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Argentina	Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio; 1936-2025; AR & VA)	(Pope, Archbishop of Buenos Aires)	[1] [2]	1 The first Jesuit to be elected Pope.	[1]
				2 *"Mary is not only the bridge joining us to G-d; she is more. She is the road that G-d travelled to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach Him."*	[1]
				3 Active supporter of Pentecostalism, and invitation of their figurehead Kenneth Copeland to the Vatican. He also spoke at Copeland's Leadership Conference.	[1] [2]
				4 He regularly holds interfaith services and vehemently pushes a One World Religion.	[1]
				5 He has declared that Buddhists worship the same 'G-d' the Catholic Church worships.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 In 2019, he signed together with the Grand Imam 'Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb' the 'Abu Dhabi Declaration', a joint manifesto with the working title 'Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together'.	[1]
				This document in turn inspired the creation several other initiatives:	
				[2019] Establishment of the 'Higher Committee of Human Fraternity' which consists of Muslims, Roman Catholics and an American Jew, and has not surprisingly not included one single Christian.	[1]
				[2020] Creation of the 'International Day of Human Fraternity' by the UN, which further promotes mutual respect and a tolerance among Catholicism and Islam.	[1]
				[2020] Creation of the papal encyclical called 'Fratelli Tutti', meaning 'All Brothers'. This document uses the expression 'liberty, equality, and fraternity'. Masonic bodies have publicly praised the document as embracing universal fraternity, the great principle of modern Masonry. The idea of universal brotherhood as a bond that unites all human beings, regardless of their faith, expressed in the Fratelli Tutti are *"close to the ideals that have been the very foundations of Freemasonry from the very beginning"*.	[1]
				[2023] Inauguration of the 'Abrahamic Family House' in Abu Dhabi, an interfaith complex containing the Roman Catholic Church 'St. Francis', the Islamic mosque 'Imam Al-Tayeb' and the Jewish Synagogue 'Moses Ben Maimon' next to each other. The total project cost has not been publicly disclosed and is listed as 'undisclosed' by its architect. Reports have estimated the materials alone likely cost hundreds of millions of dollars and the complex was officially funded by the UAE government.	[1]
				7 In 2024, he declared that Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism are paths leading to 'G-d': *"All religions are paths to reach G-d ... They are like different languages in order to arrive at G-d, but G-d is G-d for everyone ... Since G-d is G-d for all, then we are all children of G-d. If you start to fight -'My religion is more important than yours; mine is true and yours isn't' -then where will that lead us? ... There is only one G-d, and each of us has a language to reach G-d. Some are Sikh, some Muslim, Hindu, Christian. And they are all paths to G-d."*	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Se*ual abuse scandals in Argentina; lack of transparency and refusal of Bergoglio to help victims.	[1] [2]
				9 Supporter of civil union laws for same-se* couples.	[1] [2] [3]
				10 Explicit and official support of Catholic Mysticism / Contemplative Prayer.	[1]
				11 Public endorsement of Thomas Merton, a Buddhist - Catholic monk.	[1] [2]
Australia	Brian Houston (1954-)	(Founder and Senior Pastor at Hillsong Church)	[1] [2]	1 Sex scandals. He concealed a ninefold child abuse.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Prosperity G-spel Teacher. Author of the book 'You Need More Money - Discovering G-d's Amazing Financial Plan for Your Life'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Considered the father of Pentecostalism in Sydney.	[1] [2]
				4 Many (if not all) of his churches are scandal-ridden.	[1] [2]
				5 Endorsements / collaboration with Joel Osteen, Joseph Prince, Kenneth Copeland, Paula White, Shawn Bolz, TD Jakes. Bill Johnson is a friend of Brian Houston and of other Hillsong pastors like Carl Lentz. Johnson has been invited as one of the main speakers at the Hillsong Conferences 2019 and 2020.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Christine Caine (1966-; & Nicholas Caine)	(Activist, Evangelist, Speaker, Pastor Hillsong Church, Equip & Empower Ministries, A21, Propel Women, Zoe Churches)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 She grew up in the Greek Orthodox church and is now part of the Pentecostal church.	[1] [2]
				2 Ordained pastor. She is actively preaching to men. Egalitarian, rebels against male authority.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 At least two of her books had been copied from another author.	[1]
				4 Proponent of Word of Faith (Prosperity G-spel).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 New Age practice of 'Impartation'.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 Spiritual daughter of Joyce Meyer. Co-authors.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7 Collaboration with Beth Moore, Joel Osteen, Paula White, Priscilla Shirer, Rebecca McLaughlin, Robert Morris, Steven Furtick, T.D. Jakes.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
	Steve Ciccolanti	(Speaker, End-Times Guru, Best-selling Author , Pastor)	[1] [2] [3]	1 His 'End Time University' is being led by · Jane McDonnough (Graduate Rhema Bible College by Kenneth E. Hagin), · Jim Kaseman (Graduate Rhema Bible College), · Wayne Cordeiro ('The Dream Releasers', 'Powerful Attitudes for a Successful Life', Preached at Rhema Bible Church dedicated by Kenneth E. Hagin). He himself studied at Rhema and openly promotes this fact and Word of Faith through his website.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				2 His teachings on eschatology play fast and loose with conspiracy theories, spiritualized numerology, and space aliens. His speculations range from rational to bizarre.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 His bookstore includes the books 'Igniting Your Passion to Pray | The Way of the Azusa Street Revival', 'Trump's Pro-Christian Accomplishments', 'Trump's Unfinished Business'. Many of his teachings use and promote Donald Trump, specifically as a future 'ruler of the world' (name of satan).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				4 3 times married, 2 times divorced, left wife for nanny, but self-declared expert in marriage counselling.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 He opposes gun control.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 Teaches greed through 'Blockchain & Bitcoin from a Christian Perspective'.	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Rick Joyner is his 'guru'.	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Highest endorsement for Billy Graham.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				9 His received endorsements include Rev. Samuel Sia (Anglican), Wong Foo Mun (Presbyterian).	[1]
Austria	Reinhard Hirtler (1961-; AU & BR & US)	(Pastor, Evangelist, 'Apostle', 'Prophet')	[1] [2]	1 Claims to have been teleported.	[1]
				2 Claims to have been dead for 4 hours and to have visited Heaven, having walked alongside IESOUS and also spoken to Paul, Abraham, Moses and David.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Called a random congregation to become apostles and prophets, says that everyone can prophesy.	[1] [2]
				4 Ordained by Morningstar TV (Rick Joyner; see separate discernment; NAR) where he worked for 8 years.	[1] [2]
				5 Prosperity G-spel teacher: *"Prosperity and divine provision are part of the redeeming gift that comes through the wonderful life of Christ."*	[1] [2]
				6 Teaches 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved' heresy and Hyper-grace (nearly identical to Joseph Prince): *"A Christian going to a prostitute will still go to heaven without repentance"; "Christians are never punished by G-d"; Teaches that the New Covenant is not with the believer, but only between the Father and the Son; We do not follow any laws of Christ nor the Moral Law; "It is wrong to bless others"; "Christians do not suffer nor have trials".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [sources in German language >> translate transcripts]
				7 Co-author of Mike Bickle in 'The Power to Forgive'.	[1]
				8 Founded the 'School of Supernatural / Prophecy'.	[1]
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Canada	Art Lucier (Arthur Lucier)	(Harvest Min. Int., School of The Prophets, Battle For Canada, Prophet, Pastor, Apostolic leader)	[1] [2] [3]	1	He teaches about grave sucking. He claimed that 'G-d' told him to go on a "physical" hill and shoot "physical" arrows at the principalities.	[1] [2]
				2	"Anointed" by Faytene Kryskow to have dominion over Canada. Close collaboration with her.	[1] [2]
				3	He prophesied Leslyn Lewis to be Prime Minister of Canada and Trump to win the 2020 election.	[1] [2]
				4	The School of the Prophets works with Jeremiah Johnson, Paul K. Davis, Stacey Campbell ... see also Bethel for further comments on "Prophet Schools".	[1] [2]
	Barry Wunsch	('Prophet', The Canadian Hammer)	[1] [2]	1	Dominionist. Claims to be the Canadian government of 'G-d' to write the laws of righteousness into the land.	[1] [2]
				2	His prophecies are published by Elijah list.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	He feeds conspiracy legacies concerning Trump.	[1]
				4	He had a vision where he was inside Trump's heart and saw there the cross of JESOUS CHRISTOS ...	[1]
	Carolyn Weber	(Author of 'Surprised by Oxford', Professor, Speaker)	[1] [2]	1	She worships Mary, not JESOUS. *"This virgin who gave me my "mojo", who gave me my G-d grove for which I had been built" ..." I looked at the statute of Mary, and she looked back. As I sat there, just the two of us, it occurred me: all for which she had labored ..." ... "For some reason, I felt more comfortable talking to Mary about this."*	[1] [1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	She is most probably an undercover Jesuit: Her collection *'10 Of My All Time Favorites'* on Goodreads includes: 'Hearts on Fire: Praying with JESUITS'. She endorsed Anthony de Mello (JESUIT priest), Gerard Manley Hopkins (English poet and JESUIT priest), St. Ignatius (JESUIT), John of the Cross (JESUIT, mentored by Teresa de Avila), Mother Teresa (direct enabler of sexual abuser and JESUIT priest Donald McGuire), Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (French JESUIT priest, father of transhumanism) and Teresa of Ávila (JESUIT confessor).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	She says about the latin mass *"It's so beautiful, I agree, but no one can understand it. Different generations flock to different service styles."*	[1] [2]
				4	Adoration of the Pope *"I do find Pope always a good place to return to ;)"*	[1]
				5	She described Catholicism and Protestantism as 'sects of the same creed'.	[1]
				6	Female teacher and feminist. Teaching function at St. Peter's College (Anglican). She "loves" Kathleen Norris, who is also a strong feminist and of the same spiritual walk. She endorsed Christina Rossetti (Feminists held her as symbol of constrained female genius and a leader among 19th-century poets).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7	She draws her inspiration from John Milton (Paradise Lost) and C.S. Lewis. She even attended C.S. Lewis Society meetings.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8	She promotes fortune telling in her book. She partook in this practise between her 'conversion' and her baptism.	[1]
				9	Heavy endorsement of Bono and the band U2 in her book 'Surprised by Oxford' - trying hard to put it in a Christian context.	[1]
				10	She endorses Augustine, Brennan Manning (Catholic priest), Francis Thompson (English poet and Catholic mystic), Madeleine L'Engle (Episcopal, Universalist), Thomas Merton (used the terms G*d / Krishna / Tao interchangeably), Friedrich Nietzsche, Sarah Young (Jesus Calling), Sigmund Freud, Samuel Taylor Coleridge (Anglican), Sheldon Vanauken (Anglican, co-author CS Lewis), Tolkien, and even quoted Jerome with the title 'saint'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Darell Johnson (CA & US)	(Author, Scholar at The Pastorate (former Canadian Church Leaders Network), Pastor at The Way Church, Teaching Fellow at Regent College)	[1] [2] [3]	1	See also the detailed discernment on 'The Pastorate'.	
				2	He served as Preaching Pastor and Senior Minister for a number of Presbyterian (Calvinist) Churches in the US, as well as for Union Church of Manila (Interdenominational church in the Philippines; merger of Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians; you will find The Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church in the pews).	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Explicit promotion of Catholic Mysticism, St. Ignatius' prayer of Examen (Jesuit practice), Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer.	[1] [2]
				4	He teaches the Enneagram: *"people are calling the Enneagram into question; we work with it; it is useful; that is a secret to know".*	[1]
				5	He teaches the false theology of an imminent return of JESOUS CHRISTOS: *"we could not have worship service tomorrow"*, while ignoring the context of the book of Revelation leading to His Second Coming. He further denies that the New Jerusalem will come physically.	[1]
				6	Eugene Peterson (The Message bible) was close to Darrell Johnson (both taught at Regent College). Use of the Message 'bible' in his newsletters.	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Close collaboration with Hillsong United.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8	*Strong support of Orthodox churches; "our friends".*	[1]
				9	*Female teaching pastors at The Way Church.*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				10	Endorsement of Dallas Willard.	[1] [2]
	David Demian (Mohsen) (CA & EG)	(Pastor, Dir. of Watchmen for the Nations, Common Wealth Church, Church of Zion)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]	1	Watchmen for the Nations is connected to New Life Fellowship with Patricia King and Stacey Campbell.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Adultery with numerous women; under the pretext of anointing them with his blessing; no repentance.	[1] most information systematically deleted
				3	Spiritual father of Faytene Kryskow.	[1] [2] [3]
				4	"Close friends" with Dick and Joan Deweert.	[1]
				5	Works with IHOP.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6	Works with Bill Johnson, Che Ahn and Heidi Baker.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7	*"In Hong Kong, Chuck Pierce placed the whirlwind shawl on David Demian's shoulder and declared that G-d has anointed him as His whirlwind for Asia."*	[1]
				8	*"James Goll is a dear brother, and I appreciate this timely and relevant book ..."*	[1]
				9	Collaboration with Art Lucier, Elijah List, Faytene, Sid Roth ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Danielle Strickland (1972-)	(Author, Church Planter, 'Bible Commentator', Justice Advocate, 'Major', Mission Developer, Speaker, 'Spiritual Leader', 'Teaching Pastor', Worship Leader)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Regular female teaching.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Made a public call for congregants to leave churches with male eldership only. Piloting a movement to launch female church planters. *"Jesus was a feminist."* Recommended the heretical book 'Why Not Women' (see discernment on books).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	Promotion of 'The Message' by Eugene Peterson.	[1]
				4	Proponent of the Enneagram.	[1]
				5	Active in Ecumenism; collaboration with Alpha Course and Canadian Church Leaders Network (now 'The Pastorate').	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6	Collaboration with Christine Caine.	[1] [2]
				7	She and her husband, Stephen Court, are speakers for 'The Aggressive Christianity Missions Training Corps' (abbreviated ACMTC; also known as the Holy Tribal Nation, the Free Love Ministries, or the Life Force Team), a militaristic Christian fundamentalist new religious movement, also described as cult.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Dick Deweert Joan Deweert	(Miracle Channel, Third Day Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]	1	Extra-marital affair with a married woman made him resign from Miracle Channel.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	False promises and using inappropriate fundraising tactics *"G-d wanted them to cash in their RRSPs and donate the money to the station"*.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Collaboration with Patricia King, et al.	[1]
	Faytene Grasseschi (Faytene Kryskow, 1974-)	('TV Host, Talk Shows, Author, Speaker, TheCry Movement, V-Kol Media Ministries)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Fake performance at "ordination" of Art Lucier and 'Jesus' (!), only Faytene but no bystander is affected.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Promoter of Dominionism and New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2]
				3	Collaboration with Harvest Ministries, Art Lucier.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Collaboration with Stacey Campbell.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	Collaboration with Patricia King.	[1]
	Glenda Dube	(Senior Pastor at Kingdom Harvest Ministries Int. / Destiny Center)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Female Pastor.	[1]
				2	Proudly served alongside Benny & Henry Hinn at Vancouver Christian Center. Traveled on crusades; oversaw the altar ministry and prayer healing lines; oversaw the counting of the offerings.	[1]
	Henry Hinn (CA & IS)	(Brother of Benny Hinn, Founder of Vancouver Christian Center)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Partnership with Benny Hinn's ministry and active involvement in crusades. False healings and Prosperity G-spel.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	People still slain in the spirit in 2021.	[1] [2]
	Hugh Ross (1945-)	(Astrophysicist, Christian Apologist, Old-Earth Creationist)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	He supports the Big Bang Theory - claims that the creation "days" of Genesis 1 do not represent literal 24-hour periods.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2	*"There are about 12 species of bipedal primates that predated Adam and Eve but they're in the same category the chimpanzees orangutangs and the gorillas ... and they're roughly similar to us ..."*	[1]
				3	Ross subtly equates science for nature - science and the Bible should be equated in authority.	[1] [2]
				4	Teachers such as Gary Habermas, Jack Hayford, Josh McDowell, Michael Licona and Wayne Grudem adapted his teaching.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	Close collaboration with Francis Collins from BioLogos.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6	Guest at the infamous 700 Club.	[1]
	Jordan Peterson (1962-)	(Author, Psychologist, Self-help Writer, Cultural Critic)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1	His aim is not Christianity, but rather to develop a generic own religion. *"An analysis of the world's religious ideas might allow us to describe our essential morality and eventually develop a universal system of morality." He is not promoting the Bible, he is subverting people away from it.*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	He is picking and choosing the parts of Christianity he likes. He denies that Jesus rose from the dead. *When asked "Do you believe that Jesus rose again from the dead"*, he answered: *"I cannot answer that question, it depends on what you mean by Jesus ...* I would say that at the moment I'm a gnostic about that issue".	[1] [2]
				3	He believes that the serpent in the Garden of Eden is actually an electrical force inside the human nervous system called Kundalini that ascends up the spine altering Consciousness and leading to human Enlightenment.	[1] [2]
				4	*"I do kundalini yoga in the morning with my wife ... for 20 years, not every day but I'd say a third of the time."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	Heavily influenced by Carl Jung's Psychotherapy (outmost heretical; called Ab***as a god higher than the Christian THEOS and devil who combines all opposites into one Being; embraces the gnostic Sophia). *"I mean people are very unsophisticated generally when they criticize Jung. I also spend a lot of time reading Carl Jung."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				6	*"You may know, you may not, that I'm an admirer of Nietzsche."* Nietzsche was a popular critic of Christianity, famous for his *'G-d is dead'*.	[1]
				7	He directly promotes the Catholic 'Hallow' app for prayer and meditation (featuring Jonathan 'Jesus' Roumie, The Chosen), which involves Contemplative Prayer, the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Examen (Jesuit origin), Spiritual Writing and 'Christian' Meditation.	[1]
				8	His statement *'Catholicism is as sane as people can get'* clearly shows that he considers the Roman Catholic church as a beacon of moral truth. He has generally expressed a deep appreciation for Catholicism, particularly its historical tradition and 'theological' depth.	[1] [2]
				9	He promotes Elysium, the fountain of youth pill, and 'Body Armor built for everyday wear'.	[1] [2] [3]
				10	He took over at Harvard Timothy Leary's previous position, who considered himself to carry out the work of the Satanist Aleister Crawley.	[1]
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Canada	Ken Shigematsu (1966-)	(Author, Pastor Tenth Avenue Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He is *"pursuing most monastic ideals"*.	[1]
				2 Teaches 'Spiritual Formation' including 'Contemplative Prayer' (Mysticism; repeat the name of 'Jesus' over and over) and 'Lectio Divina'. Embraces proponents of CP such as Dallas Willard, Henri Nouwen, John Ortberg, Peter Scazzero (friends), Richard Foster and Richard Rohr.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 He spoke at 'The Apprentice Gathering' (Spiritual Formation; see section 'movements'). Guest Author at 'The Discerning Leader Podcast'.	[1] [2]
				4 He did his dissertation on Teresa de Avila (First female Doctor of the Catholic church, Spanish Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish mystic, levitated on a number of occasions, most certainly demon-possessed) and St. John of the Cross (Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and a Carmelite friar).	[1] [2] [3]
				5 Further studies on St. Benedict (Catholic monk). In his book 'G-d in my Everything', he is advocating drawing closer to G-d by adapting St. Benedict's 'The Rule of Life' into all we do.	[1]
				6 Spiritual Formation conference with John Mark Comer, Tyler Staton (Practicing The Way) and the Canadian Church Leaders Network (now 'The Pastorate).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7 Positively quotes in his book 'G-d In My Everything' Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson (The Message), Richard Rohr (key figure of New Age), Joseph Martos (Catholic sacramental scholar).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8 Friendship and close collaboration with Darrell Johnson (head of the 'The Pastorate' which is also heavily promoting Spiritual Formation).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				9 He signed in 2016 a letter [see 1] from the Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver (only 5 signers), where the coming of Franklin Graham had been opposed for the wrong reasons, precisely for his opposition of Islam and homo*e*uality. Calvary Baptist Church, co-signer of the letter, is today openly supporting homo*se*xuality . . . [see 2].	[1] [2]
				10 Studied at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, an ecumenical Christian graduate school rooted in the Presbyterian Church. It specifically offers Spiritual Formation with a foundational course of 'Contemplative Listening'.	[1] [2] [3]
				11 His profile and book is being endorsed through the Renovaré website.	[1]
				12 He heavily endorses Jesuits such as St. Ignatius, Alphonsus, DeMello, Barry, Connolly ... and makes sure we become acquainted with Fr. James Martin's book: 'The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life', quoting from it in five different chapters of his book. He also endorses St. Ignatius' prayer of Examen which he practices daily, meaning that he is a practising Jesuit.	[1] [2]
	Len Lindstrom (Leonard Lindstrom)	(Founder of World Harvest Outreach Ministries Inc, aka Len Lindstrom Global; CEO Liberty of Itl. Mineral Corp.)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]	1 Outrageous claims to have saved 11.5 Million people.	[1]
				2 Collected for a mining project $18 million from 700 believers and 'lost' all the money. He took a salary of $200.000 and a hummer. He promised a return of 20, 30, 50 times the investment.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 Faith healer. Dubious healing services. Use of x-rays found on Google. Et al.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				4 Prosperity G-spel teaching; Pentecostal.	[1] [2]
	Mark Buchanan	(Pastor, Author, Assist. Professor at Ambrose University, Contributor to the Leadership Journal and Christianity Today).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 Book 'Your G-d is Too Safe': Foreword by Eugene Peterson. Includes witchcraft stories by C.S. Lewis.	[1]
				2 Encouraging, but problematic book 'The Rest of G-d'.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Studied Master at Regent College (Catholicism, Mysticism, Contemplative Prayer, Eugene Peterson).	[1] [2]
				4 Abide Guest Author' at Leadership Transformations, which is offering Lectio Divina, also endorsed by Richard Foster.	[1] [2]
				5 Jason Ballard from Canadian Church Leaders Network (see movements) declared him to be *'a guide in Christian mysticism, to be in one catalog with Ruth Haley Barton and Richard Foster'.* But Mark rejected this notion. His mother was indeed very much into 'Eastern Religions and Mysticism', it was through that quest that she and also he 'encountered Christ'. His wife functioned as his Spiritual Director and his 'guru'. But he appears to have made progress in over 14 years and to have distanced himself from mysticism.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 *"Annie Dillard's (Catholic author) books are well worth reading."*	[1]
				7 Friends and collaboration with Darrell Johnson and Ken Shigematsu (Tenth Church).	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Promotion of Pope Benedict XVI, Henri Nouwen ...	[1] [2]
	Rene McIntyre	(Proph. Preacher, Senior Pastor and Founder of Trumpet Of Truth, Radio Show Host on Hope FM)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]	1 She told Canada to call for the evil spirit of 'Jehu'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 False word over Canada, assigning the spirit of 'Jehu' to Maxime Bernier.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 She uses a partially destroyed Bible (min 12:02).	[1]
				4 Promotion of Hank Kunneman doctrine.	[1]
	Stacey Campbell (and Wesley Campbell)	(Prophetic Voice, Be A Hero & Revival Now Ministry, Dir. of Canadian Prophetic Council)	[1] [2]	1 Shaking performance.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 False prophecy about Todd Bentley.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Collaboration with Faytene Grasseschi.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 Part of 'Catholic Miracle Rally'.	[1]
				5 Their book 'Praying the Bible' highly praises Teresa de Avila as 'great saint'; total of 4 quotes. The foreword is written by Mike Bickle (IHOP). Endorsement of projects of Johannes Hartl (House of Prayer Augsburg), Jean-Luc Trachsel and Ben Fitzergerald (Awakening Europe).	[1]
				6 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website.	[1]
				7 Called out even by Benny Hinn as false teacher.	[1]
	Todd Bentley (1976-)	("Faith Healer", Lakeland Florida Revivals, Fresh Fire)	[1] [2]	1 Both he and his wife are probably demon possessed.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Sexual misconduct, adultery, homo*e*uality & alcohol abuse.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 He left his wife for a church intern.	[1] [2]
				4 Heavenly tourist, laying on an operating table.	[1]
				5 False healings. "Visited regularly by angels."	[1] [2]
				6 Former Hells Angels member.	[1]
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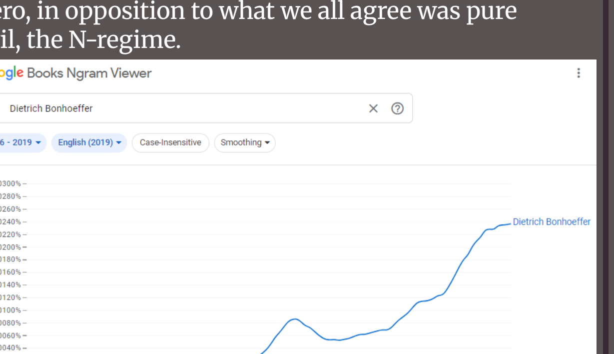
France	Brother Lawrence (1614-1691; ongoing and even increasing influence through his teachings)	(Catholic Monk)	[1]	1	His unbiblical technique of Contemplative Prayer and Catholic Mysticism is increasingly being used by Beth Moore, Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, Henri Nouwen, John Ortberg, Richard Foster, Rick Warren, Ruth Haley Barton and Timothy Keller, and is a fundamental and inseparable part of the Emerging Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Mentored by Teresa of Avila on Jewish Kabbalistic Mysticism (Esoteric Mysticism; levitated !!! on a number of occasions).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3	He showed regularly demon-possessed behavior.	[1] [2]
				4	Wrote the popular and highly influential book 'Practicing the Presence of G-d'.	[1] [2] [3]
Germany	Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)	(Lutheran Pastor, Theologian and Anti-Nazi Dissident, Co-Founder of the Confessing Church)	[1] [2]	1	Bonhoeffer was a footnote and practically not known in the 20th century, until the Catholic Church picked up on him in the 1960s. Today, both Catholics and Evangelicals love him for the fact that he died as a hero, in opposition to what we all agree was pure evil, the N-regime. 	[1]
				2	We read in his biography that the Colosseum (Rome) *"conveyed incredible power and beauty to him"*. We have to utterly condemn such a horrible statement. It is like saying to find beauty in a concentration camp.	[1]
				3	He, his father and his uncle were all freemasons, specifically members of the black fraternity 'Der Igel' (The Hedgehog) in Tübingen.	[1] [2]
				4	He expressed that *"the Catholic church is greater than their popes and minions"* and visited the mass, while criticizing specifically evangelicals for not pursuing the same liturgies on Palm Sunday.	[1]
				5	He visited in Rome the Chiesa del Gesù with the crypt of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. He *"marvelled at the multitude of white-robed Jesuits, swaying like a sea of flowers, who read passages from Lamentations, while large families waited their turn at the confessionals, illuminated by slowly darkening altar candles."* He later studied 'The Spiritual Exercises' of St. Ignatius of Loyola.	[1]
