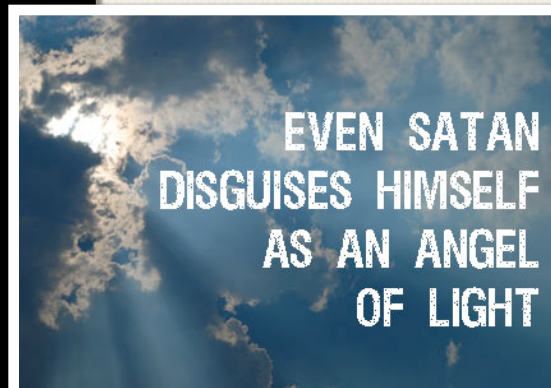


CULTS & RELIGIONS



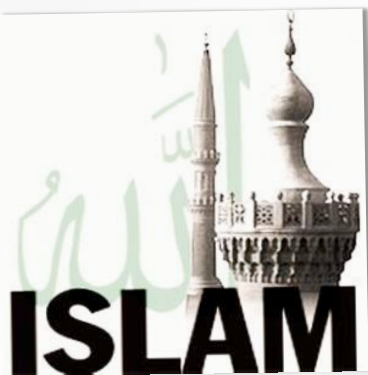
ALL ROADS DO NOT LEAD TO SALVATION AND TRUTH. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO THE FATHER.

There is only one truth

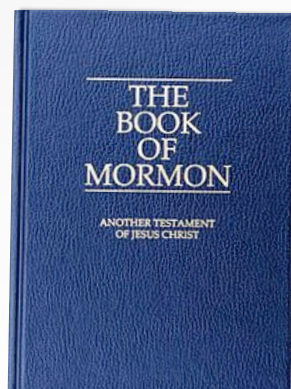
The world is filled with various cults and religions which claim to show the true way to God, salvation, and eternal life. There are many different kinds and many different types of religions, but they all have one thing

in common. They are all based on man working his way to God. Whether we are talking about Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, or Mormonism, they all have a plan for man to make himself acceptable to

God. Of course, we know that this is absolutely impossible. Sinful man can never make himself acceptable to God. Only Christ can do that. God must do the saving, we cannot become "good" enough.



MUSLIM



MORMONS



JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Mormonism

1. Mormons alone constitute the true church
2. God was once a man on another planet. He became god through obedience to the same eternal gospel truths we are given today.
3. The Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) are three separate gods.
4. There are an infinite number of gods in the universe, each with a wife or wives, who procreate and have "spirit" children.
5. Eternal life, for a Mormon, is reaching the status of godhood. *The Gospel principles manual (Mormon literature)* says, "...We can become Gods like our Heavenly Father."
6. Jesus Christ was a spirit child of god, who progressed through obedience to become a god himself.
7. Mormons use the word atonement, but they do not mean Jesus paid for our sin. They mean Jesus paid for Adam's sin, leaving the responsibility only for our own sins.
8. Individual salvation is achieved as a person earns it by obedience
9. At the end of the world, Mormons believe most people will end up in one of three kingdoms of glory: the celestial, the terrestrial, or the telestial kingdoms.
 - a. Celestial kingdom - highest degree, inhabited by faithful mormons who have kept the commandments and been cleansed of all sin.
 - b. Terrestrial kingdom - secondary level, inhabited by non-Mormons who live moral lives and Mormons who do not live up to their church's expectations.
 - c. Telestial kingdom - lowest level, inhabited for those who are carnal and sinful throughout life.
 - d. There is no hell in Mormonism, but there is something called "outer darkness" which is inhabited by Satan, demons, and extremely wicked people.



