

# Colossians

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Don: "One observation that took me by surprise was that the ONLY place in the Bible where the word "philosophy" φιλοσοφία occurs is Colossians 2:8 where the author is talking about a "philosophy" luring away the Christians in Colossal:

Quote from Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Lest anyone think this old stuff is not resurrected in modern times: I was warned 30 years ago by a conservative (but not evangelical) Christian pastor that my soul was in mortal danger due to (1) my interest in "philosophy" [his actual word], which he thought was (2) doubtlessly influencing my decision to get a divorce [my wife's longstanding abusive behavior was, apparently, not a consideration]. He clearly thought that philosophy was at the root of the evil (in his mind) I was about to commit. {Just to be clear, this guy - whom I knew fairly well - was no feminist (as I consider myself to be) concerned with empowering women; no, he was a "man is the head of the woman" guy - though of a kinder, gentler disposition than some of that ilk.}