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RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSAL

My Proposed Research Topic: False doctrines and Heresies

Subject Matter: The purpose of this paper is to analyze and discuss the development of the Christian thoughts mainly in the Early Church period, as well as the defense of Christian faith against false doctrines and heresies. Further, this research also includes the relevance of the false doctrines and heresies to the modern Church and the future of Christianity.

Proposed Thesis Statement: Although the great defense of the Christian faith in the Early Church period, new false doctrines and Heresies are increasing and causing massive damage to the Church today, such as authoritarianism, spiritual abuse, and ethical issues.

Research Outline

- Introduction
- Thesis Statement
- False Doctrines and Heresies in the Early Church Period
- False Doctrines and Heresies in the Church Today
- Authoritarianism

- Spiritual Abuse
- Ethical Issues
- Conclusion
- Bibliography

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Others: to inform.