STUDY PAK 3

THE SPIRIT WORLD AND FALSE RELIGION (INCLUDING FALSE CHRISTIANITY)

"But the established religions of paganism were seen by the primitive Christians in a much more odious and formidable light. It was the universal sentiment both of the church and the heretics, that the demons were the authors, the patrons and the objects of idolatry."

~~Edwards Gibbons, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. I, p 391.~~

"Like Baba Ram Doss, most cult leaders claim to be in contact with _____ _____." ~~Dave Hunt, *The Cult Explosion*, p. 16~~

"One of the most subtle robes of demons is _____. They never cease in their endeavor to turn men away from the gospel of Christ and to deny and distort the Word of God. Their activity started when Satan tempted and triumphed over man in Eden. There Satan used a three-fold strategy of opposition to God (Isaiah 14:12-14), confirmed falsehood (Genesis 3:4), and slander of the divine goodness (Genesis 3:5 cf. John 8:44). Down through the centuries Satan and his host of demon helpers, who make his presence and power practically ubiquitous, have used the same strategy to tempt men.

When man succumbed to Satan's blandishments, he lost his Edenic innocence and his fellowship with God (Genesis 3:8) and fell under the control of evil spiritual powers, who encourage fallen man to rebel against God's Word and will. As God began to work in redemption (Genesis 3:9-15, 21; cf. John 5:17; 9:4; 17:4), Satan's spiritual hosts waged a persistent and endless counter-campaign to keep man ignorant of divinely revealed truth _____ _____. Satanic strategy always aims to deceive men to the greatest degree possible."

~~Merrill Unger, *Demons in the World Today*, p. 157.~~

I. THE BIBLE CONDEMNS CONTACT WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD

A. The world of the occult is based upon _____ _____ (Isaiah 8:19; Leviticus 20:6,27; II Kings 23:24).

B. These spirits are described as:

1. familiar spirits – Isaiah 19:3
2. unclean spirits – Matthew 10:1, Mark 5:1-16
3. evil spirits – Luke 7:21
4. seducing spirits – I Timothy 4:1
5. wicked spirits – Luke 11:16
6. devils (54 times) – Leviticus 17:7
7. lying spirits – I Kings 22:19-23
8. the spirit of antichrist – I John 4:1-3

II. DEMONS PRESENT THEMSELVES AS:

A. _____ – II Chronicles 11:15; Acts 17:18; Psalm 106:34-39

B. _____ – I Samuel 28:13

C. _____ – II Corinthians 11:13-15

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

III. FALSE THEOLOGY

A. False theology comes from_____

_____.

B. John Phillips describes how man has hidden himself from the reality of demons.

> "Modern man professes not to believe in demons, but they exist just the same. Moreover, they are clever with a diabolical cunning. Man's attitude toward the demon world may well be likened to man's attitude in the dark ages toward bacteria. If we could be transported back to London in the year 1666, we would find ourselves in a nightmare world. The great bubonic plague is at its height. The sights and sounds of the city are like the terrible climax of a horror movie. It is generally believed that fresh air is the culprit. The College of Physicians recommends the frequent firing of guns to blow away the deadly air. People seal themselves into their rooms and burn foul-smelling messes to ward off _____.

Chimneys are sealed, rooms are gray with smoke, and people choke in the suffocating stench. Outside palls of black smoke hang over the city. People sit in the tightly sealed chambers, grimly determined to endure the smarting smoke, convinced they are thus immune to the plague. We tell them they are wrong, that the plague is not caused by fresh air but by germs, microscopic organisms spread by fleas – and they laugh us to scorn.