				6	Bonhoeffer claimed *"The biblical witness is uncertain with regard to the virgin birth."* He also rejected the notion of the verbal inspiration of Scripture, and in a footnote to 'Cost of Discipleship' he warned against viewing his statements about CHRISTOS' resurrection as ontological statements (that it did not happen in real space and time).	[1]
				7	Bonhoeffer himself admitted that his book 'The Cost of Discipleship' has a dangerous side to it. He maintained that the biblical author was restricted by the state of knowledge when it was written. The Garden of Eden is a mythical world and the story is picture language to convey truths which can never be grasped in themselves.	[1]
				8	He directed people to listen to the church rather than to seek personal revelation through studying the Scriptures. *"If we want to hear his* [Jesus'] *call to discipleship, we must hear him where he himself is. The call of Jesus Christ goes forth in the church through his word and sacrament. Preaching and sacrament of the church is the place of the presence of Jesus Christ. If you want to hear the call of Jesus to discipleship, you do not need any personal revelation. Hear the sermon and receive the sacrament!"*	[1]
				9	Proponent of the ecumencial movement.	[1] [2]
				10	He was influenced by Kierkegaard (committed to an irrationalist, existentialist worldview), Karl Barth (Calvinist; mark of Universalism; called the resurrection of IESOUS an *"unhistorical event"*), of Kant, Hegel, Schelling, Melanchton ...	[1] [2]
	Frank Schäfer (US) Uwe Schäfer (DE)	(Frank is LG**Q advocate; Uwe is Pastor)	[1] [2]	1	Frank: Tried and defrocked by a United Methodist court for officiating at his son's same-sex marriage.	[1] [2] [3]
			[1]	2	Uwe: Openly defended the position of his brother and same-sex-marriage. Complementarian.	[1]
	Johannes Hartl (1979-; Gebetshaus Augsburg, House of Prayer, IHOP)	(Author, Catholic Theologian, Composer, Philosoph)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	Mike Bickle in his foreword to Stacey Campbell's book: *"In 2005 during a visit to IHOPKC, the vision became clear to JH that they needed to launch a 24/7 HoP with the spirituality of the Catholic charismatic renewal movement and a focus on Ecumenism."*	[1]
				2	Contemplative Prayer, with the specifically mentioned origin in Teresa de Avila and Carmelite Mysticism. Other references are Johannes vom Kreuz, Henri Nouwen and Therese von Lisieux.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Strong proponent of ecumenism. The prayer house has been organizing the Ecumenical Conference MEHR since 2008.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Wrote the catholic 'Mission Manifest', mainly with Catholic theologians and specifically promoted with the Vatican.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5	They try to impress THEOS with many words. *"In his prayer instructions, Hartl states that many Christians can no longer think of anything else to say to G-d after an hour and a half. In order to be able to continue praying, one should, according to Hartl, resort to speaking in tongues* [=intentional and not SPIRIT-led!] *or to the Catholic rosary with its prayers to Mary. The ritual prayers of the Orthodox Church could also help here."*	[1]
				6	In Hartl's book on the Catholic faith, he also promotes papal infallibility, celibacy (priestly renunciation of marriage), the Catholic doctrine of purgatory, and prayer for the dead.	[1] [2]
				7	Close collaboration with Jean-Luc Trachsel (co-authors of several books, repeatedly invited to preach at his ministry).	[1]
	Marcus Rogers	(Musical Artist)	[1] [2] [3]	1	He continually twists Scripture.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	He frankly denies the Trinity.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	He long maintained the HOLY SPIRIT showed him that Trump would serve as president for another 4 years.	[1] [2]
	René Wagner	(Senior Pastor Zeal Church)	[1] [2]	1	Strong proponent of the Enneagram.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Several female (lead) pastors in his church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3	Repeated promotion of Brian Houston, a 'role model'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	Works with Matt Olthoff, husband of the false teacher Bianca Olthoff.	[1] [2]
				5	Rock concert under the pretext of 'church'. Blasphemed the HOLY SPIRIT.	[1] [2]
	Reinhard Bonnke (1940-2019)	(Pentecostal Evangelist; 'Prophet'; Christ For All Nations)	[1] [2]	1	One of the fathers of the Toronto Blessing.	[1] [2]
				2	Part of the Latter-Day-Movement.	[1] [2]
				3	False claims in a talk show with Benny Hinn: *"We had an average of 2 million completed decision cards for conversion, that is 6 million in 3 months* [...] *so in the 5 crusades I have a real chance to have 10 million souls who have received Jesus."* Since 1987, Christ For All Nations has supposedly 'documented' 78 million decisions for CHRISTOS in its massive open-air campaigns in Africa and around the world.	[1] [2]
				4	Close collaboration with Benny Hinn. He even remarried him to his wife in a big show.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	Many false healings and miracles. Big shows with people 'slain in the spirit', including people bringing objects they think have demons connected to them, piling them on stage, and having a big bonfire. On one night of a crusade, 15 people were trampled to death while supposedly 78 miracles happened.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				6	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation / Third Wave Movement, in close collaboration with C. Peter Wagner, Pat Robertson ...	[1] [2] [3]
				7	He gave transferable anointings / impartations to others. What does the Bible say? *"Impartation was never mandated or taught in Scripture. In fact in Exodus it is made very clear that our anointing (pictured in the oil) is for each individual alone and attempted impartation of the true anointing of the Holy Spirit is an abomination to the Lord. It also cannot be done "by" human hands because the Holy Spirit of G-d is sovereign and moves where He wills, not at the command of people. The few times during Pentecost when the Spirit was given separately from salvation He indwelled the new believers "at" the laying on of hands, not "by" the laying on of hands. The fact that no power transfer was possible "by" the Apostles became evident when Simon Magus tried to buy the power for himself and was roundly rebuked."*	[1] [2]
				8	Publicly defended female teaching in an interview.	[1] [2] [3]
				9	He added to the Bible, e.g. told stories how Noah had helpers whom he paid.	[1]
				10	He was a mentor to the highly problematic teacher Jean-Luc Trachsel.	[1]
				11	Financial partnership with bishop Earl Paulk, who was involved with many sex scandals spanning several decades. Earl even had a child with his sister-in-law and was charged with perjury.	[1]
India	Mother Teresa (1910-1997)	(Catholic nun; Founder of the Missionaries of Charity)	[1] [2] [3]	1	In 1994, Mother Teresa argued that the sexual abuse allegations against Jesuit priest Donald McGuire were untrue. She wrote to the Jesuits urging his reinstatement and successfully enabled years of further abuse. When he was finally convicted in 2006 of sexually molesting multiple children, Teresa defended him again. He has been described as "perhaps the most egregious offender among American Jesuits" and was convicted after 40 years of horrific crimes to 25 years of prison.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	*"Mary ... is our patroness and our Mother, and she is always leading us to Jesus."*	[1]
				3	She was a Universalist. *"All is G-d - Buddhists, Hindus, Christians, etc., all have access to the same G-d."* In her book 'Life in the Spirit: Reflections, Meditations and Prayers' she writes: *"We never try to convert those who receive to Christianity but in our work we bear witness to the love of G-d's presence and if Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, or agnostics become for this better men -simply better- we will be satisfied.* [...] *If he does not know any other way and if he has no doubt so that he does not need to search then this is his way to salvation."*	[1] [2]
				4	She directly worshipped Buddha.	[1]
				5	She is being endorsed by hosts of authors and teachers, such as Carol J. Kent, Carolyn Weber, Elizabeth Sherrill, Frank Turek, Gary Chapman, Gregory A. Boyd, Jefferson Moore (movie 'The Perfect Stranger'), J. Warner Wallace, Lee Strobel, Norman Geisler, Rick Warren, Tim Tebow et al.	[1]
	Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj	('A Prophet to the Nations', Founder of Jesus Ministries)	[1] [2]	1	He visited the Philippines in 2013 and warned about a 'flesh-eating disease', that will spread all over the world. This did not happen, neither in the Philippines nor in the world.	[1] [2]
				2	He stated that Trump is born again and is amongst only 5 in THEOS' eyes righteous presidents in all US history.	[1]
Israel	Benny Hinn (Toufik Benedictus Hinn; 1952-)	(Televangelist, Miracle Crusades)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Prosperity G-spel teacher --> 'repented' in 2019, but still continues the same practises.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2	He practises the Seed-Faith manipulation: *"You give and then G-d will give you back way more than you can ever expect."* His giving cards start with $10,000, $5000, $2000, $1000, $500, $250 ...	[1] [2]
				3	He can't even get his testimony straight. In the PTL Family Devotional in 12/1981 he said *"I got saved in Israel in 1968"*. In a 1983 message in St. Louis he said it was in Canada that I was born again right after 68. In 'Good Morning Holy Spirit' he said he was saved *"during my senior year"* (but he dropped out after the 11th grade). In 'Christianity Today' he said *"I got saved in high school in February 1972"*, and *"I never said I was a senior"*.	[1]
				4	He called biblical doctrine *"sick stuff"*.	[1]
				5	Prophesied that IESOUS would physically appear in his crusades.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6	His ministry was inspired by, and he regularly visits the grave of Kathryn Kuhlman.	[1] [2]
				7	THEOS gave him a vision that he was outside of heaven. He then wrote a letter to all his partners and stopped his crusades.	letter not published
				8	False healings and miracles. He claims that by having enough faith, G-d will heal people through the agency of a healer like himself.	[1]
				9	Adultery with Paula White.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10	His wife divorced him in 2010, Reinhard Bonnke remarried them in 2013, and his wife divorced him again in 2024.	[1] [2] [3]
				11	Net worth of US$60 million.	[1] [2] [3]
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Netherlands	Henri Nouwen (Henri Jozef Machiel Nouwen; 1932-1996)	(Celibate Homosexual Catholic Priest, Professor, Psychologist, Writer & Theologian)	[1] [2]	1 He was a Jesuit and studied at the 'Jesuit Aloysius College' in The Hague.	[1] [2]
				2 He taught Contemplative / Centering Prayer, Hesychasm and the Egyptian Desert fathers and mothers. Desert mysticism included cave-dwelling, starvation, and, at times, bodily mutilation.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3 He endorsed Universalism *"all human beings can walk through that door, whether they know about Jesus or not"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4 Endorsement of a book by Hindu spiritual teacher Elnath Easwaran (mantra meditation).	[1] [2]
				5 He openly embraced Buddhist concepts and asserted we can learn from them.	[1]
				6 Taught Kenosis (to empty one's mind; very similar to New Age/ Eastern meditation, but with Christian words).	[1] [2]
				7 *"Christ is the clown who came into our circus and made us laugh because he came to tell us that we are not what we perform. He came for the crying, the persecuted, the weak, the hungry, the poor. He who is called to be a minister is called to be a clown."*	[1] [2]
				8 Characterized Thomas Merton (Buddhist - Catholic monk) as *"the greatest spiritual writer of the twentieth century"*.	[1]
				9 Collaboration with Richard Rohr (New Age; foreword in book 'Following Jesus')	[1]
				10 Heavily promoted by the Francis Chan, G-spel Coalition, Mike Bickle, Peter Scazzero, The Pastorate (former Canadian Church Leaders Network), Ravi Zacharias, Richard Foster, Rick Warren, Timothy Keller et al.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				11 He was a self-confessed homo*e*ual who supported the idea of homo*e*ual unions.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				12 In a 1994 survey of 3,400 U.S. Protestant church leaders, Nouwen ranked second only to Billy Graham in influence among them.	[1]
Nigeria	David Olaniyi Oyedepo (Papa Oyedepo; 1954-)	(Preacher, Author, Founder of the Living Faith Church Worldwide, Bishop of Faith Tabernacle)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher. "If you are not a tither, you end up a beggar."	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 Oyedepo claimed that an embalmed man sneezed and came back to life, after his brother proclaimed that the 'g-d of Oyedepo' was in the room.	[1] [2]
				3 Ordained as pastor by Kenneth Copeland.	[1] [2]
				4 He has referred as mentors: Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, T.L Osborn, Smith WigglesWorth, Enoch Adeboye, Benson Idahosa.	[1] [2]
				5 Four private jets, estates, restaurants, shopping stores, bakery, processing plants, a petrol station, commercial properties and educational institutions, buildings in London and the United States et al ...	[1] [2]
				6 Net worth of US$200 million.	[1] [2]
	Enoch Adejare Adeboye ('Daddy G.O.'; 1942-)	(General Overseer at the Redeemed 'Christian' Church of g-d)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 Part of the Pentecostal Church (Latter Rain). The slogan of his personal website is 'Let It Rain'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Active role in the ecumenical movement. He works both for and with Islam. He blessed a spokesman of Boko Haram. He is also Advisory Board Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Global Ethics.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 Calls himself 'Daddy' = 'Father'. Open idolatry & blasphemy through congregation praying in his name.	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Several false prophecies, often copied from developments previously announced in newspapers.	[1] [2]
				5 Openly teaches the Prosperity G-spel. Anyone who does not pay his tithe cannot be married in church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6 His books have titles such as 'Ultimate Financial Breakthrough', 'Time of Favour', 'Prosperity: A Collection of Messages on Prosperity' ...	[1] [2]
				7 When they teach 'conduction and convection' as methods of transferring anointing, they go as far as to say that the 'cloth radiation' of a jacket one of their members wore at a Holy Ghost night, revived a week later a dead man on the street.	[1]
				8 Invited Kenneth Copeland to his conference.	[1] [2]
				9 Invited Archbishop Justin Welby, who doubts the existence of THEOS and actively supports gay marriage.	[1] [2]
				10 Strongly influenced by Kenneth Hagin.	[1] [2] [3]
				11 Net worth of US$39 million. Spent $30 million on a Gulfstream jet. Drives a Rolls-Royce.	[1] [2] [3]
	Sam Adeyemi (1967-)	(Founder and Senior Pastor of Daystar 'Christian' Centre, Author, Motivational Speaker, President of Success Power International)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]	1 Abandoned his church silently. Refused in Aug 2020 to re-open 'due to safety concerns', despite the authorization by the Nigerian government. Only later it turned out that he was already living in Canada /US. He has been teaching for 2 years since 2 years (update 10/2022) online from North America, where he heavily promotes his business model.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				2 His books have titles such as 'Ideas Rule the World', 'Multiply Your Success', 'Parable Of Dollars', 'Success Is Who You Are', 'Think And Succeed', 'We Are The Government' ...	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Prosperity G-spel "Sam would like to bless you with the Supernatural Promotion Series for a love gift of $20 or more."	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Teaches the Law of Attraction.	[1]
				5 Female pastors teaching at his church.	[1] [2]
				6 Follows Andy Stanley, Creflo Dollar, Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyer, K. Copeland, T.D. Jakes, R. Morris.	[1] [2]
				7 Success Power Int. offers 'How To Create The New You', 'How To Build Self-Esteem For Success' and 'How to Change Your Mindset for Success'	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8 Net worth of US$20 million.	[1]
	TB Joshua (Temitope Balogun Joshua; 1963-2021) Evelyn Joshua (1968-)	(Televangelist, Founder and Former Senior Pastor of Synagogue, Church of All Nations (SCOAN), Self-Declared 'Prophet')	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He probably committed suicide (*"from a yet-to-be-publicly-disclosed ailment"*) after the BBC had done the first interview of their documentary released 2.5 years later.	[1] [2]
				2 He claimed that every 2000 years comes a messiah, and he is the next after CHRISTOS. Proclaimed that he was 'prophesied' 100 years prior. He also forced others to call him 'Daddy'.	[1]
				3 His disciples lived with him in the church. The pass-ports were taken, forbidden to sleep for more than a few hours at a time, specific dress code, no own phones / personal emails. Corporal punishment. Death threats for those who spoke up and/or being locked up for months or years. He randomly raped 4-5 disciples per week over a time of 15 years. Many forced abortions (at least 1 disciple with 3 abortions), having occurred inside clinic / church complex.	[1]
				4 Brutal abuse of his illegitimate daughter since age 7, both by him and as commanded by his disciples.	[1]
				5 Every church service consisted (and still consists!) of fake healings and exorcisms, which drew followers from all over the world. Countless false prophecies.	[1] [2]
				6 In 2014, one of his churches collapsed, killing at least 116 people. The church was culpable because of criminal negligence, but he never faced any charges. Widespread bribes to officials and people of power.	[1] [2]
				7 After his death, the leadership limbo degenerated to a point where Joshua's disciples and prophets were attacked and harassed by the board loyal to his wife Evelyn, who is now leading the church by force. The disciples were evicted from the church, while others were held hostage in their rooms.	[1]
Singapore	Joseph Prince (Xenonamander Jegahusiee Singh; 1963-)	(Lead Pastor New Creation Church)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher. He states that THEOS calls His people to enjoy wealth.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 He claimed that THEOS is not running the entire world.	[1] [2]
				3 He specifically taught that the HOLY SPIRIT does not convict believers of their sin. *"Now pay attention to this because it will liberate you. The bottom line is that the Holy Spirit never convicts you of your sins. He never comes to point out your faults."*	From 'Destined To Reign', page 134
				4 Quotes from his book 'Destined to Reign': *"There is nothing but blessings for the believers."* (p. 53), *"G-d will never judge America for her sins."* (p. 49), *"Repentance and confession of sin are never necessary."* (p. 53). *"Repentance just means changing your mind."*	[1] [2]
				5 Hyper-Grace G-spel. He teaches that grace and law are opposites.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 Insider report from Kevin Kleint.	[1]
South Korea	Ock Soo Park (1944-)	(Pastor, Founder of Good News Mission)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	▶ see section 'cults': Good News Mission (GNM) / Christian Leaders Fellowship (CLF) / International Mind Education Institute (IMEI)	
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Spain	Teresa of Ávila (Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada; 1515-1582)	(Prominent sixteenth century mystic and Carmelite nun)	[1] [2]	1	Key figure of Catholic and 'Christian' Mysticism. Founded with the mystic John of the Cross the Discalced (without shoes) Carmelites, an order with roots in the eremitic tradition of the Desert fathers. Her doctrine of asceticism is considered a classic explanation and exposition of contemplative life.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	First female Doctor of the Catholic church - granted through Pope Paul VI in 1970.	[1] [2]
				3	She attended an Augustinian nuns' school.	[1]
				4	At the age of 41, fellow nuns and her priest confessors suggested that her newfound knowledge could be of diabolical and not of divine origin. She had begun to inflict mortifications of the flesh upon herself. But her confessor, the Jesuit Francis Borgia, reassured her of the divine inspiration of her thoughts.	[1] [2]
				5	Her spiritual adviser was the Franciscan priest, Peter of Alcantara, who is known to have undertaken cruel mortifications and who slept 1.5-2 hrs a night. For more than 20 years he wore an iron belt studded with sharp points which pierced his flesh, and for 40 years he daily scourged himself till he bled.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	She levitated on a number of occasions; at a height of about a foot and a half; for an extended period somewhat less than an hour, in a state of mystical rapture. She called the experience a "spiritual visitation". It was a source of embarrassment to her and she bade her sisters hold her down when this occurred.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7	People & organizations specifically endorsing her (and generally also Contemplative Prayer): Adam S. McHugh, Brennan Manning, Carolyn Weber, Dallas Willard, Elizabeth Gilbert, Eugene Peterson, Gareth Brandt, Henri Nouwen, James W. Goll, Johannes Hartl, John Mark Comer, Josh McDowell, Ken Shigematsu, Lee Strobel, Mike Bickle, The Pastorate (former Canadian Church Leaders Network), Pete Greig with 24/7 Prayer, Peter Scazzero, Regent College Vancouver, Richard Rohr, Rick Warren, Stacey Campbell (called her a great saint), The G-spel Coalition (TGC), Thomas Merton, Timothy Keller, Tyler Staton, Zack Eswine ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]
Switzerland	Jean-Luc Trachsel (1970-)	(Director IAHM-ItI. Assoc. of Healing Min., Awakening Europe, G12 Movement, Global Evangelist Alliance, Europe Shall Be Saved, Van Der Steen Ministries)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	Practices 'Cold Reading / Shotgunning' (techniques used by mentalists, psychics, fortune-tellers, and mediums; see also Shawn Bolz and Todd White).	[1]
				2	He studied at Oral Roberts University.	[1]
				3	Part of the Bethel Church team. Guest speaker for 'Miracle & Healing' services.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4	Bill Johnson wrote the foreword for 'Moving into Miracles & Healings'; Heidi Baker for 'Behind the Scenes of a Miracle'. He also wrote a book together with James W. Goll, Johannes Hartl and Lou Engle.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	*"Reinhard Bonnke was a father and a very good friend of mine, a supporter and a mentor since my youth."*	[1]
				6	Guest at Sid Roth's show 'It's Supernatural'.	[1] [2]
				7	The Gebetshaus Augsburg (House of Prayer, IHOP) is *"one of his favourite places"*.	[1]
				8	Invitation of Benny Hinn, Bill Johnson, Heidi Baker, Johannes Hartl and Todd White to preach at his ministry.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				9	Highly praised Jack Hayford *"as a source of inspiration to my own life and ministry"*.	[1]
				10	Official endorsements through Bill Johnson, Wesley and Stacey Campbell, including a Dominican priest.	[1]
				11	He spoke at Amsterdam 2023 together with Bill Johnson, Christine Caine, E.A. Adeboye, Heidi Baker and Rick Warren (a conference 'inspired by Oral Roberts').	[1] [2]
United Kingdom	Charles Spurgeon (Charles Haddon Spurgeon; 1834-1892)	(Preacher, often called the "Prince of Preachers" - a title reserved for CHRISTOS only; Hymn writer, Author) The book 'Lectures to My Students', read in its entirety by the author of this ministry, provides a good insight into his particular personality.	[1] [2] [3]	1	He was converted in the Methodist church.	[1]
				2	Spurgeon admitted that he had no perception at the time of his conversion that THEOS had sovereignly regenerated him, nor could he imagine at what point that could have happened. He confessed, *"When I was coming to Christ, i thought I was doing it all myself - I sought the Lord earnestly ..."* It was not until some time later that he realized that *"G-d was at the bottom of it all"*.	[1]
				3	*"I believe there will be more in heaven than in hell." (John Gill and Jonathan Edwards held similar heretical beliefs).* He essentially denies the 'narrow gate' CHRISTOS taught repeatedly.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Strong embrace of ecumenism. *"Luther was very wrong to nail up his thesis on the church door; he should have seen the Pope, and prayed with him!"*	[1]
				5	Open & regular endorsement of a Catholic mystic and co-founder of the Knights Templar, Bernard of Clairvaux: *"What Protestant can refuse to love the holy Bernard? Was there ever a more consecrated servant of G-d or a dearer lover of Christ than he? Yet he was most sorrowfully in bondage to the superstitions of his age and of the Romish Church."*	[1] [2] [3]
				6	He was unashamedly a Augustinian / Calvinist. *"Calvinism is the true G-spel, not just a nickname". "Calvinism, then, is the spiritual meat which enables a man to labour on in the ways of 'Christian' service".*	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Goes as far as to call Arminianism (his stereotype enemy, with a doctrine much closer to the Bible) a heresy. *"I was afraid the people might veer towards Antinomianism, an extreme as dangerous as Arminianism". "I do not serve the G-d of the Arminians at all; I have nothing to do with him, and I do not bow down before the Ba*l they have set up; he is not my G-d, nor shall he ever be; I fear him not, nor tremble at his presence."*	[1] [2] [3]
				8	Spurgeon declared: *"Augustine obtained his views, without doubt, through the Spirit of G-d, from the diligent study of the writings of Paul, and Paul received them of the Holy Ghost, from Jesus Christ."* > Augustine was without doubt or the slightest exaggeration one of the greatest antichrists in history. He was the father of most of Roman Catholic & Calvinism's practises and doctrines; see separate discernment. To credit CHRISTOS with Augustine's inspiration, is essentially blasphemy.	[1] [2]
				9	He taught Calvin's heresies: *"Hence, even infants bringing their condemnation with them from their mother's womb ... and therefore cannot but be odious and abominable to G-d."*	[1] [2] [3]
				10	He taught Grace only + no response (Unconditional Election, Sovereign Grace)	[1]
				11	He taught that JESOUS came and died for the elect only (Limited Atonement; terminology originated with Manichaeism, taken over by Augustine and Calvin).	[1]
				12	Entire rejection of 'free will' - he calls it 'ridiculous'. A believer cannot reject the grace of THEOS (Irresistible Grace).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				13	Unbiblical 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved' and 'Single-Tense-Salvation' teaching, no one can fall away in his view. *"The Bible is a lie and he himself will become an infidel, if he ever came to believe that even one saint of G-d has fallen finally".*	[1] [2]
				14	He believed in Total Depravity, that no one could come to THEOS for salvation by his or her own volition.	[1]
				15	In his sermon titled with the verse of Mark 16:15 (where IESOUS gave the Great Commission), he explicitly attacked the Great Commission by preaching against baptismal regeneration. When being challenged *"I hear you are in hot water"*, he answered *"Oh, no, it is the other fellows who are in the hot water. I am the stoker, the man who makes the water boil"* (clear reference to satanic origin)	[1] [2] [3]
				16	In parts great-, but sometimes also very condescending and hateful preaching with words such as 'fools', 'idiots' or 'ridiculous'. Quote: *"a conspicuous absence of brains; brethren who would talk for ever and ever upon nothing ... not capable of conceiving or uttering five consecutive thoughts, whose capacity is most narrow and their conceit most broad ... these brethren will do quite as well without education as with it, and therefore I have usually declined their applications."*	[1]
				17	While there is wild speculation if Spurgeon was a Freemason (often naively trying to proof his affinity through hand gestures, signs and ambiguous terminology which rather distract and ultimately plays in favor of satan), a simple look at his well catalogued sermons reveals that he was unquestionably not only a part of a country trenched in Freemasonry, but that he indeed actively promoted Freemasonry:	
					"The best builders of earth cannot be compared to the great Builder above, the eternal Architect, the everlasting Freemason who has built those many mansions where His saints shall dwell forever"	[Sermon #2292]
					"This is one of the secret signs of our spiritual freemasonry."	[Sermon #1251]
					"A kind of freemasonry exists between Christians; if we meet with any that have been with Christ, it is, "Hail, fellow!"	[Sermon #2106]
					"... we who do know the Lord and are familiar with His people, very readily trip up those who only repeat what they have learned. Freemasons recognize one another by various grips and signs. A man may, perhaps, find out one of the grips, but he does not learn them all, and at last he gets caught and people say to him, "You are pretending to be what you really are not."	[Sermon #2624]
					"If any railing accusation be raised against any brother in Christ, reckon that his character is as dear to you as your own. Let a sacred Freemasonry be maintained among us, if I may liken a far higher and more spiritual union to anything which belongs to common life. Ye are members one of another; see that ye love each other with a pure heart fervently ..."	[Sermon #3107]
					"All who knew of that wicked transaction were Joseph and his brothers, so by this password he lets them know that there was a sort of freemasonry between them. This was the sign, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt."	[Sermon #2516]
					It is hardly possible to incorporate Freemasonry to a stronger degree as seen in those sermons.	
