

Chapter 16: The Gospel to the Eastern Mystic

Up For Discussion:

1. What is different between the epistemology of eastern mystical religions and classical western society? (Page 212)

2. How do eastern mystical religions define sin, God, and salvation? (Page 212-214)

Sin: _____

God: _____

Salvation: _____

3. Why will our personal experiences be limited in effectiveness when witnessing to eastern mystics? (Page 216)

Crucial Point:

It is important to question the validity of their personal experiences and to keep the definitions of our terms very clear. However, the most important responsibility of ours when sharing our faith is to be sure we know our own faith well. When we know the Bible well, especially the different aspects of the doctrine of salvation, we will be able to properly deal with counterfeit religions.

Make It Personal:

1. If God made it a point to die for everyone, which group of people should you avoid sharing the gospel with? _____

2. Considering your answer from the last question, what excuses do you struggle with to share the gospel with eastern mystics?

3. How would you maintain favorable attention when witnessing to these people?

Assignment:

List the six fallacies of mysticism listed on page 216.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Memorize:

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: