



HOW TO DETECT A CULT INSTANTLY!

This series of teachings over the next few weeks is not to accuse or slander people involved in cultic practices. But to expose the system operating behind their Satanic s organizations and institutions.

In this Cult series, we will be exposing the following cults: Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Bahaism, Islam, Christian Science, Martial arts, and more...

WHAT IS A CULT?

- ✓ *A cult is a religious body that holds beliefs that are contrary to what is regarded as the normative expression in our total culture.*
- ✓ *Not being what it claims or appears to be; being fake or false – A COUNTERFEIT!*
- ✓ *Differs significantly in religious beliefs.*

There are 5 things that most Cults share in common.

1. *A centralized authority that rigidly structures both viewpoint and life-style.*
2. *A "WE" versus "THEY" mentality that puts the superior insights of their group above others.*
3. *A commitment for each member to proselytize intensively the unconverted.*
4. *An entrenched isolation that cuts off their followers from the rest of the world at large.*
5. *Obedience to the founder's principles becomes an absolute requirement.*

Many Cults are birthed out of a single man's honest opinion which is then presented as having the weight of divine endorsement.

- ✓ *Cults generally attract people with an outpouring of attention and affection, using the so-called, "love-bombing" technique.*
- ✓ *Their belief structure is seldom mentioned in the beginning.*
- ✓ *When the recruits mind is now in neutral, intensive periods of indoctrination begins.*
- ✓ *Because most people are looking for approval, acceptance, and belonging, Cults make it their aim to supply these qualities to people.*

PSYCHOLOGICAL CULT PRESSURE:

1. *ABSOLUTE LOYALTY – allegiance is enforced by fear and veiled threats.*
2. *ALTERED DIET – low protein diets can lead to disorientation and emotional weakness.*
3. *CHANTING AND MEDITATION – repetitious chants and songs are used to counter anticult questions.*
4. *CONFORMITY – dress code and interests take on a sameness to wear down individuality.*
5. *DOCTRINAL CONFUSION – cult principles are thought in a complex way to discourage logic.*
6. *EXCULSIVITY – those outside the cults are seen as spiritually inferior.*

7. *HYPNOTIC STATES* – meditations, chanting, and repetitious singing are demanded.
8. *ISOLATION FROM OUTSIDE* – reality is diminished especially when separation from other religions is enforced.
9. *LACK OF PRIVACY* – cult members are seldom left unattended. Secrets must be revealed.
10. *LOVE BOMBING* – physical love and attention is given until you disobey, then aggression is enforced. Even excommunication,
11. *NEW RELATIONSHIPS* – are to be found only within the cult.
12. *PEER PRESSURE* –
13. *UNQUESTIONING SUBMISSION* – you must accept everything you are told without questions.
14. *VALUE REJECTION* – you must renounce your former religious life.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL THESE PROFILES WILL BE PRACTICED BY ALL CULTS – IT VARIES!

UNDERSTANDING CULT CONCEPTS:

Let's analyze 3 of the most common concepts and methods used by Cults.

1. Enlightenment.
2. Meditation.
3. Reincarnation.

ENLIGHTENMENT:

- ✓ *Cults may use different names for the word enlightenment, but it all means the same – “heightened awareness”, “nirvana”, “satori”, “transcendental bliss”, god realization”, “expanded consciousness”, “altered perception of reality”, or “cosmic consciousness.”*
- ✓ *This discipline may be applied to any of the following practices: Zen, Yoga, Ascetism, meditation.*
- ✓ *The first step to enlightenment is “denial of one’s rational abilities.” Man’s mind is an obstacle to higher consciousness.*
- ✓ *Truth must be perceived by psychic or suprarational input.*
- ✓ *Its not based on being right or wrong, but that it works and that’s enough.*

MEDITATION: *Meditation has such a harmless sound to it. Because even the bible mentions it.*

- ✓ *But Cultic meditation involves a process that shuts down the mind. Opening it to spirits.*
- ✓ *While Christian meditation focuses on memorizing scripture and does not shut down the mind.*
- ✓ *Cultic meditation wishes to pacify the mind and will until they no longer actively function.*
- ✓ *While Christian Meditation emphasizes the importance of knowledge as a key to communicate with God.*
- ✓ *Cultic meditation involves long periods of silence, posturing positions, repetitive mantras...*

REINCARNATION:

- ✓ *Eastern cults base their quest for higher consciousness on the premise of reincarnation.*

- ✓ *Reincarnation refers to the cyclical evolution of each man's soul as it passes into another body after death.*
- ✓ *The process continues until the soul has reached the state of perfection.*
- ✓ *Reincarnation seeks to provide the ultimate answer for understanding suffering and injustice.*
- ✓ *But what the theory of reincarnation really does is remove any incentive to excel morally. Since there will always be a second chance.*

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CULTS:

DR. Walter Martin says, "A Person can be morally good, but if he sets his face against Jesus, his fruit is corrupt."