MORMONISM

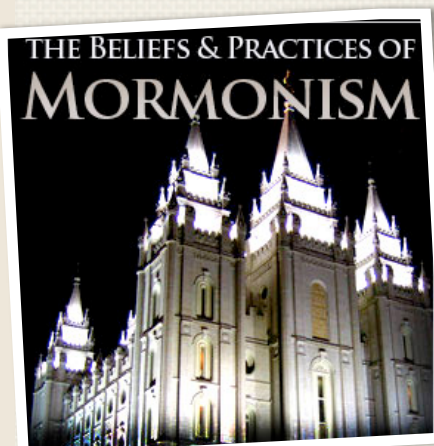
FOUNDED BY JOSEPH SMITH, 1820'S

HE SAW A VISION OF AN ANGEL CALLED "MORONI" WHO TOLD HIM OF GOLDEN PLATES REVEALING THE TRUE GOSPEL. THIS IS FROM WHERE HE REPORTS TO HAVE TRANSCRIBED THE BOOK OF MORMON. THE PLATES WERE TAKEN TO HEAVEN AFTER THE PROCESS AND ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION



MORMON TEMPLE

TRADITIONAL MORMONISM TAUGHT THAT ALL CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS ARE APOSTATE. SINCE MORMONISM'S INCEPTION, THE TRUE CHURCH AND THE TRUE GOSPEL ARE ONLY FOUND IN MORMONISM. RECENTLY, MORMONS HAVE TRIED CONVINCE THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE SIMPLY ANOTHER SEGMENT OF CHRISTIANITY.



SALVATION

MORMON SALVATION IS JESUS TAKING AWAY THE SIN OF ADAM FROM MANKIND, BUT AN INDIVIDUAL'S SALVATION CAN ONLY COME THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS OF THE GOSPEL AND BECOMING INCREASINGLY PERFECT THROUGHOUT LIFE. MORMONS DENY THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

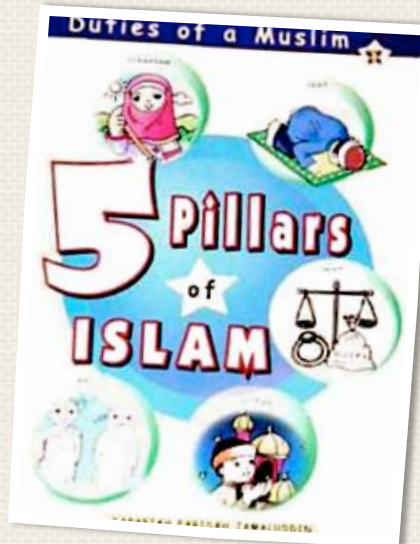
Islam

1. There is one omnipotent, omniscient god, who created all things. He is not a trinity and Muslims call him Allah.
2. Salvation only comes at the final judgment. Only those whose good deeds outweigh the bad, believe in Allah, and sincerely repent will go to paradise.
3. Heaven (Paradise) is a garden of bliss and fruit with rivers, pure maidens, carpets, and cushions.
4. Allah's judgment is based on sincere repentance and righteous deeds.
5. Muhammed is Allah's greatest and last prophet and his message supersedes all others.
6. Jesus was a great prophet but not the son of God, not deity, and he was not crucified.
7. Islamic life and duty are based on five pillars of religious works called the five pillars.
 - a. Shahada - the proclamation "There is no true God except Allah and Muhammed is the messenger of Allah." This is the fundamental claim of Islam
 - b. Salat (Prayer) - Prayers are performed five times a day, beginning at dawn and ending at sunset.
 - c. Saum (Fasting) - The month of Ramadan is the month of fasting. It is an act of worship where faithful Muslims deny themselves (usually) food, drink, or sexual relations during the daylight hours.
 - d. Zakat (Charity) - Giving to the poor is a form of worship.
 - e. Hajj (Pilgrimage) - A pilgrimage to Mecca. All Muslims must make this pilgrimage in the first half of the last month of the lunar year.

MUHAMMED



AROUND 610 A.D. MUHAMMED WENT INTO A CAVE TO MEDITATE AND PRAY. HE SAID THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARED TO HIM AND TOLD HIM TO RECITE WHAT THE ANGEL SAID. SUPPOSEDLY, THE ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM OVER A 23 YEAR PERIOD AND GAVE HIM THE WORDS OF THE QUR'AN. MUHAMMED BEGAN A MISSION TO TURN PEOPLE FROM IDOLS TO ALLAH.



FIVE PILLARS

THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM ARE CORE BELIEFS THAT SHAPE MUSLIM THOUGHT, DEED, AND SOCIETY. A MUSLIM MUST COMPLETE THE FIVE PILLARS, REMAIN IN THE FAITH OF ISLAM, AND SINCERELY REPENT IN ORDER TO MAKE IT TO JANNAH (PARADISE).



