

# THE CULT OF RELIGION AND THE CHRIST OF CHRISTIANITY

Why I am a Christian and not a...

**Mormon**

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**T**he human race hasn't been able to understand the **difference between the cult of religion and just what is TRUE Christianity**. They haven't been able to make this distinction up to and including today. There are many Biblical doctrines that separate them, but there is one main issue that gives you a true picture of the vast differences between the cult of religion and what the Bible says is true Christianity.

We have in our day an "Atheist Hour" on television explaining why they don't believe in Christianity. The reason they give for not accepting the principles of Christianity is because in their declaration they too do not know the difference between religion and Christianity. Most members of the human race, including Christians, combine religion with Christianity and they too cannot separate them and make a Biblical distinction.

So, in our day, the rise of the ecumenical movement is upon us with the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches and they are all forgetting their doctrinal differences and getting together on the social Gospel. They are trying in their ecumenical declarations to solve the problems of the human race with human solutions, which they will never ever be able to accomplish. The Bible says "There is a Spirit of Truth and there is a spirit of error" in our day. We are seeing these two spirits in opposition.

There are many subjects in which the cult of religion differs from what the Bible says is TRUE CHRISTIANITY. For example, the cult of religion has its own bible. There is the *Book of Mormon*, there is the book which the Christian Scientist have called the "*Key to the Science of Scripture*," the Jehovah's Witnesses have their own book and it is called the "*Diaglot*," or *The Watchtower*, the Roman Catholic Church has their book called the "*Apocrypha*," along with their missiles.

The Jewish people stay most with the Bible, but they too have their own writings called the "*Mishna*." All of these are added and violate the principle found three times in the Word of God, not to add to the completed Canon of Scripture, which is condemned.

Revelation 22:18, 19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the Words of the prophecy of this Book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book: And if any man shall take away from the Words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this Book." Deuteronomy 4:2, "Ye shall not add unto the Word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Proverbs 30:6, "Add thou not unto His Words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

Here are three passages of Scripture: one in the books of Moses, and one in the wisdom of Solomon, and one in the book of Revelation, that act as three sentinels for the protection of the completed Canon of Scripture.

In our study we will see what the religions of our day say in their own doctrinal statements and we will mark the difference between what they said and what they have written and what the Lord has given us in His Word, which is called the Mind of Christ.

In the *Book of Mormon* we have the following written in the introduction of their book. "Behold I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God, that you should read them, that you would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men from the creation of Adam even down unto the time ye

shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts.

“And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true, and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things,” Moroni 10:3-5.

## WHY I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

While my wife was dying of cancer I searched for some answers, some practical answers to solve our immediate problem. In the pursuit of finding an answer as to why a young, attractive, nice lady living a moral life was dying of cancer, I came into all of the present psychologies and religions of our day. Like many other things in life, you find out what it is NOT before you find out just what it is.

Even when you are looking for a partner for life, many times in life you say to yourself, “Well, I know it is not him,” or “Well, I know it is not her.” So in my personal pursuit as to why people suffer and die from cancer, I came into many philosophies which were definitely not the answer and could not answer our present problem.

But wanting to know the Truth and particularly why people suffer, my desire for the Truth and my pursuit of the answers brought

me face to face with Jesus Christ. In Him I not only found out the reasons why people suffer, but I also found out what happens to people when they die and where they go and the state they are in at death.

Previous to finding the Truth and being set free, I came into contact with every religion and every cult mentionable. As a result of this pursuit, this frantic search for happiness, I discovered why I am not a Mormon and why I am not a Jehovah’s Witness, and why I am not a Christian Scientist and why I am not a Roman Catholic, and why I am not a part of “Armstrongism,” or a Unitarian, or a Modernist, or of Theosophy or Spiritism.

Most of all the religions of our day have their own criterion, their own book, and they all have different names, but they all have **ADDED TO THE BIBLE** as the Word of God, as the Mind of Christ, as the Divine norm and standard. You can see why they are not the answer to life and life’s problems.

The following is a study of why the cults of religion are NOT the answer and are contrary to the Word of God, and the Plan of God and the GRACE of God. Since they all have their own writings, their own books, and their own human criterions, **they immediately come into CONFLICT with the Bible.**

In the Bible we have three passages of Scripture which forbid the adding to or the taking away from any part of the Bible. These passages are three sentinels of Truth and they are listed on page 1. They constitute our guideline for our study. They are the three sentinels of Truth and protection for every member of the human race.

# MORMONS

The Mormon's have their own book which is called "*The Book of Mormon*." The following is taken from the front of their book:

THE BOOK OF MORMON  
AN ACCOUNT WRITTEN BY  
THE HAND OF MORMON UPON PLATES  
TAKEN FROM THE PLATES OF NEPHI

"Wherefore, it is an abridgment of the record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites... Written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the House of Israel, and also to Jew and Gentile... Written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation... Written and sealed up, and hid up unto the Lord that they might not be destroyed... To come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof... Sealed by the hand of Moroni, and hid up unto the Lord to come forth by due time by way of the Gentile... The interpretation thereof by the Gift of God.

"An abridgment taken from the Book of Ether, also, which is a record of the people of Jared, who were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, when they were building a tower to get to heaven. Which is to show unto the remnant of the House of Israel, what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers, and that they may know the commands of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever... And also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations. And now, if there are faults, they are the mistakes of men, wherefore, condemn not the things of God, that ye may be found spotless at the judgment seat of Christ."

