

Dayspring Bible College & Seminary

Modern Cults AP208

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I. Course Description

A study of the cults of Christianity and other world religions is made with comparisons between their doctrines and those revealed in the Bible. The historical and spiritual origins of cults are discussed.

II. Course Objectives

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- A.** Outline the historical origins of several modern day cults as well as detail the spiritual origins and reasons behind the existence of the cults.
- B.** Explain the nature and fundamental beliefs of several modern day cults.
- C.** Present the gospel to a cult member and evangelize with them.

III. Course Requirements

A. Recommended Reading:

- a. *The Chaos of the Cults*, by J. K. Van Baalen
- b. *The Kingdom of the Cults*, by Walter Martin
- c. David Hunt has written many books concerning the cults, including:
 - i. *The Cult Explosion*,
 - ii. *Seduction of Christianity*
 - iii. *Occult Invasion*
 - iv. *The God Makers*,
 - v. *A Woman Rides the Beast*, and others. They are all worth reading.
 - vi. *Signs of the Apostles*, by Walter Chanty
 - vii. *Are Tongues of the Devil?* by Dr. Y. Geoffrion
 - viii. *Signs, Wonders, and Miracles*, by James W. Knox
 - ix. *The Charismatic Chaos*, by John McArthur
 - x. *The Charismatic Movement*, by John R. Rice

- B. Class work:** There are 14 lectures relating to 15 self-directed Study Packs for this course. The student is expected to listen to the lectures, answer the Study Pack questions, and confirm the accuracy of their answers. Tests should be taken according to the Test Schedule.

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IV. Tests & Grading

The tests will be graded on a percentage basis with 80% the minimum score for a passing grade. Scores less than 80% will require the student to repeat the lessons pertaining to the test.

V. Test Schedule

Study Packs:	Test Number:
Study Pack 01 & 02	Test 01
Study Pack 03 & 04	Test 02
Study Pack 05 & 06	Test 03
Study Pack 07, 08, & 09	Test 04
Study Pack 10 & 11	Test 05
Study Pack 13, 14, & 15	Test 06