

What is a Cult

“Cult” is a word that no longer has a clear-cut, single definition. Religion, Christian, church also have been overused to describe too many expressions of too many faiths, spread so thin that the mention of each in a sentence no longer conveys an adequate understanding of what a person is talking about. Basically, cult means many things to many people, but in all instances, it is “anything that is not my religion”.

The best approach to understanding any religion is knowing the truth, then comparing that religions beliefs to that truth. That’s a problem. There are too many versions of “the truth”. “Truth”, like the words christian and cult, have such a broad range of meaning that it is impossible for anyone to agree. Everyone has their version of truth that they firmly believe is “THE” truth.

The sad truth is that, in this day and age, no one is right. The truth has been so hidden by satanic deception, distraction, misunderstanding, misinterpretation, confusion, and spiritual blindness, that what people believe in their various religions is something someone made up many centuries ago having nothing to do with God, the Bible, or biblical truth.

Yet, there has always been one single truth and God wants everyone to know that truth. Satan does not want anyone to know that truth. While God miraculously produced and preserved His Word for mankind, Satan has repeatedly done everything possible to discredit, confuse, corrupt, hide, misinterpret, vilify, and remove the Bible from the world.

Fun Fact: What passes for religion today is an out-of-context understanding of God and the Bible. Satan has so succeeded in his ploy to destroy God’s attempt to save mankind that today, with billions of Bibles in circulation, due to misteaching and a lack of God’s Spirit, even while holding their Bibles, no one has a Bible.

Satan, who hid the Bible for 1500 years, has hidden God’s word yet again, this time in plain sight, in every church, in every home, and in every hand, rendering them totally useless by way of confusion. All the while the people, overflowing with religion of every kind, believing they have the truth, wallow in deception, lost, blind, separated from God, and damned for all eternity.

It’s ingenious!

God also imparts His Spirit into every child of His. The Spirit is God who is the author of the Bible. The child of God, with God’s Spirit, receives the truth from God Himself. Everyone in the Body of Christ has the same Spirit and so, the same truth and understanding.

You guessed it. That’s another problem. Satan must prevent everyone from becoming a child of God, and today, not everyone belongs to God, is a child of God, or has the Spirit of God. Without the Spirit of God, no one can understand the things of God, so says the Bible. What do bet the hundreds of millions of Christians who do not have the Spirit of God, and do not belong to God, do not have the truth of God. That describes the vast majority of those who follow the Christian religion.

The Body of Christ

God gave His message to mankind through the Apostle Paul. Those who turn to God are the children of God and have the abiding Spirit of God. This is Christ's Church also called the Body of Christ.

1. The relationship with God is not a religion. It is the indwelling, abiding Spirit of God.
2. The Child of God understands the Bible as taught by the author of the Bible: the Spirit of God.
3. Each member of Christ's Church lives in the Spirit, directed by the Spirit of God.
4. With one Spirit giving one truth, the Children of God exist in unity and truth.
5. The Children of God - the Body of Christ - God will remove from the earth prior to the Tribulation.
6. The Child of God has eternal salvation

The Biblicist

"Biblicist" is a word that retains a single meaning: a person who takes the Bible as written. Beyond that, a Biblicist is a child of God, has the Spirit of God, studies the Bible, and through prayer, seeks, asks, and pursues the truth of the Bible. To these individuals, God reveals His truth. What do you bet God's truth is the real truth. This is the truth one needs in order to evaluate each religious belief system: the yardstick to measure whether a religion's beliefs line up with God's truth found in the Bible. From this vantage point, one can clearly see what is true and what is false about any religion.

Weighing Religions Beliefs

Now that we know where to find the truth, and what is the truth, let's take a Biblicists view of a few religious belief systems. While every religion can be weighed and measured for accuracy, you will find that every religion fails the test in the same way and in the same places. So, once you do a few of these, you can apply the same standard to any and all religions, Christian or otherwise.

Religion Universally

First, what is a religion? It is a devout belief in something: a cause, principle, or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith. Climate-ism would qualify as would Darwinism, and the idea held by many that the world is billions of years old. These are religions of "science-so-called" and followers hold strongly to their belief that the world weather is changing because people drive cars and cows fart. They believe we all descended from apes, and the world is really old. They really and truly believe what they believe with a passion, believing that everyone who does not hold their views are

wrong. This is a delusion as there are no foundational facts to support any of the heart-felt beliefs these people hold. And that's all they are - beliefs. These are religions of faith about things people choose to believe but can't prove. Really, these are agnostic, atheistic, and humanistic religions of **"anything but God"**.