				18	He was both overweight and a chain-smoker (as he stated *"to the glory of G-d"* ...), an addiction that may have contributed to his death at young age of 57 yrs.	[1]
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United Kingdom	Bono (Paul David Hewson; 1960-)	(Irish singer-songwriter and activist; lead singer of the rock band U2; he seems for many Evangelicals to represent Christianity ...)	[1] [2]	1 U2 made the Coexist movement popular. Pointing to the cross, the star of David, and Islam's crescent star, Bono said, *"Jesus, Jew, Muhammad, it's true. All sons of father Abraham."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2 Friendship between him (the band U2) and Eugene Peterson. Heavy endorsement of The Message bible. Peterson said that U2 has a prophetic voice to the world and that Bono is a prophet like John the Baptist (foreword to Get Up Off Your Knees: Preaching the U2 Catalog).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Rob Bell told that the first time he experienced 'G-d' was at a U2 concert ... (He in turn was mentor to Brandan Robertson, so we have a direct 'succession' from Bono - Rob Bell - Brandan Robertson which clearly reveals the evil fruit of Bono's work). Bono is often endorsed or interviewed by Emerging Church leaders such as Bill Hybels, Brian McLaren, Brian Walsh, Rick Warren, Tony Campolo ...	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Bono was raised Catholic by Catholic / Anglican parents. He met in private with several popes and attended the mass in Bogotá. Bono describes himself as a *"half-Catholic"*, and in visiting the Pope (in 2002) he said *"I was very glad to be in his presence"*, and *"I felt he has very sincere beliefs"*. At one of his concerts, Bono called out the name of the Pope , - *"John Paul"* to the crowd and described him as *"an Italian who knew the right person* [IESOUS] *to get into heaven." Bono* is also featured in the Alpha Course and worshiped by Christianity Today, which are both heavily influenced by Catholicism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 He substitutes Karma for Jesus as the heart of the universe and quotes the Koran.	[1]
				6 U2 website: *"On Friday Ireland votes in an historic referendum on legalizing same-sex marriage. Here's what the band say: #voteYes."*	[1]
				7 He invented the character 'Macphisto' and wore a gold lamé suit with gold platform shoes, pale make-up, lipstick, and devil's horns on his head. As such, he made it a routine to make in-concert prank calls, targeting local politicians and mocking them by engaging them in character as the devil.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8 Bono in an interview: *"It's funny, my mother used to call me the Antichrist."* When asked, *"Who's closer to G-d, Blur or Oasis?"* Bono answered, *"Well first of all, I am G-d. And Liam is my only son."* When awarded the honorary knighthood by the British crown for his humanitarian work, he said, *"You have permission to call me anything you want except sir."* Bono then suggested the following titles for himself, *"Lord of lords, your demigoddness."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				9 The band intended to erect their own tower (skyscraper) in Dublin.	[1] [2]
				10 For decades, Bono has been playing with themes found in the writings of C. S. Lewis, specifically focusing on The Screwtape Letters. In U2's song 'The Fly' Bono actually personifies the character he calls 'The Fly'. Bono said it was like a phone call from hell in which he, the senior demon, was letting loose the secrets of his trade. Bono appeared as 'The Fly' in the 1994 Zoo TV tour, the Vertigo tour in 2005, and the film U2-3D. He also played 'Judas' (and his bandmate Christ), confessing on stage *"Jesus, this is Judas"* and then launched into the apocalyptic song 'Until the End of the Word'. *"I reached out to the one I tried to destroy. You said you'd wait 'til the end of the world."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	C.S. Lewis (Clive Staples Lewis; 1898-1963; ongoing influence)	(Author, Lay Theologian, Professor at Oxford U.) *Tott Ministries: "He was no evangelical. His theology is deficient at best in the key areas of Scripture and salvation. Those who read him must filter his teaching through the grid of Scripture and hold him to the same standards that we are to hold all others.* *Because Lewis was a man with an incredible ability to package his insights in thought-provoking ways does not mean that what he writes always aligns with G-d's Word. He was a man who had keen analytical abilities and incredible writing gifts. But he was a man who rejected or minimized many of the most important truths given to us by G-d.*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 Strongly influenced by George MacDonald (a universalist) who once wrote: *"Adam was married to a demon named Lilith before he married Eve ... the devil will eventually be redeemed."* The character of Lilith shows up in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' as the mother of the white witch.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 'Christianized' white witchcraft. Wrote the heretical book series (Chronicles; Narnian; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe) long after his 'conversion' in 1931 and 8 years -after- 'Mere Christianity'. *"C.S. Lewis did not identify the source of the supernatural power in his Chronicles of Narnia. He presented magic as something rather ordinary - something to be used for good or evil.* [...] *The authors' 'good magic' paradigm shift has primed many people to believe that supernatural occurrences should be regarded as good - even if the source of the power is not from G-d - if the result is good"* (Quote #11)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]
				3 Lewis dedicated his autobiography to Bede Griffiths, who founded a 'Christian ashram' in India. Lewis: *"Hindu temples are a sacrament." ... "No one can say in the proper sense that the Hindu, the Buddhist or the Muslim is an unbeliever. I would rather say that we have to recognize him as our brother in Christ."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 *"Pagan religions have truths." ... "Christianity fulfilled paganism".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 *"Tao contains the highest morality of all religions".*	[1] [2]
				6 He presented 2 Roman gods (***), as visible angelic deities on Planet Venus in his book, Perelandra.	[1] [2]
				7 He denied the literal Adam and Eve; theistic evolutionist. *"Events found in the first three chapters of Genesis are true myths". "Man is physically descended from animals". "G-d perfected the animal form which was to become the vehicle of humanity and the image of Himself."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				8 *He believed IESOUS was mistaken about the timing of his Second Coming (Mat 24:34 'Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away ...'), simply because Lewis did not know how to interpret the term 'generation' (see Isa 51:8-9 in the Greek OT).* *Lewis stated: "And he* [IESOUS] *was wrong. He clearly knew no more about the end of the world than anyone else. It is certainly the most embarrassing verse in the Bible".*	[1] [2] [3]
				9 He rejected biblical inerrancy and did not believe in sola scriptura.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				10 *He rejected the doctrine of bodily resurrection.*	[1]
				11 *"Purgatory (Catholic doctrine) is a real place." "Of course I pray for the dead. The action is so spontaneous, so all but inevitable, that only the most compulsive theological case against it would deter me. And I hardly know how the rest of my prayers would survive if those for the dead were forbidden. At our age, the majority of those we love best are dead. What sort of intercourse with G-d could I have if what I love best were unmentionable to Him?"* [>> very, very clever language manipulation which can only come from satan himself]	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				12 He had the last rites performed by a Catholic priest.	[1]
				13 Very close friends with J.R.R. Tolkien (Very strict Roman Catholic; all his writings are consistent with RC doctrine and ideology; instrumental in bringing Lewis to 'Christianity', but disappointed that he became 'only' Anglican and not a full RC).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				14 J.K. Rowling (author of demonic Harry Potter series): *"C.S. Lewis is one of my two favorite authors"!*	[1] [2]
	David Pawson (1930-2020)	(Minister, Writer, Bible Teacher)		1 He called THEOS 'Jehv*h', which is a highly problematic designation, because this name includes 2 wrong letters, 3 guessed letters and only 2 letters coincide with YHWH.	[1]
				2 He decorated his sermons to such an extent, that a listener has a hard time to differentiate between biblical truth and fiction.	
				3 He taught regarding Noah (Gen 9:20-27) and the Hebrew verb behind 'he uncovered himself', that it explicitly *"implies an act that has other implications of sexual perversion"*. Nowhere in a biblical dictionary such as Strong's is found such a thing, and it is horrible to inject this into the biblical account which is painful enough at this point.	[1]
				4 He erroneously taught that "the ark came to rest on the exact same day that Jesus rose from the dead". IESOUS rose in the first month, but Pawson implies this to be the 7th month, following the abomination of the Mainstream Jewish calendar, which shifted the beginning of the year to the 7th month. But it is even a greater abomination to then also shift the resurrection date, and try to impress people with such a special yet false knowledge.	[1]
				5 He taught that the Genealogies of Luke trace the line of Mary. Yet the biblical text clearly states the name of 'Joseph' and all 75 previous fathers were male. This modern legend was popularized by Annius of Viterbo in the 15th c., who is now best remembered for his extensive and systematic fabrications of texts and imaginary sources. Not surprisingly, Annius was a Roman Catholic, and he most probably pushed this doctrine to justify their predominant Mariology. From the 17th c. onward this idea was then adopted into various commentaries and, notably, in the charts of the 1611 King James Bible.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 He taught a semi-evolutionist view, that man was spontaneously created, but animals and plants underwent evolution. He also rejected a fixed creation date according to the biblical genealogies, which rather implies that he considered animal evolution and thus billion-fold death having occurred before Genesis 1. He proudly declared that he *"studied under professor Harrison, the leading evolutionist"* of his time in the UK.	[1]
				7 He erroneously declared that *"Darwin remained all of his life a Christian"* and defended him by stating that *"he died of a broken heart"* because people misunderstood him. But far from it, Darwin transitioned from Anglican upbringing and initial beliefs in a creator to agnosticism, believing an *"agnostic would be the most correct description of his state of mind"*.	[1]
				8 He opposed the obedience of the 10 Commandments, specifically by rejecting the Weekly Sabbath and endorsing the "Christian Sunday".	[1] [2]
				9 He taught that teenagers are evil, contradicting the biblical teaching of the age of maturity of 20 years. Before this age, children do not know between good and evil in a spiritual sense and are saved, although they might commit evil. With this age, the spiritual responsibility arises individually.	[1] [see the respective study 'Biblical Age Groups']
				10 He taught the story of the woman caught in adultery, although it is well known to not be part of the Bible.	[1] [2]

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United Kingdom	J. K. Rowling (Joanne Rowling; 1965-)	(Author, Philanthropist, Film Producer, Screenwriter)	[1] [2]	1 *"I feel very drawn to religion, but at the same time I feel a lot of uncertainty. I live in a state of spiritual flux. I believe in the permanence of the soul."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Central themes of her books are: black magic, communing with the dead and spirit world, curses, divination, evolution, mother goddess, occult symbology, reincarnation, seasonal nature celebrations, sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry. Lead roles are played by wizards, witches / other magical creatures. Characters cast spells, read crystal balls. There is no higher power to answer to at all. No contradistinction between two categories of 'good' and 'malevolent' witchcraft. The books are orientational and instructional manuals of witchcraft woven into the format of entertainment.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13]
				3 The first 6 books have no single mention of THEOS or Scripture, though being purely spiritual books.	[1]
				4 She stated that *"G-d is a black woman"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	J. R. R. Tolkien (John Ronald Reuel Tolkien; 1892-1973)	(English writer and philologist. Author of the high fantasy works 'The Hobbit' and 'The lord of the Rings')	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He was one of The Jerusalem Bible translators, a Catholic Bible with 73 books. The translators claimed that Moses did not write the Pentateuch (a theory discredited by IESOUS Himself in Mar 12:26).	[1] [2]
				2 His strict Catholicism was a significant factor in C. S. Lewis's conversion from atheism to ~Christianity~, although he was dismayed that Lewis chose to join 'only' the Church of England. In the last years of his life, Tolkien resisted the liturgical changes implemented after the Second Vatican Council, especially the use of English for the liturgy; he continued to make the responses in Latin, loudly, ignoring the rest of the congregation.	[1]
				3 His oldest son John Francis Reuel Tolkien became a Roman-Catholic priest. There were a number of legal allegations of child sexual abuse against him.	[1] [2]
				4 He invented his own languages (12 languages), clearly showing his unbiblical intentions by propelling the consequences of the Tower of Babel even further, to create more confusion in the world. Gothic was the first language that he studied for his own pleasure. He even signed as Ruginwaldus Dwalakōneis (gothicized 'Ronald Tolkien') and included Gothic names, elements and language in his works.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 The elves in his books present an atmosphere of spirituality, and Tolkien creates a sort of religion or religious system with the 'gods' of Middle Earth, such as El***th, Gil***iel ..., whom the characters pray to and draw on for strength.	[1]
				6 His books are consistent with Roman doctrine and ideology. Although his followers often consider his books to have a Christian theme, none of his books actually includes any element of the redemption of evil men. None of the characters are redeemed or changed. NONE. Good characters remain good; evil characters remain evil.	[1]
				7 From an atheist [see article 1]: *"Over and over, 'Christian' fans tried to get Tolkien to confess to Christianity in his work."* When Tolkien finally 'agreed' in a letter to a Catholic father who also pushed him on this, *'Christians' had their smoking gun. This became all the proof needed of whatever 'Christian' ideas any Christian would ever bring to Tolkien's work.*	[1]
				8 Close friend of C. S. Lewis, a co-member of the informal literary discussion group The Inklings.	[1]
	Nicky Gumbel (Nicholas Glyn Paul Gumbel; 1955-)	(Anglican priest, Author, Developer of the Alpha Course, Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton)	[1]	1 Nicky Gumbel was recorded as being in attendance at some of the Toronto Blessing meetings.	[1]
				2 He was very close to John Wimber, a highly problematic teacher heavily involved in Pentecostalism (founding leader of the Vineyard Movement; strange manifestations in his services; female elders; Ecumenism).	[1] [2]
				3 Direct involvement in the Holy Laughter movement. Nicky Gumbel attended a meeting in a home in 1994 where Eleanor Mumford, who brought the Vineyard movement to the UK , 'invited the 'Holy Spirit' to come. Then one person was thrown across the room and did lie on the floor howling and laughing, making the most incredible noise. Another man was lying on the floor 'prophesying'. Some appeared to be drunk. Gumbel testified that he had an experience *"like massive electricity going through my body"* [clearly demonic]. Gumbel got himself together and rushed to a meeting at Holy Trinity Brompton. When he closed that meeting with prayer and said, *"Lord, thank you so much for all you are doing, and we pray you'll send your Spirit"* the same strange phenomenon were again manifested. One of those present lying on the floor with his feet in the air started *"laughing like a hyena"*.	[1] [2]
				4 Main contributor to Ecumenicalism. Quote: *"Differences between Protestants and Catholics are totally insignificant compared to the things that unite us" ... "Ultimately, unity is not doctrinal, it's relational"; "I've come to love the* [Roman] *Catholic church."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Personal meeting with the Pope in 2004: *"It was a great honor to be presented to Pope John Paul II, who has done so much to promote evangelism around the world. We have been enormously enriched by our interaction with Catholics in many countries."*	[1]
	N. T. Wright (Nicholas Thomas Wright, Tom Wright; 1948-)	(New Testament scholar, Pauline Theologian and Anglican Bishop)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He publishes under 2 different names.	[1] [2]
				2 He stated in his book 'Simply Christian' that the Quran is a 'majestic document' (his very words!).	[1]
				3 He stated that the Bible is not inspired, specifically not infallible nor inerrant. He goes as far as to make fun of those Protestants who think otherwise, declaring them as people who believe in 'long-range linguistic thunderbolts' having come down to the authors of the Bible. His conclusion is that THEOS provided the *'energy'* for the writing, but that every writer wrote essentially what was on his heart. The Bible was then assembled through a process of editing back and forth ...	[1]
				4 He rejects the 7-day-creation account in Genesis. He partners with Biologos and even sang a 'Genesis Song' with Francis Collins [3]: *"Genesis. Earth and Heaven in a cosmic kiss. Evolution must have been like this. Oh, I believe in Genesis. DNA shaping creatures from the dust and clay. Double helix in the Milky Way. Oh, Genesis means DNA. How He made it all 14 billion years ago.* [...] *In a trice, didn't listen to divine advice. Einstein wondered whether G-d played dice. We're trapped within a world of vice. Why they had to fall? I don't know – it doesn't say. They did something wrong ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [1]
				5 He promotes the highly problematic practice of 'Lectio Divina' (see Catholic Mysticism).	[1]
				6 He stated that it does not matter if you call the Communion now 'Mass' or with any other name.	[1]
				7 He endorsed Calvin through the questionable quote '~if G-d is the Father, then the church is the mother'.	[1]
				8 His book 'Surprised by Hope' is endorsed on the back cover by Rob Bell and Dallas Willard.	[1]
				9 He is a big fan of the French Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, C.S. Lewis and the Italian Dominican friar and priest Thomas Aquinas, and referred to them several times in 'Surprised by Hope'.	
				10 Several doctrinal issues which are not included here.	[1]
	Pete Greig			see 'Organizations' > 24/7 Prayer	
	Tomi Arayomi	("Prophet", Director of Prophetic Voice TV)	[1] [2] [3]	1 RIG NATION School (Restoring Issachar's Generation) with mission to 'train people to be prophets and prophets to be people'. See also Bethel for further comments.	[1]
				2 Very close connection with Benny Hinn. [2022] *"Words fail me to describe what happened last night. The fellowship, the admonition, the impartation."* [2023] *"Please help me wish Pastor Benny Hinn a very very happy birthday. We celebrate you sir and all G-d has done and is still doing in and through you and your wonderful family."*	[1] [2]
				3 He represents the dominionist/NAR/7MM influence. The 'Kingdom Restoration Conference 2022' included him and his twin brother next to speakers such as Bill Johnson, Heidi Baker, Kris Valotton, Pat King, Randy Clark.	[1] [2]
				4 He repeatedly prophesied that Trump will win 2020. Earlier in 2022, he himself warned about false prophets: *"False prophets can give true words! Here are 5 signs to watch out for!"* [2]	[1] [2]
				5 On an event in Bogota, Colombia, he is shown to practise Kundalini activity, with him pushing people down to the floor.	[1]
				6 He claims through a dedicated video to have traveled to heaven at the age of 16, but *"he couldn't find Jesus"*.	[1] [2]
				7 Guest at Sid Roth's show.	[1] [2]
	William Barclay (1907-1978)	(Author, Radio & TV Presenter, Church of Scotland minister, Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism at the University of Glasgow)	[1]	1 Universalist. *"I am a convinced universalist. I believe that in the end all men will be gathered into the love of G-d."*	[1] [2]
				2 Evolutionist. *"We believe in evolution, the slow climb upwards of man from the level of the beasts. Jesus is the end and climax of the evolutionary process ...*	[1]
				3 He was also *"reticent about the inspiration of Scripture and critical of the doctrine of substitutionary atonement."*	[1]
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United States	Agnes Sanford (1897-1982)	(Episcopalian Faith Healer who grew up as a Presbyterian (Calvinist); great influence within the Charismatic Movement, the Contemplative Prayer movement, and the Recovered Memory movement; recognized as the founder of the Inner Healing Movement; key figure of the New Age movement)	[1] [2]	1 *"Perhaps no woman in the past century has had a larger influence upon the [American] Christianity of today than prolific best-selling author and teacher Agnes Sanford. Quoted and recommended widely by Christian leaders, she was largely responsible for bringing visualization, 'healing of memories' [and positive confession] into the church."*	[1] [2] [3]
				"In her books, which are so blatantly pagan as to be astonishing, she makes no distinction between truth and error; anything that seems to tap into what she calls 'this flow of energy', this 'high voltage of G-d's creativity' is acceptable. Saying that 'we are part of G-d ... He's in nature and He is nature' and calling Him that 'primal Energy" and 'Jesus that most profound of psychiatrists', Sanford taught that we can literally create virtues in other people by the power of our minds, heal people at a distance, and even forgive their sins through visualization."	[1] [2]
				2 *She was a pantheist. "This philosophy colors all of her basic ideas and teaching, such as her statement that 'every cell in the body has a rudimentary mind and will hear your words' and her apparent belief in an eternal preexistence for humans before we came to earth ..."*	[1] [2] [3]
				3 *Sanford's doctrine was heavily influenced by Jungian psychology, which is deeply occult. Her son Jack was an influential Jungian psychologist.*	[1]
				4 She admittedly worshipped Buddha: *"What would happen if I myself were to worship the great Buddha? ... I folded my hands together, bowed before the serene gilded idol, who apparently paid me no attention whatsoever, and murmured 'O-me-to-fu' as the monks did. Nothing happened. Or did it? For gradually there came to be within me another voice, sneering, despising, scorning me ... there gradually developed in my mind a certain cynicism concerning piosity, a cynicism which lasts to this day"*	[1] [2]
				5 She believed that healing is guaranteed if 'performed' properly. If healing doesn't come, it is because there is something wrong with the technique.	[1] [2]
				6 She taught that unbelievers can exercise these powers as effectively as believers: *"One does not need to be a saint or a scientist in order to do this"*	[1]
				7 She was a female preacher and preached to mixed congregations.	[1]
				8 The highly problematic teacher Richard Foster (Spiritual Formation, Christian Mysticism) was a great admirer of her, and took the ideas for some of the visualizations he presents from Sanford.	[1] [2] [3]
				9 Dallas Willard had her occult-promoting book 'The Healing Light' on his website at least since 2004.	[1] [2]
	Allen Parr (1975-)	(YouTuber, Speaker, Teacher)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Christians ought to *"eat the meat and spit out the bones"* when sitting under Christian teaching. Parr describes the act of calling out false teachers as a "fallacy," claiming that it causes others to miss out on the "blessing" and "value" of the true things the false teacher will inevitably say. *"Whenever you do listen to Andy Stanley you will be able to say ... I agree with most of what they're saying and I got value from that ..."*	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Openly teaches 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved'. *"Once you become a genuine follower of Jesus Christ it is absolutely impossible for you to lose salvation".*	[1] [2]
	Andrew Wommack (Murray) (1949-)	(TV Evangelist, Faith Healer)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prosperity g-spel and false teachings in sermons and books.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 False teachings concerning healing.	[1]
				3 He claims that 'the biggest false teaching in the body of Christ is the sovereignty of G-d'.	[1] [2]
				4 Christians not supporting Trump have a 'demonic deception'. Supporter of voter fraud conspiracies.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 Wommack founded with Lance Wallnau the 'Truth and Liberty Coalition' ('Seven Mountain Mandate').	[1]
				6 He has referred to Kenneth Copeland as his 'father in the faith' and bragged about "everything he sowed into" his life over 50 years ago.	[1]
				7 2020 Tax Filings: Support of Jesse Duplantis ($20,000), Kenneth Copeland Min ($360,000).	[1]
				8 Wommack spoke in 2023 at 'Activating the Saints 5-Day Challenge', along with major NAR leaders Bill Johnson, Brian Simmons, Stacey Campbell, Randy Clark, and Jim Garlow.	[1] [2]
				9 Net worth of US$15 million.	[1]
	Andy Stanley (1958-)	(Pastor of Northpoint Church, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Denies the authority of the Bible; Christians should focus on the resurrection and not rely on the Bible.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 In his book 'Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World', he states *"The Ten Commandments have no authority over you. None. To be clear: Thou shalt not obey the Ten Commandments" (p. 136).*	[1] [2]
				3 Strongly supports homo*e*uality in his church. Baptism of an unrepented person.	[1] [2]
				4 He denies the virgin birth of IESOUS CHRISTOS.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 He endorses a pro-feminist worldview.	[1] [2]
	Beth Moore (1957-)	(American Evangelist, Author, Bible Teacher)	[1] [2]	1 She calls Christians opposed to homo*e*uality 'Hyper-Fundamentalists' !!!	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 In her book 'When G-dly People Do Ung-dly Things', she endorses the Catholic contemplative practitioner Brennan Manning.	[1]
				3 Egalitarian; advocacy for women preachers.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 She is preaching to men.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Moore considers the Catholic church as part of 'the church as Jesus sees it' and is a regular guest at James and Betty Robison's show, Life Today. The Robison's show a strong comradeship to the Catholic Church.	[1] [2]
				6 She is using Marxist, Feminist, Social Justice talking points instead of Scripture.	[1] [2]
				7 Supports Jen Hatmaker, Joel Osteen and Joyce Meyer.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Bill Hybel (1951-)	(Author, Minister)	[1]	1 Severe allegations of sexual misconduct; adultery with Nancy, wife of John Ortberg; ongoing denial and no repentance.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				2 Contemplative / Emerging Spirituality.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Problematic theology.	[1] [2]
				4 Bill Hybels approves problematic teachers such as T.D. Jakes, Robert Schuller, Rick Warren, Jim Wallis, Brian McLaren, Rob Bell, Peter Wagner et al ...	[1]
	Bill Johnson (1951-)	(Apostle; Leader of Bethel Church, co-Founder BSSM-Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry)	[1] [2]	1 False & Prosperity G-spel teaching at Bethel church.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Unabashed promotion of New Age in his book 'The Physics of Heaven'.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Liturgical Prayer to the god of Mammon.	[1]
				4 Church staff put gold dust in the ventilation system.	[1] [2]
				5 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 His teaching is inspired by John Wimber (founding leader of the Vineyard Movement; strange manifestations in his services; female elders; Ecumenism), and he attended several Toronto Blessing revival meetings, which can be described as one of the most evil events in Christian history (see discernment on Pentecostalism). One year after he visited the Toronto Blessing, he took over as the senior pastor at Bethel and brought in much heresy from the Toronto meetings.	[1] [2]
				7 He spoke at the 2020 Southwest Believers' Convention of Kenneth Copeland. *"I Have absolutely fallen in love with this man, who is a genuine believer".*	[1] [2]
				8 Close collaboration with IHOP.	[1] [2] [3]
				9 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"One of the greatest things to happen with Bible translation in my lifetime."* He writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Billy Graham (William Franklin Graham Jr.; 1918-2018; his son Franklin Graham is following his father's steps in many erroneous ways)	(Evangelist, among the most influential Christian leaders of the 20th century)	[1] [2]	1 Strong tendency towards Universalism. He suggested that people without explicit faith in IESOUS can be saved. *"I used to believe that pagans in far off countries were lost, were going to hell. I no longer believe that. I believe that there are other ways of recognizing the existence of G-d."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Key figure in the ecumenical movement. He has often expressed his belief that Catholics who are faithful to Roman Catholic teachings are saved. *"I find myself closer to Catholics than the radical Protestants." "I can now have complete fellowship with Roman Catholic people and there are no barriers that existed 10 years ago, I think all of that is to the good".* He even used Roman Catholic lay people as altar workers (counselors) at his crusade meetings. On at least one occasion a Roman Catholic priest would serve as the supervisor of all of counselors at a Graham crusade.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 Close collaboration with the Vatican and the Pope (since the 1950's). Several meetings with the Pope. The Pope: *"Listen Graham, we are brothers."* In 1997, Larry King interviewed Billy Graham: *"You like this Pope?" "I like him very much . . . He and I agree on almost everything."* Interview in 1999: *"I would pick Pope John Paul II as the man of the century."* Graham after the Pope's death: *"I almost feel as though one of my family members has gone. I loved him very much ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				4 When the author of the 'Halley's Bible Handbook' died, Billy Graham bought the rights, and removed all the research and warnings about the Jesuits in the editions he printed. According to Mrs. Halley, her husband spent years working on those chapters and would have never permitted the book to be changed.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 He said at the National Council of Churches on June 12, 1966, that *"I don't know of anyone who had done more for the kingdom of G-d than Norman and Ruth Peale or have meant any more in my life for the encouragement they have given me."* Norman Vincent Peale is publically known to be a lifelong Mason (33°) ranging all common grades and innumerable accolades. The Knights Templar, appointed him Grand Prelate for the 1970-1973 triennium.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 In 1969, with his friend Nixon finally in the Oval Office, Graham advised him to try and end the Vietnam conflict in a blaze of glory, with a bombing campaign that Nixon himself estimated would kill one million civilians. Such an act, Graham wrote, *"could overnight destroy the economy of North Vietnam".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				7 Billy Graham was raised in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and ordained as Southern Baptist minister. He spoke at 13 SBC annual meetings, and served as a trustee of two SBC entities. He was even nominated for SBC president in 1963.	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Heavy reliance on ghostwriters. Far from the public stage, staff members on the revivalist's team, including Lee Fisher and Robert O. Ferm, drafted books, speeches, columns, and sermons for Graham. Curiously, the evangelist, while acknowledging assistance for some of his works, blatantly denied that his staff had ever helped him draft and complete his evangelistic sermons.	[1]
				9 Billy Graham trained women pastors and he endorsed the preaching Ministry of his daughter, saying that Anne is the best preacher in the Graham Family.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10 He taught Theistic Evolution.	[1]
				11 He mentored Rick Warren and was very close to him.	[1] [2] [3]
				12 He promoted the Alpha Course.	[1]
				13 *"In 1967, Graham was the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony of Oral Roberts University. No personality represented a more radical, unscriptural, wild-eyed brand of Pentecostalism than Oral Roberts. He claimed apostolic healing power, but many died at his healing crusades."*	
