

# TRUTH VS. ERROR

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# Truth vs. Error

# **Truth Concerning God**

There is one God, who is Father of all. The theory of no God is error. God is a Spirit. Many say they believe in a Supreme Being, but if so, there must also be an intelligence of an understanding of life and the heavens. Scientists have tried for many centuries to understand these mysteries. The Psalmist said, "When I consider thy Heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained." (Psa. 8:3). See how things all work in harmony with each other? See how they maintain proper distance from each other? See how the light has been divided from the darkness? Who put these things in order? Was it not an intelligence, someone who knew how, and has the power? How is it that the raindrops are not as large as buckets? They would drown every one if they were, as God knew. God's creation dovetails perfectly. What about the seasons, summer and winter? Let things get out of balance and everything would burn up or freeze up. What of man? If he came up by evolution, why could he not go back from where he came? The wise man said that man would go back to dust, "and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Ecc. 12:7). God is known to a great extent by His creation, and more fully by His indwelling in the heart of the bornagain person, who is born of the Spirit. God is Holy, just, and we know not God until we receive Him in our hearts. God is a person

with personality who delights in His children. We are all His children by right of creation, but <u>not</u> by right of the spiritual birth. God's Word says, "repentance that brings us in contact with God." The great wonders of nature did not just happen. They were planned by an intelligent Being.

# **Christian Science Teachings Concerning God**

Christian Science says God is not a person.

Answer: "Who being in the brightness of His glory, and the express image of his person . . ." (Heb. 1:3).

Christian Science says that principles and ideas are God.

Answer: Good principles are the attributes of God. Bad principles are the attributes of the devil. There could be no principles without an intelligent Being to give them. Principles are rules of conduct given by some person. God is a person, and His laws (or rules of conduct) are principle.

Christian Science denies three persons in the God-head.

Answer: "There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word (or Christ) and the Holy Ghost . . ." (1 John 5:7).

Christian Science says God is a divine principle.

Answer: God has divine principles.

Christian Scientists say God is mind, and there can be but one mind because there is but one God.

Answer: God has a mind. "Let this mind be in you . . ." (Phil. 2:5). God's mind can be changed through prayer. "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them."

(Jonah 3:10) (also see 2 Kings 20:1-6). Our minds can be changed to be like the mind of God. (Rom. 8:6-9).

"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." (Rom. 11:22). "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will (or mind?) of God." (Rom. 12:2).

Christian Science says prayer to a personal God is a hindrance.

Answer: "... I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you, for the Father himself loveth you..." (John 16:26, 27). "... In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6).

# **Spiritualistic Teachings Concerning God**

Spiritualists teach that God is impersonal.

Answer: "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person . . ." (Heb. 1:3). If He is a person then He is not impersonal.

Spiritualists deny that God inspired the writers of the Bible to make known His will. They say this teaching is a gross outrage and is misleading to the public.

Answer: "There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God. . . ." (2 Tim. 3:16).

# Jehovah's Witness Teachings Concerning the God-Head

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that the doctrine of the Trinity of God is well suited to the Dark Ages which it helped to produce. They call it "Trinitarian nonsense" taught by gray-haired professors.

<u>Answer</u>: "There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word (or Christ), and the Holy Ghost . . ." (1 John 5:7).

# **Mormon Teachings Concerning the God-Head**

Mormons teach that Adam is our father and our god, the only god we have to do with.

Answer: God is eternal, and never dies. Adam died. God is a Spirit. (John 4:24). Adam was a man.

Mormons teach that God was once as we are now; an exalted man. (?)

Answer: The scripture says of God, "God is not a man . . ." (Num. 23:19). He is eternal.

Mormons teach that God is not a spirit, but a man like Brigham Young.

Answer: "God is a Spirit . . ." (John 4:24). Brigham Young died, but God is eternal.

Mormons say the Kingdom of God is the Mormon priesthood; to disobey the priesthood is to disobey God.

Answer: "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14:17) ". . . Behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21).