Modern man has adopted a similar attitude toward the demon world. We tell them that he (Satan) _____ _____ to aid him in his dark designs against mankind. We say that these unseen beings are intelligent, and that before long, they are to be joined by countless more of their kind worse even than themselves. People look at us with pitying scorn and suggest we peddle our theories to the publishers of science fiction. But it is true all the same. Once the pit is opened, the world of men will be invaded by a virus far more dreadful than the bubonic plague, a virus all the more deadly because it is able to think and because it directs its attack against the soul rather than the body." (*Exploring Revelation*, p. 137)

C. Merrill Unger describes how demonism explains cultism"

Demonism Explains Cultism

"Demonism is the key to _____: Christ-dishonoring cults that parade under the banner of Christianity issue from the activities of seducing spirits, producing doctrines of demons (I Timothy 4:1, 2) and so deceiving and dividing God's people (I John 4:1-6). False teachers and prophets are not even primarily to blame. Behind the human agent, who is visible, _____ _____he invisible demon spirit who encourages the errors that produce disunity. (*Demons in the World Today*, p. 171)

The Origin of False Religions

"The inspiration of false religions. The false religions of the world, including the perverted cults of Christianity, are all demon-inspired. As the prince of this world, Satan is bent on turning men away from the revealed truth of the one-true God and from the salvation he has provided for sinful mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is clearly taught in the Word of God. The Apostle Paul stresses this fact not only in connection with idolatry (I Corinthians 10:20), but with all false doctrines, including those of so-called Christian cults."

Since departures from the faith were called "doctrines of demons" by Paul (I Timothy 4:1-6), it stands to reason that all false religions are demon-inspired" (Ibid, p. 153).

D. The message of demons contains several constant false doctrines.

1. Jesus is not God.
2. There is no trinity.
3. Salvation is by works.
4. There is no Hell.
5. The Bible is not trustworthy.
6. The King James Version of the Bible is especially untrustworthy.
7. The Christian moral code never really came from God.

IV. ALL METHODS OF OBTAINING POWER AND INFORMATION FROM DEMONS ARE CONDEMNED BY SCRIPTURE – DEUTERONOMY 18: 9-14

A. child sacrifice – abortion, Psalm 106:34-39

B. divination – using supernatural methods _____

– I Chronicles 10:13

C. observer of times – the practice of astrology – II Kings 21:6

D. enchanter – one trying to influence people or events by _____

E. witch – a female possessing demonically granted powers

F. charmer – one who tries to influence people or events with magic objects

G. consulter with familiar spirits – one who communicates with _____ _____ – Leviticus 19:31

H. wizard – a male with demonically granted supernatural powers

I. necromancer – one who tries to communicate _____, a spiritualist or medium

God cursed all such behavior – Leviticus 18:27-30

V. EXAMPLES OF THE PREMISE

A. Mormonism

At age 15, Joseph Smith had his first vision. An angel supposedly appeared to him to tell him that all orthodox Christian denominations were wrong. At age 18 he received a second vision. These visions, and many others, led to the *Book of Mormon* and other books by Smith.

Mormonism, based upon the visitations _____, denies justification by faith, the Trinity, the deity of Christ and the doctrine of eternal hell. For a long time Mormonism denied the basic concept of Biblical morality: one man, one woman united in the contract of marriage.

In an astonishing admission in 1976, Larry C. Porter, Chairman of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham University commented on the rumors that the spirits of the dead appear today in the famed temple in Salt Lake City.

> "Your letter regarding President Wilford Woodruff's experience with _____ passed on to myself…
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> The enclosures…bespeak my personal belief that Wilford Woodruff actually entertained spirit visitors…My colleagues here…all concur with my conclusion.
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> I knew, too, that long-standing tradition in the St. George Temple affirms the presence of spiritual visitors.
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> Wilford Woodruff…also refers to visits with Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Herber C. Kimball, George A. Smith, Jedediah M. Grant, _____ _____…There is no doubt that they appeared to him in person. His experience with George Washington was a personal visitation…(he was also) visited by Benjamin Franklin with a special request that he see that his endowments be done in addition to baptism for the dead…
>
> May the Lord ever bless you in your research of these important events."
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> ~~David Hunt, *The Cult Explosion*, p. 148~~

B. Seventh Day Adventism

The Small Sects in America, p. 50-51 describes the impact of the "visions" of Ellen G. White in this way:

> "The young Miss Harmon was a neurotic, her nervous condition being caused by a broken nose which left a deformity. In 1842, when she was only 15 years of age, she was converted in an Adventist meeting and began immediately to have dreams which she regarded as of divine significance. In 1844, soon after the passing of "the time" and when the Adventists were in despondency, Miss Harmon saw in a trance the