THE QUR'AN

ISLAM'S HOLY BOOK. ITS PRIMARY THEME IS THAT OF COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO ALLAH. IT ALSO TEACHES THERE IS ONE GOD, THERE WILL BE JUDGMENT AT THE END, NON-MUSLIMS GO TO HELL, AND THOSE MUSLIMS WHOSE GOOD DEEDS EXCEED THEIR BAD WILL OBTAIN PARADISE.

Jehovah's Witnesses

1. There is one god, who is not a Trinity
2. The Holy Spirit is an impersonal force. It is not alive.
3. Jesus was the first created being of Jehovah, who was used to create all "other" things.
4. Before Bethlehem, Jesus was the Archangel Michael, and after the resurrection, god recreated him as Michael.
5. Jesus was only a perfect man and he did not rise from the dead in his physical body.
6. Salvation is by faith and good works. Only JW members will be saved.
7. Only 144,000 JW's are born again and will be in heaven with Jehovah. All other faithful JW's will live in paradise on earth.
8. The soul ceases to exist after death
9. There is no hell of fire where the wicked are punished.
10. The cross is a pagan symbol and should not be used
11. Blood transfusions are sin
12. JW's refuse to vote, salute the flag, sing the national anthem, or celebrate Christmas or birthdays. They are not allowed to serve in armed forces.
13. Four requirements for eternal life
 - a. Knowledge of God and Jesus, including knowledge of God's purposes on earth and Jesus' rule.
 - b. Obey God's laws
 - c. Be Associated with God's channel of truth, the Watchtower organization.
 - d. Loyal advocate God's Kingdom rule to others (witnessing, usually door to door)
14. JW's must become worthy of salvation before they die. Those who don't simply cease to exist.



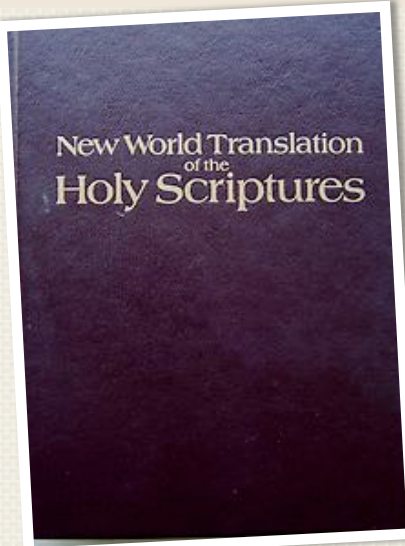
CHARLES TAZE RUSSELL

RUSSELL FOUNDED THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IN 1872. HE DENIED THE DOCTRINES OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, THE TRINITY, THE DEITY OF CHRIST, AND THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE FOUNDED THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY IN 1884, WHICH QUICKLY BECAME THE CENTER OF OPERATIONS FOR JW'S



THE WATCHTOWER

THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY IS THE HUB WHICH CONTROLS THE TEACHING, PUBLICATIONS, AND COORDINATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES. TRUE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE IS SAID TO ONLY BE FOUND IN THE WATCHTOWER'S TEACHINGS. ALL OTHER DOCTRINE AND TEACHINGS ARE INCORRECT



NEW WORLD TRANSLATION

JW'S USE A "BIBLE" CALLED THE NEW WORLD TRANSLATION. IT WAS WRITTEN BY FOUR MEN WHO HAD NO FORMAL TRAINING IN GREEK AND HEBREW. IT GRATUITOUSLY ADDS WORDS AND NAMES TO SUPPORT JW DOCTRINE. EXAMPLE: INSTEAD OF TRANSLATING "GOD'S SPIRIT" IN GEN. 1:2, IT SAYS "GOD'S ACTIVE FORCE"