The Mormon priesthood dies and comes to an end, but the Kingdom of God is eternal. The Mormon priesthood cannot be God's priesthood, for they make Adam a man, their god. They teach that God, at one time, was an "exalted man", and make God a man like Brigham Young.

# **Theosophic Teaching Concerning the God-Head**

This teaching theorizes the reincarnation of man. Theosophists say that reincarnation is a divinity within itself, and a system of philosophy to investigate the things of nature; a sort of evolution. They believe God is an impersonal force, an impersonal thought permeating and interpenetrating all things.

<u>Answer</u>: This theory, of course, eliminates God and just leaves an ethereal condition without any intelligence to direct it. It has no foundation either from the Bible or reasoning. Creation demands a Creator, and intelligence.

To be a Theosophy believer one need only to worship the spirit of living nature and try to identify himself with it, but the Bible says, ". . . Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." (Matt. 4:10).

#### **Unitarian Teachings Concerning God**

The doctrine is "Unitarianism" the people are unitarians. It teaches that God is a principle and not a person.

Answer: The Bible teaches that God has principles, and is a person. (Heb. 1:3). He has laws and a mind. He is a spirit. The doctrine of unitarianism is somewhat like Christian Science.

# Modern Theological Teaching Concerning the God-Head

It teaches that God has no existence apart from the universe and never had.

Answer: "The eternal God is thy refuge . . ." (Deut. 33:27). "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God . . ." (Psa. 14:1).

It teaches that there has never been a Creation.

Answer: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1). ". . . God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:27).

Modern Theologians say it is only as we read God in the universe that we know anything about Him.

<u>Answer</u>: "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us . . ." (1 John 4:6).

They say God is man.

Answer: "God is not a man . . ." (Numbers 23:19).

# **Word of God Concerning Jesus Christ**

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). Jesus, the Savior, is Christ the anointed. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ." (John 1:11,12). Mary was His mother. "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:31). ". . . the Holy Ghost shall come

upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee . . . that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

# **Christian Science Teaching About Jesus Christ**

Christian Scientists teach that Christ is the impersonal Savior.

Answer: Christ is a person and a personal Savior. Jesus asked Peter, ". . . Whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:15, 16).

Christian Science says Jesus Christ is not God.

Answer: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt. 1:23).

It says that Christ is a divine Ideal; that His resurrection was a "spiritualization of thought."

Answer: Christ has a divine ideal. He had a body, was crucified, buried, raised the third day, and ascended to His Father, God. (1 Pet. 2:24). "This Jesus hath God raised up . . ." (Acts 2:32).

Christian Scientists say Jesus cast out evil spirits, or false beliefs.

Answer: Jesus cast out devils, evil spirits. (See Luke 4:33-35).

# **Spiritualism Concerning Jesus Christ**

Spiritualists say Christ himself was nothing more than a medium of high order. (Definition: Medium—Person through whom messages from spirit world are sent.)

Answer: Christ is the Son of God, a mediator between sinful man and God. (1 Tim. 2:5). (Definition: Mediator—One that goes between two parties to reconcile.)

Spiritualists believe that the teaching of spirits supersedes and is an advance upon the teaching of Christianity.

Answer: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1). We know the spirit of God when we confess Jesus Christ, with all our heart. Every spirit is not of God. (1 John 4:1). On the cross, Jesus said "It is finished . . ." (John 19:30). The plan of salvation was finished and need advance no more.

Spiritualists say Jesus Christ is not divine, and never claimed to be God manifest in the flesh.

Answer: ". . . Great is the mystery of Godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, . . ." (1 Tim. 3:16) which was Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God dwelling in the flesh here on earth. ". . . Was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . ." (John 1:14). There is nothing in the Bible about him being an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere. These things are doctrines of the devil.

# Jehovah's Witnesses Concerning Jesus Christ

They teach that the man Jesus is dead, forever dead.

Answer: "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3). "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen..." (Rev. 1:18).

Jehovah's Witnesses say it was necessary that He should never live again, but remain dead to all eternity.

Answer: "I am alive forevermore . . ." (Rev. 1:18). Also see Rev. 2:8.

They say the man Christ Jesus never arose from the dead.

Answer: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11).

