

Saviour was as natural as the birth of our parents. According to Mormonism, men and women have the potential of becoming gods themselves.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (a.k.a. J.W's)

In the late 1800's, Charles Taze Russell formally began what is now known as the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, presently run out of Brooklyn, New York. This organization claims to be the only true channel of God's truth today and to have the sole ability to properly interpret God's word. According to Jehovah's Witness theology, God first created Michael the Archangel. When it came time for a "savior" to be born, Michael became a human in the form of Jesus!

They teach that Jesus was executed by being nailed to a "torture stake" and that he rose from the dead as a spirit, but His body dissolved. The J.W's are taught that all of Christianity is false and only the Jehovah's Witness organization is true. Heaven is reserved for a special group of 144,000 J.W's who are the only ones who have immortal life. J.W.'s are taught not to vote, salute the flag, defend our country in the military, or celebrate birthdays.

Detailed Analysis

First, Mormonism says Jesus is the brother of the Devil. J.W's teach that Christ is an angel who became a man. These teachings are blasphemously unbiblical. Second, both cults teach a system of salvation that includes works. The Bible says that salvation is a gift from God (**Romans 6:23**). The Bible condemns the addition of one's works to the finished sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Both religious systems frustrate the grace of God and make Christ's death vain (or useless). The Bible says, "I do not

What prevents a person from reaching Heaven?

The answer is simple: God's righteous judgment of sin! The Bible points out the grave consequences for standing unforgiven before God's throne—an eternity in Hell! However, God wills for all to know the truth and repent. That is why He sent His Son to suffer, die and pay sin's penalty. There is more good news! Through Christ's sacrifice God can and will commute our sentence of an eternity in hell. How? Trust in Jesus Christ alone and God will grant you the gift of everlasting life (see the *Personal Acknowledgements* chart inside).

Regardless of how decent and moral you try to live your life, the gospel reveals your true state and dire need. Using the gospel, the Spirit of God opens your heart, eyes and ears to bring conviction of sin into your life, while the Father draws you to Himself. Why don't you look to eternity and make the most important decision that will effect your eternal destiny today?



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WARNING

Door-to-Door
Salesman ALERT

Do:

- ! ...treat them with courtesy!
- ! ...remain humble and meek when they react defensively!
- ! ...familiarize yourself with what they are selling in advance!

Do not:

- ! ...invite them into your home!
- ! ...bid them godspeed!
- ! ...assume yourself equipped to grasp their point of view!
- ! ...underestimate their powers of persuasion!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Read the entire pamphlet prior to passing along to others. Keep extra copies on hand for the visitors. Provide your neighbors with copies to avoid their being caught ill-equipped.

Who is knocking at your door?

The **Mormons** (also called the Latter Day Saints) and the **Jehovah's Witnesses** are two false religions (cults) whose members travel door-to-door in search of potential converts just like you! They claim to be Christian religions but do not believe in or worship the Christ of the Bible. These visitors seek to establish a relationship with you, and to then learn what troubles you spiritually. Once you have laid out your questions before them, the more seasoned leaders follow up with scripted "answers" to your questions. This deceptive system effectively works by giving the impression that these religions embody the truth and hold the answers to all of life's questions.

This fact sheet is intended to help you effectively deduce and discuss the fundamental teachings of these well-meaning deceivers and counter human philosophy with the truth of God's word.

MORMONS

(a.k.a. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints or LDS)

Mormonism teaches that God used to be a man in another world and that he became a god by obediently following the laws and ordinances of his god. In return for a life well-lived, they teach, "god" then became the sovereign of our world and came to live with his wife. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in turn teaches that the spirits of all inhabitants of the earth (including you and me) were produced from the union of "god" and his goddess wife.

Brigham Young, the second so-called prophet of Mormonism, taught that Jesus Christ's birth was the result of a natural sexual union between God and the virgin Mary—insinuating that the birth of our

frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Galatians 2:21). Salvation comes by God’s grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), not by our works (Ephesians 2:9).

Simply put, both religions preach a false message of salvation. The Bible teaches that there is only one God (Isaiah 43:10, 44:6, 8); God is a Spirit (John 4:24); Jesus’ sacrifice cleanses from all sin (I John 1:7); Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6); all who receive Jesus as Saviour will be saved (John 1:12); and Jesus is God in flesh (John 1:1, 14) who rose from the dead in the same body with which He died.