Beliefs that people hold about a sovereign deity is also religion, such as Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam, Hinduism, Mormonism, and many more. Like their secular counterparts, These religious followers choose what they want to believe, and all of them believe things lacking fact and foundation. Like all religions, secular or otherwise, devotion to their beliefs border on the fanatical. People will go to the wall for whatever they believe, certain what they believe is the absolute truth, whatever anyone else believes is absolutely wrong, and ***"everyone must see things the way I do"***. Never mind what they believe has no foundation in the Bible.

Universal Christian Religious Failures

Every sect under the Christian banner has a plethora of consistent shortcomings that apply equally to all religions called Christian. Here are a few of the big ones:

1. They do not have a Bible.
 - a. If the Bible is the foundation for all truth, and the yardstick we use to define truth, not having the Bible is a problem.
 - b. The Bible has been mistaught and misunderstood for centuries, so no one knows what the Bible says, just what people said it says. Not the same thing at all.
 - c. Whatever they think the Bible says, it doesn't
 - d. Whatever they believe, it is not biblical truth as seen through the eyes of the Spirit of God.
2. What the Christian religions believe has no foundation in fact: they follow a false religion
3. They all believe they understand the Bible, but do not
4. Verses they use from the Bible are all out of context and do not apply to what they believe, let alone biblical truth.
5. They Ignore God who sent His message to mankind through the Apostle Paul in this Age of Grace because they do not like what God says through Paul.
6. All believe in tithing and baptism. However, these only applied to the Jews of a past time, and apply to no one today, not even the Jews.
7. They major on Jewish writings: the Jewish Hebrew epistles and the four Jewish Gospels. These have all expired, rendered obsolete by the miracle of the abiding Spirit in man in this Age of Grace.
8. Believing themselves to be right, they are completely unaware of their plight

9. They believe in a manufactured, false Jesus
10. They are spiritually blind
11. They do not have the Spirit of God
12. They do not have God
13. They do not have salvation
14. They will not be included in the calling out of the Body of Christ
15. They will endure the Tribulation
16. They will be separated from God for all eternity
17. They are deceived at the hand of the master deceiver, Satan

You can apply all the points above to all religions, especially those detailed below. In addition, we'll look at each of these religions for other things they believe that have no biblical support.

Mormonism

The Mormons claim to be Christian and pledge allegiance to the King James Bible. They have several extra-biblical writings that set doctrine for their church and its members, and believe them to be equal to the Bible. (The Book of Mormon, Doctrines and Covenants, The Pearl of Great Price). Though they use words from the Bible to create the things they choose to believe, nothing the Mormon Church teaches is true, and nothing of what they believe is in the Bible. Here are a few examples:

1. Mormons believe they will be gods in heaven
2. Mormon men believe they will have eternal, perpetual sex with their many heavenly wives in their heavenly harem to produce spirit babies to populate all the planets of the universe. (This is the same lie terrorists use to convince men to strap on bombs and blow themselves up.)
3. They believe Jesus and Satan are brothers
4. They believe there are many God's in the Universe
5. They believe there are mommy gods and daddy gods in Mormon Heaven having perpetual, eternal sex.
6. They believe Jesus was the product of sex between a mommy god and daddy god
7. "God was once a man as we are, and as he is, we may become."
8. They have no concept of the indwelling Spirit of God. (This is the foundation of the child of God's life and the power behind those in the Body of Christ.

So, its absence in Mormonism is telling.) (The Christian religions also lack the Spirit of God.)

9. They believe the Bible is not God's word to man, and is only true as it is translated correctly, meaning truth is whatever they tell you it is.
10. They practice baptism for the Dead
11. The founder of Mormonism, Joseph Smith, was a Freemason and much of Masonic religion spilled over into the Mormon religion he created.
12. Marriages are for eternity, not "until death do you part".
13. Belief that The Book of Mormon is the word of God
14. Believe the Bible is not sufficient and only fools would not acknowledge that other writings are required.

Catholicism

The term "Christian" used as a name for a Gentile religion began post Apostolic and has nothing to do with the Acts 2 Jewish religion. Christianity was never the Body of Christ, but a mix of many influences. It was the seed that would become the Roman religion.