Jehovah's Witnesses say we know nothing of what became of Jesus' body.

Answer: "... Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side ..." (John 20:27). "The Lord is risen indeed ..." (Luke 24:34). "... Why are ye troubled? ... Behold my hands and my feet ... handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Luke 24:38, 39). "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19).

Jehovah's Witnesses say Jesus was not a combination of two natures, human and divine.

Answer: He was divine, and had the divine nature. He said, "... that ye might be partakers of the divine nature . ." (2 Peter 1:4). He was also human, even as we are. All His sufferings proved this. He said, "... Father, ... let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matt. 26:39). His humanity cried out, "... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). He said, "... My soul is exceeding sorrowful . ." (Matt. 26:38). He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do . ." (Luke 23:34). That was his divine nature.

# **Theosophic Teaching About Jesus Christ**

We don't have much comment on this teaching except world religion is the religion of the world, not the religion of Christ. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world . . ." (John 18:36). It is separate, and is from above. World religion is from beneath.

# **Mormon Teachings About Jesus Christ**

Mormons teach that Jesus was the son of Adam, God, and Mary.

Answer: Jesus was the son of God, not Adam. One can see right away the error of this teaching. Mormons say that Joseph Smith was a descendant of Christ. They say that Jesus was married to Mary and Martha. The Bible does not claim a union of that type, but says His disciples were his mother, brother, and sister. (Mark 3:35). Jesus was married to the Church of God by a spiritual marriage. (Rev. 21:9).

# **Unitarian Teaching About Jesus Christ**

They say Jesus was not the Christ.

Answer: Jesus was the Savior; Christ the anointed. Both names apply to the same man. (Matt. 16:13-16).

They say that Jesus Christ was God's thought of man.

Answer: Jesus Christ was manifest in the flesh; a real man, not just a thought. He was God manifest in the flesh. (1 Tim. 3:16).

# **Modern Theological Teaching About Jesus Christ**

It teaches that those who recorded the Virgin Birth were doubtless influenced by pagan fables.

Answer: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:31). The Bible tells us that Mary was a virgin.

Modern Theologians say a virgin birth and a literal resurrection are no part of the Christian faith.

Answer: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." (1 Cor. 15:20).

They say the recorded miracles of Christ are merely legendary exaggerations of events that are different from natural causes.

Answer: "Jesus went about all Galilee . . . preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matt. 4:23). Then in 66 A.D. the Apostle Peter wrote the following: "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." (2 Peter 1:16).

# The Word Concerning the Holy Spirit

"When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth . . . he shall testify of me." (John 15:26). "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." (John 16:8). "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth . . ." (John 16:13).

"The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things . . ." (John 14:26). Also read Romans 8:11.

Notice it said "he", as a person, the third person in the Godhead. Jesus said ". . . Whom the Father will send in my name . . ." (John 14:26.) When "he" (the Holy Spirit) comes he will convince or convict (or reprove?) the world, and teach them of truth. The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost into the hearts of the disciples and gave utterance to them to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

# **Christian Science Teaching of the Holy Ghost**

They say that Christian Science is divine Science.

Answer: That definition leaves out the Holy Spirit, just having head knowledge by which one may observe, measure, and locate the planets, stars, times, and seasons. Acts 1:7.

The Bible teaches the reality of the Holy Spirit in manifesting himself a person along with the Father and the Son. The Kingdom of God is not of this world, "for the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the

things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead . . ." Rom. 1:20. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Not scripture). It is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit that gives understanding of the invisible things of God. He came as a person on the Day of Pentecost and gave men understanding of Heavenly things, invisible things.

Christian Science says it is impossible for an infinite spirit or soul to be in a finite body.

Answer: "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11). "This I say then, walk in the Spirit . . ." (Gal. 5:16). "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:25). "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:22). "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." (Eph. 3:16). ". . . be filled with the Spirit." (Eph. 5:18). All mention of spirit here is Holy Spirit. There are many more errors in Christian Science along this line.

Spiritualism denies the personality of the Holy Spirit.

<u>Jehovah's Witnesses</u> deny all being and personality of the Holy Spirit, which is error.