> Adventists on a path traveling straight to heaven. The believers accepted this vision as divine assurance and took courage, and from that date the girl was accepted as a prophetess. For more than seventy years, until her death in 1915, Mrs. White (she married Elder James White in 1846) was an outstanding Adventist leader and through _____
> _____
> _____.
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> Mrs. White's visions were received in a state of trance; after an experience of rapture and shouting she swooned, then regained her strength and in an entranced condition repeated her visions. Loughborough, an eyewitness, declared that while in that condition, at one time for six hours, she did not breathe, though her pulse was normal and she possessed superhuman strength, he cites other witnesses, and even medical authority, to that effect.
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> Mrs. White was responsible for the acceptance of "the third angel's message" or the observance of Saturday as the Sabbath. In a vision of "the heavenly sanctuary" she saw two angels standing by the ark."

Walter Rhea (*The White Lie*, chapter 11) writes: "She was subject to "physical seizures" that often accompanied what her followers came to call her open visions." More than one doctor felt that her visions were the result of physical conditions and hysteria. She, however, claimed that she was receiving revelation from angels and had "out of the body experiences." She claimed to exercise _____ and practice suspended animation while in contact with the "angels."

These "angels" taught Mrs. White that there was no hell and that the bottomless pit was the earth. The "angels" supposedly gave Ellen guided tours of heaven and revealed events past and future to her.

According to Ronald Numbers, even Ellen G. White once wondered whether her visions came from an improper source (*Prophetess of Health*, p. 23).

Early Seventh Day Adventist meetings experienced children being taken over by spirits who "preached" through them (Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 366).

The “angels” made clear to Mrs. White that salvation was to be found in _____ _____.

C. The Unification Church

Sun Myung Moon was born in Korea in 1930. His family became evangelical Presbyterians in 1930. In 1946, he claimed that Jesus appeared to him in a vision. A few years later, while in a communist prison camp, he claimed _____ _____ including: Jesus, Elijah, Moses, John the Baptist, Paul and Buddha.

These spirits dictated *The Divine Principle* through Sun Myung Moon.

In 1965, Moon participated in a séance with the famed American medium, Arthur Ford. Ford’s most familiar spirit, Fletcher, is supposed to have given Moon information about his spiritual destiny.

The “visions” taught Moon that God was not a Trinity but was both masculine and feminine. They taught that Jesus was a second god, but by no means God.

Salvation, according to these visions, is for the world not the individual. “Many Christians are seeking their own personal salvation, they are crying out ‘for my salvation’ and ‘my heaven’. This is contrary to God’s ideal.” *God’s Warning to the World*, p. 26. “Today many Christians put exclusive emphasis upon salvation by the blood of Jesus. How mistaken that is in the sight of God” (Ibid, p. 119).

D. Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science

As a child, Mary Baker had convulsions and seizures. She heard voices from age eight on. She later adopted the New Thought teachings of Phineas Quimby, attracted a number of Swendenborgian preachers and began Christian Science. Her new movement denied salvation by faith, the Trinity, hell and the deity of Christ.

She produced *Science and Health with a Key to the Scriptures*. She claimed that this came by inspiration. She also claimed the same for the by-laws of Christian Science. She also claimed to be in contact with Phineas Quimby's ghost!

E. Communication With the Spirit World

In 1932, the book, *Communication with the Spirit World, Personal Experiences of a Catholic Priest*, was published by former Catholic priest Johannes Greber.

Greber describes how he began to communicate with spirits through the influence of a spiritualist medium. After leaving the Catholic Church, he wrote this history of communication with spirits. He also recorded the "doctrines" that he was taught directly by the spirits.