Two-hundred and fifty years after the Apostle Paul, Constantine created the Roman pagan Christian Church in a political move to unite all the factious religions of the day into one government religion. This was not the Body of Christ and did not have God or the spirit of God. Constantine named his new religion after his mothers faith, Christian. Constantine was never a "Christian".

The Roman Church was a nightmare of so many divergent influences and errors. They hid the Bible for 1200 years, persecuted, even murdered those who sought to translate the Bible into a readable text, or print the Bible. They forged the unholy Crusades sanctioning rape, torture, and murder, practiced indulgences, and invented many superstitions and traditions that have no biblical support. Many of these non-biblical beliefs have survived through the years and are alive and well in the present-day Catholic religion.

Looking at the Catholic religion, nothing that they believe or say is in the Bible, though they use many words from the Bible to conjure up the false things they choose to believe. It is a lost religion on scale with Mormonism, just a different set of misbeliefs. Here are a few of their made-up notions found nowhere in the Bible:

1. The confessional - confessing sins to a priest in a box for forgiveness
2. A priest is required to communicate to God
3. Celibacy as a higher plain of sacrifice and service to God.
4. Prayers for the dead
5. Purgatory

6. Mariology - the deification of Mary along with many characteristics the Church made-up out of thin air
7. The Pope is the vicar and authority of Christ
8. The Pope can change the Bible
9. The tradition that Peter was a Pope in some Gentile Roman Church scheme
10. Transubstantiation: the wine and wafer turn into the actual body and blood of Christ
11. Christ is crucified anew daily, called down from Heaven onto the alter
12. Communion infuses grace in the partaker
13. The Catholic Church and the Pope are infallible
14. Catholicism is necessary for salvation and the only path to salvation
15. Only the Roman Catholic Church has the authority to interpret Scripture
16. Their made-up fantasy traditions are equal to the Bible
17. Forgiveness of sins, and salvation, requires works
18. Catholics, through works, can merit sanctification and eternal life for themselves and others
19. The merits of Mary and the Saints can be applied to Catholics
20. Penance is necessary for salvation
21. Indulgences
22. Prayer to the saints
23. and more....

Pentecostalism

This religion began in 1901 at a small Bible school in Topeka, Kansas. It centers around the Jewish Church of Acts 2 when the Spirit of God worked through some Jews in a temporary “filling” of the Holy Spirit, causing them to speak in different languages. These languages spoken were those of visiting Jews who came to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Pentecostals adopted this idea they call “speaking in tongues”. To the Pentecostals, there “tongue speak” is an unknown angelic language. In truth, it is noise and babbling. If you choose to attend this religion, they will offer to teach you how to babel. (How do you teach a gift?)

Tongues happened during the age of Apostolic signs and wonders that were all replaced with the greater miracle: the abiding Spirit of God. Tongue speak does not apply to anyone today, and those who practice this foolishness are deceived, and not part of the Body of Christ. There are numerous

derivatives of this religion, all following an intense worship format where self-generated emotion is the goal and measure of their worship experience.

This religion is a cancer infecting many name-brand religions. The stand-alone store fronts go by too many names to list. Here are a just a few: Assemblies of God, Four Square, Full Gospel, Bethany Chapel, any name containing the word “holiness”, Church of God in Christ, Apostolic Church, Church of God of Prophecy, Jesus is Lord Church World Wide, God is Love Pentecostal Church, Angel On Fire Chapel Of Peace, Original Church Of God, Hell Hole Swamp Baptist Church, Fire Baptized Holiness Church Of God Of The Americas, Open Bible Churches, many “Community” churches, and so many more. If you don’t recognize the name of a church, it is probably some derivative of Pentecostalism. The more words in the name of the church, the more certain it is some type of Charismatic church.

With a beginning in the Protestant faith, Pentecostalism and its derivatives are unique entities unto themselves with no connection to the Bible. Doctrines popular since the Reformation are not found in these religions, and there is no alignment with the Bible on anything they say or do.

This religion is continually morphing into ever more extreme versions of itself in Neo-Charismatic, Oneness, The Third Wave, and many others, all trying to one-up the other guys and push the limit of wacky worship. They truly live up to their progressive liberal beginnings.

