

World Religions and False Cults

Conclusion

Knowing Your World

In our study, we have examined the top five world religions and five of the most prominent false cults in the United States. We have focused on the history of these groups and the main teachings that they promote. Many of these faith groups have sub-groups which have differing teachings, but our study highlighted the accepted doctrinal teachings as represented by each group's founder and the beliefs embraced by the majority of its followers. For further study, here is a list of additional resources that would be of help:

Books:

Berry, Harold J. *Truth Twisters*. Lincoln: Back to the Bible, 1997.

Braswell, George W. Jr. *Understanding Sectarian Groups in America*. Nashville: Broadman, 1994.

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Martin, Walter. *The Kingdom of the Cults*. Rev. ed. Bloomington: Bethany House, 2003.

Nigosian, S.A. *World Religions: A Historical Approach*. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2000.

Websites:

4truth.net – A resource of the North American Mission Board

Religionfacts.com – Information on numerous faith groups

Being a Light in the Darkness

As followers of Jesus Christ, we represent the light of Christ to a world full of darkness ([John 1:4-5](#)). If we are serious about standing for the truth of Christ, we must also be serious about living a life that is characterized by faith, hope and love ([I Thess. 1:3](#)). In a world that is watching us, may our words provide the answers to their questions, and may our actions provide the evidence they seek. As our lives give the world a picture of Christ, we must also be on guard against anyone who may try to deceive or distract us along the way ([II John 4-11](#)). May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly through us, so that many will see and be drawn to the live changing truth of our Lord and Savior!