A selection of false doctrines espoused by the Mormon church:

- There are many gods.¹
- The Trinity is three separate gods.²
- God used to be a man on another planet and Mormon members may become gods of their own worlds.³
- Entrance into the celestial heaven is by the consent of God and the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith.⁴
- God has a body of flesh and bones.⁵
- God is married and produces spirit babies by having physical relations with his goddess wife.⁶
- Jesus, Satan, and all of us are spirit brothers and sisters procreated in a pre-existent spirit life.⁷
- You must shed your own blood for the forgiveness of some sins.⁸
- God had relations with Mary to make Jesus’ body.⁹
- Good works are necessary for forgiveness of sins.¹⁰

1 Mormon Doctrine by Bruce McConkie, p.163.
 2 Ibid., p. 319.
 3 Ibid, p. 321.
 4 Brigham Young Journal of Discourses, Vol. 7, p. 289.
 5 Doctrines and Covenants 130:22.
 6 McConkie, p. 516.
 7 Ibid., pp. 192, 589.
 8 Doctrines of Salvation by Joseph Smith, Vol 1, p. 135
 9 Doctrines of Salvation by Joseph Smith, Vol 1, p. 135.
 10 Articles of Faith, p. 79.

WARNING! This religion will not tell you of these “higher” doctrines until long after you have already joined with them. During their return visits, they have been known to use hypnotic techniques so you are not as safe as you might think. Only the scriptures can offer sufficient protection against these would-be deceivers. Be careful; be cautious. “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

A selection of false doctrines espoused by the Jehovah’s Witnesses:

- Their church is the prophet of God¹¹
- Jesus returned invisibly in 1914.¹²
- Blood transfusions are sinful.¹³
- Only their church members will be saved.¹⁴
- Jesus was an angel who became a man.¹⁵
- Jesus did not rise from the dead physically.¹⁶
- There is no Trinity.¹⁷
- Good works are necessary for the forgiveness of sins.¹⁸

WARNING! Jehovah’s Witnesses will eventually ask to begin a home “Bible study” with you. Their ultimate goal is to convince you to join their cult. They knock on many doors and travel to distant lands to find converts (or proselytes). They are much like the religious charlatans whom Jesus rebuked: “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves” (Matthew 23:15).

11 The Watchtower, April 1, 1972, pp. 197, 200.
 12 You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth, 1982, p. 147.
 13 Reasoning from the Scriptures, pp. 70-76.
 14 Ibid., February 15, 1979, p. 30.
 15 Aid to Bible Understanding, p. 1152; New Heavens and New Earth, p.30.
 16 You Can Live Forever..., pp. 143, 144, 172.
 17 Let God be True, p. 101.
 18 Studies in Scriptures, Vol 1, pp. 150, 152.

True Salvation

Have YOU ever lied...stolen anything...or used God’s name in vain? Jesus said, “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (Matthew 5:28).” We have all broken God’s laws (sinned) and now await Judgment Day. The only way to escape this judgment is to trust in Christ.

Scriptural Declaration:	Personal Acknowledgement:
For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).	1. Realize that you are a sinner: “I know that I have broken the laws of God and am a sinner, and my sin causes me to come short of God’s perfect standard.”
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).	2. Recognize that you are currently under God’s wrath and deserve to end up in hell because of your sin: “I believe the Bible which says that I am currently under the wrath of God and condemned to hell. I justly deserve to be eternally punished for my sin and know that I am simply awaiting the execution of my sentence by the eternal Judge once I die. Thankfully, the Son of God has paid my sin debt by dying and shedding His blood in my place so that I could have eternal life by believing on Him.”
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).	3. Believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sins: “I believe that Christ died for my sins and also rose from the dead for my justification” (see I Corinthians 15:1-4).

Scriptural Declaration:	Personal Acknowledgement:
Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:4-5).	4. Repent of trusting in anything else to save you: “In believing on Jesus Christ, I know that I must trust in Him and Him alone. If I try to add anything (good works, baptism, church membership, etc.) to Christ’s payment then I am saying to God that His Son’s sacrificial death and blood shed on the cross was not sufficient to pay for my sin.”
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).	5. Accept God’s gift of salvation: “I believe that Jesus died for my sin and I accept His gift of salvation freely given to me based on the promise of God.”
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).	6. Ask the Lord to save you by simply trusting in Him and His word: “I believe that God wants to forgive my sins and has graciously provided the way for me to receive that payment on my behalf.” Now in your own words, if you are ready to trust in Christ, ask Him to forgive you and save you. Ephesians 1:13 says: “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).	