> "You have had plenty of proof of the fact that I am a truthful spirit. For this you have my oath in the name of the Almighty the true God. When I tell you that God has no foreknowledge of the voluntary actions of men, I am not detracting from His greatness." (Ibid. p. 263)
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> "You teach of the union of three persons in one Godhead, maintaining that there are three Spirits, each of which is a true Deity, but which, when united are one God as to substance. This is a piece of human fallacy and is an absurdity. There is no union of three persons and _____ in the sense in which you teach. God is an individual person. Only the Father is God. All other holy spirits are God's creatures. None of them is the Father's equal.
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> Furthermore, you teach of a God who inflicts eternal punishment and you teach of an everlasting hell. Hell is not everlasting, God is Love. He does not condemn any creature eternally. All those who have incurred the guilt of deserting Him, will ultimately return unto Him. That is the truth, as I shall prove to you on another occasion." (Ibid. p. 265)

According to the "spirits," Lucifer will one day be redeemed and be the co-ruler of the earth with his brother Christ (p. 297).

These messages are repeated over and over again.

In 1967, a similar book, *Spirit Communication for the Millions* by Doris Heather Brickley was published. It is supposedly based upon instructions from the "Fraternity of Life." These people, or entities, were from various places in the universe and represented many states of consciousness and understanding" (p.9).

One of the most insistent "revelations" of the Fraternity of Light is that there are many gods and that they are deeply offended by American churches sending missionaries around the world.

One of the most interesting of the revelations of the "spirits" is their antipathy for the Received Text. In *Communications with the Spirit World*, we read:

> "You are familiar with the exclamation of the Apostle Thomas, as rendered by your modern Bible: 'My Lord and my God!' (John 20:28). As a matter of fact, however, Thomas used the form of address always employed by the apostles toward Christ: 'My Lord and Master!' The word 'Master' was at a later date distorted to read 'God.' Why this was done, I shall explain on a later occasion" (p. 21).
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> "Moreover, the originals of the documents relating to the New Testament, even when they have been preserved, have been altered in not a few places. The copyists substituted words and whole phrases, left out a word here or inserted one there, thus altering the sense of the text to suit their purposes. In most cases they were trying to create passages in the bible which would lend support to the religious views of their times, and to that end they falsified its text. They were not always conscious of the enormity of their offense, but believed, rather, that they were serving the cause of religion. In this way the people were misled, and many of them feel in their hearts that they are not on the right path, even if they are in no position to be set right. The natural consequence is that a religion so deprived of its roots can no longer exert any fruitful influence" (p. 20).
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> "The teachings of Christ are no longer to be found in their original purity and clearness in those documents which have come down to you. In what is called the New Testament, several paragraphs, indeed, entire chapters, have been omitted. What you have now are mutilated copies. Not knowing the originals, you are unable to determine what those mutilations are. Those who were guilty of these mutilations have been punished by God" (p. 19).

F. Ashtar

George Van Tassel moved to a desert location in California in the 1950s. He and a group of followers claimed to have weekly contact with spirit beings from the planet of Venus. The leading "spirit" of the group was known as Ashtar.

Later followers of Van Tassel tried to combine UFO mythology and Native American religion. Of course, the spirit beings from Venus made it clear that Jesus Christ was actually from Venus.

G. Theosophy

Helen Blavatsky was born in Russia in 1848. As a teenager she became a medium who claimed _____ named John King. She founded Theosophy in 1882 and passed away in 1891. She was succeeded by Annie Beasant (1847-1933).

Theosophy teaches people how to communicate with spirits "on a different level of existence." According to Theosophy, the universe is ruled by advanced spirit beings known variously as the Great White Lodge, the Brotherhood of Teachers, the Adepts or the Mahatmos.

Of course, the Mahatmos teach salvation by works, deny the deity of Christ, the Trinity and justification by faith.

Mrs. Blavatsky also aggressively endorsed the Westcott and Hort Theory of Bible Preservation.

H. Subud

In 1959, J. G. Bennett published C*oncerning Subud*. This book is about experiencing LATIHAN. Latihan is an experience of submission to God and complete enlightenment. According to Bennett, there is a hierarchy of conscious

beings responsible for guiding the earth. Bennett claimed that a voice guided him in his philosophy.

A distinct "act of submission" leads to the reception of "angels" _____ _____Contact with the "departed" is also part of the process. Of course, there is no hell, or Trinity, justification by faith. Jesus is an enlightened man but not God.