				14 Estimated $25 million net worth. He received a whopping total of $1.2 million in 2008 and $880,000 in compensation in 2014.	[1] [2]
	Brandan Robertson (1992-)	(Senior Pastor of Missiongathering 'Christian' Church, Author, LG**Q activist)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Preaches a 'radical inclusivity of all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Preaches polygamy and polyamory. "For those who are in an open or polyamorous relationship ... Your relationships are holy."	[1] [2]
				3 Assigned the terms 'gay and racist' to CHRISTOS.	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Pro-choice activist. Denies personhood of embryos.	[1]
				5 Author of books such as 'True Inclusion', 'A Christian Case for LG**T+ Inclusion in the Church', 'The Courage to Be Queer' or 'Gay and Christian, No Contradiction'.	[1]
				6 Directly associates the HOLY SPIRIT with Buddha. All ways lead to CHRISTOS. Universalist.	[1] [2]
				7 His mentors include Rob Bell, who first experienced 'G-d' at a U2 concert. Collaboration with Richard Rohr. Promotion of several Bart Ehrman books (Strong opponent of Christianity).	[1] [2] [3]
	Brian Simmons (1975-)	(Stairway Ministries, Lead Translator of TPT)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Strongly unbiblical 'Passion Translation'; 50% longer than the Bible; wrongly claimed credentials.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 Promotion of a 'Mark of Christ'.	[1] [2]
				3 Misuse of "spiritual gifts".	[1]
				4 Part of NAR Movement; works under Che Ahn and with Sid Roth, et al.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 He claims that IESOUS visited him and will give him another chapter of John 22.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Bruce Metzger (1914-2007)	(Presbyterian scholar, Bible translator and textual critic)	[1]	1 He denied biblical inerrancy and blatantly denied the infallible inspiration of the Bible. He advocated that Matthew incorporated errors in his genealogy of CHRISTOS.	[1] [2]
				2 He sat on the ecumenical committee of the NRSV translators amongst Catholics. Earlier in 1973, he was already at the forefront of producing 'the Ecumenical Edition' of the RSV and personally presented a copy to Pope Paul VI. In a private audience granted to a small group, Pope Paul accepted the RSV 'Common' Bible as *"a significant step in furthering ecumenical relations among the churches"*.	[1]
				3 He co-edited the New Oxford Annotated Bible RSV, which was the first Protestant annotated edition of the Bible to be approved by the Roman Catholic Church. Metzger and May claim the O.T. contains *"a matrix of myth, legend, and history"*, deny the worldwide flood (*"heightened version of local inundations"*), call Job an *"ancient folktale"*, claim there are two authors of Isaiah, call Jonah a *"popular legend"* ...	[1] [2]
				4 He was general editor of the Reader's Digest Bible, which cuts out about 55% of the Old Testament and another 25% of the New Testament (including Rev 22:19, which says "if anyone takes away from the words ..."). He questioned in this Bible the authorship, traditional date, and supernatural inspiration of books penned by Moses, Daniel, Paul, James, and Peter.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 Bart Ehrman was one of his students at Princeton.	[1] [2]
				6 Metzger was mentioned in Christianity Today as one of the "highly skilled, believing scholars" of our day.	[1]
	Carolina Leaf (1963-; US & SA)	(Author, Self-Proclaimed Neuroscientist)	[1] [2]	1 False title 'cognitive neuroscientist'.	[1] [2]
				2 *"DNA actually changes shape according to our thoughts." "75 to 98 percent of mental and physical illness comes from one's thought life".*	[1] [2]
				3 She distorts Scripture to the extreme.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 Collaboration with Kenneth Copeland, Sid Roth, T.D. Jakes.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
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United States	Charlie Kirk (1993-2025)	(Political Activist, Media Personality, Founder of Turning Point USA)	[1] [2]	1	Charlie Kirk's wife grew up in the Roman Catholic 'faith', was educated at 'Notre Dame Preparatory High School' (a private Catholic high school located in Arizona, US), was baptised a Roman Catholic and was an active member of the RCC.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Kirk attended in the last months of his life the Roman Catholic Mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Scottsdale. He said 1 week before his death, that *"I'm this close"* to converting to Catholicism and added *"I love my Catholic pastor"*. (In a personal exchange with the Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph Vincent Brennan from California). In 'Crisis Magazine', he earlier remarked: *"Some of my greatest friends in the world are Catholic [...] I go to Catholic Mass every once in a while. I don't take the Eucharist ... but I'm open-minded, but I'm not there yet."* In an earlier interview he further said: *"The world is a better place because of the Catholic Church, and that needs to be said more".* He has *"so much respect for the Catholic Tradition and Church".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				3	He published a video where he seriously challenged Christians to let down their guard and venerate Mary. He said: *"But let me first say, I think we as Protestants and Evangelicals under-venerate Mary. [...] We don't venerate her enough."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4	Kirk reportedly prayed with the help of the Roman Catholic 'Hallow' app for prayer and meditation, which involves Contemplative Prayer, the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Examen (Jesuit origin), Spiritual Writing and 'Christian' Meditation.	[1]
				5	He closely collaborated with the Roman Catholic J.D. Vance and with the highly problematic Donald Trump (see separate discernment below). *"I want to thank a special person, Charlie Kirk, for his tremendous leadership, as well as everyone at Turning Point Action, for making this event possible"*, said Trump onstage at a Phoenix megachurch event organized by Turning Point.	[1]
				6	Kirk was associated as *"friend and ministry partner"* with Dream City Church in Phoenix, a rock & roll congregation that is part of the Assemblies of God, a Pentecostal church.	[1] [2]
				7	He openly promoted the anti-biblical 7-Mountain-Mandate' (see separate discernment). In 2020 he said: *"finally we have a president that understands the seven mountains of cultural influence"* during a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference.	[1] [2] [3]
				8	In 2021, Kirk founded TPUSA Faith, an organization that says it is dedicated to *"recruit pastors and other church leaders to be active in local and national political issues"*. Their program was to *"address America's crumbling religious foundation by engaging thousands of pastors nationwide' in order to 'breathe renewed civic engagement into our churches"*. > This is totally contrary to the Evangelium. Before 313 AD, when Constantine and the Catholic Church rose to power, Christians vehemently rejected any mingling of the Church of CHRISTOS with the state. They only began to weaken when Constantine lured them with promises of freedom from persecution, power, and guaranteed salaries. Just as Christians of the first centuries AD despised any involvement in politics and worldly affairs, so we should do today.	[1] [2] [3]
	Charlie Shamp	(Self-Proclaimed "Prophet", Destiny Encounters)	[1]	1	Failed prophecy about 2018 Hurricane Michale and many other events.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Prophesied that Trump will be re-elected. 'G-d' would post a double rainbow around the White House as a sign.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Che Ahn (1956-; US & SK)	(Prophet, Senior Pastor Harvest Rock Church, Chancellor, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Commissioned Todd Bentley as Apostle.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Collaboration with Elijah List, Eric Metaxas, Chuck Pierce, Bill Johnson and Lance Wallnau.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Strong involvement with the 7-Mountain-Mandate.	[1] [2]
				5	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"I believe TPT will be the Bible of choice for the next Jesus people movement."* Writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3]
	Chuck D. Pierce (1953-)	(Glory of Zion International Ministries, Global Spheres)	[1] [2]	1	He wrongly claimed in 03/2020 to have prophesied in 09/2019, that"plague-like" conditions would hit the Earth through February, March, and April.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	He claimed that Passover 2020 would be the turning point for the virus. The US was hit immediately after.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Part of New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2]
				4	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website.	[1]
	Cindy Jacobs (1951-)	("Prophet", Generals of Intercession, Author, Speaker, and Teacher)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Self-appointed apostle and prophet. Part of the NAR.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	False teachings, heresy.	[1]
				3	Numerous false prophecies.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	False prophecy about Zimbabwe.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	Claims to be able to raise dead children through TV.	[1]
	C. Peter Wagner (1930-2016)	(Missionary, Writer, Teacher, Founder of the New Apostolic Reformation and pioneer of the Pentecostal Third Wave)	[1] [2]	1	He founded the highly problematic New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). *"I needed a name ... For a couple of years I experimented with 'Post denominationalism'. The name I have settled on for the movement is the New Apostolic Reformation."* It is a dominionist movement which asserts that 'G-d' is restoring the ~lost offices~ of church governance, namely the offices of Prophet and Apostle. Wagner had anointed himself NAR's 'Presiding Apostle'.	[1] [2]
				2	He confused the gifts of apostleship, evangelism and prophecy with actual church offices and preached a fivefold ministry.	[1]
				3	He coined the name 'Third Wave' in continuation to the creation of Pentecostalism (First Wave), and the spread of Pentecostalism through the Charismatic Movement into other denominations (Second Wave).	[1]
				4	He heavily promoted the unbiblical 7-Mountain-Mandate.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	Like Benny Hinn, Wagner reported people were seeing *"Jesus Christ in person"*.	[1]
				6	He taught on spiritual warfare, including territorial spirits and spiritual mapping (defiled land, houses, and churches are discovered through careful observation and mass exorcisms are sometimes organized to drive out territorial or historical demons).	[1] [2]
				7	Promotion of Ecumenism.	[1]
				8	Close ties to leaders of the Toronto Blessing.	[1]
	Creflo Dollar (Michael Whitaker Smith; 1962-)	(Televangelist, Pastor)	[1] [2]	1	Little gods theology.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Every Christian ought to speak in tongues. Improper use of tongues during service.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Prominent & successful teacher of the Prosperity G-spel. *"Jesus bled and died for us so that we can lay claim to the promise of financial prosperity."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				4	False recantation of misleading his congregants. Only a 'misunderstanding', he does not apologize. Call to throw books away, but not a single video deleted from his channel.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				5	*"Jesus wants me to have this $65 million private jet."* Owns also two Roll-Royces.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				6	Creflo Dollar is worth a whopping $27 million as of July 2022.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Dallas Willard (1935-2013)	(Philosopher, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Editor of the heretical 'The Spiritual Formation Study Bible'; see also Richard Foster.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Founding member of Renovaré.	[1]
				3	He held to either 'Christian Universalism' or the Wider Mercy doctrine. *"I believe that everyone who deserves to be saved will be saved no matter where they are or what they do." "It is possible for someone who does not know Jesus to be saved."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4	He was part of the Emerging church / Contemplative Prayer (mystical experience with 'G-d'; very similar to meditative exercises used in Eastern religions and New Age cults).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5	*"Bible Study and prayer are not as important to the Christian life as silence and solitude."*	[1] [2]
				6	He had Agnes Sanford's occultic-promoting book 'The Healing Light' on his website since at least as far back as 2004.	[1] [2]
				7	Spiritual twin of Richard Foster; worked with John Ortberg; recommended Bill Hybels, Ruth H. Barton ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	David John Stewart (Guam)	('Discernment' websites administered by him; with similar content but differently organized: Dividedbytruth.org Jesus-is-savior.com JesusIsPrecious.org Lovethetruth.com Soulwinning.info)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	*"Thank G-d for Pastor Steven L. Anderson (see below), whom I admire tremendously!"*	[1] [2] [3]
				2	*"Satan has compelled sinful man, through the love of money, to publish 900 English Bible translations. My friend, there is only one King James Bible, because G-d only wrote one book."*	[1] [2]
				3	*Those who do not embrace Easy Believism embrace "another G-spel". "I am going to Heaven, regardless of how I live. But you say, that's crazy! No! That's Bible! "*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	Advocate for the heresy of Pelagianism. "The concept of original sin is demonic."	[1] [2] [3]
				5	*"Beware of the devil's Young Earth Creation Heresy".*	[1]
				6	Indicted on a criminal sexual conduct charge involving a minor.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7	He recommends the heretical movie 'The Man from Earth' on his website and claims to have watched it several dozen times.	[1]
				8	Divorced.	[1]
				9	*"I personally am not a Christian or a member of any religion"*	[1] [2]
	David Platt (1978-)	(Author, SBC Pastor)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1	He is a Calvinist, a Reformed Southern Baptist.	[1] [2]
				2	Member of Southern Baptist Convention (see separate discernment, and also Billy Graham and Rick Warren) and former leader of their International Mission Board. His spiritual father is Jim Shaddix.	[1] [2]
				3	His and Dale Sutherland's entry into McLean Bible Church could be called an 'unfriendly takeover' through the Southern Baptist Convention. Satan was allowed to come into McLean in 2015, when the previous senior pastor and original board of elders installed in 10/2015 (2 years before Platt came) an implant of the NAMB (North American Mission Board, SBC church planting organization) inside their church. After Platt was introduced, the previous senior pastor 'left' and -all- of his sermons were wiped off the website, 3 new elders were brought in against the will of the church, the church joined the SBC although vehemently opposed by the church itself and embezzled since then several million dollars to the SBC and also to a private ministry of David Platt under the disguise of planting (in part phantom) churches. When Platt and the 3 elders were to be removed from their office, the elders declared the vote to be invalid, removed hastily 'unpleasant' members from the church and distributed ballots only to selected members with their name pre-written on the ballot.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				4	He teaches a Social Justice / Racial G-spel and went as far as to point with his finger at white people in a church with more than 106 (!) nationalities.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	He openly promotes the ecumenical Lausanne Movement, initiated in 1974 by the Baptist & Catholic Billy Graham and the Anglican John Stott. He interviewed in 2024 Michael Oh, CEO of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6	He invited in 2019 more than a dozen of Muslim scholars from North Africa to McLean Bible church. He pursues a 'dialogue' very similar to the Pope. A 2023 article at radical.net invited the readers to pray for the 2 million Muslim travelers during the Hajj week.	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Timothy Keller had a 'profound influence on his life'.	[1]
				8	Endorsement of Beth Moore.	[1]
	Donald Trump (1946-; not a 'teacher', but a self-declared 'Christian'; discerned on that basis)	(Former US President)	[1]	1	1966: He studied at a Jesuit liberal arts college (Fordham College at Rose Hill (FCRH)).	[1] [2]
				2	1970s: His parents joined the Marble Collegiate Church (Dutch Calvinist) in New York, after reading the book 'The Power of Positive Thinking' (Message of Self-Esteem, Pantheism, Humanism) from Norman Vincent Peale.	[1] [2]
					Peale served there as senior pastor from 1932 to 1984 and is publically known to be a lifelong Mason (33°) ranging all common grades and innumerable accolades. The Knights Templar, appointed him Grand Prelate for the 1970-1973 triennium (the time his parents joined). Peale went as far as to ridicule the salvation through IESOUS CHRISTOS: *"It's not necessary to be born again. You have your way to G-d, I have mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto shrine."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	1977: Trump married his first wife Ivana at this church. The ceremony was performed by Peale. His two sisters, Maryanne and Elizabeth, were also married there. Trump and his parents were mentored by Peale until his death in 1993.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	1990s: Very best friends for at least 10-15 years with Jeffrey E., who cultivated an elite social circle and procured many women and children whom he and his associates se*ually abused. Jeffrey attended parties at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's private Palm Beach club. Jeffrey attended Trump's 1993 wedding to Marla Maples. Flight logs show that Trump flew on his private plane at least seven times between Palm Beach and New York. In a 2002 interview for New York magazine, Trump called him a *"terrific guy ... it is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side ... I've known Jeff for 15 years".* When federal agents charged him with se* trafficking of minors in 2019, Trump, then in his first term as president, said he was *"not a fan"* of him.	[1] [2]
					It can be safely stated that Trump sexually abused and/or stalked dozens or maybe hundreds of women, and that he raped multiple women, many of those being underage. Some of those attempts even occurred while a woman was visiting his estate together with a boyfriend or even a husband, and while offering the woman an individual tour through the premises. In all of his 3 marriages he committed countless adulteries of which he never repented. He was systematically covered by people who worked for him, employed hush money and NDA's where possible, ridiculed or had ridiculed when it became public, and sued when everything else was too late. Trump is one of the worst sexual offenders in modern history.	[Based on the Wikipedia summary 'Donald rump Se*ual Misconduct Allegations']
				5	06/2015: Trump highly praised Peale as *"one of the greatest speakers"* he'd ever seen [1], identified himself as Presbyterian and as active member of the Marble Collegiate, but the church had then not any-vation without repentance] *"Why do I have to repent or ask for forgiveness, if I am not making mistakes?"*.	[1] [2]
				6	Also in 06/2015, he said that moderator Kelly had *"blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever"* while questioning him during the debate.	[1]
				7	In 06/2016, Paula White (mouthpiece for Mother Moon and Han, the ~only begotten daughter~ of G-d) was credited by James Dobson for having converted Trump to 'Christianity'. She also provided the invocation prayer during Trump's inauguration ceremony and held ~Bible studies~ for cast members of 'The Apprentice'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				8	In 05/2025, he visited the Abrahamic Family House, the interfaith complex in Abu Dhabi, praising its message of unity between Islam, Judaism and Christianity, featuring an Islamic mosque (Imam Al-Tayeb), Jewish synagogue (Moses Ben Maimon) and Roman Catholic church (St. Francis) on site.	
				9	In 12/2025, he called Somali immigrants *"garbage"*, which is in stark contrast to the biblical teaching of e.g. Deu 10:18-19 *"And he loves the stranger, to give him bread and clothing. And you shall love the stranger ..."* and Lev 19:34 .	[1]
				10	In 06/2026, Trump planned to host a mixed martial arts event (UFC) on the White House grounds, in order to mark his 80th birthday. Trump is a big fan of cage fighting, which incorporates various fighting styles, and has often attended fights in the past.	[1]
				11	*His show 'The Apprentice' was produced by Mark Burnett, a Roman Catholic who is 2 times divorces and 3 times married; producer of the highly problematic 'The Bible' Mini-series and the 'Son of G-d' movie).*	[1] [2] [3]
				12	He secretly mocks his Christian supporters and called Christianity and its religious practices 'bs', then soon after posing as a fervent believer.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				13	His Spiritual Advisory Board consists of problematic teachers (mostly Prosperity G-spel) such as Guillermo Maldonado (NAR), James Dobson (Humanist), Paula-White, Kenneth Max Copeland (WoF), Ralph Reed (Indian gambling), Robert Jeffress (False prophet), Jerry Falwell Jr. (*"DT lives a life of loving and helping others as Jesus taught in the Great Commandment"*), Franklin Graham (Puppet of the RCC), Mark Burns (False curriculum), Robert Morris (WoF) ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				14	Praise of the heretical 'Mother Moon / Unification Church' (Rev. Moon and his wife presented themselves as 'Messiahs', the 'True Parents' and the first to have children who were 'sinless'. Moon crowned himself the 'King of Peace' in 2004 and claimed to be the 'messiah' and 'savior' of the world; he also claimed that his wife is the 'holy spirit'; see also separate discernment; also strongly supported by Paula White). Keynote speech at their 2021 / 2022 conference [see 12].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13]
				15	Intended sale of his property 'Mar-a-Lago' to the Unification Church.	[1]
				16	*"As your president, I will do everything in my power to protect our LG**Q citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology."*	[1] [2]
				17	Open support of the highly problematic QAnon group.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				18	At the beginning of Trump's first term, there were no federal executions. However, shortly before the end of his term, Trump ordered the executions to resume. Before the end of his first term as president, Trump had ordered the execution of a total of 13 people within just seven months. In 2025, he proposed to reintroduce the death penalty in Washington. All this clearly demonstrates that he is acting in the spirit of an anti-Christ.	[1]

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Problematic Teachers & Churches

	Name	Function	About		Discernment	Sources
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United States	Doreen Virtue (1958-; born as Doreen Hannan; last name from 2nd of 5 husbands, a Buddhist)	(Author, Discernment Minister; former information: "a spiritual clairvoyant Doctor of Psychology who holds BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Virtue is the author of 24 books on mind-body-spirit issues. Inclusive of this list are such titles as: "Healing with the Angels," "Divine Guidance," "Angel Therapy," "The Lightworker's Way" and "The Yo-Yo Diet Syndrome."; started the Church of Divine Guidance in Hawaii)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1	She underwent a transformation from a former New Ager (Angel Therapy) and Christian Science to a self-proclaimed follower of CHRISTOS, indeed teaches many truths and is very helpful in leading people away from what she experienced.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Her former bookstore [1]. Most books are still being sold, because *"she does not hold the license"*.	[1] [2]
				3	Her conversion story is very suspicious. She claims on her archived website [1] that she had a vision in an Anglican church, where a 6ft 'Jesus' appeared to her (01/2017). He looked a lot like the visions of Saint Maria Faustina (a Catholic nun). A second vision 2 weeks later included 'Jesus' sending golden light from his heart.	[1] [2]
				4	Later retraction of the vision(s) and public controversy involving Justin Peters and Michelle Lesley defending her (and themselves). She then announced that, while her conversion was legitimate, the vision had in fact been a demon masquerading as 'Christ' to lead her astray. But 14 (!) months after her 'conversion', she even (had) published a book with one chapter dedicated to the same 'virgin mystic Maria Faustina', where she praised her visions. The book was published in 03/2018 by Hay House (her New Age publisher only until 11/2017 !!!) and includes 41 other characters, mostly Catholics and mystics. The artist Lisa Eddy also painted her Jesus vision, but Doreen later plugged the sale after it came out that the image was plagiarized from a Time Magazine cover. The book 'Deceived No More' also included the vision, but the second edition then excluded it.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5	Baptized in 02/2017 at Kawaihae Beach (Hawaii), by an Anglican (Episcopal) priest, Rev. David Stout from St. James Episcopal Church, where still today the Catholic mass is held (it is noteworthy that the Episcopal Church is the evil symbiosis between Anglican and Puritans, essentially between the Roman Catholic Church and the Calvinist Church). It is not known that she was baptized at a later point in a Christian setting.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6	She is now heavily involved in Calvinism and shares several 'good friends', such as Lauren Hereford ('Tulips & Honey'), Melissa Dougherty, Michelle Lesley (all Calvinists).	[1] [2]
				7	She taught in 2020 specifically on Calvinist doctrine; see video 'Top Myths about Reformed Theology with Dr. Kim Riddlebarger'.	[1]
				8	She is a self-declared Cessationist.	[1] [2]
				9	Direct collaboration with Phil Johnson.	[1] [2]
	Doug Addison	(InLight Connection, Prophetic speaker, Author, Coach, Stand-up comedian!)	[1] [2]	1	Prophetic Dream, Tattoo & Piercing Interpretation.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Stand-up comedy; he insulted IESOUS and His disciples.	[1]
				3	On 08/10/2020 he prophesied that Trump would be re-elected; on 15/12/2020 he denied it.	[1] [2]
				4	Claimed passover 2020 to be turning point for Covid.	[1] [2]
				5	*"Satan's stronghold on the Internet is broken"*. Soon after, porn consumption strongly increased during Covid.	[1] [2]
				6	Endorsement of 'The Passion Translation'. He writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Works with Elijah List, Lance Wallnau, Kat Kerr and Todd Bentley.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Elizabeth Sherrill & John Sherrill (Other names: Beth Kaiser, Elizabeth Schindler; 1928 -2023; John 1923-2017)	(Author, Founder of Chosen Books, both had been employed at Guideposts)	[1] [2] [3]	1	She worked for 7 decades for Norman Vincent Peale (book 'The Power of Positive Thinking'; a lifelong 33° Mason, appointed Grand Prelate by the Knights Templar; former pastor of Donald Trump) at Guideposts and wrote more than 2,000 articles for them.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	She also endorsed Masonry multiple times in her book 'Return from Tomorrow'. It is unclear if they were Masons themselves.	[1]
				3	The Sherrills received ~baptism in the holy spirit~ after interviewing the Lutheran & Dutch Reformed minister Harald Bredesen (upon the initiative of Norman & Ruth Peale who had dinner with Pat Robertson).	[1]
					Harald Bredesen was often called the father of the charismatic movement. He was friends with Pat Robertson and founded with him the Christian Broadcasting Network (The 700 Club), after having introduced him to the Pentecostal experience of ~baptism in the holy spirit~. Bredesen also created a 'Prince of Peace Prize' he later gave to Mother Teresa and Billy Graham.	[1] [2]
					The Sherrills endorse Bredesen in their highly problematic book 'The Cross and the Switchblade' [1; see review].	[1]
				4	Repeated endorsement of 'Kracht van Omhoog', which means 'Power from Up'. It is the name of a Dutch Pentecostal movement that teaches replacement theology by denying that Israel will be restored at the end of our times. It also rejects original sin, and states that human first sinned because he gave in to demons that needed to be expelled.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	They were both part of the Episcopal church (St. John the Evangelist in Massachusetts which is almost entirely led by female priests!), and they were proud about their granddaughter being an Episcopal priest.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	The book 'G-d's Smuggler' includes in chapter 22 a direct endorsement of Norman Vincent Peale (& Guideposts), and the Sherrills bragged themselves to have converted Brother Andrew after the writing of the book from a Protestant to a de-facto Catholic. Quote: *"...attending our Episcopal Church (when Andrew had visited the Sherrill's several times and lived at their home), Andrew found the service too formal: there is no spontaneity. Going to his evangelical prayer meetings, we* (the Sherrill's) *missed the sense of the past. There is no history. We preened over our powers of persuasion when in the early 1990s Andrew was ordained a priest in the Anglican church of Pakistan* [...] *We delighted in calling him father Andrew"*.	[1]
				7	Display of idol images / other gods on their website.	[1]
				8	She described Ruth, the wife of Billy Graham, as her friend.	[1]
				9	She had an extensive meeting with the former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, (also) a Freemason.	[1] [2]
				10	John's father was a professor at Union Seminary, a very problematic seminary founded by the Presbyterian Church.	[1] [2]
	Eric Metaxas (1963-)	(Author, Talk Show Host)	[1]	1	He wrote the book 'Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy', where he obviously endorsed the false teacher Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was a Freemason and openly endorsed Jesuits. The highly problematic teacher Timothy Keller wrote the foreword.	[1] [2]
				2	In an interview with the Christianity Today Metaxas even made the astonishing statement that Bonhoeffer was as orthodox theologically as the apostle Paul.	[1]
				3	He wrote fascist children's literature 'Donald Builds the Wall'.	[1]
				4	He affirms Joel Osteen's false G-spel.	[1] [2]
				5	Collaboration with Mike Bickle and Francis Chan.	[1]
				6	An outspoken supporter of Trumpism. *"You have many people who are professing evangelical Christians, serious Catholic Christians, who are as anti-Trump* [...] *That, to me, is the darkest of this ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Eugene Hoiland Peterson (1932-2018)	(Presbyterian Minister, Scholar, Theologian, Author, Poet)	[1] [2] [3]	1	While Peterson considered himself Pentecostal, he was officially a licensed minister of the United Presbyterian Church.	[1]
				2	Author of the Message 'Bible', a highly problematic 'translation' (New Age; *"I did the Beatitudes in about ten minutes"*). His team consists of Episcopalians (Catholics) and other Presbyterians such as Moises Silva, who is known for opposing the Bible in the form of the Greek Old Testament.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13]
				3	The Message 'Bible' is overwhelmingly being used by highly problematic teachers / organizations such as 24/7 Prayer, Bono (U2), Danielle Strickland, Darrell Johnson, The G-spel Coalition (TGC), Jack Hayford, Ken Shigematsu, Levi Lusko, Mike Todd, The Pastorate (former Canadian Church Leaders Network), Pete Greig, Rick Warren ...	see individual discernment
				4	He deleted 'homo*e*uality' from his bible. Homos**uals can "have as good a spiritual life as I do". Homos**uality is "not a right or wrong thing as far as I'm concerned."	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5	Editor of the heretical 'The Spiritual Formation Study Bible' (Mysticism); see also Richard Foster.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	He 'learned to see by reading' Annie Dillard (Catholic author). *"I see the world around me better and clearer with her as my guide."*	[1]
				7	Promoted Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism.	[1]
				8	An ecumenical advocate, Peterson openly supports and even encourages the union between evangelicals and the Roman Catholic church.	[1]
				9	Wrote a front cover endorsement for The Shack - a book that teaches the heresies of universalism, patripassianism, and outmost blasphemies. He endorsed also Rob Bell's universalistic 'Love Wins' and Sue Monk Kidd's 'When the Heart Waits'.	[1] [2] [3]
				10	Close friendship between him and Bono (U2). Bono even visited his private residence. Peterson said that U2 has a prophetic voice to the world and that Bono is a prophet like John the Baptist.	[1] [2]
				11	Regularly read books from Teresa de Avila (Catholic doctor, levitated, "spiritual visitations").	[1]
				12	Promoter of Richard Rohr (New Age figurehead).	[1]