- ✓ *Christians believe that each individual was created by God with intrinsic human worth.*
- ✓ *Christians oppose any form of bondage that insults human integrity or violates the sovereignty of the human will.*
- ✓ *Christians evaluate religions by biblical criteria.*

The basic faults of Cults are that they,

- ✓ *Demote God,*
- ✓ *Devalue Jesus Christ,*
- ✓ *Deify man,*
- ✓ *Deny sin.*

GOD:

Cults:

- o *God is impersonal, unknowable essence.*
- o *God is a divine idea, principle, or example.*
- o *God is non-trinitarian.*

CHRISTIANITY:

- o *God is a personality who speak and create and who possesses a mind and will. **Gen 1:1***
- o *God's character is eternal. **1Timothy 1:17***
- o *God is omnipotent **Rev 19:6**, omnipresent **Psalms 139:7-12**, and omniscient **Roman 11:33**.*
- o *God is Holy **1Peter 1:16** and Perfect **Duet 32:4**.*
- o *God is triune in nature – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. They are co-existent, co-equal, and co-eternal. Three persons of the same substance. **John 1:1-3; 14:26**.*

CHRIST:

Cults:

- o *Christ is merely a human being without divinity.*
- o *Christ is a created being.*

- o *Christ is one of many avatars or revelations of God.*

CHRISTIANITY:

- o *Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit.*
- o *Christ was born of the virgin Mary for redemption purposes.*
- o *Christ has no beginning and no end.*
- o *Christ is the second person of the God head.*
- o *Christ was sinless.*
- o *Christ is God.*
- o *Christ is sovereign and supreme above all. Heb 4:14-15; John 1:1,3,14; 1 John 4:3; Eph 1:21; Col 2:9*

MAN:

Cults:

- o *Man is divine.*
- o *Man is sinful, but capable of attaining to the same divinity as Christ on his own effort.*
- o *Man is destined to be a god.*

CHRISTIANITY:

- o *God created man in his own image Gen 1:26, perfect and without sin so that he could love and know God.*
- o *Man is God's genius creation, separate from him, made a little lower than angels, Psalms 8:5.*
- o *Man was given dominion of all the earth. Gen 1:28*
- o *In the garden of Eden, man fell by disobedience, henceforth all men are conceived in sin, with a depraved nature. Rom 5:12*
- o *Man is destined for eternal damnation unless spiritually reborn of the Holy Spirit. Jn 3:3*

ATONEMENT:

Cults:

- o *Good works will cause man to achieve at-one-ment with God.*
- o *Reincarnation will fulfill the law of Karma.*
- o *Man can work his own way to God.*

CHRISTIANITY:

- o *Christ, the lamb of God, was slain from the foundation of the world for the sins of man. Revelation 13:8.*
- o *The shed blood of Christ is the final sacrifice for the sins of the world. 1 John 1:7*
- o *Man who is separated from God because of sin can now have peace with God through the blood of the cross. Col 1:20*
- o *Man can now be reconciled to God because of Christ's substitutionary death. 2 Cor 5:19*

REVELATION:

Cults:

- o *The bible needs additional revelation for our age in time.*
- o *The bible needs to be properly translated with more explanation.*
- o *The bible is only one of the books that talks about God.*

CHRISTIANITY:

- o *The Word of God is inspired(God breathed) of God. **2 Tim 3:16***
- o *The Word of God is inerrant and complete.*
- o *The Word of God is the only infallible(dependable/Reliable) rule of faith.*
- o *The Word of God inspires faith.*
- o *The Word of God focuses on the person and work of Jesus Christ!*

A WORD TO CHRISTIANS:

- ✓ *Cults are not going away anytime soon! Not as long as the devil is roaming th earth.*
- ✓ *If Christians are to confidently challenge the Cults, we must be spiritually prepared.*

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV 1900)

¹⁵ Study to shew yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ ... always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

- ✓ *Just as a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit who inspires him with truth.*
- ✓ *Cult members are filled with spirits of deception who lies to them.*

Ephesians 4:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

2 John 10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

- ✓ *Christians are to love cult members but hate the demons that deceive them.*

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.