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*The Book of Mormon* also contains a picture of "the prophet Joseph Smith," which has the caption, "He translated the ancient writings inscribed on gold plates from which the first edition of *The Book of Mormon* was published in 1830."

The Book of Mormon includes a picture with the following caption, "The hill Comorah, near Manchester, New York, where Joseph Smith obtained the gold plates from which *The Book of Mormon* was translated."

Then there is a section called "Names and Order of Books in The Book of Mormon." The following are the names of the books in *The Book of Mormon*:

- First Book of Nephi
- Second Book of Nephi
- Book of Jacob
- Book of Enos
- Book of Jarom
- Book of Omni
- The Words of Mormon
- Book of Mosiah
- Book of Alma
- Book of Helaman
- Third Nephi
- Fourth Nephi
- Book of Mormon
- Book of Ether
- Book of Moroni

*The Book of Mormon* contains 522 pages.

## SEVEN REASONS WHY I AM NOT A MORMON

Jesus Christ personally mentions the books of the Bible and never once included as authority any books found in *The Book of Mormon*. Christ said that Moses and all the prophets and the Psalms declare Him as the only Saviour, thereby placing His "stamp of approval" upon the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Since He said that "All Scripture is God-breathed," and in that inspiration there is not found one of these so-called books found in *The Book of Mormon*. Now, the reason why I am not a Mormon or a Latter Day Saint, is because of the following contradictions found in what the Book of Mormon states and what the Word of God, the Bible, states.

There is definitely in this world today, as the Scripture declares, "The spirit of error and the Spirit of Truth." We can discern which is Truth and which is error from the following comparisons of Mormon doctrines with what the Word of God states as true doctrine.

Peter in his dying moments left us this legacy when he said, "The Bible is more reliable than anything he personally saw or heard." He heard the voice of God the Father and he saw the Lord Jesus Christ transfigured before his very eyes and yet he states that the Word of God is more real, more reliable.

### THE FIRST DOCTRINE TO PROVE THAT WE ARE NOT MORMONS AND SHOULD NOT BE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE GODHEAD.

Mormonism says this about the Godhead: "Adam is our father and our God and the only God with whom we have to do. God was once as we are now and is an exalted man. God is not spirit, but a man like Brigham Young. The kingdom of God is the Mormon priesthood. To disobey the priesthood is the same as disobeying God. The priesthood has Divine authority to act for God, and are, in reality, part of God. Those who reject it, reject God. The Mormon priest-

hood is the rule of God whether in heaven or on earth."

In sharp contrast to that, this is what the Bible says about the PERSONALITY OF THE GODHEAD. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth," John 4:24. "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19. "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus," 1 Timothy 2:5. "God said let us make man in our image," Genesis 1:28. "God said let us go down," Genesis 11:7. "In the beginning God..." Genesis 1:1. "Jesus was baptized, the Spirit descended, the Father spoke," Matthew 3:16, 17. "The Lord, He is God, there is none else beside Him," Deuteronomy 4:35.

### THE NEXT REASON WHY I AM NOT A MORMON IS BECAUSE OF THEIR TEACHING ABOUT CHRIST.

This is what they teach about the Lord Jesus Christ: "Jesus, the son of Adam-god and Mary." "The father had begotten him in His own likeness. Who is the father? He is the first of the human family. Jesus was married at Cana to the Marys and Martha whereby he 'could see his seed' before he was crucified. Joseph Smith is a descendent of Christ. Christ was a descendent of David by plural wife, Bathsheba. And if David had not been a polygamist, there would have been no redeemer."

What does the Bible say about **JESUS CHRIST**? "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the ONLY begotten of the Father, full of GRACE and Truth," John 1:14. "No man hath seen God at any time, the ONLY begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him," John 1:18. "He was in the beginning with God," John 1:1. "When Mary, His mother, was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 1:18. "A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His Name Immanuel," Isaiah 7:14. "In Him are hid all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge,"

Colossians 2:3. "God manifest in the flesh," 1 Timothy 3:16. "Declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead," Romans 1:4. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain," 1 Corinthians 15:17. "Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us," Hebrews 7:25. "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven," Acts 1:11, cf John 14:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

### **THE NEXT SUBJECT IS WHAT THE MORMONS TEACH ABOUT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

"Ethereal substances diffused through space." "The purest, most refined of substances." "There is only one mode by which the Holy Ghost is conferred on mankind, the laying on of the hands of men who have themselves received 'it,' and are called and ordained to administer 'it,' i.e., the Mormon priesthood.

What does the Bible say about GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT? "When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, He shall testify of Me," John 15:26. "When He is come, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment," John 16:8. "He is come," and "He will convict." "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you unto all Truth," John 16:13. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, He shall teach you all things," John 16:13. "His Spirit that indwelleth in you."

John 16:28, Romans 8:11, cf Romans 8:9, "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." 1 Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Ephesians 3:16, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the

inner man." Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

### **THE NEXT SUBJECT IS WHAT THE MORMONS TEACH ABOUT SIN.**

"It was necessary for Adam to partake of the forbidden fruit or he would not have known good or evil here, neither could he have had mortal posterity."