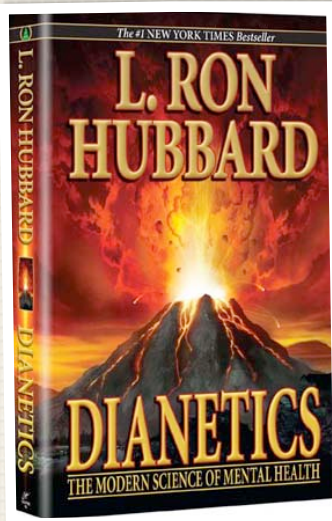
Scientology

1. Humans are “Thetans” (immortal spiritual beings).
2. Thetans travel through many lifetimes of reincarnations called “The Time Track.” The mental image pictures of these lives accumulate in the unconscious mind of the person.
3. “Engrams” are negative mental images that accumulate in a person’s subconscious and wreak havoc on an individual’s life.
4. These engrams can only be brought to the surface and expunged through the process of “auditing,” (a process of locating and eradicating sources of spiritual distress.)
5. Auditing involves the use of a machine called an “Electropsychometer,” a machine which Scientology claims is able to remove engrams.
6. A person who has successfully been through the expensive and lengthy process of dianetics, and has removed all the negative engrams is called “clear.”
7. A person progressing through the levels of dianetics is called, “pre-clear.”
8. A person attaining higher levels is called an “Operating Thetan.” They are said to understand and exert their will over life, thought, energy, matter, space, and time.
9. Scientology claims to be compatible with many different kinds of belief. It claims to have no dogma regarding God.
10. Scientology also denies orthodox Christian teaching on hell, sin, the exclusivity of salvation through Christ, and the fallen nature of man.
11. There is a disputed story which claims L. Ron Hubbard teaches that the “thetans” (us) were delivered here to be destroyed by Xenu, the dictator of a Galactic Confederacy.



L. RON HUBBARD

HE WAS A SCIENCE FICTION WRITER. SCIENTOLOGISTS REGARD HIM AS A MODERN GENIUS WHO AS A YOUNG MAN WHO EXPLORED THE WORLD, STUDIED THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES, AND EVENTUALLY DISCOVERED THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF LIFE’S QUESTIONS WHICH HE CODIFIED IN HIS BOOKS AND SPEECHES.



DIANETICS

HUBBARD’S MASTERWORK AND THE BASIS FOR SCIENTOLOGY. IT CLAIMS TO PRESENT A METHOD WHICH CAN HELP ALLEVIATE UNWANTED EMOTIONS, IRRATIONAL FEARS, AND PSYCHOSOMATIC ILLNESSES. IT TEACHES THAT MAN’S SOUL CAUSES TROUBLE FOR THE BODY, THROUGH THE MIND. THEREFORE, THE SOUL AND MIND MUST BE CLEARED OF THE SOUL’S AILMENTS THROUGH “AUDITING.”



AUDITING

SCIENTOLOGY COUNSELING WHICH HELPS INDIVIDUALS UNDERSTAND THEIR SOUL’S ISSUES. THE SUBJECT HOLDS TWO INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED TO AN “ELECTROPSYCHOMETER” AND IS ASKED QUESTIONS AS THE AUDITOR WATCHES THE E-METER FOR “ENGRAMS.” (NEGATIVE MENTAL IMPULSES)

Oneness Pentecostalism

Although there are many charismatic denominations that are perfectly orthodox as Christian churches, the Oneness Pentecostals are not among them. There are elements of good and bad theology in the system.

ORTHODOX BELIEFS

1. There is only one God
2. The Bible is God's inerrant word
3. Jesus was virgin born with two natures
4. Justification by faith
5. Baptism by immersion

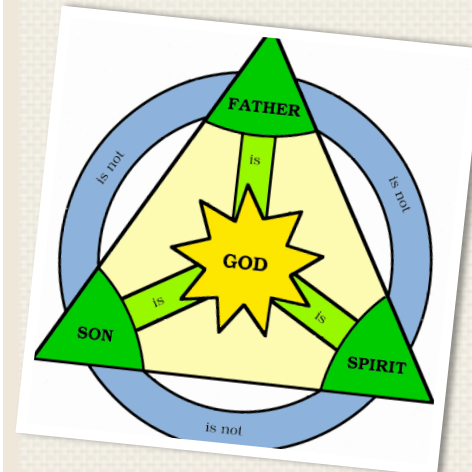
NON-ORTHODOX BELIEFS

1. Deny the doctrine of the Trinity
2. Deny justification by faith alone (they include baptism)
3. Jesus is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
4. Baptism is necessary for salvation
5. Being "born again" means repentance, baptism, and speaking in tongues
6. Baptism is invalid unless done in the formula "in Jesus' name."
7. Baptism must be administered by an ordained oneness minister
8. Speaking in tongues is necessary to prove one has been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit
9. Only oneness believers go to heaven
10. Women may be pastors
11. Good Works and obedience must be present or individuals will lose their salvation.
12. Many Oneness churches are extremely legalistic, forbidding women wearing pants, wearing make-up, or having their hair a certain way.



