

The Message

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Destroying Strongholds

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not **waging war** according to the flesh. ⁴For the **weapons** of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to **destroy strongholds**. ⁵We **destroy arguments** and every **lofty opinion** raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.



Key Words Against the Knowledge of God in This Passage

“waging war”

“weapons of warfare”

“strongholds”

“destroy arguments”

“lofty opinions”

“take every thought captive”



Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God.



The Lies We Believe



Kuyper's Four World Views

1. Paganism (Becomes a slave to creation)
2. Islam (Enslaves creation)
3. Roman Catholicism (Aristocracy)
4. Humanism (Extreme egalitarianism)
5. Calvinism (Republican Freedom)



Child Abuse Lies

One of the key “strongholds” now ruling in America is the idea that it is child abuse to spank your children. Some even think it is cruel to discipline your dog. “You might hurt his feelings.”



The Environmentalist Lies

- **Our oil reserves**
- **The timber industry**
- **DDT**
- **The Man-made Global warming lie**



Socialist Lies

“Social Justice?”



The Science vs. Faith Lie

Nothing made everything? That takes faith.
That is not scientific.



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