Well, what does the Bible say about SIN? "Sin is the transgression of the Law," 1 John 3:4. "All unrighteousness is sin," 1 John 5:17. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," Romans 14:23. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin," James 4:17. "Sin, because they believe not on Me," John 16:9. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. "If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His Word is not in us," 1 John 1:10. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us," 1 John 1:8.

### **THE NEXT REASON WHY I AM NOT A MORMON IS BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY TEACH ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF REDEMPTION.**

"Christ's atonement has to do only with the sins of Adam." "Christ's atonement was not sufficient for personal sins, from which man can be redeemed only by obedience to Mormon ceremonies. All are damned who do not avail themselves of these ceremonies." "Redemption from personal sins can only be obtained through obedience to the requirements of the Mormon Church, and a life of good works."

Now what does the Bible say about REDEMPTION? "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. "My blood, which was shed for the remission of sins," Matthew 26:28. "Redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:18, 19. "Redemption through His blood," Ephesians 1:7. "Washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5, 6. "Without the shedding of blood there is not remission of sins," Hebrew 9:22. "Made peace through the

blood of His cross,” Colossians 1:20. “Made nigh by the blood of Christ,” Ephesians 2:13. “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices which can never take away sins, but his man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God,” Hebrews 10:11-14.

### **THE NEXT SUBJECT IS WHAT THE MORMONS THINK ABOUT SALVATION.**

“To get rid of our sins we must work out our own salvation through the teachings and forms of the Mormon Church.” “You must learn to be gods yourselves, the same as all gods have done before you.” “Plurality of wives is a means of grace, the number of a man’s wives and children increasing his chances of honor and glory in the world to come.” “Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins.” “The living may be baptized for the dead.” “Living saints should get their genealogies that their ancestors may have vicarious baptism.”

What does the Word of God say about SALVATION? “As many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God,” John 1:12. “He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the Name of the only begotten Son of God,” John 3:18, John 3:36. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us,” Titus 3:5. “For by GRACE ye are saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast,” Ephesians 2:8, 9. “Justified freely by His GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” Romans 3:24. “This is the work of God that you believe on Him whom He hath sent,” John 6:29. “We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus,” Galatians 3:26. “I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither can anyone pluck them out of My hand,” John 10:28. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,” Acts 16:31. “Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life,” John 6:47. “God the Father

made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him,” Galatians 5:21.

### **THE NEXT AND FINAL SUBJECT WE WILL SEE IS RETRIBUTION AND THE MORMON CHURCH.**

“All will be damned who are not Latter-Day Saints.” “Any person who shall be as wicked as to receive a holy ordinance from the ministers of so-called Christian churches, will be sent down to hell with them unless they repent of their impious act.”

What does the Bible say about RETRIBUTION? “Them that sleep in the dust shall awake some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt,” Daniel 12:2. “After death, the judgment,” Hebrews 9:27. “I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God judged according to their works,” Revelation 20:12. Revelation 20:13 also says “judged according to their works.” “Fire that shall never be quenched,” Mark 9:43. “The Lord Jesus revealed from heaven in flaming fire taking vengeance on that that know not God AND THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction,” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

### **HERE ARE SEVEN REASONS WHY I AM NOT A MORMON, BUT A CHRISTIAN. WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

In conclusion look at the hopelessness in the teachings of Mormonism. “Adam is our father, and our god.” If Adam is our father and our god, and since god failed in the garden, that means that God is no stronger than we are. And God is like Brigham Young, another man. But “in Adam all die and in Christ all are made alive.” So then Adam or Brigham Young **CANNOT SAVE US**. They themselves would need salvation.

Next “the kingdom of God is the Mormon priesthood.” And yet Peter tells us that every believer is a priest and represents himself before the Lord. And they say that Jesus Christ is the son of Adam-god, therefore, a man and sinful. Therefore, no virgin birth,

therefore not qualified to go to the cross and die for the sins of the world. Therefore, Jesus Christ is no more than Adam or Brigham Young.

And the Mormons further teach that Christ married and had many wives. And yet there is no Biblical record of Christ ever having married. And He was born of a virgin. Virgin birth is not having any human father and therefore no old sin nature, therefore, qualified for the cross as Saviour.

The Mormons also deny the personality of God the Holy Spirit, and His ability to teach and to guide us unto all Truth and our only Teacher. "For we need no man to teach us, for God the Holy Spirit is our Teacher and our Guide" and also the Author of the Scriptures.

Mormons also teach that Christ didn't die for the sins of the whole world, only those of Adam, which is original sin. Therefore we have to pay for the rest of our sins. But the Scripture declares an UNLIMITED ATONE-

MENT in that **Christ died for THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, EVEN THOSE WHO WOULD DENY HIM.** And then the Mormons say that you have to work out your own salvation. Yet Scripture says that it is **IMPOSSIBLE** because **SALVATION IS STRICTLY THE WORK OF GOD ON OUR BEHALF.**

They conclude that if you are not a Mormon you will be condemned at the judgment seat of Christ. Whereas the Truth is that if **YOU BELIEVE IN CHRIST AND ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOUR, YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.** And "There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**NOW WOULD YOU RATHER BE A HOPELESS MORMON OR A CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN?**

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS.**

**"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED."**

## SEVEN REASONS WHY I AM NOT A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

The Jehovah's Witnesses also have a book all of their own. They use a perverted translation of the Bible called "*The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scripture*." It is primarily a fumbling translation of the New Testament which no respectable Greek scholar will endorse. The translation has been altered to fit their heresy.