I. Rudolf Steiner, Anthrosophy and the Christian Community

In 1920, Rudolf Steiner wrote that that the purpose of the Resurrection of Christ was to allow believers _____.
He gave lectures and wrote books encouraging "Christians" to communicate with the dead. He, of course, felt that he was communicating with many of the departed. His book, *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds* teaches how to "_____ _____".

Of course, the spirits of the dead reveal that there is no Trinity, no hell and that salvation is not based upon justification by faith.

One of the groups that stems from Rudolph Steiner and Anthrosophy is called the Christian Community. It has developed a Burial Ritual which "supports the soul of the deceased in its new abode and strengthens the community's connection with those on the other side. There is also a burial ritual especially for children."

Gisela Wieki, a theology teacher at the Christian Community seminary in Chicago, describes her call to the ministry this way: "I wanted to work with people from the cradle to the grave _____ if possible."

J. Emmanuel Swendenborg

Swendenborg (1688-1772) was a highly respected scientist in Sweden. At age 59 he retired from the world of science to investigate spiritual things.

He claimed to communicate with numerous spirits of the departed. These spirits supposedly provided him with the true interpretations of Scripture. The spirits taught Swendenborg that there was no Trinity. Swendenborg claimed to finally bring peace to the spirit of Martin Luther by getting him to renounce the doctrine of justification by faith.

In chapter IV of the *Doctrine of the Lord*, Swendenborg explains that the cross does not deal with sin but only demonstrates it. In, *The True Christian Religion*, he writes, "It is the fundamental error of the church to believe that the passion on the cross was actual redemption" (p. 18). The spirits revealed this. The "angels" also revealed to Swendenborg "55" circumstances under which adultery is not sin.

K. *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ*

This book was supposedly given by angels (called the Aquarian Masters) to Levi Dowling (1844-1911). Levi began to have visions as a small boy. At age 13 he spoke publicly against the doctrine of hell.

The "angels" taught that Jesus was not God. "And all the people were entranced and would have worshipped Jesus as a God, but Jesus said, 'I am your brother man just come to show the way to God; you shall not worship man; praise God the Holy One'." (Chapter 26 verses 23-24.)

Salvation is described in chapter 22 _____ _____.

L. Urantia

The UFO cult, Urantia, began in 1934. It is based upon a 2,097 page book also called, *Urantia*. Supposedly, this book was brought by supernatural spirit beings to Chicago physician, Dr. Bill Sadler.

These spirits revealed that the Bible confuses Jesus with Michael of Nebodon the seventh incarnation of one of the founders of the universe. The Urantia book claims that Christianity made two great mistakes. The first is that Jesus was the sacrificed son who could appease God's wrath. The second was to organize Christian teaching so completely around the person of Jesus.

M. Divine Light Mission

Guru Maharji Ji, founder of the Divine Light Mission, claims that the spirit of his dead father possessed him when he was eight years old.

The Guru taught his followers that Jesus was one of a series of masters (along with Vishnu, Roma, Krishna and Buddha). The Guru is the Christ for today. He claims that the cross had nothing to do with paying for man's sin.

N. OAHSPE and the Faithists

OAHSPE was presented to the world by John Ballou Newbrough (June 5, 1828-April 22, 1891). Newbrough was born near Springfield, Ohio. At age 21 he graduated from dental school. He soon spent six years traveling in connection with the California and Australian gold rushes. He then returned to Cincinnati and opened up a relatively prosperous dental practice. He traveled to Scotland, married, then moved to Philadelphia, then to New York.

In 1882 he published OAHSPE. He claimed the _____ _____ using his fingers (a unique form of automatic writing). A pamphlet published by the Faithists explain the process this way.

> "At 4 a.m. one morning late in 1880, John Ballou Newbrough was awakened from his slumber to find the same mysterious and beautiful light filling his room. He saw up and demanded: "Am I worthy?" The same voice spoke: "You have done well. You have passed our test. We know that you feel more healthy. Now we want you to buy a typewriter and place it on this table. We will thereafter awaken you one hour before dawn each morning, and you will sit in this chair before the typewriter and put your hands on the keys. You will buy plenty of paper and keep it always ready to use."

