

4. Doctrinal Differences

- A. God
- B. Jesus
- C. Salvation
- D. Scripture

How to Respond:

- 1. Do not bid them _____.
- 2. Use the Bible to share _____.
- 3. Do not _____ their beliefs or yours.
- 4. Do not be unequally yoked in _____.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (JW)

1 History

Founded by Charles Taze Russell

WatchTower Magazine

2. Theological Issues

- 1. The Trinity:
- 2. The Deity of Christ:
- 3. The Resurrection of Christ
- 4. Eschatology
- 5. Anthropology
- 6. The Bible

Their translation is the "New World Translation"

3. Distinctives

- 1. Proscriptives
- 2. Door-to-door mission
- 3. Publishing—"Watchtower"
- 4. Neutralist
- 5. Worship

MORMONISM

1. History & Structure

Joseph Smith

2. Mormon Sacred Books

Bible:

Book of Mormon:

Doctrine & Covenants:

Pearl of Great Price:

3. Theology:

Nature of God:

Nature of Jesus:

Holy Spirit:

Man:

Atonement & Salvation:

4. Distinctives

- 1. Baptism for the Dead
- 2. Endowment
- 3. Worship
- 4. Food
- 5. Family Values
- 6. Branches

Christian Science:

Scientology:

Unification Church:

Unitarian Universalist Church:

Theosophy:

Hare Krishna:

Transcendental Meditation:

Other Groups:



Baptists: Distinct from “Others” - Pt. 1

- Cults -

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16

1. What is a Cult?

By comparison:

World Religion:

Sects:

Denomination:

Cult: From Latin word *cultus*: to worship or show reverence to something.

“A cult is a group of people basing their beliefs upon the world view of an isolated leadership, which always denies the central doctrines of Christianity as taught from the Bible.” - McDowell

Occult:

New Age:

Western Cults vs. Eastern Cults:

Why Cults Prosper

Characteristics of Cults:

1. Isolated _____.
2. Additional _____.
3. Altered _____.