Pentecostal type religions have a vibrant missionary zeal, thinking everybody needs to get on this train. They are the fastest growing religions on the planet, spreading their false gospels, false Jesus, false god, false theology to the world, being most welcomed by the third world countries steeped in pagan rituals, voodoo, witchcraft, and mysticism, if that tells you anything.

Unlike the other religions covered here that have doctrines and beliefs that are not biblical, Pentecostalism is almost all emotion without doctrine, making them highly susceptible to satanic influence. Here are a few problems with the Pentecostal religion and it’s many derivatives:

1. Emotion based
2. No doctrinal foundation
3. swayed by dreams, feelings, third-hand stories of supposed miracles, never seen or proven.
4. Practices healings, tongues, casting out the devil
5. No Pauline influence
6. Everything is driven by the experiential
7. Believe tongue-speak is a necessary sign that an individual has the Spirit of God
8. Believes in an experience called the “spirit baptism”
9. Their “spirit” is phony and a false god they choose to worship instead of God
10. Believes it is God’s will for every sick person to be healed
11. Teaches that the Bible is not enough and the “believer” must also have visions, prophecies, added revelation, etc
12. Believes in ecumenism

Evangelicalism

Protestant religions typically have a central focus, be it communal seclusion (Amish, Hutterites), snake handling, holiness, tongues, the spirit, etc. The evangelical variety has a myopic fixation on the four Jewish Gospels, a home-made, made-up version of the Gospel Jesus, and the Jewish Hebrew epistles. Essentially, they are about all things of the Jews and things that have nothing to do with the Gentiles. They major on obsolete Jewish writings that mean nothing to anyone in this Age of Grace, not even the Jews who 2000 years ago were blinded and scattered throughout the world. They completely ignore God's message to mankind that He gave to the Apostle Paul to give to you. But Paul's words, that are God's words, the Evangelical religion does not want to hear as these words do not align with what they want to believe, which are non-biblical false doctrines.

The Evangelical Church believes that all the world is lost and hell-bound unless a preacher is sent to the lost, preaches to those lost, tells them about their version of "Jesus". They think people must hear the Gospel (typically they preach and follow the wrong gospel), and they must accept their version of Jesus and be baptized. None of this is in the Bible, none of this is true, being an invention of their imagination. They believe Jesus, 2000 years ago, sent the wayward Christian Church of the 1900's into the mission field to save the world. A religion that does not have a Bible, or the Spirit of God, or the truth of God, or God. Why would Jesus want a false religion to bring their convoluted version of religion to anyone? Why would He do that? He wouldn't and didn't.

Consider **In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them "dogs", His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.**

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament or the four Jewish Gospels.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ's messenger to the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

Christianity is not a valid expression of biblical truth. Protestantism in general is nothing more than a collection of Bible verses taken out of context which is why there are so many varieties of this religion. Evangelicalism, specifically, has taken a couple of verses out of context, built a religion around an error, and spent generations following a mistake.

The Evangelical religion misappropriates words from the Bible and everything is taken out of context, Over the last century, this religion was part of the battle between fundamental and progressive liberalism, and they have progressively declined and devolved into an apostate religion. Their latest iteration is the Emergent Church that claims to follow the Bible, but it is a new age religion of mysticism, void of God and more closely resembling Buddhism.

Fun Fact: I am sure people a century ago, watching the growth of progressive liberal Christianity, wondered how it would all turn out. Today, a century later, we know: progressive liberal religion is, without a doubt, a hands-down, colossal, unmitigated failure of epic proportions that spiritually bankrupted the entire Protestant religion, wrecked the culture, and altered the eternity of hundreds of millions of its followers for the worse, needlessly condemning the majority alive today to the Tribulation - simply due to ignorance.

Protestant Evangelical Covenant Progressiveness, through their numerous errors including seeker sensitive, seeker friendly, seeker driven services, false gospels, self-help, phony Jesus religions, and their new-age, far east mystical theology in Emergent-ism, have progressively “progressed” down the toilet and now flounder in apostasy, ripe for judgment.

Conclusion

Instead of labeling any religion “cult”, it is preferable to simply stand each one against the yardstick of the Bible and determine if it measures up. That is assuming a person has the truth. Only the indwelling Spirit of God provides the discernment required to understand the Bible and see the truth. A religion is either biblical or non-biblical as defined by the Bible. The four religions mentioned above are good examples of non-biblical religions.

Forget religion. Become a child of God, receive God’s Spirit, and know the truth that will set you free from error, and ensure your eternal destiny.

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