we employ as the Authority in determining “destructive dogmas.” As a result, this is not our opinion but an appeal to an Authority actually above us. (NB: To *logicians* who presume only naturalism in their worldview perspective and to *Postmoderns* who reject the biblical meta-narrative because of the meta-narrative they choose to live in submission under, we say: The appeal to authority is only a *fallacy* IF the authority appealed to is actually incorrect. God has His own standard of measurement, even concerning the evaluation of truth claims.)

To state the above in a somewhat different manner, we simply discern some of the presumptions within the list of formal logical fallacies to be incomplete. As a result of “Truth,” we reject the destructive *fruit* of contemporary [naturalistic] skepticism and continue to, by His mercy and grace, enjoy God’s awesome bounty found in His Word. As the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ has said, “You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free.” This precious freedom is available to you if you would but receive the One Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life—Jesus Christ. [Click Here](#) for more details on this matter.

The following two definitions are taken from Webster’s New World Dictionary:
(Second College Edition)

- Destructive: tending or likely to cause destruction
causing or producing destruction; destroying
merely negative; not helpful
- Dogma: a doctrine; tenet; belief
doctrines, tenets, or beliefs, collectively
a positive, arrogant assertion of opinion
Theol. A doctrine or body of doctrines formally
and authoritatively affirmed

Combining the two definitions above, we use the phrase “Destructive Dogmas” on this site to mean “absolute beliefs* which bring destruction.” Due to the holistic worldview employed by this informational service, the duration of destruction emphasized is eternal. While there are crucial dogmas affecting BOTH physical (temporal) things (e.g., the dogma of *free sex* and potential consequences [destruction of emotional and physical well-being, to name only a couple]) AND eternal things, this site especially addresses doctrinal dogmas that bring or potentially bring eternal consequences.

This chapter (in this Current Matters' series) is presented in **three parts**:

Present Destructive Worldly Dogmas &
Present Destructive *Church* Dogmas represent the first two categories.

Once again, a biblical plumb line is that which is used, one especially tied to Jesus Christ's statement, "He who is not with Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) Thus, Destructive *Church* Dogmas include those within today's *Christian* church. This statement includes recent expressions of *Christian* sects/cults (e.g., Scientology, LDS/Mormon, Jehovah Witnesses, etc. for reasons yet to be mentioned in the section "Destructive *Church* Dogmas."), though we have not emphasized the cult heresies on this "Destructive *Church* Dogmas" page.

The last category merges the two PRESENT concerns into a third category:

Future Destructive Global Dogmas which will eventually come to pass.

Even the secularists discern dogmatism to be dangerous when wrong, for Bertrand Russell said (quoted by Michael Polanyi in *Personal Knowledge*; 1958 ed.; pg. 271),

Dogmatism ... in the present age as in former times, is the greatest of the mental obstacles to human happiness.

* Note:

We are not including some beliefs that are held tentatively but ones which are seen as absolutes. For example, it is not the general, non-dogmatic belief in the Pre-Tribulational Rapture that we cite as a destructive dogma. It is the absolute commitment to the Pre-Trib Rapture (as *Gospel Truth*) that we cite as one of the destructive dogmas of contemporary Christianity. There is a huge difference between the two perspectives, for one holds all other end-time viewpoints to be incorrect while the other perspective is open to the possibility of one of the other positions being the actual way in which the final days unfold.

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Present Destructive Worldly Dogmas