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- John 1:10 He was in the **world**, and the **world** was made through him, yet the **world** did not know him.
- If Jesus were not omniscient the above would have been quite a shock – “What, I made all there is, including you and you don’t know me!”
- One would think that the Creator humbling himself to come and save his now ruined creation would be received with joy.

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- It should be thought that such a significant event, God coming into the world in a visible way, could not possibly go unnoticed.
- “He was in the **world**, and the **world** was made through him, yet the **world** did not know him”.
- The reasons for his going unnoticed are later clarified by the N.T. writers – mankind was dead in their sins and blinded by the devil.

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- **Ephesians 2:1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.
- **2nd Corinthians 4:4** The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. (or so he thinks)
- The dead and the blind were not in an advantageous position then or now to grasp truth – they need supernatural intervention.

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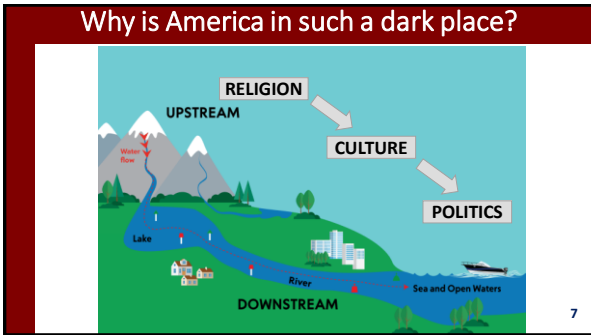
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Satan does not have the actual power to blind the unsaved to the gospel indefinitely; after all, we were all once unsaved. He does have the power to influence education, business, and government thus establishing a culture that obscures mankind’s vision of Christ and their need for him.

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- A key word in John 1:10 is **world** – it appears 3 times in one verse and that is always a signal of a word’s importance.
- The Greek word is “kosmos” and it has many meanings, so you almost always have to interpret its meaning from the context.
- In the context of John 1:10 “kosmos” means “humanity in general, people at large”.

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The population at large did not recognize their Creator, and while we are made in his image with “eternity set in our hearts”, it is a relatively rare event when one notices him and even more rare when one receives him. It was not normal, but abnormal when you believed and received Christ.

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- John 1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
- If you are dead and blind then you not only fail to recognize the one you claim to be looking for, but you fail to receive him.
- Jesus came to his own world and his own people and, on the whole, he was despised, rejected, and missed.

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- Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, **delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.....** 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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- As I said earlier, on the whole, Jesus was unnoticed and rejected, but not by all!
- **John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

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