Mormons say the Holy Spirit is an ethereal substance diffused through space, the purest most refined of substances. (This cancels out the personality of the Holy Spirit). They say the laying on of hands by the Mormon priesthood is the only way to receive the Holy Spirit. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . ." (Acts 2:1, 4). There was

no mention of laying on of hands to receive it on the day of Pentecost.

Unity of Holy Spirit (earlier labeled Unitarian teaching) says all is spirit; the spirit reigns in all the world. It recognizes no authority or guide except the discerning spirit of truth.

This reasoning teaches that it is only the spirit of man that we recognize as concerning truth. It says the Holy Spirit is not the author of the Bible.

Answer: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ." (2 Tim. 3:16). ". . . Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:21).

Unitarian believers say that if one substitutes the Bible for the spirit as his teacher, he fails to receive inspiration which would reveal truths that Jesus taught which are not in the Bible.

Answer: When the spirit of truth is come, He will guide us into all truth, but we read Jesus taught the people before they received the Holy Spirit.

Modern Theology teaches that impulses to righteousness that come to man, or conscience or influences which they believe emanate from the divine side of man's nature.

Answer: The first clause would make the Holy Spirit only a myth. The second has to do with God working through the conscience to convict man of sin. Paul said, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24). And followed with, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord, . . ." (Rom. 7:25). ". . . Sin is the transgression of the law," (1 John 3:4). "All unrighteousness is sin. . ." (1 John 5:17). "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). "If

we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:10).

# Spiritualism Teachings On Sin

Spiritualists teach that man never had a fall.

Answer: "Christ is become of no effect unto you . . . ye are fallen from grace . . ." (Gal. 5:4). Man fell to a lower state when he disobeyed God. "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12).

# Jehovah's Witnesses Teachings On Sin

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that death is the extinction of being as the wages of Sin.

Answer: It is said of the rich man in hell that he lifted up his eyes being in torment and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. The rich man cried, asking that Lazarus be sent for water to cool his tongue, and Abraham answered that in the rich man's lifetime he had had good things and likewise Lazarus evil things. Now Lazarus is comforted and the rich man tormented. (Luke 16:23). This does not sound like extinction. Lazarus and the rich man both died, but their souls lived on in a place of waiting until the judgment.

Jehovah's Witnesses say that during the Millennium the Spirit will be resurrected and receive a second chance.

Answer: No where does the Bible teach that a second chance will be given. When the Son of Man shall come in His glory all nations shall be gathered before him, then He will separate them

one from another, as a shepherd with the sheep and the goats, putting the sheep on the right hand and the goats on the left. Then He shall say to the sheep, "Come ye blessed of my Father" and to the goats, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 25:34, 41).

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that each person does not die for his own sins, but for Adam's sins.

Answer: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Adam's sin brought the whole world under sin, "as in Adam all die" having reference to Adam's sin which brought the fall of mankind. (1 Cor. 15:22). Spiritual death passed on all, "for all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12). "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," (1 Cor. 15:22). Sin brings a separation from God, which is death, but can be restored through Christ.

# **Christian Science Teachings of Sin**

Christian Scientists say that man is incapable of sin.

Answer: "He that committeth sin is of the devil . . ." (1 John 3:8). "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23, 5:12).

Christian Scientists say that sin, sickness, and death are illusions.

Answer: ". . . By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin . . ." (spiritual death.) (Rom 5:12).

Christian Science says man cannot sin because he derives his essence from God.

<u>Answer</u>: ". . . By one man sin entered into the world. . ." (Rom. 5:12). By disobeying God, death passed on all men and his very nature became sinful.

Christian Science says that as long as we believe a soul can sin, we can never understand the science of being. (Note: "Science of being" does not explain the cause and fallen nature of man, but merely uses human knowledge to explain their philosophy of no sin.)

Answer: Romans 5:12.

# **Theosophic Teachings On Sin**

Theosophists believe that all thought, good or bad, leaves its traces on the "thought body" and reappears in tendencies in future reincarnations. The only freedom from sin is to become entirely lost in meditative contemplation.