				13	Promoted by Pete Greig (24/7 Prayer), who even appears in the introduction of the Message bible: *"His Message translation of the Bible and the lectio divina complement one another like fish and chips!"* [1]	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Francis Chan (1967-)	(Author, Teacher, Preacher, Crazy Love, Cornerstone Community Church)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Fallen deep.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Works with Bill Johnson, Benny Hinn, Heidi Baker.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	Close collaboration with IHOP and Mike Bickle.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	*"G-d might kill you if you criticize church leaders"* ...	[1]
	Francis Collins (1950-)	(Physician-Geneticist, Scientist, Author, BioLogos Foundation - an alleged "Christian" advocacy group)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Teaches that man comes from evolution and that interpreting the Bible in an ultra-literal way is wrong.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Supports Genetic Enhancement of healthy people.	[1] [2]
				3	He said that THEOS is ok with aborted fetal tissue research. Serious crimes against humanity as well as animals.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	Explicit and proactive (!) support of LG**Q.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	Irregularities regarding his work related to Covid.	[1] [2] [3]
	Franklin Graham (1952-)	(Evangelical Evangelist and Missionary; CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) and of the Samaritan's Purse)	[1] [2] [3]	1	In a 1999 newspaper interview, Franklin Graham said that his father's decision early in his ministry to cultivate broad ecumenical participation in his crusades, including the Roman Catholic church, was *"the best thing he ever did"*.	[1]
				2	In an April 2, 2005 interview with Katie Couric on NBC's Today show, Franklin Graham praised the late Pope John Paul II and said that they preached the same Good Message: *"We disagree on a lot of doctrinal issues and I guess those disagreements will always be there."*	[1] [2]
				3	In 2005, he attended the enthronement of Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. Franklin's preacher sister Anne Graham Lotz represented the organization at Pope John Paul II's funeral.	[1] [2]
				4	Many crusades and festivals together with Catholics. At Franklin's 1998 crusade in Adelaide, Australia, out of 400 registered churches, 74 had been either Catholic or Anglican.	[1] [2]
				5	He has become known, above all, as the most vociferous evangelical ally of Trump. Graham suggested that the opposition to Trump was the work of a *"demonic power"*, and he compared opponents with Judas Iscariot, suggesting that the Democrats had promised them *"thirty pieces of silver"*, and indirectly comparing Trump therefore with IESOUS what leads to blasphemy.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				6	After Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, he rebelled publically against the judicial system.	[1] [2]
				7	During Franklin Graham's 'Prayer March 2020', he partnered and joined in prayer with numerous highly problematic teachers and their organizations, including TBN, Matt and Laurie Crouch, Jonathan Cahn, Jentezen Franklin, Robert Morris, Paula White, et al, and then unashamedly platformed them on his Twitter feed.	[1]
				8	"*Paula White has led an interesting life and now serves as a trusted advisor to Donald Trump. She has a new book coming out tomorrow that you might want to check out."*	[1] [2]
	Gino Jennings (1963-)	('Apostle', Pastor, Leader, Teacher, Guide, and General Overseer at First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ., Inc.; Pentecostal Church; ~200 International Sanctuaries in Africa, Asia and Europe)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1	He denies the Trinity. He collapses all distinctions between the persons of FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT.	[1] [2]
				2	Cultic and abusive church movement; ill treatment of church members; arrogant behavior.	[1] [2]
				3	*"If you never spoke in tongues, you never received the Holy Ghost!"*	[1] [2]
				4	Adds many requirements to the Bible; identifies women who wear makeup and nail polish as whores.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	He heavily promotes the Apocrypha and even sells reprinted Bibles with the Apocrypha added to it. *"You have been calling that Bible for years ... yeah I know better"*.	[1] [2]
				6	He claims to have seen THEOS.	[1] [2]
				7	Most probably demon-possessed.	[1]
				8	Serious accusations of systematic adultery and of abuse of church finances.	[1]
	Guillermo Maldonado (1965-; US & GB)	(Apostle, Pastor, King Jesus Min. / El Rey Jesus)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Church staff put gold dust in the ventilation system. Water turned into "wine".	[1]
				2	Works with Bill Johnson from Bethel and Sid Roth.	[1] [2]
				3	Prosperity & Healing G-spel.	[1] [2]
				4	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2]
	Hank Kunneman	(One Voice Ministries)	[1] [2]	1	He prophesied Trump to win the 2020 election.	[1] [2]
				2	He claimed in 02/2020 that 'G-d' will save Americans from the coronavirus.	[1]
	Heidi Baker (1959-) Roland Baker	(Missionary, Speaker, CEO of Iris Global, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Works with Bethel / Bill Johnson, Sid Roth et al ...	[1] [2]
				2	False prophetess.	[1]
				3	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	Dangerous and heretical aspects of their teaching.	[1] [2]
				5	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation'. She writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3]
	Israel Houghton (1971-)	(Contemporary Christian Music Singer, Songwriter, Producer & Worship Leader; Israel & New Breed)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Adultery, divorce and remarriage. Two children due to adultery; sued by the State of Texas for child support.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2	Support and involvement at a Unification Church conference.	[1] [2]
				3	Pastor at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church.	[1] [2] [3]
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United States	Jack Hayford (1934-2023)	(President Foursquare Church, Founder of King's University, Founder of The Church On The Way, Promise Keepers)	[1] [2] [3]	1 He sat on the Renovaré Board with Richard Foster (see Renovaré below). He praised him for his efforts in bringing together all the 'streams' of the church.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Female elders at his Foursquare Churches (founded by a woman, Aimee McPherson). Teachings involve 'Spirit-slaying' and tongues for every believer (Hayford boasted that 80% of their members received the gift) ...	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Hayford publically to his daughter: *"The believer must first learn to speak in baby tongues before he speaks in adult tongues".*	[1] [2]
				4 Promoted Catholicism including the Alpha Course and Ecumenism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Promoted Dominionist Kingdom Now Theology.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 Promoted 'The Message Bible'.	[1] [2]
				7 Progressive Creationist who followed Hugh Ross.	[1]
				8 He led The King's University together with Robert Morris.	[1]
				9 Cleansing Stream is a deliverance ministry that originated out of Foursquare Church. It is rooted in Carl Jung's Psychotherapy, which is also embedded in Rick Warren's SHAPE Program and Richard Foster's teachings.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				10 He facilitated teachers such as Rick Warren, Robert Schuller (spoke at his conferences) and Todd Bentley.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				11 He was one of the original officers and trustees of Charismatic Bible Ministries (CBM), founded by hyper-charismatic Oral Roberts. He also received an honorary degree from Oral Roberts University.	[1] [2]
	Jackie Hill Perry (1989-)	(Ex-gay Christian, Author, Teacher, Poet)	[1] [2]	1 Advocate of Social Justice, Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, Identity Politics and Cultural Marxism.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 It's okay to be gay, you can expect to stay that way. 'G-d' told her "not to worry about" being a lesbian.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 Affirms the movement of Bethel Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 Supports the Word of Faith movement.	[1] [2]
				5 Introducing Feminism in Evangelical pulpits; she attacked a preacher for holding to biblical views on gender roles in the Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 Female preacher.	[1]
				7 Collaboration with Grace Selmer Baldridge, Beth Moore, Christine Caine, Lysa TerKeurst ...	[1] [2] [3]
	James M. Rochford	(Elder Dwell Community Church (Xenos); Author; Founder EvidenceUnseen.com)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Called repeatedly critics of the 'Once Saved Always Saved' theology 'heretics'.	[1] [2]
				2 Claims that the book of James talks about a 'Justification before Humans' instead of THEOS. Extreme twisting of Scripture.	[1]
				3 Claims that unbelievers are grafted in as branches.	[1]
				4 Elitist and exclusive agenda of his church, which has judged all other Christian bodies as inferior to their own. Cultic and abusive church movement; ill treatment of members. Several suicides directly related to his church!	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				5 He called people 'faggots' and "mother f...'.	[1]
				6 His wife bullied an ex-member of the church.	[1]
	James W. Goll (1952-)	(Prayer Storm, Encounters Alliance, Author)	[1] [2]	1 Numerous false prophecies.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 Possibly demon-possessed.	[1]
				3 Proponent of Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism and endorsement of Brother Lawrence and Richard Foster. Wrote the heretical book 'The Lost Art of Practicing His Presence'.	[1] [2]
				4 *"... we know of many women of vibrant faith whose gifts and courage made a difference for the Kingdom ... they are some of my favorites: Vibia Perpetua, Joan of Arc, Madame Jeanne Guyon (French Catholic mystic), Susanna Wesley, Catherine Booth (Feminist), Fanny Crosby, Maria Woodworth-Etter (Healing evangelist), Aimee Semple McPherson, Amy Carmichael, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Basilea Schlink"*	[1]
				5 Part of New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3]
				6 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"What a marvelous job my friend and seasoned leader is doing for the Body of Christ! I applaud the life and ministry of Brian Simmons!"* He also writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7 He claimed to have been taken on a journey into the realms of 'G-d's' eternal dwelling. 'Jesus' also appeared to him and gave him an extraordinary teaching on healing.	[1] [2] [3]
	Jen Hatmaker (1974-)	(Evangelical Leader, Author)	[1] [2]	1 Supports same-sex marriage ... *"they are brothers and sisters in Christ."* Her daughter is lesbian.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				2 She considers Richard Rohr to be a spiritual father and faith hero.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Hatmaker's podcast included progressive Christian leaders such as Pete Enns, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Richard Rohr, Rachel Hollis ...	[1]
				4 *"Trying to figure out if I could be more obsessed with Pope Francis."*	[1] [2]
				5 Hatmaker was baptized by a (pro-)gay bishop.	[1] [2]
				6 She is the petitioner of her divorce.	[1] [2] [3]
	Jentezen Franklin (1962-)	(Evangelical Pastor, Author, and Televangelist; Senior pastor of Free Chapel in Gainesville, Georgia)	[1] [2]	1 He is part of Trump's team of spiritual advisors. Shortly after Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, he issued a statement and sided therein with evil. His Twitter account shows 18 (!) posts related to Trump and his family, and he goes as far as to consider Paula White a faith leader.	[1] [2]
				2 He promotes female teachers.	[1]
				3 He considers Catholics as part of CHRISTOS' church.	[1]
				4 He is well-known Word of Faith teacher and teaches to speak things into existence.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 He endorses / associates himself with James Goll, Paula White, Pat Robertson, Stacey Campbell	[1] [2]
	Jeremiah Johnson	(Founder of Jeremiah Johnson Ministries, Author, Minister)	[1] [2] [3]	1 He prophesied that Donald Trump will be re-elected. He had a dream where Trump ran the Boston Marathon and crossed the finish line with the help of praying baby boomers.	[1] [2] [3] 4] [5] [6]
				2 He said after the lost election that *"a lying spirit has filled the mouths of numerous trusted prophetic voices in America".*	[1] [2]
				3 Wrongly prophesied a man to become millionaire.	[1]
	Jerry Falwell Jr. (1962-)	(Liberty University, Spiritual Advisor to Trump)	[1]	1 He puts Trump above Christian values. He compared him with IESOUS *"DT lives a life of loving and helping others as Jesus taught in the Great Commandment".*	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Scandal with open pants and several other scandals and irregularities.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Jesse Duplantis (1949-)	(Pastor, Covenant Church, Jesse Duplantis Min.)	[1] [2]	1 Regular 'heavenly tourist'.	[1] [2]
				2 Blasphemies.	[1] [2]
				3 Scandal related to his private jets. Net worth 20M.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 False Healings.	[1]
				5 Prosperity G-spel and false teacher.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Jim Bakker (& Lori) (1940-)	(Televangelist, Morningside Church, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Convicted fraudster.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Sexual and bisexual misconduct. Divorced.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 False prophet.	[1] [2]
				4 Called Trump "prophetic".	[1] [2] [3] [4]
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United States	Jim Wallis (1948-)	(Theologian, Writer, Teacher, Political Activist, Founder Sojourners Magazine)	[1] [2]	1	Egalitarian. Mocks Complementarianism.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Supports same-sex marriage. *"Jesus didn't speak at all about homo*e*quality".*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	Married to Joy Carroll, first female priest in the Church of England.	[1] [2] [3]
				4	Pro-Palestine activist.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	22 times arrested for acts of civil disobedience.	[1]
	Joel Scott Osteen (1963-)	(Pastor, Televangelist, Author)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Prosperity G-spel teacher. Lakewood Church states on its website: *"To be successful in your walk with G-d, commit to honor G-d with your finances. When you commit to give the Lord the first 10% of your income, G-d promises He will pour out blessings you cannot contain. Tithing is the first key to financial prosperity."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Promotion of Name-It-Claim-It or Word of Faith doctrine: *"We have to conceive it on the inside before we're ever going to receive it on the outside* [...] *To experience immeasurable favor, you must rid yourself of that small-minded thinking and start expecting G-d's blessings, start anticipating promotion and supernatural increase ..."*	[1]
				3	Very strong Ecumenism. He was in 2014 part of an ecumenical contingent which met the Pope at the Vatican and attended the mass.	[1]
				4	He frequently misunderstands important matters of faith and doctrine and gets the Evangelium wrong.	[1] [2]
				5	He preaches a little gods theory.	[1] [2]
				6	He studied at Oral Roberts University (one semester).	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Net worth of US$40-100 million. He owns a $325 000 Ferrari and a 10.5 million house.	[1] [2] [3]
	John & Lisa Bevere (1959/1960- ; sons Addison and Arden Bevere)	(Pastors, Founders of Messenger ltd., Authors)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]	1	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"Brian Simmons' work is truly breathtaking!" Both John and Lisa* write blog articles for Brian Simmons. Lisa on her Twitter: *"I love TPT"*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	John teaches Dominion theology.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	John teaches the Prosperity G-spel.	[1]
				4	John was board member of Joyce Meyer Ministries (at least from 2012 to 2016).	[1] [2]
				5	John and Lisa both have problematic theology.	[1]
				6	Both are strong supporters of female preaching. Lisa frequently preaches at Sunday worship services.	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Lisa is a regular conference speaker at highly charismatic church conferences such as Bethel's Women's Conference.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				8	Lisa is aligned with several false teachers such as Ann Voskamp, Beth Moore, Caroline Leaf, Christine Caine, Cindy Jacobs, Joel Osteen, John Eldredge, Joyce Meyer, Kris Vallotton, Paula White, Rick Warren, Steven Furtick, T.D. Jakes and Timothy Keller.	[1] [2] [3]
				9	They sent their son Arden to the Hillsong Sydney Bible college (2015). His book is endorsed by Christine Caine and Jentezen Franklin.	[1] [2]
				10	Their son Addison (COO of Messenger International) published a book, where Mark Batterson (The Circle Maker) wrote a problematic foreword.	[1] [2]
				11	John and Lisa served under Benny Hinn at the World Outreach Center.	[1]
	John MacArthur (1939-2025)	(Pastor, Author, TV program 'Grace to You')	[1] [2]	1	Figurehead of Augustinian-Calvinism. (see separate discernment)	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Blatant plagiarism. He has copied entire book pages from other authors.	[1] [2]
				3	He does rather not write his books and employs ghostwriters. *"It's a well known fact that John Mac Arthur's books are not written by John MacArthur, but by Philip R. Johnson at GCC."*	[1] [2] [3]
				4	He frequently quotes Augustine.	[1] [2]
				5	Whereas some Pentecostals base their theology on positive experiences, he bases his on negative experiences (both when it comes to Cessationism being defined by the abuse of Spiritual Gifts, and also when it comes to Calvinism being defined by its contrast to Catholicism). But just as a positive experience cannot be the basis of doctrine, neither can negative experiences be the basis of truth.	[1]
				6	He teaches that the non-elect are not able to find salvation, no matter how hard they try: *"How can a person who is dead in sin, blinded by Satan, unable to understand the things of G-d, and continuously filled with evil suddenly exercise saving faith? A corpse could no sooner come out of a grave and walk."*	[1] [2]
				7	One of the main proponents of the heretical doctrine of Cessationism. Claim that Cessationism is fundamental to the Reformed view.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
					He has been warned already in 2015 in his church: "YOU HAVE GRIEVED THE HOLY SPIRIT OF G-D. YOUR DOCTRINE OF CESSATIONISM IS AN ERROR. HE HAS BEEN GRIEVED, JOHN MACARTHUR. I'VE BEEN SENT HERE TO TELL YOU THAT. YOU'RE SHARPENING A SWORD AND THEY'RE CUTTING EACH OTHER". After the warning, JMA made no effort to test the Word as clearly instructed in the Bible, but laughed it away and continued his preaching.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8	He once was asked, *"Will people who take the mark of the beast during the tribulation period be redeemed by coming to Christ?"* And JMA's answer was, *"Yes, they will!"*	[1] [2]
				9	Open endorsement of the false teacher Jack Hayford: He *"is a model of diligence, faithfulness to the Lord and enduring loyalty to a local church. It's the long haul that manifests integrity and proven character. Many have fallen in the battle. Hayford is still standing– a tribute to G-d's marvelous grace."*	[1]
				10	He believes a person can kill themselves and still end up in heaven.	[1] [2] [3]
				11	His income from 'Grace to You' and 'The Master College' alone was $323,733 (2006) and grew to $505,724 (2011).	[1] [2] [3]
	John Mark Comer (1980-)	(Author, founding Pastor at Bridgetown Church / Solid Rock Church, formerly Koinonia group elder at Applegate Christian Fellowship; Practicing The Way)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Offers workshops on the Enneagram. He got into the Enneagram by reading Richard Rohr's book in 2012, and currently sells Rohr's book on his website.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				2	Strong proponent of Contemplative Prayer, including the Catholic monk Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises. Highest appreciation for problematic teachers Dallas Willard, John Ortberg and Peter Scazzero, all also included in his book store. Dallas Willard's writings have *"done more to shape the way that I follow Jesus more than anybody that I am aware of since the NT".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
				3	He spoke at The Apprentice Gathering (Spiritual Formation; see section 'movements').	[1]
				4	He strongly advocates to visit a psychiatrist and have a therapy, and even suggests that every Christian should just check if there is maybe something wrong with him or her. This approach is highly anti-biblical and pushes the gate wide open to many evil influences which many, if not most psychiatrists have bought into. It belittles CHRISTOS as the perfect healer. Doctors for physical illnesses are valuable, but to question your own sanity as a Christian has serious implications and rather shows that you either don't trust in your salvation or have never been born again.	[1]
					He stated in an interview: *"And actually recently, as part of my sabbatical, I started working with a a unique kind of psychiatrist down in the area where I'm living right now who does brain scans. It's a kind of a different approach to psychiatry. It's not drug- based. Uhm. It's kind of brain scan based and then a holistic kind of approach to healing your brain. And so uh I was shocked and not shocked when he diagnosed me with PTSD and emotional trauma."*	
					He says in 'Practicing the Way' with a tongue of sublime manipulation: *"Trying to skip over our pain and have Jesus fix us. Cue the rise of conference junkies chasing the next spiritual high. People who show up at church every single time the doors open but who refuse to go to therapy . . ."*	
				5	Furthermore, Comer told us that he went on a 21-day guided solitude retreat with a clinical psychologist to heal from wounds accrued during his ministry.	[1]
					This description closely matches a recurring narrative, often citing Brennan Manning, who took an intensive 30-21 day silent, guided retreat in the Colorado Rockies, or similar accounts of leaders working with a clinical psychologist to heal from trauma and wounds accrued during ministry. Brennan Manning was an influential American author, speaker, and former Roman Catholic / Franciscan priest. His writings remained deeply rooted in Catholic contemplative tradition.	
				6	Teaches polytheism, with 'good and bad gods under one G-d'. Bases his reasoning on Psalm 82 - favourite psalm of the Mormons. In his book 'G-d Has a Name', he states that a better way to think about monotheism is to see Z*us, Sh**r the Wi**an as real spiritual beings and that IESOUS is not the only way to THEOS !!! [see link #1]	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				7	He stated in interviews and on Twitter that his spiritual director is a Jesuit Priest !! He quotes St. Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuit order): *"I smile every time I read Ignatius"*. He also cites and links to the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. He teaches a video series on 'The Prayer of (Ignatian) Examen', a prayer technique developed by the Jesuits. He further endorses Dorothy Day (a Catholic who appeared in a Jesuit magazine) and Karl Rahner (*"who was one of the most important Catholic theologians of the 20th century"*). Ronald Rolheiser is his *"undisputed favorite Catholic writer of all time"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]
				8	He directly taught and endorsed the Catholic Mass at Genesis Costa Mesa.	[1]
				9	His father Phil Comer served with Luis Palau, who had a great fondness for, and friendship with Pope Francis.	[1] [2] [3]
					Both Phil and John Mark Comer were Elders at the megachurch 'Applegate Christian Fellowship' until 08/2002 (see link #1&2; John Mark met there also his wife Tammy). In the time between 1987 and 2007, another elder, Kelly Rassmussen, abused several children (unclear if through the church or outside the church). The other elders covered it up and Rasmussen was only convicted in 2009 for another case of intented sexual abuse of minors. John Mark refers in his interview with Levi Lusko only to a *"long story but a megachurch down in Southern Oregon"*, avoiding at all cost its name.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
					Lead pastor emeritus Jon Courson and his son Ben Courson also showed sexual misconduct, which was first covered by the elders, but then came to light.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10	They repeat the suspicious story of how his wife faced for 15 years a rare neurological disorder, resulting in the last 5 years in shaking / facial spasms / loss of vision et al. She then took the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course by Peter Scazzero and created a Genogram, pointing her to generational curses she then broke through a prayer by a third person ...	[1] [2] [3]
				11	He wrote a song for Jeremy Camp with a Third Wave mentality about emptying your mind.	[1]
				12	Speaker of the New Wine programme, associated with many false prophets/teachers.	[1] [2] [3]
				13	Endorses false teachers Greg Boyd and Christine Caine.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				14	John Ortberg wrote the foreword for his book 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry'.	[1] [2]
				15	He regularly quotes in his books Eugene Peterson, Michael Green (Anglican Priest, Oxford), Richard Foster and Richard Rohr, and even positively quotes Pope Paul II.	[1] [2] [3]
				16	In his interview with Levi Lusko, when speaking about his pure motivations, it somehow appears in min. 12:55 that another voice is speaking through him.	[1]
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				2 He spoke at The Apprentice Gathering (Spiritual Formation; see section 'movements').	[1]
				3 Scandal involving his pedophile son in his church.	[1]
				4 Emergent Church movement.	[1]
				5 Invited Jim Wallis to his church (mocks Complementarianism; pro-Palestine; pro-Islam).	[1] [2]
				6 Major promoter of Richard Foster.	[1] [2]
				7 Mentoring & highest appreciation for Dallas Willard.	[1] [2]
				8 Promoted Ken Blanchard (New Age book 'The Secret').	[1] [2] [3]
	John Piper (1946-)	(Calvinist NT scholar, Baptist Theologian, Pastor, and Chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Teaches Antinomianism. When asked *"Are Christians under the Ten Commandments?"*, his response was unequivocal: *"No. The Bible says we're not under the law."*	[1] [2]
				2 Highest praise for one of the greatest anti-Christs in Christian history, for Augustine (see separate discernment): *"He was known throughout the Christian world as a G-d-besotted, Biblical, articulate, persuasive shepherd of his flock and defender of the faith against the great threats of his day, mainly Manichaeism, Donatism, and Pelagianism. [...] The influence of Augustine in the Western World is simply staggering."*	[1]
				3 He told half-truth when saying that Augustine willingly walked away from Manichaeism, instead of having been forced by the Roman emperor under threat of death, while making Christianity the state religion. Piper: *"For the next nine years he was enamoured by the dualistic teaching called Manichaeism, until he became disillusioned with one of its leaders when he was 28 years old. "*	[1]
				4 *An article on Desiring G-d states: "G-d . . . brings about these evil aspects for his glory and his people's good. This includes - as incredible and as unacceptable as it may currently seem - G-d's having even brought about the Nazis' brutality at Birkenau and Auschwitz as well as the terrible killings of Dennis Rader and even the sexual abuse of a young child ... Nothing that exists or occurs falls outside G-d's ordaining will. Nothing, including no evil person or thing or event or deed."*	[1] [2]
				5 He defended his friend, Mark Driscoll, long after he was revealed as problematic teacher. He has no regret partnering with him and even called his fall a 'colossal satanic victory', although it was clear that THEOS made justice, and not satan had won.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6 "I have read more of C.S. Lewis than any other author on the planet except Jonathan Edwards. I love C.S. Lewis, he has made a great difference in my life."	[1]
				7 His ministry promoted Lectio Divina, but removed it shortly after they had been criticised for it.	[1] [2] [3]
				8 He wrote an obituary for Billy Graham.	[1]
	Jonathan Shuttlesworth (& Adalis Shuttlesworth)	(Evangelist, Pastor of Revival Today)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher. *"G-d is not an abundant G-d, He is a super abundant G-d."* He e.g. teaches from Deu 28 only the first part about blessings and stops reading right before the counterpart, the curses.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 His book titles include 'The 20 Laws that Govern the Financial Anointing' (Foreword Jesse Duplantis) and 'Financial Overflow: 10 Bible Principles To Unlock Heavens Unending Supply'.	[1]
				3 Typical healing shows including leg lengthening et al.	[1] [2]
				4 Close collaboration with Jesse Duplantis.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 Bizarre videos showing him supposedly after a plastic surgery.	[1] [2]
				6 Very frequent show-off with private jets.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Joyce Meyer (Pauline Joyce Hutchison; 1943-)	(Popular Speaker & Author, President of Joyce Meyer Ministries)	[1] [2]	1 Female pastor.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Prosperity G-spel teacher - without true repentance.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 She studied at Oral Roberts University.	[1]
				4 Heretical teachings.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 Little gods teachings.	[1] [2]
				6 Excessive lifestyle.	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Several plastic surgeries.	[1] [2]
				8 She endorses Andy Stanley, Benny Hinn, Creflo Dollar, Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, et al ...	[1] [2]
	Justin Peters	(Evangelist, WoF Discernment Minister, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1 He openly confesses to be a follower of Calvin, rejecting the biblical teaching of 1Cor 3:4 *"For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"* and Rom 16:17 *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."*	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Direct involvement in the 2020 scandal of Doreen Virtue concerning her 2017 conversion story and vision. He defended her even though it was clear that her conversion story was (partly) made up.	[1] [2]
				3 Next to JM Arthur one of the main proponents of the heretical doctrine of Cessationism. He is highly divisive and involved in Twitter battles with several ministers [see 2]. This ministry warned JP already in 06/2022 before the movie 'Cessationist' was produced [see 4&5], financed also through his ministry.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] 7] [8]
	Kathryn Krick (US & TZ)	('Apostle', Lead Pastor of Five-Fold Church, Christian Singer / Songwriter)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 False anointing of her as apostle.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 False deliverances.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Quotes the Passion Translation.	[1]
				4 Mocks discernment ministers.	[1] [2]
				5 Endorses Benny Hinn, Beth Moore, Bethel Church / Music, Caroline Leaf, Che Ahn, Christine Caine, Hank Kunneman, Heidi Baker, James Goll ...	[1]
	Kathryn Kuhlman (1907-1976)	(TV & Radio-Evangelist, Faith Healer, Forerunner to the Present-Day Charismatic Movement)	[1] [2]	1 *"When I met Pope Paul there was a Oneness."*	[1] [2]
				2 Responsible for breaking up at least one marriage involving children. According to her it was by 'G-d's' revelation that she took a married man away from his wife and children. Later divorce (unrepented).	[1] [2] [3]
				3 An estimated two million people reported that they were healed in her meetings over the years. But her claims of healings lack documentation and definitely include many fake healings. One woman who was said to have been cured of spinal cancer threw away her brace and ran across the stage at Kuhlman's command; her spine collapsed the next day and she died four months later.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				Testimony Kurt Koch: At once I began to pray in my heart, *"Lord Jesus, if this woman gets her power from You, then bless both her and me. If she has gifts and power which do not come from You, protect me from them. I do not want to come under an alien influence."* While Kathryn was praying, two ushers came and stood behind me to catch me as I fell. I felt nothing, however, and stood like a rock without losing my consciousness in the least. Then came a second surprise. Kathryn nudged me gently, probably in order to make me fall. She did not succeed. Then she asked me, *"Do you have a healing ministry yourself?"*	[1]
				One year after meeting with Kathryn, the state of all twenty-eight people said by her to have been healed was as follows: Ten had not been healed, seven had experienced an improvement in their condition, eleven had diseases in which the mind can play an important part. In the whole of this extensive report, there is not one clear case of healing from an organic disease.	