> "I don't know how to use a typewriter."
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> "We will control your hands and arms and perform the task for you, so don't worry. You must not look at what is written until it is finished." There was further discussion and instruction, then the pillars of light dimmed and went out.

On the morning of January 1, 1881, having followed all instructions, the first writing session began at 4 a.m. As Newbrough later told it to his friend, David: "To my amazement as I sat in the chair, my hands went up and started to pound at the keys. It seemed to me that I was half asleep, but I saw everything I was doing. I saw no spirits, but I knew they were using my body and thought. I looked at my hands and fingers; they were going like mad. Then it occurred to me that this was fantastic.

> The papers seemed to pile up fast on the right side of the typewriter. As the days went by, I was doing more and more. At first I was thinking what am I writing about? My mind seemed blank, but I had never felt better in my life. I always locked my door after me, and it was locked when I came back. I noticed though, that there was a blank paper over the pile I had finished and a paperweight on top. It was oblong in shape. As I left my room the next morning I took particular notice of how the paperweight lay on the stack of finished work. When I returned that evening, I wanted to see if it had been moved, but it had not. But to my surprise, my bed had been made. Everything had been dusted and cleaned. I said to myself: "The spirits are certainly working hard around here!" I heard a loud laugh, and the voice said: "We are! We don't want you to worry about a thing. We are taking care of you, and no harm can come to you. Remember this!"

Every morning before sunrise until December 14, 1881, John Ballou Newbrough wrote at his Sholes typewriter, at a speed physically almost impossible considering the crudity of this first typewriter, and finally the manuscript was complete."

Faithist teaching about Christ is of special note:

> 57. Looemong, the false God, now changed his name and falsely called himself Christ, which is the Ahamic word for knowledge. And he

> raised up tribes of mortal warriors, who called themselves Christians, who are warriors to this day.

Book of Saphah, Basis of the Ezra Bible, p. 57.

They not only teach that Jesus is not the Christ come in the flesh – teach that Christ was _____.
No clearer charge of blasphemy could be presented.

Martin Gardiner calls OAHSPE part of the "wild history of spiritualism" (*Who Was Ray Palmer, The New Age*, p. 217). The *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* says the OAHSPE is "still in print and heavily read in the spiritualist movement."

Faithists blindly accept John Newbrough and his "manuscript typed by angels."

> "…for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light – "
> II Corinthians 11:14.

OAHSPE is now experiencing a revival of interest from several new age and occult groups.

O. The Church of All Worlds

Timothy Zell, now known as Oberon Zell Ravenheart, has considered himself a wizard and believed that he is in contact with pagan deities for many years. He belongs to a number of neo-pagan and occult groups and is the founder of the self-described pagan, Church of All Worlds.

Zell is distinguished for many accomplishments. He was the first person to achieve 501(c) 3 status for a "pagan" church. He is one of the founders of the modern environmental movement. He is one of the originators of the Gaia Theory _____.

The "_____" have revealed to him, that Christianity is responsible for much of the environmental crisis that the world is in and that for survival the world must return to a pre-Christian era.

He is an aggressive advocate of polyamory (multiple person marriages). He currently (2007) claims to be part of a six person marriage.

P. The Nine

In 1952, at the Round Table Foundation, in Glen Cove, Maine, an Indian mystic named Andrija Puhavich began to channel spirits known as the "nine." They claimed to be the Nine Principles of God and collectively the person of God. Later, two former Christian missionaries, Charles and Lillian Laughead claimed to be in contact with the same nine spirits.

This movement would later produced famed psychic, Uri Gellar and famed clairvoyant and ghost hunter Peter Hurkos.

Many people came to the Nine, as they were manifested through Puhavich and others for guidance. One of their students was Gene Roddenberry, developer of the Star Trek stories (one of his TV series was named Deep Space Nine).

Supposedly the Nine dictated a book through their followers, *The Keys of Enoch*. This training became the Esalen Institute (which today runs the Gorbachev Foundation in the U.S.).