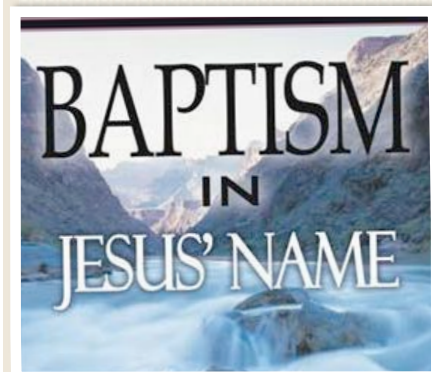
ORIGINS

ONENESS PENTECOSTALISM EMERGED OUT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN THE EARLY 1900S. DISPUTES REGARDING THE TRINITY AROSE IN THE DENOMINATION AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CHURCH SEPARATED ULTIMATELY FORMING THE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (UPCI, TODAY COMPRISES 75% OF THE 5 MILLION ONENESS BELIEVERS.)



MODALISM

THE MAIN CAUSE OF SEPARATION WAS THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY. ONENESS BELIEVERS DENY THE DOCTRINE SAYING THAT JESUS IS THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. THESE ARE SIMPLY DIFFERING ROLES WHICH JESUS PLAYS ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.



BAPTISM

IN ONENESS PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY, BAPTISM IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION AND BAPTISM MUST BE DONE "IN JESUS' NAME" ACCORDING TO THEIR VIEW OF ACTS 2:38. BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT IS INVALID FOR SALVATION IN THE CHURCH.

Roman Catholicism

ORTHODOX BELIEFS

1. There is one God, who is a Trinity.
2. Jesus was virgin born, and died for the sins of the world on the cross.
3. Jesus was physically raised from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father.
4. The Bible is God's infallible Word.
5. Jesus will judge all mankind at the end of history.

NON-ORTHODOX BELIEFS

1. God's revelation does not come only from the Bible. It also comes from the Pope, the traditions of the church, and the bishops, when they are in council.
2. The Bible contains more than 66 books. These books are called the "Apocrypha."
3. The Bible is not sufficient for faith and practice, the Church traditions are equally authoritative.
4. Mary is a co-mediator and redeemer with Christ, who is to be worshiped and prayed to.
5. Salvation comes through a system of sacramental works, which merit grace. These sacraments are baptism, confirmation, penance, the Eucharist (Communion), marriage, anointing the sick, and holy orders.
6. Upon death, men who have not done all they need to do for salvation are sent to "purgatory" to finish atoning for sin.
7. The length of stay in purgatory depends on the good works done on earth, the prayers of the living, and indulgences paid on behalf of the suffering.
8. Confession to God is made through the ordained Catholic priest.



THE POPE

ROMAN CATHOLICS BELIEVE THE POPE IS THE DIRECT SUCCESSOR TO PETER AND THE APOSTLES. WHEN THE POPE SPEAKS "EX CATHEDRA" (FROM HIS CHAIR OF AUTHORITY), HE IS INFALLIBLE. THIS DOCTRINE OF PAPAL INFALLIBILITY WAS FIRST DECLARED IN THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL, AROUND 1870.



MARY

IN CATHOLICISM, MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS IS SEEN AS SINLESS, A PERPETUAL VIRGIN, AND IS EVEN THOUGHT OF AS A "CO-REDEEMER" WITH JESUS. CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRAY TO MARY (AND OTHER SAINTS). MARY IS SAID TO HAVE ESCAPED DEATH (BEING SINLESS) BY BEING TAKEN TO HEAVEN. (THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY.)



TRADITION

CATHOLICS BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS ENOUGH TO GOVERN FAITH AND PRACTICE FOR THE CHURCH. THE TRADITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES IS ALSO AUTHORITATIVE AND BINDING FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO BELIEVE AND ACCEPT.

