

Comparing THE Cults

The following statements come directly from various cults, explaining what they believe. These are only some of the cults you might encounter, and only some of their beliefs. For each statement, check out what the Bible says to find out the truth. Start by reading **John 1:1-18** and **Philippians 2:5-11**. If you need more help, check out the other verses listed, too.

Jehovah's

Witnesses say...

"Jesus was a created spirit being, just as angels were spirit beings created by God. The fact is that Jesus is not God and never claimed to be."
(www.watchtower.org)

"Michael the archangel is no other than the only-begotten Son of God, now Jesus Christ." (*New Heavens and a New Earth*, as summarized in The Watchman Expositor)

"The Anointed (144,000) will be in heaven to reign with Jehovah God. The rest of the faithful Jehovah's Witnesses (not of the 144,000) will live forever on a paradise Earth."
(*Let God Be True*, as summarized in The Watchman Expositor)

The Bible says...

John 10:30
Colossians 1:15-20

Romans 9:5
Hebrews 1:4-8, 13-14
Revelation 22:8-9

Isaiah 24:1-3; 51:6
Matthew 24:35
John 14:1-3

Notes:

Christian Science

believers say...

"If God, or good, is real, then evil, the unlikeness of God, is unreal."
(Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*)

"Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death." (Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*)

"One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay for the debt of sin. The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part."
(Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*)

"God and man, Father and Son, are one in being." (Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*)

The Bible says...

Genesis 2:16-17;
3:4-5, 22
Ephesians 6:12
Hebrews 5:14

Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23

Romans 5:6-11; 6:5-10
Ephesians 2:8-9

Isaiah 43:10; 44:6;
45:5-6, 18, 22

Notes:

Summarizing the Cults

Mormons say...

"There is another Testament of Jesus Christ. The Book of Mormon, another Testament of Jesus Christ, is a companion volume of scripture to the Holy Bible and contains the account of the Savior's appearance in ancient America following his resurrection." (www.lds.org)

The Bible says...

Proverbs 30:5-6
Revelation 22:18-19

"It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the character of God. ... He was once a man like us... God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did." (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 345-46)

Genesis 1:1
Isaiah 43:10
Hebrews 13:8
Revelation 1:8; 4:8

"These are some of the blessings given to exalted people: They will become gods... They will have everything that our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have—all power, glory, dominion, and knowledge." (*Doctrines of Salvation*, 2:36)

Deuteronomy 6:4
Isaiah 43:10; 44:6;
45:5-6, 18, 22
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Unitarian

Universalists say...

"We believe that personal experience, conscience, and reason should be the final authorities in religion."
(www.uua.org)

The Bible says...

Acts 17:11
2 Timothy 3:14-15
1 John 4:1-3

"Many of us honor Jesus, and many of us honor other master teachers of past or present generations, like Moses, or the Buddha."
(www.uua.org)

John 14:6

"Some Unitarian Universalists are nontheists and do not find language about God useful." (www.uua.org)

Genesis 1:1
Deuteronomy 6:4

"Instead of salvation you will hear of our yearning for, and our experience of, personal growth, increased wisdom, strength of character, and gifts of insight, understanding, inner and outer peace, courage, patience, and compassion." (www.uua.org)

Romans 3:9, 23; 6:23
Ephesians 2:8-9