David Percy, who teaches that the Apollo's moon landing was an elaborate hoax is also a follower of "the Nine."

Of course, The Nine provide an aggressive refutation of Christianity.

Q. Carlos Castenada

Carlos Castenada (1925-1998) became famous by writing a series of books about Native American religion, drug use and spirit contact. He stated that he was guided in his studies by two spirit guides.

He was granted a master's degree and a doctorate by UCLA for his research. His "spirit guides" revealed that Jesus was also a "_____."

R. Mark and Elizabeth Prophet

Mark and Elizabeth Prophet started the Summit Lighthouse after claiming to be contacted by the Ascended Master, El Morya. Mark claimed that the Ascended Masters dictated over 1,000 letters through him. Jesus was one of the many Ascended Masters.

After the death of Mark Prophet in 1973, his wife Elizabeth headed the Summit Lighthouse.

The Prophets joined with Maria Montessori to found the Montessori Schools.

Of course, "the Ascended Masters" warned about the false doctrine of justification by faith and condemned Christian fundamentalism.

S. The White Eagle Lodge

In the 1930s, English mediums Grace and Ivan Cooke, claimed that a spirit named White Eagle led them to start a new religion. They claimed that many of their doctrines were taught by_____ _____(creator of Sherlock Holmes).

After the death of the Cookes, their spirits continued to teach the leaders of the White Eagle Lodge (according to the Lodge's publication). According to the "spirits," Christ is the spirit which indwells every human being.

T. The Lucius Trust Publishing Company

Alice Bailey (born in 1880) claimed to be indwelt at the age of 15 by a "spirit master." Between 1919 and 1949 she claimed that another "spirit master" dictated nineteen books through her. These books became the basis for Lucius Publishing Company.

The purpose of the Lucius Trust Publishing Company is to prepare a new world order. The company is named after Lucifer.

The "spirit masters" taught Alice Bailey that Jesus was one of many ascended masters. They taught her that salvation took place the moment you realize that you have a divine nature. There is no substitutionary atonement.

U. Jean Houston

As a teenager, Jean Houston claimed to receive visitations from the spirit of "her future self" who was traveling back in time. In the 1960s she married Robert Masters.

Both Houston and Masters encouraged experimentation with LSD as a way to further "psychic" experiences. Houston supposedly, encountered the spirits of a number of the most famous people of history.

The spirits taught her that Jesus was one of the most accomplished spirits.

Jean Houston held séances for Hillary Clinton at the White House during the Clinton presidency.

V. Unarius

Ernest and Ruth Norman founded the Unarius Academy of Science in the 1950s. The basis for their "ministry" was "Inner Contact from the Higher Beings."

According to the Normans spirit beings from Venus and Pleiades are inviting the earth to join the Interplanetary Confederation of Planets.

According to the Normans this Confederation can end war, hatred, poverty and disease. According to the Normans, Jesus is one of the missionaries from the Interplanetary Confederation of Planets.

W. Growing in Grace

Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda began his Growing in Grace Church after he was visited by "two angels." The "angels" taught him that he is Christ, sin is non-existent and the devil is a myth. So is hell. There is no need for personal redemption.

X. The Way International

The Way was begun by Victor Paul Wierville. Wierville trained at several theological schools and became a United Church of Christ pastor in Ohio. He claimed to audibly "hear" a voice which claimed to be voice of God. This voice led him to organize a new religious movement, the Way. This voice led him to write his basic doctrinal textbook, *Jesus Christ is Not God*.

Y. The Jehovah's Witnesses

No cult is more familiar to the American people than the Jehovah's Witness cult.

This movement was begun by Charles Taze Russell. Russell claimed to hear the audible voice of God.

"God" taught him that Jesus was not God, hell did not exist, there was no Trinity and that the doctrine of justification by faith was heresy.

The leadership of the Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the voice of God can still be audibly heard in their headquarters today.

II. SUMMARY

Countless other examples could be provided. False religion comes from Satan and false spirits through willing false prophets unto the masses of men.