

*Scripture
Reading:*

Mark 5:1-20

**The World
System Aspect
(Component) of
Commerce**

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW

- ◆ **Aspect #1 of the World System is urbanization**
- ◆ **Mankind living together collectively, being arranged into a more dependent and controllable system by Satan**

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW

◆ **Aspect #2 of the World System is human government**

◆ **Concentrated human control over the masses that produces dependence for protection for “health, wealth, and happiness”**

INTRODUCTION

◆ **Two contemporary quotes sum human government**

◆ **“It takes a village”**

◆ **“Socialism teaches that faith in government is the conduit to a perfect society. The quicker the spread of atheism, then, the quicker the spread of government as the solution to our every problem.”**

INTRODUCTION

◇ **Aspect #3 of the World System is commerce and it's resulting materialism**

The World System Aspect of Commerce

- ◆ The beginning of commerce (production of goods, trade, business) - Gen 4:20,22
 - ◆ **Animal husbandry (sheep and cattle)**
 - ◆ Used for skins, hides, milk products, power and transportation before NOT for meat prior to the Flood (Gen 1:29, 9:3-4)

The World System Aspect of Commerce

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◆ Metallurgy and manufacturing

◆ Implements, coinage, images, etc.

◆ Trading of goods

◆ Crops, animal products, manufactured goods

◆ Currency (banking and finance)

The World System Aspect of Commerce

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◆ Two illustrations of the effects of the World System Commerce:

◆ The effect of ruined commerce

◆ Mark 5:14-17

◆ The effect of mesmerizing materialism

◆ Luke 12:16-21

The NT Believer's Use of Commerce, Money, & Materialism

◆ **Jesus - Use money wisely**

◆ **Luke 16:9-13**

◆ **James - Do not prioritize or boast in material
wealth**

◆ **James 4:13-16**

The NT Believer's Use of Commerce, Money, & Materialism (continued)

◇ John - Wisely use your material good to help another believer who is truly in need

◇ I John 3:17-18

◇ Paul - Do not determine to become rich, but if you happen to become materially wealthy, use your riches for good works

◇ I Tim 6:6-10, 17-18; Phil 14:15-19

CONCLUSION

◆ Again, I Cor 6:17

◆ Use, but don't overuse
or be boastful of
temporal material goods