For instance, the Greek word for "other" is ALLOS, and it does not appear in the Greek text of Colossians 1:16, 17. But it is inserted four times in their translation to make Jesus Christ appear as part of the creation, and thereby fit their doctrine that He is a created son. This, along with other passages, make the "*New World Translation*" a travesty of the Word of God.

The Jehovah's Witnesses doctrinal statement is based upon the interpretation of Charles Taze Russell (this is similar to the Mormons with Joseph Smith). In 1874 a Brooklyn haberdasher, Charles Taze Russell, announced that he possessed all the Truth. In his many volumes, Russell "left scarcely one truth or fundamental doctrine untouched with his unholy and unwarranted conclusions."

Presently the Jehovah's Witnesses are following a radical who was divorced by his wife and in trouble with the courts because he fleeced his followers with what he called "miracle wheat," sold at an exorbitant price, which he claimed would produce 15 times as much wheat as an ordinary bushel.

A careful analysis of the numerous books and pamphlets and magazines turned out by the Watch Tower Publishers reveals that only a small percentage of the Bible is used. A mere six percent of the Scriptures are quoted, leaving untouched the rest of the Word of God. A crystal clear teaching of the Word of God will not allow a Bible student to embrace the doctrines set forth by the Jehovah's Witnesses, which are **not** Jehovah's and they are **not His witnesses**. The basic

teachings of this sect are **in conflict** with the Scriptures. You CANNOT be a Jehovah's Witness and still believe in the Word of God.

### THE FIRST DOCTRINE WE WILL CONSIDER IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE GODHEAD.

The Jehovah's Witnesses say this, and this is a quote. "The doctrine of the Trinity of the Godhead is well suited to the Dark Ages, which it helped to produce." "The Godhead is trinitarian nonsense taught by gray-haired professors in theological seminaries." "God is a solitary being from eternity, unrevealed and unknown." "No one has existed as His equal to reveal Him." Though the Truth of the Trinity is amusing to the Witnesses, nevertheless it constitutes part of the revelation of God.

The Bible declares that there is a Person in Scripture known as the Father, who is God. Ephesians 1:2, "GRACE be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." And there is another Person in Scripture called the Son, Jesus Christ, who is God. Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." And there is still another Person called the Holy Spirit, who is God. Acts 5:3, 4, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto me, but unto God."

The word in the Greek language for God is THEOS. This word "God" is used for all three Persons, thus ascribing the same Divinity to each. The careful student of the Bible will also note the fact of the Trinity in Isaiah 48:16, 17, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and His Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer,

the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." And in 2 Corinthians 13:14, "The GRACE of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."

The conclusion is simply that there is one God manifest in three Persons known as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. And since each Person is God, the Persons are equal and co-eternal. "Let Us make him in Our image," Genesis 1:28. "And let Us go down..," Genesis 11:7.

These passages show that there are three Persons in the Trinity and each Person has a different function. The Father is the Author of the Plan for man, the Son executed the Father's Plan on the cross, and God the Holy Spirit reveals that Plan to us in Christ. So what is nonsense to this sect is PRECIOUS to the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is one reason of many why I am not a Jehovah's Witness.

#### **THE SECOND DOCTRINE IS WHAT THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES SAY ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

"The man Jesus is dead, forever dead." "Jesus Christ was a man, neither more nor less." "His human existence ended on the cross." "It was necessary, not only that the man Jesus should die, but just as necessary that he should never live again, should remain dead to all eternity." "Before our Lord came into the world, he was a created angel, and none other than the archangel Michael." "The man Christ Jesus never rose from the dead." "The man Christ Jesus suffered, in the most absolute sense of the word, everlasting destruction." "We know nothing about what became of Jesus' body, whether it was dissolved into gases. No one knows."

"Jesus was not a combination of two natures, human and Divine." "When he was in the flesh, he was a perfect human being, nothing more." "His human body may be somewhere kept as a grand memorial having been supernaturally removed."

Notice all the doctrines about Christ that they do not believe. Christ was just a man,

and not God. And that Jesus Christ was Michael, the archangel. They deny the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. And they deny that Jesus Christ was the God-man. The Word of God proves them to be not Jehovah's Witnesses, but false witnesses.

The following are a list of passages that refute their false doctrines. Scriptures declare that the Lord Jesus Christ IS Jehovah. Isaiah 41:4, "Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the First, and with the Last; I am He." Isaiah 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and His Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the First, and I am the Last; and beside Me there is no God." Isaiah 48:12, "Hearken unto Me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I am He; I am the First, I also am the Last."

These three passages in Isaiah declare that the attribute of being "the First and the Last" belongs to Jehovah alone. And in Revelation 1:7, 8, 11, 17 and in Revelation 22:13, 14 the Lord Jesus Christ is shown possessing this very same attribute, thereby making Him Jehovah. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches..." "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon Me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last." Revelation 22:13, 14, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the First and the Last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

In Isaiah 45:22-25 we have a passage that speaks of a universal worship which one day all mankind will render unto Jehovah. "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the Earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the Word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return. That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteous-

ness and strength: even to Him shall me come; and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." Philippians 2:9-11 applies this Isaiah passage to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name: That at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in Earth, and things under the Earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father."