				"... what KK displays is not a gift of the Holy Spirit of G-d, but a gift of the spirits who rule in the air. These spirits make use of her, herself deceived and deceiving others ... She is a medium of Satan."	[1]
				4 Shady financial practices. She lived a rich and lavish lifestyle, and had serious financial allegations against her that were settled privately and secretly.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 False teachings. *"Faith is that quality or power by which the things desired become the things possessed."*	
				6 Several appearances at the 700 club. Close collaboration with Pat Robertson.	[1]
				7 She inspired Benny Hinn to start his ministry following exactly her methods. He wrote the book 'Kathryn Kuhlman: Her Spiritual Legacy and Its Impact on My Life'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

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	Name	Function	About		Discernment	Sources
United States	Kat Kerr (real name Katharine Nancy Brahtin)	(President of One Quest Int.)	[1]	1	False teachings about the creation account and Heaven.	[1]
				2	Word of Faith 'Weather Warriors'.	[1]
				3	She prophesied in 2018 that Donald Trump will be re-elected.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Keith Ferrate	("Emerging Prophet)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Prophet certification for $5000.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	He had a vision playing lego with 'G-d'.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Collaboration with Doug Addison. Mentored by Kris Vallotton.	[1] [2]
	Kenneth Max Copeland (CA & US; 1936-)	(KCM, Spiritual Advisor to Trump, Eagle Mountain Intern. Church Inc. aka Kenneth Copeland Ministries)	[1] [2]	1	*"Jesus Christ was born again in the pit of hell"*.	[1]
				2	Prosperity G-spel and false teacher.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3	He got his start in ministry as a direct result of memorizing Kenneth Hagin's messages and still refers to him in 2022.	[1] [2]
				4	He studied at Oral Roberts University.	[1] [2]
				5	Strong collaboration with Pope Francis.	[1] [2]
				6	He cut himself and drank his 'blood' for communion.	[1]
				7	Blasphemy. He is most probably demon possessed.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8	*"Adam was not subordinate to G-d"*; countless other heresies.	[1]
				9	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2]
				10	Invited Bill Johnson to the 2020 Southwest Believers' Convention of his ministry. Spoke at Bethel Church, delivered there a false testimony and strongly unbiblical teachings.	[1] [2] [3]
				11	Net worth of US$300 million. Numerous private jets.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Kenneth E. Hagin (1917-2003)	(Charismatic Pastor, Speaker, Head of Kenneth Hagin Ministries and RHEMA Bible Training Center)	[1] [2] [3]	1	He was the 'pioneer / father' in the Word of Faith movement. He even started a monthly magazine called 'The Word of Faith'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	He popularized the satanic 'Holy Laughter' / being 'Drunk in the Spirit'. In 1997, Hagin staggered around *"like a drunk, sticking his tongue out and wiggling it like a serpent. He hissed and panted, blowing on people, waving his arms at them, striking them on the head, while entire rows of people fell down or slidout of their seats in a drunken stupor as he lurched by. Kenneth Copeland and Kenneth Hagin, Jr. also got "drunk" and rolled around on the floor, making strange noises and laughing hysterically for no apparent reason."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	In his book 'The Woman Question', he accepted and approved the ordination of women as pastors and preachers in the Church.	[1] [2]
				4	Strong propensity for telling tales and describing false visions. In 1958 *"the Lord Jesus suddenly appeared"* before him, with an angel standing three feet behind Him.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	He stated that he would be alive at the return of IESOUS CHRISTOS, which re-confirmed him post-mortem as false prophet.	[1]
				6	Thousands of students have graduated from his Rhema Bible Training Center and have gone throughout the world planting churches patterned after his ministry. The stated purpose of Rhema is "to produce graduates who will carry forth the great charismatic renewal that G-d has sent into our time."	[1] [2]
				7	He heavily plagiarized from E.W. Kenyon: *"Hagin has, indeed, copied word-for-word without documentation from Kenyon's writings. The following excerpts of plagiarisms from no less than eight books by E.W. Kenyon are presented as evidence of this charge. This is only a sampling of such plagiarisms ..."*	[1]
				8	His grandson Craig Hagin, who serves as co-pastor of Rhema Bible Church in Oklahoma City and as COO for Kenneth Hagin Ministries, also endorses the false teaching of the 7 Mountain-Mandate.	[1]
	Kevin Zadai	(YouTuber, Author, Speaker)	[1] [2] [3]	1	He claimed to have been in the future and to have seen Trump win a second term.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Spiritual son of Jesse Duplantis; claimed that 'Jesus' played the saxophone for him.	[1]
	Kris Vallotton (1955-)	(Leader of Bethel Church, co-Founder BSSM)	[1] [2]	1	False & Prosperity G-spel teaching at Bethel church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Liturgical prayer to the g-d of Mammon.	[1]
				3	He prophesied that Trump will be re-elected in 2020 and later he apologized in public.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	He perpetuates the false notion that Christians are not to judge insiders.	[1]
				5	Endorsement of 'The Passion Translation'. He writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3]
	Lance Wallnau	(Prophet, Self-titled 'Strategist, Futurist and compelling Communicator')	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	A key player in the New Apostolic Reformation.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	He is the architect of The 7 Mountain Mandate (Truth and Liberty Coalition; Dominionism) and has a dedicated bookstore for related books.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3	He wrote the book 'Invading Babylon, The 7 Mountain Mandate' together with Bill Johnson and Alan Vincent, Ché Ahn, C. Peter Wagner, Lance Wallnau and Patricia King.	[1]
				4	False prophet. Regular appearance on the Elijah list. Friends with Cindy Jacobs.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	Close collaboration with Rick Joyner / Morning Star Ministries, which carries a long list of materials by Wallnau.	[1] [2]
				6	Support and prophecies related to Trump.	[1] [2]
				7	Promotes Ken Blanchard (New Age book 'The Secret') on his website.	[1]
	Lee Strobel (1952-)	(Author & Investigative Journalist)	[1] [2]	1	He officially supports Metamorpha (Contemplative Spirituality; an online community for Catholic Mysticism / Spiritual Formation; owned by his son). Lee invited Dallas Willard in his book 'The Case For Faith' for a conversation.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	Systematic endorsement of the Roman Catholic Church (specific endorsement of Anthony Grafton, Augustine, Bartolomé de las Casas, Billy Graham, Blaise Pascal, Edgar McGrath, Francisco de Vitoria, Francisco J. Ayala, John D. Woodbridge, John Stott, Luis de Molina, Luis Palau, Madeleine L'Engle, Mother Teresa, Os Guinness, Peter Boyle, Peter Kreeft, Teresa de Avila and Popes Alexander III / Innocence III / John Paul II / Paul III / Urban II ...) and of Augustinianism / Calvinism (Augustine himself, D. James Kennedy, James Stewart, John Calvin himself, Joni Eareckson Tada, R.C. Sproul). He is most certainly a Roman Catholic, a fact substantiated through countless passages in his book 'The Case For Faith', such as: *"The Catholic church has an impressive record of taking care of the poor during the middle ages."*	[1] [2] [3]
				3	He unquestionably endorses Purgatory in his book 'The Case For Faith'.	[1]
				4	His movie 'The Case For Christ' directly endorses the Roman Catholic relic and supposed powerful symbol of faith, the 'Shroud of Turin'. The movie further promotes the RCC father Jose Maria Marquez as someone who truly converted to Christianity. The hero of the movie is a Roman Catholic nurse who is directed by 'g-d' to save the life of Strobel's daughter and spiritually the whole family, and who works at the prominently displayed RCC 'Mercy Hospital and Medical Center' in Chicago.	[see review]
				5	Substantial and very specific watering down of the Catholic crimes of the past (crusades and inquisition). *"IF CRITICS BELIEVE that aspects of the crusades should be denounced as hypocritical and violent, well, they have an ally in Christ"*. He further minimizes and partly justifies antisemitism.	[1]
				6	Highly disrespectful, belittling and partly blasphemous language when speaking about THEOS, often even dramatizing what a doubter would dare to say. He goes far beyond the necessary and by his choice of words it becomes clear that he has a serious problem, and that his supposedly firm faith is anything else than firm.	[1]
				7	Proponent of Theistic Evolution / the Big Bang, 380M years for animal (= human) creation.	[1] [2]
				8	He credits Leo Tolstoy with Christian faith, which is a highly misleading assumption.	[1]
				9	Endorsement of Francis Collins (Teaches that man comes from evolution; supports Genetic Enhancement; aborted fetal tissue research ...).	[1]
				10	Very close collaboration with William Lane Craig, with whom he repeatedly worked together and who formed his view of Theistic Evolution (Adam&Eve = Homo heidelbergensis; one million years ago ...; claims that the genre of Genesis 1-11 is pure myth).	[1] [2]
	Levi Lusko (1982-)	(Author, Lead Pastor at Fresh Life Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Egalitarian. His wife preaches on a regular basis to their main congregation.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	He regularly twists Scripture; converts his sermons rather into a TED talk-format / pop-psychology.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	Very regular use of the heretical Message Bible in his books and sermons, including explicit endorsement of the heretic Eugene Peterson. He also uses the Passion Translation.	[1] [2] [3]
				4	He invited John Mark Comer and his wife to his podcast.	[1]
				5	He endorses the Enneagram.	[1]
				6	Family friendship with the Furtick's. They have preached multiple times at each other's churches, and done conferences together.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7	Collaboration with David Jeremiah.	[1] [2] [3]
				8	Associates with Andy Stanley, Carl Lentz (Hillsong New York), Christine Caine, Max Lucado ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Lou Engle (1952-)	(The Call, Lou Engle Ministries, IHOP, Harvest Itl. Ministries)	[1] [2]	1	*"A 3-day fast will stop the coronavirus"*; 2020 will be the 'Year of Stadium Christianity'.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3	He went as far as to specifically invite Roman Catholics to the Azusa Now 2016 event in 2016, where he kissed on stage the feet of the Roman Catholic leader Matteo Calisi.	[1] [2]
				4	Collaboration and friend to Che Ahn.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website.	[1]
	Matt Brown (Matthew Stephen Brown)	(Sandals Church, Author)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1	Strong proponent of the Enneagram. They sell the test for $12 on their website.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2	Book Called YOU: Understanding the Enneagram from a Grace-Filled, Biblical Perspective.	[1] [2]
				3	He is currently still being haunted by voices of previous tarot card reading.	[1]
				4	Puts the relationship with yourself over the relationship with THEOS.	[1] [2]
				5	Their giving section includes: 'Stocks, bonds and mutual funds shares, cryptocurrency, automobiles, boats, jewelry, retirement, trusts, assets and more ...	[1]
				6	Follows Andy Stanley, Bill Johnson, Dallas Willard, John Mark Comer, Joseph Prince, Pope Francis.	[1] [2]
	Marianne Williamson (1952-)	(Author, Spiritual Leader, and Political Activist)	[1] [2] [3]	1	New Age guru. Williamson's style was called a 'trendy amalgam of Christianity, Buddhism, pop psychology and 12-step recovery wisdom'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2	*"The Messiah is not a person but a point of view."*	[1] [2]
				3	She was a frequent guest on the Oprah Winfrey show as well, and became known as Oprah's 'spiritual advisor'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Williamson vehemently supports abortion access, services and choice. She has spoken out against the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	She is indifferent about religion, having called it a map in which *"the route isn't important. It's the destination that matters."*	[1] [2] [3]
				6	She teaches a heretical book 'A Course in Miracles', which 'Jesus' was supposed to have dictated to a psychiatrist in the Seventies. *"Some bitter idols have been made of him who came only to be brother to the world." "Is he the Christ? O yes, along with you." "There is no sin; it has no consequence."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7	Her books include titles such as 'Illuminata: A Return to Prayer', 'The Law of Divine Compensation', 'The Age of Miracles: Embracing the New Midlife'	[1] [2]

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United States	Mark Driscoll (1970-)	(Author, Pastor at Mars Hill and The Trinity Church; Founder of Real Faith Ministry)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Proponent of Contemplative Prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				2 Alleged abusive behavior at Mars Hill church and also later at Trinity Church. Cursing, shunning and threatening of people - to sue and bankrupt them. Abusive control of social media activities. Sexually vulgar. Denigration of women. Privileges for the rich. Plagiarism. Division of families over contact to ex-communicated members of his church. A main facilitator is pastor Brandon Andersen.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]
				3 Driscoll was sending cease and desist letters, threatening to sue whistleblowers of his church. **He reportedly amassed a $10 million dollar litigation fund to sue whistleblowers into oblivion.**	[1] [2]
				4 He confessed to have manipulated sales numbers of his books. *"He had paid a marketing firm, ResultSource, more than $200,000 to get his book onto the New York Time bestseller list. The scheme included hiring people to purchase 6000 copies of the book in bookstores, then ordering another 5000 copies in bulk. They even made sure to use more than 1000 different payment methods, so BookScan couldn't track all the purchases back to a single source."* [see 4]	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 He is utterly obsessed with sex. Public endorsement of anal sex, menstrual sex and cosmetic surgery.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 (New) Calvinist. Went as far (in the common over-emphasis of 'grace') to say that Noah got saved by grace only and that his salvation had nothing to do with faith or righteousness.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				7 Public defence of the Catholic religion he was brought up with. It is not a cult and we should not argue about the different 'interpretations'.	[1]
	Max Lucado (1955-)	(Author, Associate Minister at Oak Hills Church, Upwords Inc.)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 In the ecumenical camp, with Roman Catholicism. Signer of 'Evangelicals and Catholics Together II'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 He promotes Catholic Mysticism and Contemplative Prayer, and quotes in his books Saint Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Merton (Buddhist-Catholic Monk who taught universalism), Eugene Peterson and Richard Foster.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Prosperity G-spel teaching (Book 'Glory Days, Living Your Promised Land Life Now') and collaboration with PG teachers.	[1]
				4 Endorsement of Christine Caine; he wrote the fore-word to Undaunted: *"Paul. Mary. Esther. Turns out, I've met all three in the person of Christine Caine."*	[1] [2]
				5 He seeks unity with Beth Moore, Jen Hatmaker and Richard Rohr. He refers to Steven Furtick as his friend and referenced his teaching.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Michael L. Brown (1955-)	(Radio host, author, apologist, activist, and proponent of Messianic Judaism, Christian Zionism, and the Charismatic Movement)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Endorsement of 24/7 Prayer International.	[1]
				2 He defended Mike Bickle through a lengthy article and an even lengthier video, although at that point several credible ministers had already *"found these allegations of clergy sexual abuse by Mike Bickle to be credible and long-standing"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 He collaborated / shared a book with Bill Johnson, James W. Goll, Sid Roth ...	[1]
				4 Endorsement by Cindy Jacobs, Eric Metaxas, Mike Bickle on his website.	[1]
	Michael Paul Johnson			1 In the Turkish translation of the Christian Bible, his translators **replaced the name of the Christian deity in John 1:1 with 'Tanr* / Tengr*'**. Worship surrounding Tengr* is called Tengr*sm, which involves ancestor worship, shamanism, animism, and totemism. In the arabic translation, they translated His name with 'All*h', which is plain blasphemy. **Chinese: Sh*n, Estonian: Jum*l (a sky god), French: Di*u (Ze*s), Haitian Creole: Bond*e (Vodou god), Hindi: Param*svara, Italian: Di* (Ze*s), Latin: De*s (Ze*s), Persian: Kh*da (god of Zoroastrianism)** ...	[1] [2]
				2 Strong proponent of Ecumenism. His main project, the World English Bible, is an 'ecumenical project'.	[1]
				3 He published the **'Deuterocanon & Apocrypha: World English Bible U. S. A. Spelling'** as separate book. His **Bible translations also include the Apocrypha** and he follows in his own words the **highly problematic 'readers can take it or leave it' approach**. IESOUS on the other hand would condemn neutrality or even a promotion of works of darkness in between the 2 covers of His Word.	[1]
				4 In 2009, while living in Papua New Guinea, he ***"saw a vision of a bright white warrior angel descending on the SIL Ukarumpa Centre"***, 6 days before 72 houses burned to the ground and 3 Bibles and a praying man were miraculously saved.	[1]
				5 In 2004 (also in PNG), a pastor of the 'Assemblies of G-d' saw people carrying a coffin by his evangelistic meeting. He called them through his microphone to put the coffin on the stage. The pastor then ***"kicked the coffin so hard that he broke the side of the coffin, popped the lid off, and split open the toe of his own boot. He looked into the coffin and commanded the man to get up in Jesus' Name. The man instantly sat bolt upright"***. [...] There were about 3,000 people there to hear the G-spel the next day he when he delievered **three witches, something like flying foxes (a very large kind of bat) fled their bellies** ...	[1]
				6 His website boasts with many other **'resurrection stories'**, visions and healing miracles.	[1] [2] [3]
				7 He considers **Roman Catholics as part of the Christian body** and posted a photo with his son wearing the robe of a Roman Catholic order.	[1] [2]
				8 His section 'Neat Christian Pages' includes the following highly problematic organizations: The Assemblies of G-d (marked in bold letters), Breakpoint with Chuck Colson (Ecumenism), Focus on the Family, **Kenneth Copeland Ministries**, Liberty University (Jerry Falwell), Promise Keepers, **Rhema Bible Church (Kenneth Hagin; marked in bold letters!)** ..	[1]
				9 He and his wife Lori are part of the Advisory Board of World Outreach Ministries, which has been founded by the Oral Roberts University graduate Jason Peebles. Peebles promotes teachers such as Franklin Graham, Greg Laurie, Jentezen Franklin, Jesse Duplantis, Joyce Meyer, Kenneth Copeland, Paula White, T.D. Jakes ...	[1] [2] [3]
	Michael W. Smith (1957-)	(Artist, Author, Catholic, Founding Pastor)	[1]	1 Promotes the New Apostolic Reformation and Emergent Church.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Songs include liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. He often collaborates with Catholics and went as far as to perform on the RC World Youth Day.	[1] [2]
				3 He acknowledged in an interview that some of his songs are influenced by Alan Parsons, one of the most occultic rock musicians.	[1]
				4 He was mentored by James Goll and Don Finto.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 Uses the heretical Passion Translation in public. Official endorsement on their website. *"TPT is a gift to Bible readers."*	[1] [2] [3]
				6 Praised the heretical movie 'The Shack'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7 Endorses / partners with Eric Metaxas.	[1] [2] [3]
	Mike Bickle (Michael L Bickle; 1955-)	(IHOP, Author, Pastor)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Founder of the International House of Prayer IHOP (Cultic origin, worship style, Mysticism, Gnosticism, false prophecies, denial Sola Scriptura, et al).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				2 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 Self-appointed apostle.	[1] [2]
				4 False teachings.	[1] [2]
				5 His often-told 'Luke 4:18 prophecy / divine poetry', used to legitimize his ministry, was debunked as false. The story involved the mother of well-known Kansas City prophet Paul Cain and the timing when his mother, Anna Cain, died ("She died on April 18 (4/18) at 4:18pm after giving the Scripture on Luke 4:18!")	[1] [2]
				6 Mike Bickle in his forward to Stacey Campbell's book: *"In 2005 during a visit to IHOPKC, the vision became clear* [...] *that they* [House of Prayer Augsburg] *needed to launch a 24/7 HoP with the spirituality of the Catholic charismatic renewal movement and a focus on ecumenism."*	[1]
				7 Proponent of Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism and endorsement of Henri Nouwen.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				8 *"I want this book to be the manual for IHOP–KC.": St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the G-spel On Prayer.*	[1] [2]
				9 Bridal Paradigm / Identity places a heavy emphasis on highly allegorized interpretation of the Song of Solomon. In their view, the book is more than a depiction of sensual love between a husband and wife; it is a metaphor of IESOUS and the individual believer. Those teachings are reflected in intimate 'worship' songs, tied to and used by Bickle and his IHOP.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10 Serious allegations of sexual abuse and rape spanning several decades, involving at least 17 women, including minors and married women. Bickle then used **manipulating and intimidating tactics towards the victims** to isolate and discredit them, and refused to meet with those who later revealed the scandal. IHOP first promised an independent investigation, but it turned out to be one of the most prestigious, aggressive, and expensive law firms, defending IHOP against accusations. Bickle later	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]
				11 He claims to have had several encounters with 'g-d', including hearing the audible voice of 'g-d' and being taken to 'heaven' twice.	[1] [2] [3]
				12 He studied at Oral Roberts University.	[1] [2]
				13 Collaboration with / endorsement of Bill Johnson, Eric Metaxas, Francis Chan, James Goll, Richard Foster, et al.	[1] [2]
	Mike Todd	(Lead Pastor Transformation Church, Author)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 His wife is promoted as Lead Pastor of the church. Amberly Bell, Brie Davis and Tammy McQuarters are other female pastors. 67 % of their pastors are female.	[1]
				2 *The only other male pastor is sometimes wearing women's clothing.*	[1] [2]
				3 Prosperity G-spel teacher *"G-d always wants to heal you. Poverty is based on fear."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4 Teaches Modalism, that THEOS cannot be 3 different persons at the same time, but must change His state." *1 G-d, 3 expressions."*	[1] [2] [3]
				5 Preaches the Ransom theory - IESOUS was paying the devil to release us.	[1]
				6 Legitimate concerns regarding his man-centered theology, regularly twists Scripture.	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Easter 2023 scandal, with an outrageous screenplay, having included a female crucified 'Christ'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8 He publically uses the Message 'bible'.	[1] [2]
				9 He spoke at Elevation Church (Steven Furtick), Lakewood Church (Joel Osteen) ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				10 Frequent appearance on Preachers n Sneakers for wearing insanely expensive clothing.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				11 The founder of Transformation Church, Bishop Carlton Pearson, has studied at Oral Roberts University and was the personal mentee of Roberts himself.	[1]
				12 He had Robert Morris preach at his church: *"Grandchildren are G-d's reward for not killing your children".*	[1]
				13 While preaching, he wore a shirt picturing Myles Munroe (Oral Roberts graduate).	[1]
				14 Regularly shows himself without shirt, once with sensual dancing, and his wife in bikini.	[1]

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United States	Mike Winger	(Youtube, Pastor & worship leader at Hosanna Christian Fellowship) Often with outstanding teachings, but also sometimes watering down the Good Message - specifically when it comes to laws.	[1] [2]	1	Strong tendency towards Antinomianism. Winger to Joel Webbon: *"I don't think the 10 Commandments are binding for Christians"*.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Goes as far in his aversion to biblical laws, as to teach a conditional application of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15): The biblical command to not eat blood *"is not a requirement for your sanctification"*.	[1]
				3	Although criticizing, he over and over proclaims his love to Calvinists (in direct contradiction to Gal 1:8-9 *"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a G-spel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed"* and also 2Joh 1:10-11). *"I usually enjoy spending more time with Calvinists than anybody else because we have so much in common ..."* *"For my Calvinist friends, I consider this a family issue you are my brother and sister in Jesus"*. His final judgment is such weak that non-Calvinists reportedly became Calvinists by watching his videos. Many of his teachings are marked by a middle-road attitude, while constantly avoiding any absolutes that could make him displease any group of followers.	[1] [2]
				4	Instead of marking Todd White or Joel Osteen as wolves, he embraces them as brothers with bad theology. Although criticizing, Pastor Bill Johnson *"inspired him in his faith"*. He would still fellowship with Bethel Church (where New Age is openly propagated!).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	Divorce: he teaches that abuse, adultery or desertion justify divorce and remarriage. He bases much of his conclusions on Craig Keener and historians rather than on Scripture.	[1] [2]
				6	He proclaimed a third temple in Jerusalem.	[1]
				7	Regular endorsement of William Lane Craig. He objects *"the claim that 'Yom' means a 24-hour period"*. *"Genesis perhaps is just laying out a general facts of reality ... it's not even intending to be taken as a literal historical account ..."*	[1] [2] [3]
	Myles Munroe (1954-2014)	(Evangelist, Pastor)	[1]		Died in 2014 plane crash; therefore excluded.	
	Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993; Wife: Ruth Stafford Peale)	(Author, Pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, the church of the Trump family, Founder of Guideposts)	[1]	1	His most popular book, The Power of Positive Thinking, was written in 1952 and has sold more than 20 million copies. It was the model for a flood of self-help books that followed. He is the person who is most responsible for bringing psychology into the professing Church (particularly the false G-spel of self-esteem).	[1] [2] [3]
				2	He established a clinic with Freudian psychiatrist Dr. Smiley Blanton in the basement of his church. The clinic was described as having *"a theoretical base that was Jungian, with a strong evidence of neo- and post-Freudianism."*	[1] [2]
				3	Norman Vincent Peale is publically known to be a **lifelong Mason (33°) ranging all common grades and innumerable accolades. The Knights Templar, appointed him Grand Prelate for the 1970-1973 triennium.**	[1] [2] [3]
				4	He advocated New Age and/or occult teachings as visualization/positive imaging, Pantheism, Universalism, human potential, positive confession, positive thinking ... Those concepts are also featured in his popular Guideposts magazine. Guideposts also promotes false teachers such as Joel Osteen (Prosperity G-spel), Henry Blackaby (Contemplative Spirituality) and St. Therese of Lisieux (Contemplative Mystic), and Sue Monk Kidd (Contemplative Spirituality). Guideposts is strongly Ecumenical and Interfaith based.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	*"It's not necessary to be born again. You have your way to G-d, I have mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto shrine"*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6	He maintained that Jews, Muslims, and other non-Christians worship the true THEOS.	[1]
				7	In 1975, he received a blessing from Mormon Prophet Kimball. In 1980, he was the featured speaker at a dinner honoring this prophet.	[1]
				8	He endorsed 'The Jesus Letters', written by two Connecticut women who claim to have made contact with a communicating entity self-identified as 'Jesus of Nazareth', who dictated 80 letters to them. Peale said of this occultic automatic writing: *"It little matters if these writings come from Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus of Jane* [co-author Jane Palzere], *they are all the same consciousness and that consciousness is G-d. I am a part of G-d, and Jane [is] part of that same G-d."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				9	One of Norman Vincent Peale's most 'successful' protégés is Robert Schuller. Schuller teaches that there is no need for one to recognize his own personal sin, no need for repentance, and no need for the crucifixion of self, but that self is to be exalted.	[1] [2]
	Oral Roberts (1918-2009)	(Charismatic Televangelist, one of the first to propagate the Prosperity G-spel, Ecumenist, ordained by the Pentecostal Holiness church)	[1]	1	In 1977, Roberts had a "7-hour vision with a 900-ft. Jesus" who told him there was an urgent need to erect the City of Faith Medical and Research Center. Its 777 beds had never more than 246 occupied and it went bankrupt after 8 years.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
					A rapper later changed his name to 'MC 900 Ft. Jesus', inspired by Oral Roberts.	[1] [2]
				2	In 1983, 'G-d' again contacted Roberts to tell him that he wanted him to find a cure for cancer. No such cure has been reported.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	In 04/1986, Roberts told a gathering at the Dallas Convention Center that 'g-d' had instructed him to raise the money 'by the end of the year' or he would die. In 01/1987, he once again claimed that 'g-d' was threatening to 'call him home' unless his followers forked up $8 million, now by March.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	He propagated the 'seed-faith'. Plant a financial seed and watch your miracle grow ...	[1]
				5	He claimed to have raised a baby from the dead.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	**Many people died at his crusades** and **50 people were injured during a storm** above his tent meeting.	[1]
				7	Roberts' office staff mailed tens of thousands of 'anointed' handkerchiefs to their followers.	[1]
				8	Throughout his life, Roberts kept saying that the end of the world was -imminent-, although many signs are not even visible today.	[1]
				9	Strong proponent of Ecumenism. During a 1957 campaign in North Carolina, he listed among the churches represented in his audiences: Assemblies of g-d, Roman Catholic, Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal, Christian Science, Church of g-d, Episcopal, Free Will Holiness, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, Missionary Alliance, Methodist, Glad Tiding Tabernacle, Presbyterian, Missionary Baptist, Pentecostal Holiness, and United Brethren. At the height of his 'success' he returned to the church of his youth, the United Methodist Church.	[1] [2]
				10	3 of his 4 children divorced, 2 became homos*xuals, 1 committed suicide.	[1]
				11	see also 'Organizations' > Oral Roberts University	
	Pat Cocking (Patricia CoKing / Patricia King)	(Apostolic and Prophetic Minister)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Preached as female pastor while clearly being drunk.	[1] [2]
				2	False prophet. Regular visits of heaven.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	New Age teachings.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"I personally cannot get enough of this translation! It is beyond beautiful!"*	[1]
				5	"The Lord told her to change her name."	[1] [2] [3]
	Pat Robertson (1930-2023)	(700 Club, Christian Broadcasting Network)	[1] [2] [3]	1	He was a Freemason, ordained as a Southern Baptist minister by Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia.	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Long list of controversies.	[1] [2]
				3	Pat served in the 1950s as assistant pastor at the First Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, New York under Harald Bredesen, who was often called the father of the charismatic movement. Through him he was introduced to the Freemasons Norman & Ruth Peale, and together with him he founded the Christian Broadcasting Network, after having been introduced to the Pentecostal version of the 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'. Bredesen also created a 'Prince of Peace Prize' he later gave to Mother Teresa and Billy Graham.	[1] [2]
				4	He denied creation and believed in evolution.	[1]
				5	He *"worked for harmony and reconciliation between Protestants and Catholics"*.	[1]
				6	**Use of ministry funds and airplanes to support horrific dictators in order to extract wealth, including blood diamonds.**	[1] [2]
				7	He 'prophesied' in October 2020 that Trump will be re-elected without question.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8	He 'prophesied' two attacks on Trump's life during his second term.	[1]
				9	He was CEO of Regent University, where they offer up a Roman Catholic Mass every Tuesday in their chapel.	[1] [2] [3]
				10	He highly praised *"Mark Burnett is just a genius, an absolute genius."* (Burnett is a Roman Catholic, 2 times divorces and 3 times married; producer of the highly problematic 'The Bible' Mini-series and the 'Son of G-d' movie).	[1]
				11	His net worth was between $200 million and $1 billion.	[1]
	Paula White-Cain (1966-)	(Televangelist, Main Spiritual Advisor to Donald Trump)	[1] [2] [3]	1	T.D. Jakes is the 'Spiritual father' of Paula White. Year 2000: Jakes invited her to his conference and boosted her career. In 2007, she sent him a black convertible Bentley for his 50th birthday. Year 2011: Jakes recommended **White for the position of senior pastor at New Destiny Christian Center, after its previous pastor, Zachery Tims, was found dead in a room from an "acute intoxication" from cocaine and heroin [3]. Tims's ex-wife said in court filings that White was "the spiritual mother of Zachery" and that the two had a spiritually "intimate relationship." Zachery Tims called her his "spiritual mother" [5].**	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
					Unification Church	
				2	She preaches the 'Mother Moon and Han' theology and works with the Unification Church to bring the "only begotten daughter of g-d to America". Clear rejection of the Trinity. She called Hak Ja Han Moon, the widow of Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon, *"a jewel from G-d"* and lauded *"Mother Moon for her great work as a spiritual leader who loves the Lord ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3	Spoke at several Unification Church conferences.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
					Donald Trump	
				4	**Main spiritual advisor to Trump, who also spoke at Unification Church conferences.** The team of spiritual advisors include(d) false teachers such as Guillermo Maldonado, James Dobson, Paula-White, Kenneth Max Copeland, Ralph Reed, Robert Jeffress, Jerry Falwell Jr., Franklin Graham, Mark Burns, Robert Morris, Eric Metaxas ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5	She claimed in November 2020 that *"demonic confederacies"* were *"attempting to steal the election"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6	Very close connection to Donald Trump, they have known each other since 2002. After Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, she rebelled publically against the judicial system [7].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
					False Teachings	
				7	Prosperity G-spel teacher. She wrote in her book 'Living The Abundant Life': "*Prosperity means: welfare, well-being; affluence (wealth); success; smiles of fortune; blessings; and a g-dsend. . . . Jesus said, 'I come that you would enjoy life.'; You cannot be a non-tither and have a breakthrough.*"	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8	She urged her followers to donate a "first fruits" by offering up to 1 month's pay to enjoy 'blessings' for the rest of the year or to otherwise suffer *"divine consequences"*.	[1] [2] [3]
				9	She promises her donors their own personal angel.	[1]
				10	She speaks in tongues without an interpreter being present. *"Tika hatta onda ora batta ronda aka aka .."*	[1]
					Private Life	
				11	She met pastor Randy White, who was married with three children. The two divorced their spouses in 1989 and married each other a year later. She is now two times divorced and had in 2010 an affair with the married Benny Hinn.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				12	Her current **husband Jonathan Cain encouraged the congregation to watch porn -from the pulpit of her church-**. In response, Paula just giggled like a smitten school girl. Several church members could be heard laughing.	[1] [2] [3]
	Peter Scazzero (1956-)	(Founder Emotional Healthy Discipleship, former Senior Pastor New Life Fellowship Church)	[1] [2]	1	Teaches Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				2	He endorses the late Trappist monk William Meninger, one of the three co-founders of the modern Contemplative Prayer Movement, and had him speak at his church.	[1] [2]
				3	Promotes the Enneagram.	[1] [2] [3]
				4	Part of the Catholic-Buddhist movement.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	Practically every reference he gives in his books are Roman Catholic monks, mystics (Brother Lawrence, Brennan Manning, Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr, Parker Palmer, Henri Nouwen, and John of the Cross), New Age teachers or those teaching Hinduism and Buddhism.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	He quoted the Catholic priest Henri Nouwen 22 times on his Twitter account.	[1] [2]
				7	Partnership with Willow Creek Church.	[1] [2] [3]
	Ralph Reed (1961-)	(Spiritual Advisor Trump, Formerly Christian Coalition)	[1] [2]	1	Indian gambling scandals.	[1] [2]
				2	He wrote the book 'For G-d and Country, The Christian Case for Trump'	[1] [2]
				3	Shortly after Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, he issued a -formal- statement and sided therein with evil.	[1] [2]
				4	Supporter of voter fraud theories in 2016.	[1]

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United States	Randy Clark (1952-)	(President Global Awakening, Author, self-declared 'Apostle' and 'Imparter')	[1]	1 He grew up watching with his grandmother Oral Roberts and his mother was supposedly taken out of her body and went to Heaven.	[1]
				2 [1984] His testimony of 'impartation' reads as following [excerpt from his book 'There Is More!: The Secret to Experiencing G-d's Power to Change Your Life']: "In Jan 1984, two deacons from my church and I attended the Robinson Bible Conference in Dallas, Texas ... John Wimber [founding leader of the highly problematic Vineyard Movement; starnge manifestations in his services; female elders; Ecumenism] taught a session for about 500 pastors ... that same day, G-d used David Yonggi Cho's message [Pastor of the world's largest Pentecostal church; 3 years prison for financial fraud] ... David Wilkerson spoke ... now I was a baptist and we did not do that. But I raised my hands up, and as soon as I did, the spirit of G-d hit me ... I fell against the wall, tried to grab hold of it, slid down and ended up lying on the floor ... I lay there shaking and crying for about half an hour. Then I got up and started back to my chair. Before I could even take two steps the spirit hit me again, and I slid back down the wall into a heap on the floor and wept and cried and shook some more. [...] the next night I went up to John Wimber ... 'There is an apostolic call on your life' ... John shared also many other good prophecies with me and I went encouraged ... with a new 'impartation' in my life ...	[1] ▶ see also the review of 'The Cross and the Switchblade, David Wilkerson and John & Elizabeth Sherrill (2 out of 5 stars)
				3 [1984, March] John Wimber then sent a team from Anaheim Vineyard -led by Blaine Cook- to Clark's church (Spillertown Baptist Church, Illionois): Blaine prayed for both DeAnne [his wife] and me ... together we received an impartation. I felt like I had grabbed hold of an electric wire. I began to shake, feeling electricity flowing through my body. It was so strong that the next day all my joints ached." A 'healing seminar' with a series of meetings began with that same initiative, where ~150 mainly pastors and leaders from the Midwest participated. After they probably received similar experiences and impartations, they "were so touched by the holy spirit ... and wrecked and ruined by G-d's power and presence that they could not go back to Christianity as they knew it ... the spirit of G-d just started showing up at their churches" and within a year or so, most of those pastors actually lost their jobs / were forced to resign. Thus they later called those meetings the 'Spillertown Massacre'. > It should be obvious to the most naive believer that those impartations cannot be from the HOLY SPIRIT of THEOS, and that nearly 150 pastors and leaders of usually single-pastored churches loosing their jobs meant a dramatic impact on dozens of churches and hundreds of churchgoers - probably a giant destruction and victory of the enemy. It is all the more shocking that this 'Spillertown Massacre' is nearly described as an achievement in Mike Hutching's book 'Supernatural Freedom from the Captivity of Trauma' and in the CV of Randy Clark, although (or precisely because) he also lost his pastorate within months after this healing seminar. But there was yet another 'impartation' to follow five years later, which makes it even clearer that demonic activities were at play:	[1]
				4 [1989] "The second one [impartation] was in 1989 ... another regional overseer from the Vineyard blew on me. I fell to the floor, instantly feeling tremendous heat, which caused me to sweat profusely. My hands became electrified, and I felt electricity around my mouth. I was crying loudly ... lying ... in a fetal position ... my face was being electrified, especially around my mouth. I remember fearing I would die if this energy increased. There was so much power in my hands that they hurt. This lasted about 45 minutes, but for another hour I couldn't let my hands down past my waist because they hurt so badly ..."	[1]
				5 [1993] "nine years had passed since the initial outpouring in the Baptist church ... In His wisdom, He sent me to Rodney Howard-Browne [who calls himself 'the Holy Ghost Bartender' and is a very evil man; see #2] conference at Rhema Bible Church in Tusla ... wait for Rodney to lay hands on me. When he did ... he felt power in his hands, like they were ice cold ... suddenly I found myself on the floor, unable to get up. This happened five times when Rodney laid hands on me ..." According to another source [#2], "while he was pinned to the floor, two bodies down from me there was somebody oinking and Randy immediately began laughing in the spirit and then got drunk in the spirit - so drunk he was afraid the police would arrest him on his way home ...".	[1] [2]
				6 [1994] Clark was the primary speaker at the Toronto Blessing and therefore a direct instigator for strange manifestations. During his first revival service and while sharing his testimony, ~90 out of the 120 people in attendance fell on the floor "laughing, rolling and carrying on". Much more evil was about to follow ... In his CV, Clark states proudly: "I was used by G-d for the outbreak of the Toronto Blessing Revival in January 1994 in Toronto. This move of G-d continued 6 nights a week in protracted meetings for 12 ½ years."	[1] [2]
	Rebecca McLaughlin (1980-)	(Author and speaker)	[1] [2]	1 One of the many SSA (Same Sex Attracted) spokespersons that represent the G-spel Coalition.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Her favorite idols include feminism, identity politics, repenting of racial 'privilege', and LG**Q+ rights.	[1] [2]
				3 Advisory Council at Biologos (see Francis Collins)	[1] [2]
				4 Close friends with Christine Caine.	[1] [2]
	Richard Foster (1942-)	(Theologian, Author)	[1] [2]	1 He wrote the 'Spiritual Formation Study Bible'. Eugene Peterson (The Message) was one of the editors. The Bible claims that 'Genesis' was not written by Moses, but merged from several religions !!! IESOUS is being described as a 'human agent' in Isa 9:6-7. Outmost heresy.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				2 Part of the 'Emerging church' / Contemplative Prayer / Mysticism.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Imported Roman Catholicism into conservative Christian church by bringing in Roman Catholic spiritual disciplines.	[1] [2]
				4 His book: '25 Books Every Christian Should Read' should be titled 'How to Become a Catholic Mystic'. Inclusion of Dallas Willard and Richard Rohr at advisory board.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 His book 'Celebration of Discipline' is filled with the promotion of dangerous Roman Catholic mystics (Ignatius of Loyola, Francis of Assisi, Benedict of Nursia, Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence, Dominic, Catherine of Siena, John of the Cross, Meister Eckhart, Hildegard of Bingen, Bernard of Clairvaux, and Thomas Merton) as well as their heretical practices, such as breath prayer, centering prayer and even out-of-body experiences.	[1]
				6 He plainly teaches New Age. These New Age teachers are often quoted by Foster: Agnes Sanford ("I have been greatly helped in my understanding of the value of the imagination in praying for other by Agnes Sanford"), Eckhart, Elizabeth O'Connor, Harvey Cox, Michael Buber, Thomas Merton ("Well, Thomas Merton tried to awaken G-d's people!").	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7 Foster included an entire chapter by Agnes Sanford in his book 'Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home' and another chapter by her in 'Spiritual Disciplines'. Sanford delved deeply into New Thought, Jungian psychology, and other dangerous fields.	[1]
				8 Foster and John Ortberg promote each other.	[1]
	Richard Rohr (1943-)	(Catholic Mystic Monk, Franciscan Priest and Writer on Spirituality)	[1] [2]	1 Contemplative prayer / Eastern Mysticism and New Age.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Proponent of the Enneagram (see below).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 Claimed that the 4 Evangelia conflict with each other.	[1]
				4 Denied that IESOUS died for our sins.	[1]
				5 Proponent of Panentheism and Perennialism (all religions are paths to truth).	[1] [2]
				6 Author of the book 'What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self'.	[1]
				6 He considers Thomas Merton to be a mentor.	[1]
				7 Collaboration with Brendan Robertson, Jen Hatmaker, Richard Foster, Michael Gungor ...	[1] [2]
	Rick G-dwin	(Pastor Summit Christian Center)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Financial irregularities and abuse.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 He does not acknowledge his own daughter, put her into an orphanage at the age of 8 and denied access for relatives to visit her.	[1] [2] [3]
	Rick Joyner (1949-)	(MorningStar Ministries, Public Speaker, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 "Trump has a divine purpose".	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Supporter of Canadian revivalist Todd Bentley.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 He called the accusations of sexual misconduct against Mike Bickle foul and of selfish ambition.	[1] [2]
				5 Problematic teaching, prophecies and practices.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Rick Warren (1954-)	(Pastor, Author, Founder of Saddleback Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 Strong proponent of ecumenism. "I really do feel that these people are brothers and sisters in G-d's family. I am looking to build bridges with the Orthodox Church, looking to build bridges with the Catholic Church, with the Anglican Church ..." "Pope Francis is doing everything right".	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]
				2 In 2005, Warren created the Purpose Driven Life Catholics program.	[1]
				3 His favorite TV channel is EWTN (Catholic TV): "I'm an avid fan of EWTN. I make no bones about it. I probably watch it more than any Christian channel." His favorite TV program is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: "One of my favorite shows, which you repeat often is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which I love. And when I've had a very stressful day, I'll come home, I've got it taped, and Kay and I will both, we'll listen."	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Warren told EWTN that his own 'spiritual director' at Saddleback Church was trained by a Catholic mystic named Jean Vanier. Vanier promotes interspirituality and interfaith beliefs, calling the Hindu Mahatma Gandhi "one of the greatest prophets of our times" and "a man sent by G-d". In the book Essential Writings, Vanier talks about "opening doors to other religions" and helping people develop their own faiths be it Hinduism, Christianity, or Islam. Vanier sexually abused 6 women.	[1] [2]
				5 His mentor was Billy Graham. "Billy was my hero and my model" Warren says. "It would be hard to overestimate Billy Graham's influence on my life and ministry." "Growing up in a Baptist home, Billy Graham was our pope" Warren says.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 He had been promoting Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, and Spiritual Formation / Contemplative Spirituality as far back as the early nineties in his first book 'The Purpose Driven Church'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7 The author of the book, 'A Life With Purpose: Reverend Rick Warren - the most inspiring pastor of our time' accidentally revealed Rick Warren's plans to use New Age sympathizer Ken Blanchard (book 'The Secret') for his global P.E.A.C.E. plan in training leaders around the world. The author, who had praised Warren throughout his book, was then attacked and discredited by Warren himself as an unbeliever, although he had attended his church for several years and must have been close to Warren for writing his autobiography.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8 He regularly compares those who believe in the fundamentals of the Christian faith to extremists ("fundamentalists") and to radical Muslims.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				9 Saddleback Church was expelled in 06/2023 from the Southern Baptist Convention for having female pastors.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				10 He promotes the liberal mantra of 'Judge Not': "G-d warns us over and over not to criticize, compare, or judge each other ... Whenever I judge another believer, four things instantly happen: I lose fellowship with G-d, I expose my own pride, I set myself to be judged by G-d, and I harm the fellowship of the church."	[1] [2] [3]
				11 Proponent of the deceptive Sinner's Prayer "If you sincerely meant that prayer, congratulations! Welcome to the family of G-d!"	[1] [2] [3]
				12 In 'The Purpose Driven Life' he heavily quotes the 'Message bible'. He further quotes Roman Catholic figures such as Mother Teresa, Henri Nouwen (he elsewhere highly recommends Nouwen's contemplative book 'In the Name of Jesus'), Brother Lawrence (Carmelite monk), John Main, St. John of the Cross (a pantheist) and the mystic Madame Guyon.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				13 The foreword for 'Leading with Purpose' is written by John Ortberg.	[1] [2] [3]
				14 Endorsement of Teresa de Avila and Martin Luther King.	[1]
				15 Rick Warren invited Bono to Saddleback Church to help launch his P.E.A.C.E. program. Bono in turn arranged to make Rick Warren the official pastor of the 2004 Live 8 concert in Philadelphia.	[1] [2] [3]
				16 Saddleback invited the Enneagram teacher Bill Gaultiere for an Enneagram presentation and has integrated his teachings in their discipleship training.	[1] [2] [3]
				17 Collaboration with Tony Evans and Wayne Grudem through yoururbanchurch.com and yourblackchurch.com .	[1] [2]
				18 "I encourage you to follow these senior pastors on Twitter:" Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, Marcos Witt, Mark Driscoll, Louie Giglio, Cash Luna, Andy Stanley, Brian Houston, Steven Furtick, Craig Groeschel, Joseph Prince, Bill Hybels, Jentezen Franklin, Bill Johnson , Nicky Gumbel, Tony Evans, Robert Morris, Tim Keller, Ligon Duncan	[1]

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United States	Rob Bell (1970-)	(Author, Speaker and Former Pastor)	[1] [2] [3]	1 He confessed that the first time he experienced 'G-d' was at a U2 (Bono) concert ...	[1] [2]
				2 He denied that the Bible is the infallible Word of THEOS.	[1]
				3 Universalist. Denial of the eternal judgment of hell. *"There is a long tradition of Christians who believe that G-d will ultimately restore everything and everybody"*	[1] [2] [3]
				4 *"I affirm the truth anywhere in any religious system, in any worldview. If it's true, it belongs to G-d."*	[1] [2]
				5 He systematically downplays the requirement of salvation: *"The church must stop thinking about everybody primarily in categories of in or out, saved or not, believer or nonbeliever."*	[1]
				6 *"Some people are gay [...] are passionate disciples of Jesus just like I'm trying to be, so let's all get together and try to do something about the truly big problems in our world."* *"I am for marriage. I am for fidelity. I am for love, whether it's a man and a woman, a woman and a woman, a man and a man ... This is the world we are living in and we need to affirm people wherever they are."*	[1] [2] [3]
				7 He endorses Ken Wilber and his book, the author clearly rejecting Christianity and believing in the divinity of man.	[1] [2]
				8 He was interviewed by Oprah for her Super Soul Sunday television show.	[1]
	Robert Jeffress (1955-)	(Pastor, Author, Radio & TV Host, Spiritual Advisor to Donald Trump)	[1] [2]	1 He claimed that 'g-d' has given Trump authority to take out another country.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 He prophesied Trump to win the 2020 election.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 Net worth of US$17 million.	[1]
	Robert Morris (1961-)	(Senior Pastor Gateway Church, own TV Program, Chancellor of The King's University, Author)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher. Wrote books such as 'The Blessed Life: The Simple Secret of Achieving Guaranteed Financial Results' or 'From Dream to Destiny'.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 He sexually abused a 12-year old girl over a time of 4.5 years.	[1] [2]
				3 He tuaght Old Covenant tithing with a money-back guarantee if the churchgoer is not satisfied! But many people have requested refund of their tithes only to be stonewalled. Morris and Gateway church are now facing a lawsuit (update 2025).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 'g-d' told him that we ought to put our wives above everything else, including 'g-d' ...	[1]
				5 Pastor of Todd White.	[1] [2]
				6 He is leading The King's University, in the past with its founder Jack Hayford, Morris: "I believe Pastor Jack was an Apostle Paul for our generation".	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Spiritual advisor of Donald Trump. *He claimed in public that "the election was stolen".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				8 Lack of financial transparency. His church refused to provide information to Ministrywatch.com .	[1]
				9 Highly endorses Creflo Dollar, Joyce Meyer, T.D. Jakes (confessed to have copied some of his sermons).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Robert Prevost (1955-)	(Roman Catholic Pope 'Leo XIV')	[1] [2] [3]	1 [2000, The Chicago Case] He permitted a priest (James Ray) accused of serial sexual abuse of boys, to move into a friary around the corner from a school. On the very day of his appointment as Pope, an Italian newspaper already published a proactive defense of those and other accusations and watered it down, saying that *"nothing is proven"* and it is all about *"internal rivalry"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1]
				2 [2014-23, The Peru Case, Chiclayo] Prevost failed to open a formal canonical investigation into *sexual abuse allegations against two priests of his diocese ('father' Eleuterio Vásquez González and 'father' Ricardo Yesquen)*. Three sisters said the diocese failed to follow up on their complaints and that the documentation sent to Rome was "inadequate" to prevent the initiation of canonical criminal proceedings. There is photographic evidence [#6] of 'father' González participating in public Masses, including some high-profile celebrations during the period in which he was supposedly out of ministry. Prevost's successor in Chiclayo (chosen by himself) did everything in his power to cover up for the Augustinian cardinal, even persecuting the defence lawyer of three victims.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3 [2021-23, The Richard McGrath Case] He rather refused to collaborate in a Catholic order (Augustinians) clergy sex abuse case in Chicago. "In 2021, a British reporter asked Prevost for help in getting answers from his Chicago counterparts. He said, ***'I'll see what I can do'***. He refused to put the respective priest on the predator clergy lists, and generally refused to disclose the names of his child molesting clerics.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 [2025] During his first official prayer as elected pope, he did not pray to THEOS or CHRISTOS, but to Mary: *"And I should like to therefore pray together with you. Let us pray for this new mission. For the entire church and for peace in the world. And let us ask for this special grace from Mary, Hail Mary, full of grace. You are blessed amongst all women and blessed be the fruit of your womb. Holy Mary, pray for us, sinners. And be present at the hour of our death. Amen."* This prayer does not require any additonal remarks for any sound Christian. It replaces THEOS with Mary. The faith of Prevost has therefore nothing to do with the biblical faith.	[1]
				5 [2025] He openly sang the Reg*na Ca*li, the prayer to the Que*n of heaven.	[1]
				6 [2025] He visited the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.	[1]
	Salvatore Sapienza	(Author, Pastor Douglas UCC, Speaker)	[1] [2] [3]	1 They are *"Fully inclusive of homo*e*ual people in our church ministry".*	[1]
				2 "Being gay is a gift from 'g-d'; We are all sons of 'g-d'".	[1]
				3 He preaches Interfaith.	[1]
	Shawn Boltz	(Author, "Prophet")	[1] [2] [3]	1 Cold reading (techniques used by mentalists, psychics, fortune-tellers, and mediums).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 He predicted Covid would be gone "soon" back in March 2020.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 He prophesied Trump to win the 2020 election.	[1] [2]
				4 Called out by Benny Hinn as false teacher.	[1] [2]
	Sid Roth (Sydney Abraham Rothbaum)	(Host of "It's Supernatural")	[1] [2] [3]	1 His TV program is a scam - designed to get you to purchase so-called supernatural products, exaggerate healing and preach Prosperity G-spel.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Literally taught to throw babies against a wall.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 He works closely with and invited Bill Johnson, Hank Kunneman, Jeremiah Johnson, Mike Bickle, Tracey Cooke and many other false teachers to his show.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4 *"G-d' has called President Trump to lead this next four years (a second term) in our country."*	[1]
				5 He teaches people how to speak in gibberish.	[1] [2] [3]
	Steven Anderson (1981-)	(Pastor, New Independent Fundamentalist Baptist Movement)	[1]	1 Advocates for the death penalty for homo*e*uals.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 *"Even if you did something awful like kill somebody or kill yourself, ok, 'G-d' will not take away your salvation from you.*	[1] [2]
				3 Publically prayed for the deaths of former U.S. president Barack Obama and Caitlyn Jenner.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 KJV-only mouthpiece.	[1] [2]
				5 Anti-Semitic beliefs.	[1] [2]
	Steve Schultz	(Founder Elijah List / Elijah Streams)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 Platform for Bill Johnson, Charlie Shamp, Chuck Pierce, Cindy Jacobs, Hank Kunneman, James Goll, Kat Kerr, Lance Wallnau ...	[1]
				2 Exorbitant accumulation of false prophecies.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Insider report from Kevin Kleint.	[1]
	T.D. Jakes (Thomas Dexter Jakes; 1957-)	("Bishop", Author and Filmmaker)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 He affirmed 'Gay Rights' and 'LG**T' Churches. Two of his adopted sons are gay. He had a gay police officer dance in his show and applauded him.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3 2023 allegations that he engaged in gay sex at wild parties hosted by embattled music producer Sean 'Puffy' Combs, aka "Diddy." *"The worst that could happen, if everything was true, all I got to do is repent sincerely, from my heart. There's enough power in the blood to cover all kinds of sin. I don't care what it is, the blood would fix it. But I ain't got to repent about this," Jakes declared afterwards.*	[1] [2]