Answer: There is nothing to support this belief in the Bible. Reincarnation in another body is a myth from the devil. God gave us a body as it pleased him. (1 Cor. 15:38).

# **Mormon Teachings On Sin**

Mormons teach that it was necessary for Adam to eat the forbidden fruit in order to know good from evil; otherwise he could not have had mortal posterity.

Answer: The eating of the forbidden fruit was, in itself, a sin, disobeying God. The biological nature of Adam and Eve was not changed. There is no scripture to support the theory that knowledge of good and evil would bring forth mortal posterity.

# **Unitarian Teachings On Sin**

The doctrine of Unitarianism is that there is no sin, sickness, or death.

Answer: (See Christian Scientist on the question, Page 18). One might as well say the Bible is all wrong. Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. Jesus said "Repent of your sins" (Rom. 5:12), (Matt. 10:1), (Luke 13:3), (Mark 2:17).

They teach that God sees no evil, for there is no evil.

Answer: "If ye . . . being evil . . ." (Luke 11:13). "Evil men . . . bringeth forth . . . evil . . ." (Luke 6:45). ". . . He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good . . ." (Matt. 5:45). "The tongue . . . is an unruly evil." (James 3:8). Isaiah 1:4 refers to a "seed of evildoers."

# **Unitarian Teachings On Sin**

They teach, first, that there is no sin. However, another teaching is that sin is coming short of demonstrating divine nature.

Answer: There is no divine nature outside of the power of God to change the nature of man from bad to good. (2 Pet. 1:4).

# Modern Theologic Teachings On Sin

They teach that man is under a process of evolution which has neither beginning nor end, without free will. Another doctrine is that, if man ever had a fall it was upward rather than downward. Man's present moral condition is due to his failure to rise above animalism, and evil is not a principle at war with good.

<u>Answer</u>: This theory seems to be contradictory. The theory of evolution has no foundation in the Bible. God created man in His

own image; surely God was wise enough to create a perfect being and no improvement through evolution would be necessary.

Man has a free will. Man's present moral condition is due to sin. Paul, in the 7th chapter of Romans says, "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." (Rom. 7:23). He followed with, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . ." (Rom. 7:25). That was war, but it was terminated in Christ as victor.

# The Word of God Concerning Redemption

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. We are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Without the shedding of His blood there would be no remission of Sin. Every priest standing ministering daily and offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins, but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. Heb. 10:11, 12.

1 John 1:7; Matt. 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 1:5, 6; Heb. 9:22; Heb. 10:11, 12.

#### **Christian Science Teachings On Redemption**

They teach that the efficacy of the blood of Christ is not sufficient to save a soul. One sacrifice, however great, is not enough to pay the debt of sin. They saw him after His crucifixion and learned He had not died. That God's wrath should be vented upon His beloved son is divinely unnatural.

Answer: Compare the foregoing with the preceding topic, "The Word of God Concerning Redemption". All of these

statements of doctrine by Christian Scientists are contrary to the Bible, Heb. 9:22.

# **Spiritualistic Teachings On Redemption**

Spiritualists teach that there is no atoning value in the death of Jesus Christ.

Answer: Rom. 5:10. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Spiritualists say that salvation by a vicarious atonement is wicked and a soul destroying delusion.

Answer: "Neither is there salvation in any other." (Acts 4:12).

#### **Jehovah's Witnesses Teachings On Redemption**

They teach that the ransom given by Jesus Christ does not guarantee everlasting life.

<u>Answer</u>: "There is one God and one Mediator between God and men; the man Jesus Christ." (1 Tim. 2:5).

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that the atonement was for the sin of Adam.

<u>Answer</u>: Rom. 5:11. ". . . But we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Notice, we, the saved.

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Adam is to be brought back to existence for the millennial trial.

Answer: No Millennial period is taught in the Bible. The thousand years that many are depending on for a future salvation was in the dark ages of Christian era, and was past ages ago.

# **Theosophic Teachings On Redemption**

Theosophists teach that an ordinary being must pass through some eight hundred incarnations before he can complete his purifications from sin.

