

STUDY PACK 2

MODERN CULTS The Spirit World and the Cults

From Louis Talbot, *Heresies Exposed*, Introduction

1. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF GOD AND THE SAIOUR.

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 4).

2. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL THAT _____

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world:” (1 John 4:3).

3. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF THE LORD “THAT BOUGHT THEM,” “REFERRING TO THE *ATONEMENT*.”

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction” (2 Peter 2:1).

These false teachers may possibly acknowledge Jesus as a man, but _____, and _____ through the blood, as does the Unitarian philosophy today.

4. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF _____.

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

5. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF SOUND DOCTRINE, AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF *FABLES*.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

6. THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF AUTHORITY.

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities” (Jude 8).

Our imagination may be occupied with applying these conditions to China or India, bound by heathenism, but the Scripture reveals that these warnings and descriptions apply to _____ at the end of the age:

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron” (1 Timothy 4:1, 2).

If you dig deep enough into the history of the cults you will often find a report of non-Biblical spiritual contact.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE begins when Mary Baker Eddy has a series of visions that lead to the writing of *Science and Health with a Key to the Scriptures*. For years her family had been divided over whether she was _____ or _____. When she married a longtime New Thought teacher, she became a natural religious leader.

ISLAM developed after Mohammed had a series of spirit contacts. He expressed concern that he was being _____. His family persuaded him that these spirits were angels. Out of these spirit visits came the Koran.

The JEHOVAH’S WITNESS movement began when Charles T. Russell was removed as a Sunday School teacher from a Congregational Church for teaching that there was _____. According to him he began to hear the _____. Out of this spirit contact came a series of books and the doctrine of the Jehovah’s Witness movement.

The SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST movement began when Ellen G. White began to have a series of _____ and _____ that led to the writing of the book *The Great Controversy*. Witnesses were divided as to whether she was _____, _____ or receiving _____.

MORMONISM began after a small time con-artist named Joseph Smith claimed to have communication _____. This led to the *Book of Mormon*. Spirits supposedly guided Smith to a translation of the New Testament.

SPIRITUALISM is based upon visitation from “_____” and “_____.” Spirits supposedly guided Johannes Greber in the translation of the *Spiritualist New Testament*.

The UNIFICATION CHURCH is based on a series of spirit communications with _____. This led to the writing of the *Divine Principles*.

The CHILDREN OF GOD was started based upon a series of “revelations” given to a formerly evangelical preacher named _____.

The WAY was founded when formerly evangelical preacher Victor Paul Wierwille had a series of Holy Spirit revelations led him to write the book *Jesus Was Not God*.

THEOSOPHY was founded by Helena Blavatsky based upon a series of spirit contacts (the highest ruling spirits in the world).

BAHAI was founded upon new spirit revelations for our day.

The BLACK ISRAELITE movement was based on a series of visions received by Frank Cherry and William Saunders Crowdy.

While many cults are founded upon the messages of spirits others stem from the cleverly designed theology of con artists.