

Against Bad Philosophy – Colossians 2:8  
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Philosophy is a means by which we discern the truth about the unseen. As believers in Christ, we must take care to guard our thinking against bad philosophy. In this text, Paul warns us not to be taken captive by a philosophy which is marked by four terrible qualities:

1. It is groundless at its base.  
*...empty deceit*
2. It is human in its origin.  
*...according to the tradition of men*
3. It is worldly in its understanding.  
*...according to the basic principles of the world*
4. It is Christless in its content.  
*... not according to Christ.*