Buddhism

Buddhism is pantheistic (everything is god) and denies the existence of a personal God. It claims that by following the teachings of the Buddha, individuals can reach godlikeness on their own.

THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS

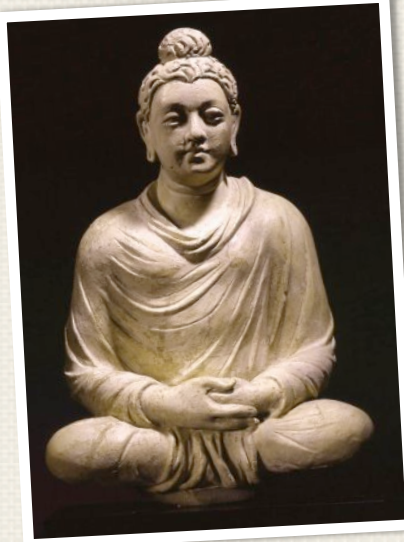
1. Dukkha: Suffering exists (It is almost universal and has many causes)
2. Samudaya: There is a cause for suffering (It is the desire to have and control things)
3. Nirodha: There is an end to suffering (Suffering ceases with the final liberation of Nirvana)
4. Magga: In order to end suffering, you must follow the Eightfold Path.

THE EIGHT-FOLD PATH

1. Samma ditthi: Right understanding of the four noble truths
2. Samma sankappa: Right thinking, following the right path in life
3. Samma vaca: Right speech, no lying, criticism, condemning, gossip, harsh language
4. Samma kammanta: Right conduct by following the five precepts
5. Samma ajiva: Right livelihood: support yourself without harming others
6. Samma vayama: Right effort, promote good thoughts, conquer evil thoughts
7. Samma sati: Right mindfulness, become aware of your body, mind and feelings
8. Samma samadhi: Right concentration, meditate to achieve a higher state of consciousness.

THE FIVE PRECEPTS

1. Do not kill (absence of violence)
2. Do not steal (absence of fraud and economic exploitation)
3. Do not lie
4. Do not misuse sex
5. Do not consume alcohol or other drugs



THE BUDDAH

SIDDHARTHA GOTAMA WAS BORN IN 563 B.C. THE STORY IS THAT HE FORSOOK ALL HIS POSSESSIONS AND SPENT SIX YEARS IN STUDY AND MEDITATION UNTIL HE FOUND WHAT HE CALLED, "THE MIDDLE PATH." HE REACHED AS STATE OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND BEGAN TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING FROM LIFE.

THE 4 NOBLE TRUTHS



THE BASICS OF BUDDHISM ARE SUMMED UP IN THE BUDDHA'S FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS. THESE FOUR TRUTHS WERE GIVEN IN A SERMON BY THE BUDDAH AFTER HE REACHED ENLIGHTENMENT. THESE TRUTHS ARE SAID TO ILLUSTRATE THE TRUTHS ABOUT MAN'S SUFFERING AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ALLEVIATING SUFFERING.

THE 8 FOLD PATH



THE PATH TOWARD THE CESSATION OF SUFFERING AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-AWAKENING. IT IS USED TO DEVELOP INSIGHT INTO THE TRUE NATURE OF REALITY AND TO ERADICATE GREED, HATRED, AND DELUSION. THE 8 FOLD PATH IS THE FOURTH OF BUDDAH'S NOBLE TRUTHS.

Wicca

Affirms

1. The existence of a supreme divine power known as "the One," or "the All"
2. The "All" is not separate from the universe, but part of it.
3. From the "All" came the god and goddess (the divine life forces)
4. Nature worship and environmental concerns are high.
5. Divinity is within
6. There are different paths to finding the truth about God.
7. All creatures have a life force.
8. Male and female principles are in balance throughout the universe.
9. Each person has male and female aspects that need to be balanced.
10. Multiple reincarnations
11. The existence of Karma (each person reaps the good and bad of past lives.)
12. The practice of rituals designed to attune Wiccans to the natural life forces.
13. Upon death a person is released back to a place called Summerland.
14. Different paths to spirituality are good as long as they don't hurt anyone.
15. Personal responsibility for one's actions.

