

Cult Fiction/True Religion?

Master Quiz

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1. **Mission Statement:** The Rock Church exists to save, equip and send out soul-winners for Jesus Christ.

2. **Vision:** A picture of your preferred future. Matthew 28:19-20

3. **Vision Statement:** The vision of the Rock Church is to be a **powerful evangelistic force** that engages every segment of society as a motivated **ARMY** of believers in Jesus Christ. We are wholeheartedly committed to using our gifts anywhere, at anytime to share the gospel, while influencing and transforming our culture. This “force” will evangelize San Diego and empower other churches to use this ministry model around the world.

Jehovah's Witnesses

1. A **cult** is a belief system that follows a distorted version of biblical Christianity, mainly focusing on a distorted view of the identity of Christ and the plan of salvation.

2. Cults are usually started by one person who claims access to secret information about God which gives this person power used to control those seeking God. Cults often attempt to control the time and associations of their members.

3. **Jehovah's Witnesses** was started by **Charles Taze Russell**, and they teach that only 144,000 J.W. will go to heaven; that Jesus, as the firstborn over all creation, is a created being, is really Michael the Archangel; and that the Holy Spirit is simply a force like electricity.

4. J.W. teach that Jesus did not rise from the dead in bodily form. The Bible says His bodily resurrection was confirmed by those who saw, touched, held and ate with Him.

5. J.W. teaches that the Holy Spirit is an active force like electricity, not a Person of the Trinity. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit interacts with us by convicting our sin, teaching us truth, praying on our behalf with groanings which cannot be uttered and giving us supernatural gifts.

6. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John 1:1

7. *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* Colossians 1:15

8. Firstborn is a title designating authority, not a birth order position

9. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Mormonism

1. **The book of Mormon** was apparently written by **Joseph Smith** from revelations he received while alone in the mountains.

2. Mormons teach that we were born as spirit children in heaven, received a sinful body, and through good works can be exalted to godhood.

3. Mormonism teaches that Jesus became a spirit child resulting from the sexual union of Elohim and Mary, and is the spirit brother of Satan, another spirit child of Elohim.

4. Mormonism teaches that Elohim, or the God of the Bible, was a spirit child who inherited a sinful body, was exalted to godhood through good works, is presently a man in heaven, and is only God of this planet, not of all creation.

Scientology

1. Scientology founder **L. Ron Hubbard** was a science fiction author who taught that man is generally good with divine potential that is limited by memories from past lives.

2. Scientology offers psychological training, called auditing, designed to clear bad memories from past lives and release human potential and restoring man to his original divine condition.

3. According to Scientology, salvation or reaching your human potential and divine state is not received by faith, but by personal effort or the good works of following the principles of Scientology.

4. The Bible says that *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Romans 3:23

5. *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23

Buddhism

1. *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.* Hebrews 9:27

2. **Siddhartha Gautama**, or **Buddha**, believed that we are temporal creations born to lives of sorrow and suffering.

3. Buddhism teaches that the quality of your present life is a result of your karma, the sum total of good and bad of past lives, and that until you reach perfect karma or Nirvana, you will continue to be reincarnated over and over again.

4. Nirvana is reached through obeying the principles of Buddhism through personal disciplines of self denial.

5. Once Nirvana is reached, the reincarnations stop and you cease to exist.

Islam

1. **Muhammad** was born in Mecca, where they worshipped 360 gods.

2. He initiated a monotheistic religion, and endorsed worshipping Allah, the moon god.

3. Muhammad supposedly received the Quran while alone in a cave from the angel Gabriel.

4. Muhammad performed no miracles, and was a sinner who died and remains dead—unlike Jesus.

5. Islam offers salvation by works, unless you die fighting the infidel.

6. While Christians can be considered children of God, Muslims are considered servants of Allah.

Catholicism

1. **The Catholic Church** views the traditions of the church as authoritative as scripture and teaches—contrary to the Bible—that salvation can be attained through good works or the efforts of man, by participating in the Sacraments such as penance, attending Mass, receiving communion, confession etc..

2. Their tradition of praying to Mary and saints leads people into idolatry by bowing and praying to idols.

3. They teach that the forgiveness of Christ upon confession is not necessarily enough, and may need the assistance of the fire of purgatory to complete the purification process.

4. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:9