Isaiah 44:22, 23 sets forth Jehovah as the Redeemer. "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel." In Ephesians 1:7 we have established for us that Jesus Christ is the only Redeemer. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His GRACE."

In Isaiah 45:24 and In Isaiah 54:17 Jehovah is our righteousness. Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord." In 1 Corinthians 1:30 the Lord Jesus Christ is called our righteousness. "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Isaiah 43:11 reserves for Jehovah alone the work of saving man. "Beside Me there is no Saviour." And in Titus 2:13 we are taught that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, thereby establishing Him as the Jehovah of Isaiah 43. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES TEACH THAT  
JESUS CHRIST IS A CREATED BEING,  
SIMPLY ANOTHER GOD.

This doctrinal error is achieved through a spurious translation in their *New World Trans-*

*lation of the Christian Greek Scriptures* which renders the passage in John 1:1 "And the Word was a god." Now Isaiah emphatically denies this error in Isaiah 43:10, 44:6, 45:5, 21. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me." "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and His Redeemer the Lord of hosts: I am the First, and I am the Last; and beside Me there is no God." "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me." "Tell ye, and bring them near; ye, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is not God else beside Me: a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me."

These passages in Isaiah show that their translation of John 1:1 is illegitimate. Four times in Isaiah Jehovah declares the impossibility of there being "another god" or a god beside Himself. Therefore, every honest student of Scripture must acknowledge the solitary oneness of Jehovah.

THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES DENY THE  
BODILY CORPOREAL RESURRECTION OF  
JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.

False doctrine declares "The man Jesus is dead, only his spirit arose." The witness of Jesus Christ is quite different. Luke 24:36-45. Even a casual glance at verse 39 dispels any doubt concerning the bodily resurrection. "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." Thomas also met the physically resurrected Christ, as shown in John 20:24-29. "But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be

unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Other disciples who ate fish also met with Him. John 21:12-14, "Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask Him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to His disciples, after that He was risen from the dead."

Paul testifies to the corporeal resurrection of Jesus Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:3-19. The guards of the tomb, the chief priests and Sanhedrin would never have become excited if only "His spirit arose." Matthew 28:11, 15, "Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done." "So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."

Paul said, "If Christ is not risen, we would still be in our sins and our faith would be vain and we would be of all men most miserable." The bodily resurrection of Christ is the ultimate triumph of GRACE. We have a man now sitting at the right hand of the Father and because that Man sits there, any man can sit there.

#### THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES DENY THE BODILY VISIBLE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST.

They say "we must not expect him to come again as a human being." But Scripture teaches us the Truth that Jesus Christ **IS** coming back again physically, literally in Revelation 1:7, "Every eye shall see Him." And in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 it says, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven." This, of course, is the rapture of the Church. And also in Acts 1:10, 11 it says, "He shall come in like manner as we have seen Him go into heaven."

Christ is God, who took on flesh and dwelt among us. **He is the God-man.** He was not an angel. Angels are created beings. Christ is NOT a created being. He is higher than angels in His Deity and He became lower than angels in His humanity so that He could go to the cross and die for our sins. We are lower than angels, but we become higher than angels in Christ. Angels are not humans and angels CANNOT become humans, and humans CANNOT become angels. It is a higher creation than humans, but a fixed creation, like all creations.

#### THE THIRD DOCTRINE IS THE DOCTRINE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This is what the Jehovah's Witnesses say about God the Holy Spirit. "An influence or power energized by the one God." They deny all being and personality of the Holy Spirit.

Now in the Bible, of the many Scriptures that demonstrate that their doctrine is false, John 16:13, 14 is representative. Eight times the Lord Jesus Christ refers to the Holy Spirit by the personal masculine pronoun employed, which is not the word "it," but rather "He," or "Himself." "Howbeit when HE, the Spirit of Truth, is come, HE will guide you into all Truth, for HE shall not speak of HIMSELF, but whatsoever HE shall hear, that shall HE speak, and HE will shew you things to come. HE shall glorify Me, for HE shall receive of Mine and shall shew it unto you."

The Greek word "spirit" is neuter, PNEUMA, but the pronoun used is not "it," but "He," or "Himself." Christ was grammatically incorrect for the pronoun must agree with the noun in gender, but doctrinally correct in recognizing God the Holy Spirit's personality. If the Holy Spirit was not a Person, the pronoun "it" would have been used and the grammar of the passage kept in tact. Even the Jehovah Witnesses' own *New World Translation* acknowledges the Spirit's personality in the translation of these two verses. The Divinity of the Holy Spirit is clearly demonstrated in the following references, which the honest student will carefully study:

Acts 5:3, 4, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine

own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto me, but unto God.” 1 Corinthians 3:16, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” 2 Corinthians 13:14, “The GRACE of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.”

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 the Holy Spirit is called “Lord” in verse 5 and “God” in verse 6. “Now there are diversities of gifts, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT.” “And there are differences of administrations, BUT THE SAME LORD.” “And there are diversities of operations, BUT IN THE SAME GOD.”

When you place Isaiah 6:8-10 along side of Acts 28:25-27 it becomes evident that the God of Isaiah 6 is God the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 6:8-10, “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And He said, Go, and tell this people, hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.”