DENIES

1. Reality of heaven and hell.
2. The existence of the Devil or absolute evil.
3. The inspiration and authority of the Bible.
4. Sin or a need for salvation.
5. Moral absolutes
6. Jesus is the only way to salvation
7. The male headship presented in Christianity.
8. The concept that humanity is to subdue the earth.



WITCHES

FORGET THE COMMON PRESENTATION OF WOMEN DRESSED IN BLACK RIDING BROOMS. REAL WITCHES CLAIM TO BE TOLERANT OF RELIGION. NATURE, MAGIC, AND OCCULT RITUALS ARE USED TO BENEFIT LIFE. THE GOAL IS HARMONY WITH NATURE AND THE LIFE FORCES.



DIVERSITY

NAILING DOWN EXACTLY WHAT WICCANS BELIEVE IS TOUGH. THERE IS NO HARD AND FAST HIERARCHY. EACH INDIVIDUAL OR COVEN HOLDS THEIR OWN PARTICULAR BELIEFS ABOUT SPIRITUALITY, DIVINITY, NATURE, AND REALITY. WICCANS ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WHAT MAY BE TRUE FOR SOME, MAY NOT BE TRUE FOR OTHERS.



CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF WICCA THAT HAVE SEEPED OVER INTO MUCH MODERN THOUGHT INCLUDING THE DIVERSITY OF TRUTH, THE LIFE FORCE OF NATURE, AND REINCARNATION. IN WICCA THERE IS A SUPREME DIVINE POWER THAT IS PART OF THE UNIVERSE CALLED, "THE ALL."

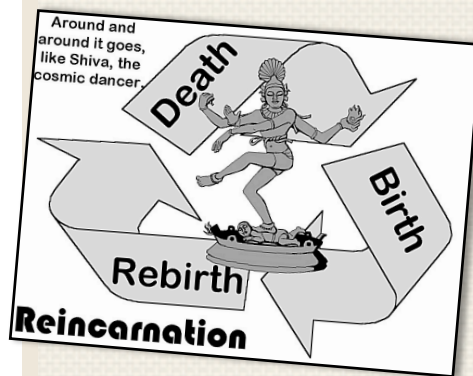
Hinduism

1. There is one supreme impersonal reality named Brahman. This is the source of all things
2. People's true selves (Atman) are extended from and one with Brahman.
3. Hindus believe in the truthfulness of the four Vedas but this does not mean that a Hindu must regard them as literally true or practice everything taught in them.
4. The universe and everything in it undergoes endless cycles of creation, preservation, and dissolution
5. Man's primary problem is that we are ignorant of our own divine nature.
6. The law of Karma says that our actions not only affect us in the present lifetime, but from lifetime to lifetime, which is why there is reincarnation.
7. The cycle of lifetimes is called Samsara, which means suffering. This is caused by people needing to work off bad Karma.
8. Moksha is the liberation or enlightenment one reaches from working off bad Karma. Many believe all people will eventually reach this state.
9. There are many different gods and goddesses, which can be appeased through various rituals in the temple or other places
10. There are various enlightened masters, avatars, or teachers who serve as guides to faithful Hindus.
11. Hindus have great respect for all life forms and seek to cause the least amount of harm. This is called Ahimsa, and is applied to humans and animals.
12. Hindus believe there are many paths to God. There is not one true religion or one right way to find Brahman.



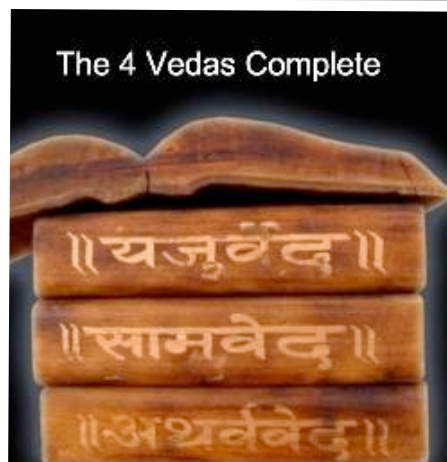
BRAHMAN

IN HINDUISM THERE IS ONE SUPREME IMPERSONAL REALITY NAMED BRAHMAN. BRAHMAN IS THE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS. IT IS IMPERSONAL, ETERNAL, AND BEYOND ALL HUMAN COMPREHENSION.