Answer: James 1:27. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

# **Mormon Teachings On Redemption**

Mormons teach that Christ's atonement was not sufficient for personal sins.

Answer: 1 Cor. 15:22. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Luke 7:47. "... Her sins, which are many, are forgiven..."

Mormons teach that man can be redeemed only by obedience to Mormon ceremonies.

Answer: Eph. 2:9, 10. "Not of works, lest any man should boast, for we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."

They teach that all are damned who do not avail themselves of these ceremonies.

Answer: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; . . and a contrite heart." Psa. 51:17.

# **Unitarian Teachings On Redemption**

They teach that we can overcome the accuser by denying his existence and power.

<u>Answer</u>: He existed in the temptations of Jesus. Jesus talked to him personally. Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.

They say that through the mind of man, the earth will be redeemed from all imperfections and harmony, and order in creation restored.

Answer: ". . . The earth also and the works thereof shall be burned up." (not over). 2 Peter 3:10.

# **Modern Theological Teachings On Redemption**

They say that every man must atone for his own soul.

Answer: "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. (John 8:24.) Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. ". . . the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Heb. 9:14).

# The Word of God Concerning Salvation

"As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them who believed on His name." (John 1:12). "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us . . ." (Titus 3:5). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

(Eph. 2:8). "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:24.)

#### **Christian Science On Salvation**

They teach that God created all through mind, made all perfect and eternal; where then, is the necessity of "re-creation", or salvation?

Answer: "As in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Through Adam's fall through sin, so all had to be recreated in the inner man through Christ Jesus. (1 Cor. 15:22).

# **Spiritualistic Teachings On Salvation**

They teach that in the Spirit world souls do wrong as they do here.

Answer: Heaven is a holy place. Jesus said, ". . . Ye shall die in your sins, and where I am, ye cannot come." Jn. 8:21.

# Jehovah's Witnesses Teachings On Salvation

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that no one has immortality by recreation.

Answer: 1 Cor. 15:53. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

#### **Mormon Teachings On Salvation**

Mormons teach that to rid ourselves of sin, we must follow the teachings and forms of the Mormon church.

Answer: "... He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness ..."

John 8:12.

Mormons teach that plurality of wives is a means of grace. <u>Answer</u>: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, . . . and shall marry another, committeth adultery: . . ." Matt. 19:9.

# **Unitarian Teachings On Salvation**

They teach that the repeated incarnations of man are a merciful provision to the end that all may have the opportunity to claim immortality as Jesus did.

Answer: Man's change of life in Christ is when man repents of sin and believes from his heart. "For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10.

# **Modern Theological Teachings On Salvation**

They teach that all are sons of God and will eventually be saved.

Answer: ". . . If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24.

#### Retribution

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame . . ." Dan. 12:2 "After death the judgment." Heb. 9:27. "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, . . . judged . . . according to their works." Rev. 20:12 ". . . The Lord Jesus . . . revealed from Heaven . . . in

flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God . . ." 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

# **Christian Science Teachings On Retribution**

They teach that there is no final judgment awaiting mortals, and that hell fire is a myth. Judgment day comes hourly, they say.

<u>Answer</u>: All these things are contrary to the Bible. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psa. 9:17).

# **Spiritualistic Teachings On Retribution**

They teach that hell does not exist and never will.

Answer: "Where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:44. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." (Psa. 9:17).

# Jehovah's Witnesses Teachings On Retribution

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that all who die without Christ will have another chance.

Answer: Matt. 25:31-33, 41. "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, . . . before Him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, . . ." the wicked on the left hand, the righteous on the right, "Then the King shall say to them on the right hand, Come ye blessed, . . . and on the left, depart." When? At his coming. No room for a second chance, no mention of it in the Bible.

The second death is separation forever from God. There is no need for a millennium. There is no place for it because the Bible says, "the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10). There is no time for it according to the Bible, because the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, when men shall least expect it. 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10. Do not be misled by false doctrine.

# **Mormon Teachings On Retribution**

Mormons teach that all will be damned who are not "latter day saints."

Answer: "All will be damned who are not saved." Matt. 25:31-46.

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