Acts 28:25-27, “And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers. Saying, God unto this people, and say, hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

God the Holy Spirit is not an “it,” a neuter, but a personality in the Godhead. “When He is come, He will convict the world of sin, and righteousness and judgment.” John 16:8. “When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all Truth,” John 16:13. “The Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, He shall

teach you all things,” John 14:26. “His Spirit dwelleth in you,” Romans 8:11, Romans 8:9.

#### **THE FOURTH DOCTRINE IS WHAT THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES TEACH ABOUT SIN.**

“Death, extinction of being, is the wages of sin.” “During the Millennium the spirit will be resurrected and be given a second chance, or trial for everlasting life.” “Each does not die now for his own sin, but for Adam’s sin,” i.e., “In Adam all die.” “The day in which every man shall die for his own sin only is the Millennium, or the Day of Restitution.”

But the Bible says, “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23. “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord,” Romans 6:23. “The Holy Spirit will convict them of sin, because they believe not on Me,” John 16:9. “Sin is the transgression of the law,” 1 John 3:6. “There is none righteous, no not one,” Romans 3:10. “To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin,” James 4:17. “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin,” Romans 14:23. “And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins,” Ephesians 2:1. “And if Christ be not raised up, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins,” 1 Corinthians 15:17.

We are all born with an old sin nature, which was handed down from Adam. We have this old sin nature until we receive a resurrection body and because of this indwelling old sin nature we sin. Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

#### **THE FIFTH DOCTRINE WHICH IS FALSELY TAUGHT BY THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES IS THE DOCTRINE OF REDEMPTION.**

Here is their teaching on redemption: “The ransom given by Jesus Christ does not guarantee everlasting life, or blessing to any man, but it does guarantee to every man a second trial for life everlasting.” “One unfortified life could redeem one fortified life and no more.” “The atonement was for the first

Adam." "It was not his pain and suffering in dying, but his death, extinction of being, that is the penalty of sin." "The ransom given does not propose to count sinners as saints and usher them into eternal bliss." "It merely releases the accepting sinner from the first condemnation and places him again on trial for life."

"That Adam might be brought back to existence for the Millennial trial, Christ gave up his own human life and earthly life existence in death." "Suffering played no part in the ransom." "The essential thing was extinction of being to ransom Adam from extinguished existence."

The Bible declares Christ as the Redeemer of the whole world. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. "My blood which was shed for the remission of sins," Matthew 26:28. "Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ," 1 Peter 1:18, 19. "Redemption through His blood," Ephesians 1:7. "Washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5, 6. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission," Hebrews 9:22. "Made peace through the blood of His cross," Colossians 1:20. "Made nigh by the blood of Christ," Ephesians 2:13. Being born of a virgin, the Lord Jesus Christ was the only man free from sin who was qualified to die for the sins of the world and set us free, at liberty, from the slave market of sin. **OUR REDEEMER IS CHRIST.**

#### **THE SIXTH DOCTRINE IS SALVATION, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY TEACH ABOUT SALVATION.**

"All who have shared death on account of Adam's sin will have life offered them by Jesus Christ, who paid their penalty by justice." "No man has immortality by recreation." "Man by reason of his present experience with sin, and its bitter penalty, will be fully forewarned, and when, as a result of the ransom, he is granted another trial, he may be sure that only the willfully disobedient will receive the penalty of the second trial." "The second trial will decide whether we may, or may not, have everlasting life."

So, without any warrant from the Scriptures, the Witnesses teach that the Millen-

nium, the 1000 year reign of Christ on Earth, will afford all mankind, from Adam onward, who will be resurrected, an opportunity, under favorable conditions, to earn salvation.

Where in Scripture is there a single Bible verse supporting this? The Lord Jesus Christ has purchased our salvation on the cross. Romans 3:21-26, "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets: Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God: Being justified freely by His GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." All that remains is for man to believe in Christ. Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "For by GRACE are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8, 9.

Salvation is wholly apart from any human effort. Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit." Romans 3:27, 28, "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Romans 4:4, 5, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of GRACE, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

**You CAN'T wait until the Millennium to be saved. You must accept Jesus Christ now while you are alive on this Earth.** "For He saith I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee, behold now is the accepted time, behold NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

## THE SEVENTH AND FINAL DOCTRINE IN THIS STUDY IS THE DOCTRINE OF RETRIBUTION.

These are the doctrines which the Witnesses teach about retribution: "All who have died without Christ will have another chance." "They will have the Gospel preached to them, and if they do not then with it, accept the invitation, they will be annihilated." "The 'second death' is extinction." "God is too good to sustain an existence so useless and injurious to itself." "It is absurd to suppose that God would perpetuate existence forever in torment." "The Millennium is to bring the restoration of all mankind and everything earthly from Adam and from creation down." "God's plan is to give mankind a full appreciation of the curse in order that when the blessing comes upon all, they may forever have decided upon the unprofitableness of sin." "The penalty of willful disobedience, after a second trial, will be the second death, from which there will be no release, no further trial."

Scriptures teach the reality of Hell. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke more of Hell than of heaven and informs us that Hell is a furnace of fire. Matthew 13:49, 50, "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Hell is a place prepared for Satan and his angels, Matthew 25:41, "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." He said it is a place of unquenchable fire. Mark 9:42, 43, "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched."

