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#### **Commission**

Rev. 2:1, "To the angel [officer of the court] of the church in Ephesus write:"

#### Character

Rev. 2:1b,

"These things says He
who has the authority over the
seven stars in His right hand,
who walks in the midst of the
seven lampstands of gold"

## Commendation: Rev. 2:2, "I know your works:

Your labor and endurance;

and that you cannot bear those who are evil, and you have examined those who claim to be apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

Rev. 2:3, "and you have endured and hung in there because of My name [who I am], and are not worn out."

#### **Condemnation**

Rev. 2:4, "But I have against you that you have left your priority love,"

#### Correction

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μνημονεύω mnemoneuo, present active imperative 2S. "remember, bring something back to mind, think or concentrate on something in the memory."

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present a "rememb mind, thir somethin

repent."

πόθεν, pothen μνημονεί interrogative adverb expressing a previous position or status

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repent."

πίπτω pipto,
perfect active
indicative 2s.
"to fall, to descend
rapidly from a
higher point"

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μετανοέω metanoeo, aorist re active imperative 2S, "to change your mind, to sor change your thinking."

## **Expanded correction:**

"Therefore, remember the former spiritual status from where you are now fallen; Change your thinking and get back to your previous spiritual life priorities and perform in that area of production."

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εί δὲ μή, ei de me,

"But if not" idiom: "or else."

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"But if I

ἔρχομαι, erchomai,
Present Active (deponent)
Indicative, 1S
Present with a future sense,
"I will come to you."

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"But if i

ταχύς, *tachus* Adverb, modifying "come"

"Suddenly, or unexpectedly" Not "soon"

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κινέω kineo, future active indicative 1S; "to move, to cause something to be moved from its established place, remove."

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μετανοέω metanoeo, aorist active imperative 2S, "to change your mind, to change your thinking."

"or else I will come to you suddenly and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your thinking about doctrine" [spiritual growth].

### Rev. 2:5,

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Remember...

and
Repent (change your thinking)...

and
Perform (as previously)...
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## The Basis of Knowledge

Divine Autonomous Systems Viewpoint of Perception	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent; Nonlogical; nonrational; nonverifiable
	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason



Ultimate causation cannot come from within creation.

**Creation** 

**History=His Story** 

Law

**Politics** 

**Economics** 

Believers are the products of their own decisions: note the three imperative verbs.

# As goes the believer, so goes the nation.

Believers who fail to "take every thought captive for Christ" and opt for superficial, self-oriented, shallow theologies doom their nation to destruction.