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The **numerous attacks of False Religions and Cults** (THE LIES) against the Genuine Christian Faith only cause **The Truth to stand out** more clearly.

The Holy Bible describes this principle of darkness being contrasted with light when it says:

"For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you." 1 Cor. 11:19 CKJV)

In other words, it is necessary that False Religious Groups (The Lies) pick away and directly attack the foundational beliefs of Genuine Christianity (The Truth) so that, by comparison, The Truth will rise above The Lies and take its rightful place as **REALITY**. Many of these foundational Christian beliefs are mentioned in the scripture in the Bible, John 3:16. "**God** so loved the **world**, that He gave His only begotten **Son**, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**."

On the following pages of **this booklet we will contrast the true definitions of the boldly typed words** in the above scripture, with the false doctrines presently being taught by all other Religions and Cults.

WORDS	THE LIES	THE TRUTH
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Man (World)	7 & 8	9
Jesus Christ (Son)	10 & 11	12
Faith (believeth)	13	14
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THE LIES ABOUT GOD

GOD is brought down to a lower level in regard to His IDENTITY. (What He is really like.)



WORLD RELIGIONS

- 1. BUDDHISM God is not a person.
- **2. T.M.** There is no difference between God and the creation.

CULTS

3. MOONIES, J.W.'S & THE WAY God is Singular and there is

no Trinity.

4. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE & UNITY God is not a person.

THE LIES ABOUT GOD

God is brought down to a lower level in regard to His UNIQUENESS. (is there anyone else like Him?)



WORLD RELIGIONS

- HINDUISM AND T.M. There are 3 main impersonal gods and millions of lesser gods.
- 2. HARE KRISHNA There is one Supreme god and many lesser gods.

CULTS

3. Mormons - there are many gods.

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

1. GOD IS A PERSON.

(throughout the Bible, personal pronouns are used when referring to God.) *Matt. 5:45, 7:21-23, John 3:16, 15:2, 16:13*

2. GOD IS THE CREATOR.

(He therefore could not be the same as the creation.) Gen. 1;1, John 1:1-3, Isa. 44:24, 45:12, Heb. 3:4

3. THERE ARE THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD.

(God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). Gen. 1:26, Matt. 28:19, Matt. 3:16-17, Luke 1:35, Isa. 9;6, Heb. 3:7-11

THE LIES ABOUT MAN

MAN is built up to a higher level in regard to his BASIC SIN NATURE (What he is really like)



WORLD RELIGIONS

1. BAHAI - Man is basically good and not a sinner.

CULTS

2. MORMONS Man's basic nature is good.

THE LIES ABOUT MAN

MAN is built up to a higher level in regard to his POTENTIAL (What he can become)

WORLD RELIGIONS

- 1. HINDUISM Every man is God.
- 2. **BUDDHISM** Every man can save himself.
- 3. **T.M.** Man can find God if he looks within himself.

CULTS

- 4. **UNITY** Man's spiritual man can become equal with God.
- J.W.'S & THE WAY A mere man (creation) could die and did die for all men's sins.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE -Whatever is possible to God, is possible to man.
- 7. **MOONIES** Man's works can save him.

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

1. MAN'S BASIC NATURE IS EVIL.

(Everyone is a sinner). Rom. 3:10-12, Eph. 2:3, Ps. 51:5, Jer. 17:9

2. MAN CAN NEVER BECOME GOD.

(Though he can become a son of God, he can never become equal with God). Isa. 43:10, 44:6,8, Hos. 11:9, Num. 23:19

3. MAN'S OWN EFFORTS (Good Works) CANNOT SAVE HIM.

Eph. 2:8-9, Tit. 3:5, Gal. 2: 16, Isa. 64:6

THE LIES ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST is brought down to a lower level in regard to His IDENTITY. **(Who He is)**

WORLD RELIGIONS

- HINDUISM Not God. Not the Son of God. One of the many sons of God.
- BUDDHISM Not God. A mere man beneath Buddha in importance.
- 3. **BAHAI** Not God. Not sinless.
- HARE KRISHNA Not God. Jesus is not the name given to be saved.
- 5. **T.M.** Not God.

CULTS

- MORMONS One of the many Gods.
- J.W.'S Michael the Archangel. The first creation. Not Almighty God, but only "a god".
- 8. THE WAY Not God. Not Eternal.
- UNITY Christ does not equal the man Jesus.

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THE LIES ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST is brought down to a lower level in regard to His MISSION. (What He came to do)

WORLD RELIGIONS

1. ISLAM

Not God. A mere man. He did not die for man's sins.

CULTS

2. MOONIES

Christ's mission failed.

3. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Jesus did not die. His blood had no power.

THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

WHO HE IS:

- 1. Jesus Christ is God the Son, the 2nd person of the Trinity. John 1:1, 14; 20:28, I Tim. 3:16
- 2. The name of Jesus Christ is the only name given for salvation and is above every other name. Acts 4:10, 12 Phil. 2:9-11

WHAT HE DID:

- 1. While remaining 100% God, he became 100% man. 1 Tim. 3:16
- 2. He personally experienced every temptation that any man has ever known, and yet **He remained completely sinless**. Heb. 4:15
- **3.** Though He didn't deserve it, **He lovingly took the punishment** for man's sins upon Himself by dying on the cross, providing an opportunity for all mankind to go free. 1 Pe. 2:21-24

THE LIES ABOUT FAITH

In all False Religions and Cults the term **Faith is reduced** to a meaningless expression. Though there may be some mention of having faith in God, ultimately **all of their followers are trusting in the works of some part of the creation to save them** (either their own, another created being, or some organization).

All False Religions and Cults teach doctrines that:

- 1. Reduce the character and uniqueness of God.
- 2. Exaggerate the nature and potential of man.
- 3. Diminish who Jesus is and what He accomplished.
- **4.** Offer a false hope to those who desire to become righteous through their own efforts (good works).

THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH

The Bible says, "For by grace you have been **saved through faith**, **and that not of yourselves**; it is the gift of God, **not of works**, lest anyone should boast." Eph. 2:8-9

This scripture clearly shows us that **we are saved** by having faith, not in ourselves or any of our good works, but **by completely trusting in Jesus** Christ's death and resurrection for our salvation.

Q. Where Do Our Good Works Come In?

Good works are the natural result of genuine faith (completely trusting in Christ). Out of appreciation for receiving the free gift of salvation through faith, we should commit our lives to doing those acts of faith (works) that are pleasing to God, though realizing that they in themselves can not save us. Eph. 2:10

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THE LIES ABOUT HEAVEN

The cults present Heaven as either:

A. A place for an elite organization. *Example:* J.W.'s - Only 144,000 J.W.'s will go to heaven.

B. A place where everyone will eventually go.

Example: Moonies - All humanity will be saved. Mormons - Practically everyone will go to one of the three heavens.

C. A place that does not exist.

Example: Christian Science & Unity - Heaven as a literal place doesn't exist.



THE TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN

Jesus clearly described eternal life when He said to His Father, "And **this is eternal life, that they** might know You, the only true **God**, **and Jesus Christ** whom you have sent." John 17:3

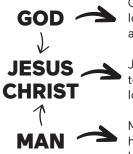
So **eternal life** is getting to know, or **having a personal relationship with God** the Father and God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. It begins here on earth, and continues throughout eternity in heaven.

Now we have seen the real meaning of the scripture John 3:16:

"God (the one and only, personal Creator) so loved the world (all sinners), that He gave His only begotten Son (God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for all men's sins) that whoever believes Him (completely trusts Christ alone, and not good works, for his salvation) should not perish (be separated from God forever), but have everlasting life (an eternal personal relationship with God.)"

A SUMMARY OF THE LIES

We may summarize the distorted teachings of all False Religions and Cults in this simple diagram:



God is always brought down to a lower level in regard to His identity and Uniqueness.

Jesus is always brought down to a lower level in regard to His Identity and Mission.

Man is always lifted up to a higher level in regard to his Identity and Potential.

FAITH

- Faith in Christ becomes a meaningless expression.
- Man's works are trusted to get someone into Heaven.

A SUMMARY OF THE TRUTH

We may summarize the true teachings of Genuine Christianity in this simple diagram:

> God must be lifted up infinitely higher than man in regard to His Identity and Uniqueness:

Only Jesus Christ could bridge the gap between an all Holy God and a wicked Creation.

Man must be brought down to the lowest level in regard to his basic sin nature. Only through faith in Christ can man become a "son of God", but never "a god".



FAITH

By completely trusting in Christ's death and resurrection a person can have an eternal personal relationship with God. It begins here on earth and continues throughout eternity in **HEAVEN**.

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MAN

HOW TO BE SAVED

In order to receive what Jesus Christ has done for you, you must **willingly**:

- 1. Stop trusting in your own efforts to please God and begin to trust in what Christ has already done. Pro. 28:26, Pro. 3:5-6
- 2. Ask Him to forgive you for your sins. 1 Jn. 1:9
- 3. Invite Him to come and live inside of you. Rev. 3:20
- 4. Ask Him to take His rightful place as Lord and God of your life. Rom. 10:9-10, Phil. 2:11
- Desire to turn away from whatever the Bible says is sin. (This is only possible after Christ has come to live inside of you.) Acts 3:19, John 1:12



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