Furthermore the Lord Jesus Christ insisted that Hell is eternal. The word "eternal" is AIONIOS, and is defined to that which is without end, and which is also used to describe the everlasting fire mentioned in John

3:16. And the eternity of God in Romans 16:26, is deliberately used by Christ to describe the duration of Hell. Matthew 18:8, "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire."

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Romans 16:26, "But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." This is also brought out by John in Revelation 14:11, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have not rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." AIONIOS does not have a double meaning. If it means that God is eternal and the life which the believer receives is eternal, then it must mean that hell is also eternal.

Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed unto all men to die and after that the judgment." Revelation 20:12, "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God.... judged according to their works." "Fire that shall never be quenched," Mark 9:43. "Them that sleep shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt," Daniel 12:2.

In conclusion, here are seven reasons why I am not a Jehovah's Witness, and why you should not be either. There is no present hope and confidence in time for this false doctrine, only a promise of another chance in the Millennium. But Christ gives us eternal life today simply by believing in Him, accepting Him as our personal Saviour now.

I would rather believe what the Lord Jesus Christ has to say about life and death and the hereafter, than I would some human being who achieved only the status of a haberdasher in New York, and ended up being wanted by the law. "**Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.**" "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"

## WHAT ABOUT CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS? ARE THEY CHRISTIANS?

**C**hristian Scientists, like all the other religions, have their own book, and it is called "*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*." They have Christian Science churches and reading rooms and the "Mother Church," the First Church Scientist, which is in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mary Baker Eddy founded the Christian Science Church as "a church designed to commemorate the Word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity, and its lost element of healing," taken from the Church manual, page 17. "The lesson-sermons read at the Sunday services in the 'Mother Church' and its branches consist of citations from the Bible, King James Version, and '*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*,' the Christian Science textbook by Mrs. Eddy."

"The Wednesday evening meetings include readings from the Bible and '*Science and Health*,' testimonies of healing and experiences and remarks on Christian Science."

"Explanatory note: To be read by the first reader before beginning the lesson-sermon. 'Friends: the Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers. We shall now read scripture texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook, these comprise our sermon.' 'The canonical writings, together with the word of our textbook, corroborating and explaining the Bible texts in their spiritual import and application to all ages, present, and future, constitute a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypothesis, and divinely authorized.' 'The afternoon, or evening, service is a repetition of the morning service.'" Unquote.

### THE FIRST DOCTRINE WE WILL TAKE UP IS WHAT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SAYS ABOUT THE GOD-HEAD.

"What is God? God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite mind, spirit, soul, principle." "God is not a person." "Principle and its idea are one and this one is God." "The theory of three persons in one God suggests heathen gods." "God is an impersonal being." "God is divine principle." "God is infinite mind. Mind is God. There can be but one mind because there is but one God." "Prayer to a personal God is a hindrance."

And yet in the Bible we have God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and Truth," John 4:26. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus Christ, and the Father spake, Matthew 3:16, 17, "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well please."

The Bible is called the Word of God the Father. The Bible is called the mind of Christ. And the Bible is called the voice of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, attributing all three Members of the God-head with reference to the Bible. "God said. Let Us go down and confound them." Genesis 11. "God said. Let Us make man in our image." Genesis 1:26. The word for "God" in the Hebrew language is ELOHIM, which speaks of the plurality of the Persons in the God-head. God the Father is the Author of the Plan of salvation. God the Son is the One who executed the Father's Plan on the cross. And God the Holy Spirit is the One who reveals the Father's Plan to the whole world.

## SECONDLY, WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SAY ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

"The virgin mother conceived the idea of God and gave to her idea the name Jesus." "Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God." "Christ is the impersonal Saviour." "To accommodate Himself to immature ideas of spiritual power, Jesus called the body, flesh and bones." "These utterances show the concession he was willing to make to popular ignorance." "Jesus Christ is not God as he is said to have declared." "Christ is a Divine ideal." "His resurrection was spiritualization of thought-material belief yielding to spiritual understanding." "Jesus as material manhood was not Christ." "Jesus cast out evil spirits or false beliefs."

Most of the religions and cults agree right here in this doctrine, **the doctrine of who and what Christ is. None of them believe that He is God and that He is man, and that He is the God-man, unique in all the world.** And this is one of the main differences between Christianity and religion, and or the cults. **"What think ye of Christ?"**

But the Scripture says, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of GRACE and Truth," John 1:14. "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him," John 1:18. "He was in the beginning with God," John 1:1. "A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel, God dwelling with us," Isaiah 7:14. Jesus Christ is "God manifest in the flesh," 1 Timothy 3:16. "Declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead," Romans 1:4. "Christ ever liveth to make intercession," Hebrews 7:25. "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven," Acts 1:11, cf John 14:2, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

## THE THIRD REASON WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FOLLOWER IS

## BECAUSE OF THE DOCTRINE THEY HAVE ABOUT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This is what they say about God the Holy Spirit: "In the words of St. John, 'he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever,' this comforter I understand to be divine science." "Our Master said, But the comforter shall teach you all things." "When the science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truths." "Genesis, wherein the spirit is supposed to co-operate with the ministry in constructing the universe, is based on some hypothesis of error." "The science of being shows it impossible for an infinite spirit to be in a human body."