CYCLES OF TIME

THE UNIVERSE UNDERGOES ENDLESS CYCLES OF CREATION, PRESERVATION AND DISSOLUTION. THIS INCLUDES HUMAN LIFE. PEOPLE LIVE DIE AND ARE REBORN ACCORDING TO THEIR KARMA. WHEN THEY WORK OFF THEIR BAD KARMA THEY MAY ACHIEVE MOKSHA (TRUE ENLIGHTENMENT.)



THE 4 VEDAS

INDIAN TEXTS ORGANIZED AROUND FOUR COLLECTIONS OF METRICAL MATERIAL KNOWN AS SAMHITAS. THE RIGVEDA - CONTAINING HYMNS, THE YAJURVEDA - CONTAINING FORMULAS FOR RECITING, THE SAMAVEDA - CONTAINING FORMULAS TO BE SUNG, AND THE ATHARVAVEDA - COLLECTIONS OF SPELLS, INCANTATIONS, HYMNS

New Age Movement

The New Age Movement is very diverse. There is no one hard and fast organization that presents a uniform doctrine, however, the majority of adherents believe the following:

1. There are many sources of revelation.
2. Many engage in spirit channeling
3. God is all there is. There is nothing anywhere in the universe that is not god.
4. Jesus attained Christhood, which is the divine spirit that descended upon him at his baptism.
5. Man is divine. Humans have unlimited potential to become divine in the same way as Jesus by atuning themselves to their "Christ" spirit.
6. There is no sin except ignorance. Divine humans are a law unto themselves.
7. Salvation is simply enlightenment of new age truth and reincarnation. Jesus died on the cross to "help balance the planetary karma." (Benjamin Creme, *The Reappearance of the Christ*)
8. Personal transformation takes place when a human being recognizes his or her oneness with all things in the universe.
9. Values and ethics are not to be imposed from without but must be discovered within.
10. The practice of deep meditation leads man to become one with god (or the absolute) and conventions like time and space are transcended.
11. New agers use visualization (mind over matter) to create life as they want it. Man's thoughts are always creating his reality.



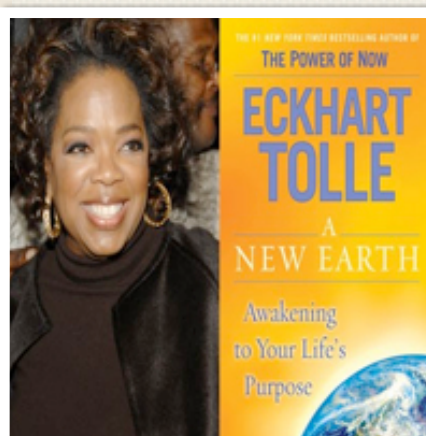
OUIJA

MANY DIFFERENT METHODS AND OCCULT TOOLS ARE USED TO CONTACT AND CHANNEL SPIRITS IN THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT. IT IS VERY ECLECTIC, DRAWING FROM HOLY BOOKS, PSYCHICS AND CHANNELERS, AND SPIRIT GUIDES PEOPLE MEET DURING DEEP MEDITATION.



DIVINE HUMAN

NEW AGE PHILOSOPHY CONTENTS THAT HUMANS ARE DIVINE. ACCORDING TO THE AQUARIAN GOSPEL OF JESUS THE CHRIST (A BOOK WRITTEN IN 1908 AND ADOPTED BY MANY NEW AGERS) QUOTES JESUS AS SAYING, "I CAME TO SHOW THE POSSIBILITIES OF MAN; WHAT I HAVE DONE ALL MEN MAY DO, AND WHAT I AM ALL MEN SHALL BE."



CHRIST SPIRIT

FOR NEW AGERS, JESUS WAS SIMPLY A MAN WHO PERFECTLY RECOGNIZED HIS OWN INNER DIVINITY. THE "CHRIST" SPIRIT IS THAT DIVINE NATURE WHICH CAME UPON HIM AND WHICH IS IN EACH ONE OF US. ONE OF THE GREATEST INFLUENCES IN THIS TEACHING IS OPRAH WINFREY, WHO OFTEN SPEAKS OF THE "CHRIST" SPIRIT.