But Jesus Christ referred to God the Holy Spirit as a Person and referred to Him as "He" and "Himself" several times in John 15:26, John 16:8 and in John 14:26. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father. He shall testify of Me." "And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name. He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

1 Corinthians 3:16 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Ephesians 3:16, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted after that ye heard the Word of Truth, and Gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." "Which is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory," Ephesians 1:14.

The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is **NOT a science**, but a Person. And the third Person of the Trinity and the Holy Spirit is God. He is our Teacher and our Guide and will lead us

unto all Truth. And that is why the Scripture says we have no need that man may teach us.

#### **THE FOURTH DOCTRINE IS WHAT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THINKS AND TEACHES ABOUT SIN.**

This is what they say about sin: "Man is incapable of sin." "Whatever indicates the fall of man is the Adam dream." "Sin, sickness, and death are not ideas, but illnesses." "Man cannot sin inasmuch as he derives his essence from God, and possess not a single original and underived power." "To be rid of sin is to divest sin of any supposed or reality." "So long as we believe that a soul can sin, we can never understand the science of being."

But the Bible says, Christ says, Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay. I had not known sin, but by the Law, for I had not known lust except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." 1 John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us." 2 Corinthians 5:21, "He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

If there is no such thing as sin in the world, then Jesus Christ made a mistake when He came into the world and died for the sins of the whole world. The Scripture says that Jesus Christ came "to seek and to save them that were lost." And "He is the Propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2. John 16:8, "When the Holy Spirit is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and

of righteousness, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believe not on Me."

So the Scripture says there **IS SIN** in the world, and each member of the human race has an old sin nature. That is what Paul discovered when he studied the 10 Commandments. And the Scripture says if you do not believe that there is such a thing as sin, or an old sin nature, then the Word of God calls that group of people (and I quote) "We deceive ourselves and the Truth is NOT in us." "And if we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us." **THAT IS WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.**

#### **THE FIFTH DOCTRINE IS WHAT THEY BELIEVE ABOUT REDEMPTION.**

They say the following about redemption: "The blood of Jesus Christ is of no more avail, when it was shed upon the cursed tree, than when it was flowing through his veins in daily life." "One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin." "They saw him after his resurrection and learned that he had not died." "The efficacy of the crucifixion lies in the practical affection and goodness it demonstrated to mankind." "The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinners part." "That God's wrath should be vented upon his beloved son is divinely unnatural."

What does the Scripture say about redemption? "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," Hebrews 9:22. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. "My blood, which was shed for the remission of sins," Matthew 26:28. "Redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:18, 19. "Redemption through His blood," Ephesians 1:2. "Washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5, 6. "Made peace through the blood of His cross," Colossians 1:20. "Made nigh by the blood of Christ," Ephesians 2:13.

Hebrews 10:11-14, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifice, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had

offered one sacrifice for sin forever, sat down on the right hand of God. From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are set apart."

Since there is sin, then there is a need for salvation, and Christ the Lamb of God shed His blood on the cross and died for our sin. The One who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. There is ONLY ONE SAVIOUR, one man who can save, because He was the only One who did not have an old sin nature, because of the virgin birth. Therefore, one man was qualified to go to the cross and die for the sins of the world. And God the Father said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." God the Father was satisfied with the atonement that Christ made on the cross for you, **ARE YOU SATISFIED ALONG WITH THE FATHER, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS OUR ONLY SAVIOUR?**

#### **THE SIXTH DOCTRINE IS THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION.**

This is what is taught by the Christian Scientist: "Final deliverance from error is not reached by placing one's faith, without works, in another's vicarious effort." "God created all through mind, and made all perfect and eternal. Where, then, is the necessity for recreation?"

Well, the Bible says the following about salvation: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31. "For by GRACE are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST." "NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5. "BUT TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Romans 4:4. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags in His sight." Isaiah 64:6.

"He came unto His own, but His own received Him not, but to as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become

the sons of God, to them that believe on His Name," John 1:12. "Ye must be born again," John 3:3, 7. "We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus," Galatians 3:26. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

John 20:30, 31, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His Name." "Truly, truly I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life," John 7:47.

The thief on the cross said to Christ, "Remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Christ said, "Today thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." **The thief did nothing for his salvation. He couldn't earn it or deserve it. He was saved by GRACE and so are all of us.**

#### **THE SEVENTH AND FINAL DOCTRINE WE WILL COMPARE IS WHAT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SAYS ABOUT RETRIBUTION.**

This is what they say: "No final judgment awaits mortals." "Hell, fire and judgment are the ravings and imaginations of mortal error." "It is the sense of sin that will be lost and not the sinful soul." "The judgment day comes hourly and continuously."

The Bible says in John 3:18, "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." The Bible says in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Romans 8:1, "There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jude 14, 15, "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints. To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that

are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Revelation 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged out of these things which were written in the books ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS." Revelation 20:13, "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

Mark 9:43, 44, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire THAT NEVER SHALL BE QUENCHED: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on that that know not God, AND OBEY

NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power."

The Bible says that when you reject Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you are separated from Him for all eternity. And you go to a place prepared for Satan and his angels. **But when you accept Him as your personal Saviour, then you are with Him for all eternity and there is never any tears, any sorrow, any pain, or any more death. For all those things have passed away.**

**This is why I am a Christian and not a Christian Science follower, which is neither Christian nor scientific.**

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