				4 "Spiritual father" of Paula White. He boosted her career. She sent him a black convertible Bentley. He recommended her as senior pastor. See also discernment on White.	[1] [2]
				5 Net worth of US$147 million.	[1] [2]
				6 Ministry watch classified him and his ministries with 11/100 'Withhold Giving' .	[1]
	Thomas Merton / father Louis (1915-1968)	(Author, Buddhist - Catholic Monk, Poet)	[1] [2]	1 He taught Contemplative Prayer, is a highly influential figure and inspired Max Lucado, Richard Foster ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2 Merton taught Universalism and Panentheism.	[1]
				3 He taught the Gnostic mystic mythology of an alleged 'spark of the divine' (the idea that THEOS indwells all of mankind) and denied the doctrine of original sin.	[1]
				4 He was a student of D.T. Suzuki (Zen Master) and Thich Nhat Hanh (Buddhist monk). He said: *"I see no contradiction between Buddhism and Christianity."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 The Dalai Lama wrote the back cover endorsement for 'New Seeds of Contemplation': *"Thomas Merton is really someone we can look up to. I always consider myself as one of his Buddhist brothers."* Other endorsements: Pope Francis *"The Cistercian monk Thomas Merton remains a source of spiritual inspiration ..."*; Thich Nhat Hanh *"He is an artist, a Zen."*	[1, including the old cover without Pope Francis]
				6 Quote from the book 'Thomas Merton and Thich Nhat Hanh - Engaged Spirituality in an Age of Globalization': *"Merton left with a feeling of great respect, even Jondness for the Dalai Lama and with the conviction that there was a 'real spiritual bond' between them.* [...] *"Because of meeting with him I found many common practices between Christian monks and Buddhist monks ..."*.	[1]
				7 Merton used the terms 'G-d', Krishna, and Tao interchangeably.	[1]
				8 He wrote books on Zen Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism, and how Christianity related to them.	[1] [2]
				9 Heavily promoted by the G-spel Coalition - years after other ministries exhorted TGC.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Tim Mackie (1976-)	(Lead research scholar and creative director at Bible Project; Pastor, Writer)	[1] [2]	1 Collaboration with 24/7 Prayer.	[1] [2]
				2 Proponent of Contemplative Prayer (Eastern or New Age meditation, disguised with Christian terms and phrases).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 Foreword for the book 'Praying Like Monks' with Tyler Staton, co-pastor of John Mark Comer, both part of Bridgetown Church / Practicing The Way. *"My hope is that you will come to experience prayer and the presence of G-d in the way* [Thomas] *Keating describes it"*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 Denies a literal hell - 'humans created this myth'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Distorted / emergent view on Atonement.	[1]
				6 Specific endorsement of the Enneagram. He came to it through his wife and it *"helped him unlock some really undiscovered territory in his value system."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7 Serious theological errors in the Bible Project: they often mix up Moral Law and Ceremonial Law; opposition against the Weekly Sabbath by assigning it to Ceremonial Law only ...	[1]
				8 Waters down the sin of homo*e*uality *"it does not matter if you are gay"*.	[1]
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DISCERNMENT

Problematic Teachers & Churches

	Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
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United States	Timothy Keller (1950-2023)	(Founding Pastor Redeemer Church, Co-Founder G-spel Coalition, Author) Author of some good books, but highly problematic. Because Keller was a big name in Evangelicalism, there is greater resistance in drawing the same conclusion you would draw of a lesser known figure.	[1] [2] [3]	1 Clever deception by way of doublespeak and language manipulation.	[1] [2]
				2 Watered down the significance of homo*e*ual sin; claimed that unrepented homo*e*ual sin does -not- exclude a person from the Kingdom of THEOS. *"Heterosexuality does not get you to Heaven. So, how in the world could homo*e*uality send you to Hell?"*	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Support of the Revoice LG**Q Thriving Conference and Living Out.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4 Theistic evolutionist. Rejected Genesis 1 as literal truth.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				5 Promoted Biologos (see Francis Collins).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				6 He promoted Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism, specifically Teresa de Avila (who levitated !!).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				7 He openly promoted Lectio Divina.	[1]
				8 Proponent of Ecumenism and explicit promotion of the Catholic Church.	[1] [2]
				9 Calvinist. Keller founded the G-spel Coalition, which is the national network for the New Calvinist movement. He was also part of the Emerging Church movement.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10 Keller went as far as to describe the Substitutionary Atonement of CHRISTOS in his book 'King's Cross' precisely through the 'sacrificial' death of the witch Lilly Potter who forgot her magic wand and died protecting her son Harry. He made no difference between the holy and the profane (witchcraft). Absolutely disgusting and outmost heretical.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				11 Christianized Marxism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				12 He surmised that THEOS may actually have a secret way to heaven for those who do not repent of their sins and place their faith in CHRISTOS [=Purgatory].	[1] [2] [3]
				13 Problematic view on abortion.	[1]
				14 He publicly praised Stephen Colbert for pronouncing his Catholic faith.	[1] [2]
				15 Keller regularly mentioned in his sermons at Redeemer Church e.g. Annie Dillard (Catholic author), C.S. Lewis, Michel Foucault (French philosopher and social theorist), Henri Nouwen (Catholic priest), Madame Guyon (French Catholic mystic) and Julian of Norwich (THEOS is all-loving and without wrath; THEOS is both our mother and our father) and Martin Scorsese.	[1] [2]
	Todd White (CA & US; 1975-)	('Faith Healer', Pastor of Lifestyle Christianity Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Prosperity G-spel teacher (partly repented).	[1] [2]
				2 He called the documentary 'American G-spel' demonically inspired and lied that he was never contacted. (It is fair to note that the documentary pushes a Calvinist doctrine and contains several errors).	[1] [2]
				3 Cold reading (techniques used by mentalists, psychics, fortune-tellers, and mediums).	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Leg-lengthening and various other fake healings.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 Teaches outmost heresy.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 Part of Gateway Church, pastored by Robert Morris.	[1] [2]
				7 Friends with his mentor Kenneth Copeland.	[1] [2] [3]
	Tracey Cooke	(Cooke Revivals Ministries)	[1] [2]	1 He stated in March 2020 that there will be a turning point on Easter, related to Covid-19.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 He prophesied several times that Trump will be re-elected in 2020.	[1] [2]
	Tyler Staton	(Author, Lead Pastor of Bridgetown Church, Director of 24-7 Prayer US)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He took over as lead pastor from John Mark Comer, one of his closest friends.	[1] [2]
				2 He pastored Oaks Church in Brooklyn, a church with 2/3 of the elders being female. The church offers the course 'The Good Way' which includes Lectio Divina, a teaching of 'The Prayer of Examen', a prayer technique developed by a Jesuit; and which teaches the Enneagram with specific resources from Dallas Willard, Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster, Richard Rohr and Ruth Haley Barton.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 *"I've spent the last three years attending an incredible program called the Transforming Center uh it's taught by a woman named Ruth Haley Barton who I love* [...] *I would not describe myself as a contemplative. I would describe myself as a charismatic contemplative. "*	[1]
				4 He admires the journey of Eugene Peterson.	[1] [2]
				5 Teaches Contemplative Prayer. He also taught it at Pete Greig's Church, specifically referring to the Russian Orthodoxy 'Poustinik'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 Teaches the Enneagram.	[1]
				7 He took in 2022 a Nazarene pledge (Old Covenant law; odd but not strictly unbiblical to follow).	[1]
	Wayne Grudem (1948-)	(Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies)	[1] [2]	1 He denies 24-hour creation days and openly confesses to be inspired by Hugh Ross.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 In 2016, he heartily endorsed the extremely deceptive and erroneous book, The Grand Canyon, Monument to an Ancient Earth, which rejects Noah's flood.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Calvinist, but not a Cessationist, which brought him the wrath of the Calvinist Sam Waldron who downgraded him in the 'Cessationist' movie to someone with 'reformed inclinations' only ...	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 Full-throated support for Donald Trump.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Former Steering Council member and elder at the Vineyard Movement. He wrote for them a position paper 'Power & Truth, A Response to the Critiques of Vineyard Teaching and Practise by D.A. Carson', which is still published at his website.	[1] [2]
				6 Collaboration with Rick Warren and Tony Evans through yoururbanchurch.com and yourblackchurch.com .	[1] [2]
	William Lane Craig (1949-)	(Reasonable Faith, Professor of Philosophy, Theologian, Apologist, Author)	[1] [2]	1 Proponent of Theistic Evolution (Adam&Eve = Homo heidelbergensis; one million years ago ... contradicting the 77 generations in Luke 3:23-28). Teachers such as Frank Turek, Jeff Myers, Josh McDowell, Lee Strobel, Mike Winger and Norman Geisler have absorbed his teachings and act as medium to propagate his scientific 'theology'. See also the review on Strobel's book 'The Case for a Creator' [8] and Turek's book 'I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist' [9].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				2 He claims that the genre of Genesis 1-11 is pure myth.	[1] [2]
				3 He rejects the Flood and the Tower of Babel.	[1] [2]
				4 Serious errors related to the Trinity and Incarnation.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 He does not believe in the inerrancy of Scripture.	[1]

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D I S C E R N M E N T

Problematic Schools

	Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
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Schools	The Apprentice Gathering (Apprentice Institute, Things Above Podcast, Wichita, US)	(Founded by its director James Bryan Smith)	[1] [2] [3]	1 The Apprentice Gathering is *"designed to inform and challenge attendees in the area of Christian Spiritual Formation"*.	[1]
				2 Speakers include a hall-of-fame of problematic teachers and authors such as Ann Voskamp, Curt Thompson (book 'Anatomy of the Soul'), John Mark Comer, John Ortberg, Ken Shigematsu, Ruth Haley Barton et al.	[1]
				3 Specific dedication to Dallas Willard.	[1]
				4 They created a Bachelor / Master of Arts in Christian Spiritual Formation (CSF).	[1] [2]
	Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (Redding, US)	(Training in the Supernatural and Miracles, such as Faith Healing, in order that they may become Revivalists.	[1] [2]	1 Organized, fabricated and man-sourced prophecy.	[1]
				2 Only THEOS -through the HOLY SPIRIT- gives the often temporary gift of prophecy to whom he chooses. We are not able to choose others or ourselves to become a prophet. There is also no indication in the entire Bible that people had been specifically trained to become prophets. 1Sam 19:20 and 2Kin 2:3 speak about prophets meeting as a 'group', but not as a 'school'.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Students practise 'grave soaking', the belief of absorbing the deceased's anointing from 'G-d'.	[1] [2]
				4 Kris Vallotton once asked 'G-d' for the 'mantle' of William Marion Branham. Branham is known as the father of the Latter Rain / Charismatic Movement. Some of the many false doctrines of Branham were: The Trinity is of the devil; the three forms of 'G-d's Word' are the Bible, the Zodiac, and the Egyptian pyramids; his 'Serpent Seed' doctrine which suggests that the serpent in the Garden had sexual intimacy with Eve that resulted in the conception of Cain; his angel who taught him that he (Branham) was Elijah before the 2nd coming as well as being the messenger of the last church age, Laodicea; believers will reach immortality before CHRISTOS returns and become a super race (also known as Joel's Army).	[1]
	Biblical Training.org	(Education through biblical and theological content at different academic levels)	[1]	1 Their website showcases the endorsement of John Mark Comer, Joni Eareckson Tada and James I. Packer. > I contacted them in 03/2024 and 1. sent them the discernment on JM Comer and 2. pointed out a general error on their website. The error was corrected after only 2 days, while the endorsement of JMC remained untouched.	[1]
				2 Their professors include Bruce Ware, Gary Thomas, John Piper, Thomas Schreiner, Tim Mackie ...	[1]
				3 They teach Calvinism and several classes on Augustine, C.S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. Eugene Peterson is heavily endorsed in their classes.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				4 They endorse in their library Bernard of Clairvaux, Brother Lawrence, Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa, Teresa of Avila, without any discernment or warning.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 Sales of Charles Spurgeon and Henri Nouwen books on their website.	[1] [2]
	Columbia Bible College (Abbotsford, Canada)	(College & University)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 The course Spiritual Formation is taught since 2000 by Gareth Brandt, who includes in his core teaching Lectio Divina.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				a On Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster: *"I first read this in university in 1982 and it was transforming! I continue to use it as a text in a first year Spiritual Formation Course."* [...] *'Foster opened a new world of meditation, silence, solitude, communal guidance ..."*	[1]
				b Walter Brueggemann, who is editor of the Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible, is his *"favorite Old Testament scholar"*.	[1]
				c He endorses Richard Rohr ("I feel akin to him"), Henri Nouwen, John Eldredge and Teresa de Avila and their books.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				d He taught that IESOUS became a feminist.	[1]
				e He endorsed Bernard of Clairvaux (venerated in the RCC, an abbot, mystic and co-founder of the Knights Templars, a Catholic military order).	[1]
				f He teaches the Enneagram.	[1] [2] [3]
	Oral Roberts / Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, US)	(American Charismatic Christian televangelist; one of the first to propagate the Prosperity G-spel. He was ordained in both the Pentecostal Holiness and United Methodist churches)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Pioneer of the Health & Wealth / Seed-Faith / Prosperity / Word of Faith - G-spel.	[1] [2]
				2 In January 1987, Roberts used an unusual means to increase donations. He introduced the television audience to a group of graduates from his university who are willing to go into worldwide missions if they bring in $4.5 million in new donations. 'G-d' revealed to him that he would die in March if this mission could not be financed. His son Richard Lee underscored this message by urging the audience to save his father's life.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Oral Roberts University was founded by Oral Roberts, and began admitting students in 1965.	[1] [2]
				4 Notable alumni of Oral Roberts University are: Jean-Luc Trachsel, Joel Osteen, John Hagee, Joyce Meyer, Kari Jobe, Mike Bickle, Myles Munroe.	[1] [2]
				5 Connected to ORU are teachers such as Kenneth Copeland and T.D. Jakes.	[1]
				6 The makers of the 'He Gets Us' Campaign support(ed) Oral Roberts University with $41,500 (2015) / $17,000 (2020).	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Jack Hayford was one of the original officers and trustees of Charismatic Bible Ministries (CBM), founded by hyper-charismatic Oral Roberts. He also received an honorary degree from Oral Roberts University.	[1] [2]
				8 The founder of Transformation Church (Mike Todd), Bishop Carlton Pearson, had studied at Oral Roberts University and was the personal mentee of Roberts himself.	[1]
	Regent College (Vancouver, Canada)	(Interdenominational evangelical Christian College of Christian studies)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Teaching of Catholic Mysticism and Contemplative Prayer. Explicit promotion of Richard Foster and Richard Rohr (New Age).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 Their library holds 40 (!) books from Richard Rohr and 97 (!) books from Thomas Merton.	[1] [2]
				3 Included in the list of 'Christian Colleges that Promote Spiritual Formation' by Lighthouse Trails Research Project.	[1]
				4 Eugene Peterson was a professor of Spiritual Theology at Regent from 1992 to 1998. He wrote the heretical Message Bible from 1993 to 2002.	[1] [2]
				5 J. I. Packer (Anglican & Calvinist, author of Evangelicals and Catholics Together) joined the faculty of Regent College in 1979. His book 'Knowing G-d' published in 1973 was one of the main reasons for the resurgences of Calvinism in American evangelicalism.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 Endorsement of RCC and particularly of the Papacy: *"the Pope could easily have studied at Regent"*.	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Their newsletter included the display and promotion of nudity, which is systematic at the 'The Dal Schindell Gallery' at Regent College.	[1] [2]
				8 Professor John Stackhouse Jr. was fired in 2023 from Crandall University in Moncton, N.B.. It turned out that he was during his 17-year tenure at Regent College repeatedly the subject of sexual harassment allegations. Regent fired him, but signed a NDA which enabled him later to abuse students at Crandall.	[1] [2]
				9 Shaila Visser, director of Alpha Canada, is a member of the Board of Governors. The Anglican Alister Mc Grath, who appears in the Alpha series, is a Teaching Fellow at Regent.	[1] [2] [3]
	Wheaton College (Wheaton, US)	(Private Evangelical Christian liberal arts college)	[1] [2]	1 Only 2 out of the 200 professors on campus believe the Genesis creation account to be literal.	[1] [2]
				2 Billy Graham graduated from Wheaton. The College even includes a 'Billy Graham Center' which serves as the graduate school's main headquarters. The Wheaton College Billy Graham Center Museum contains exhibits about the ministry of Billy Graham.	[1] [2]
				3 Catholicism is deeply engrained in their college and specifically taught there [1, 2], while professors who become catholic while teaching there, are fired in order to conceal their agenda [2].	[1] [2] [3]
				4 The 'Wheaton in the Holy Lands' program has sent regularly in the past 40 years students to 'sacred sites' including Jerusalem, Galilee, Athens, and Rome, where students ought to explore the Vatican.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5 They teach Catholic Mysticism (through Scottie May), specifically Lectio Divina, Centering- and Contemplative Prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 The Marion E. Wade Center is a special research collection of documents primarily relating to 7 highly problematic teachers: C. S. Lewis and his wife (Anglicans), J. R. R. Tolkien (Catholic), G. K. Chesterton (Catholic), Dorothy L. Sayers (Catholic), Charles Williams (Catholic), Owen Barfield (Anglican, Freemasonry, Anthroposophy), and George MacDonald (Universalism) ... A Catholic blogger considers it already to be a Catholic pilgrimage destination [4].	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7 Wheaton tried to cover up a serious hazing incident and even hired a third-party investigator to discredit the victim's account of the incident.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8 They invited in 2015 and 2018 Timothy Keller to speak at their college.	[1]
				9 Problematic alumni of Wheaton include: Bart D. Ehrman (publicly opposes Christianity), Billy Graham, John Ortberg (Mysticism), John Piper, Mark Noll (teaches now at the private Catholic University of Notre Dame), Philip Yancey, Rob Bell, William Lane Craig (to no surprise also Theistic Evolutionist).	[1] [2] [3] [4]

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7-Mountain-Mandate (Seven Mountain Mandate, Seven Mountains Mandate, 7M, 7MM, Seven Mountains Dominionism)	(Dominionist Ideology Created by Presbyterianism (Calvinism) and Developed by Pentecostalism)	[1]	1	[1975] It is probably not a coincidence relating to its name, that Francis Schaeffer was in his time in the Swiss Alps at L'Abri (read also the separate discernment) one of the founders, of what would later be termed the Seven Mountain Mandate. He created this heretical doctrine / ideology along with fellow evangelists Bill Bright (Presbyterian; Campus Crusade for Christ) and Loren Cunningham (Lutheran; YWAM). The concept centers around 'Christians' taking dominion of seven societal spheres of influence: **Family, religion, education, media, art, economics, and government'.** While this idea of 'Dominion theology' originated within Calvinism (specifically Presbyterians), it is most commonly associated today with the New Apostolic Reformation (a movement within Pentecostalism), which is best represented by Bethel Church pastor Bill Johnson, who further popularized this idea. Other mouthpieces are James Davison Hunter in his book 'To Change the World' [see 2; he heavily references Nancy Pearcey], Lance Wallnau and Nancy Pearcey in her popular book 'Total Truth' [see review under #3], among others.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			2	While the Bible says that the (spirit of) anti-Christ will dominate this world before the Second Coming of IEOSUS CHRISTOS, the 7-Mountain-Mandate says that its followers ought to dominate the world before the Second Coming. Thus their deity is anti-Christ. See also 1Cor 1:26-28 and 2The 2:3-4	1Cor 1:26-28 2The 2:3-4
			3	The movement is strongly connect to Pentecostalism. Pentecostalism had from its very inception a heavy leaning onto similar concepts. The Catholic Apostolic Church in Albury / London (so-to-say the mother church of all Pentecostal churches) installed 12 'apostles' which had dominion over different areas of Europe and the World. The (Christian) Catholic Apostolic Church near Chicago was built in the centre of a theocratic community named Zion City by its founder. Here we saw even a total control over society, with every inhabitant of the city being obligated to follow the strict hand of its founder.	Catholic Apostolic Church London (Christian) Catholic Apostolic Church Zion Pentecostalism
			4	Today the 7-Mountain-Mandate seeks also to impose a theocratic agenda by controlling societal spheres, institutions and governments. This is in stark contrast to the Evangelium, which invites believers to be a faithful witness to CHRISTOS and to conduct personal discipleship. The 7MM rather circumvents this personal responsibility and hopes that unbelievers will be pressed into a worldwide church without personal intervention, but by mere power and size. This is not only a theological compromise, it is a fundamentally different Evangelium.	[1]
			5	Some adherents of this movement use strategic spiritual warfare, attempting to gain control of the seven mountains by researching and mapping the geographical strongholds of territorial spirits, using prophecy from the movement's prophets to determine the demons' names and roles, and intercession in which they pray on-site to rid the location or 'mountain' of what they describe as demons.	[1]
			6	The 7-Mountain-Mandate can lead (and has indeed led) to political idolatry of leaders proclaiming to be part of its scheme.	
			7	>40% of US-Americans believe in the 7-Mountain-Mandate (2024).	[1]
24/7 Prayer (Pete Greig, Emmaus Road Church)	(Global prayer movement led by Pete Greig, Senior Pastor of Emmaus Road, Ambassador for NGO Tearfund, Teacher at the Anglican St Mellitus Theological College, Senior Leadership at HTB and Alpha Itl.)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	The book 'The Story of 24-7 Prayer, Red Moon Rising' has its foreword written by Bill Johnson and is endorsed by Mike Bickle.	[1] [2]
			2	Extensive use of the Message Translation (MSG) and endorsement of Eugene Peterson in several books. Pete Greig even appears in the introduction of the Message 'bible': *"His Message translation of the bible and the Lectio Divina complement one another like fish and chips!"* [1]	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			3	They also offer a course on Lectio Divina, a dangerous practise connected to Contemplative Prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			4	Greig in the Prayer Course: *"I am passionate about Contemplative Prayer. [...] You can meditate on anything. [...] You don't need a Bible verse to justify breathing well, that's just good medicine [...] it could be using the Franciscan prayer [...] There was this desert father, more than 1700 years ago, praying in the Egyptian desert, Anthony of the Desert".* Direct promotion of Teresa de Avila (levitated; demon-possessed) and Richard Foster in the video [1]. Richard Foster in turn promotes Greig's books through the Renovaré website.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			5	Front-page-endorsement through John Mark Comer: *"24/7 Prayer is on the bleeding edge [...] return to a neo-monastic life of deep prayer [...] a pole star for the future church."*	[1] [2]
			6	Tyler Staton (Pastor at Bridgetown Church with JM Comer) is National Director of 24/7 Prayer US and taught at Greig's Emmaus Road Church precisely Contemplative Prayer, specifically referring to the Russian Orthodoxy 'Poustinik'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			7	Pete Greig is also the director of prayer for Alpha International. Nicky Gumbel wrote the foreword for 'How to Pray'.	[1] [2] [3]
			8	Invitation of Danielle Strickland to their conference. Greig: *"I admire her enormously."*	[1] [2]
			9	Endorsement of Heidi Baker.	[1]
The Alpha Course (UK)	(Evangelistic course, which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian Faith through a series of talks & discussions) -> Close collaboration with the Vatican as the 6 appearances of Ranerio Cantalamessa already show.	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1	Nicky Gumbel, who developed the Alpha Course, has been quoted as saying that the Toronto Blessing was *"the kick start that the Alpha course needed"*. The Toronto Blessing has been one of the most evil events in Christian history (see discernment on Pentecostalism).	[1] [2]
			2	The concept of hell is totally absent from the Alpha course, although IESOUS spoke probably more about hell than Heaven. This means that the Alpha course is presenting a fundamentally different Evangelium, where there is a total emphasis on love, but judgment is excluded.	[1]
			3	Main contributor to Ecumenicalism. Nicky Gumbel: *"Differences between Protestants and Catholics are totally insignificant compared to the things that unite us"; "Ultimately, unity is not doctrinal, it's relational"; "I've come to love the [Roman] Catholic church."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
			4	Most professional interview partners in the series have a Catholic background:	
				· Christoph Schönborn (Austrian Dominican friar and theologian; Cardinal of the Catholic Church; Archbishop of Vienna). He approves same-sex marriages and reinstated (!) a man living in a registered same-sex partnership to a pastoral council.	[1] [2] [3]
				· C.S. Lewis (Anglican; see separate discernment).	[1]
				· Francis Collins (see separate discernment).	[1]
				· Luigi Gioia (Benedictine monk; also invited to HTB Leadership Conference; teaches on Purgatory and Contemplative Prayer).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				· Ranerio Cantalamessa (Catholic cardinal, personal preacher to 3 popes); several books published under the label of 'Alpha'; 6 (!!) interviews in the Alpha series (Sessions #8, 10, 11 and 15).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [11] [12] [13]
			5	Their hall-of-fame of martyrs includes:	[1]
				· Joan of Arc (a patron saint of France, Venerated in Roman Catholic Church, Anglican Communion).	[1]
				· Saint Philip the Apostle (stories and feasts added to the Bible!!).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				· Vladimir Bogoyavlensky (Bishop, Russian Orthodox Church).	[1] [2]
			6	Direct quotes from Pope Francis and his book. The Pope himself appears in session #16, which is often excluded by Protestant churches.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			7	Specific production of a catholic Alpha format. The 1st Alpha Conference for Catholics was held in 1996.	[1] [2] [3]
			8	Alpha appointed a Roman Catholic bishop, Michael Byrnes, to its Board of Directors.	[1]
			9	*"Encourage others to start to speak in another language - tell him / her you will do so yourself."; "Everyone can receive the gift of speaking in tongues".*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			10	Nicky Gumbel tells unbelievers to ask IESOUS to 'come into their heart' - an unbiblical teaching.	[1]
			11	Promotion of, and interviews with Joyce Meyer.	[1] [2] [3]
			12	Promotion of Bono from U2 in one of their videos. Bono on the other hand had several private audiences with at least 2 popes.	[1]
Bethel Church (Redding) (US; see also separate discernment on Bill Johnson and Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry)	(American non-denominational neo-charismatic megachurch in California)	[1] [2] ▸ This discernment is based on the structure and main findings of the book *'A Hidden Path: Bethel Redding and Beyond'* ▸		**False Doctrines**	
			1	Johnson takes the position of Kenosis (the doctrine of CHRISTOS' 'self-emptying' in His incarnation) as a way to suggest that all 'Christians' can achieve the very same anointing that IESOUS had.	[1]
			2	The slogan 'On Earth as it is in Heaven' is being used by Bethel and the New Apostolic Reformation they are part of. They believe that everything we expect to experience and see in heaven, we can experience and see now on earth, which includes especially signs and wonders, healings and miracles.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			3	They teach a mix of Word of Faith and Pentecostalism. Faith (rather in self) is a force and our words and thoughts are carriers of that force. Positive confession causes what is said with words. The magic formula 'I decree and declare ...' is supposed to bring prosperity, healing and health. Wealth and Prosperity ought to be the norm. All sickness is eliminated. Believers are little gods.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			4	In Dominionism, 'Apostles' such as Bill Johnson and thousands of self-made prophets such as those coming from their School of Supernatural Ministry ought to subdue and rule the earth, then and only then will CHRISTOS return ...	[1] [2]
			5	They teach the heretical doctrine that IESOUS was born again in the resurrection.	[1] [2]
			6	Bill Johnson emphasizes the need for experiencing 'G-d' through extra-biblical information also known as 'Revelation Knowledge', which includes Contemplative Prayer, out-of-body trips to Heaven, receiving messages from departed angels and saints, prophetic word, open visions, dreams and trances.	[1]
			7	Doctrine of the 'Manifestation of the Sons of G-d (MSOG)', which teaches similar to Dominionism that there will be an elite, end-times remnant 'super church' that will transform the world and bring Heaven to earth. A huge revival of a billion souls ought to occur before CHRISTOS comes again.	[1]
				New Age Fascination	
			8	Johnson's book 'The Physics of Heaven' is an unabashed promotion of New Age.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			9	Shawn Bolz is a frequent guest and practices at the facilities of Bethel Cold Reading (techniques used by mentalists, psychics, fortune-tellers, and mediums), and even 'received' prophetic words from specific dead people.	[1] [2]
			10	Even the children at Bethel are trained to 'go to heaven' and to 'hang out there'. Bethel's Children Leader, Deborah Reed confirms this practice: *"Yes, we take our kids to heaven, who doesn't? People who know how to do heaven things take our kids to heaven."*	[1] [2] [3]
			11	Their 'Alabaster House Prayer Center' carries an illuminated pyramid on its top which glows red at night (occult symbol).	[1] [2]
			12	They are fascinated and heavily focused on angels, profess to speak to them daily and believe to have authority to 'release' angels to perform different 'ministry' functions.	[1]
			13	Beni Johnson (Ben's wife) believed that we can use tuning forks for the purpose of healing.	[1]
			14	Kris Vallotton once asked 'G-d' for the 'mantle' of William Marion Branham. Branham is known as the father of the Latter Rain / Charismatic Movement. Some of the many false doctrines of Branham were: The Trinity is of the devil; the three forms of 'G-d's' word are the Bible, the Zodiac, and the Egyptian pyramids; his 'Serpent Seed' doctrine which suggests that the serpent in the Garden had sexual intimacy with Eve that resulted in the conception of Cain; his angel who taught him that he (Branham) was Elijah before the 2nd coming as well as being the messenger of the last church age, Laodicea; believers will reach immortality before CHRISTOS returns and become a super race (also known as Joel's Army).	[1]
				Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry	
			15	Students practice 'grave soaking', the belief of absorbing the deceased's anointing from 'G-d'.	[1] [2]
			16	They also practice 'Treasure Hunting', by going on the streets of Redding and 'healing' people through 'Words of Knowledge' they receive in advance.	[1]
				Other Discernment	
			17	Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"One of the greatest things to happen with Bible translation in my lifetime." Johnson* also writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			18	A common practice are 'Fire Tunnels' in order to receive 'anointings' through a 'touch from G-d'. They form two lines and have others walk through that tunnel while shouting 'fire' which supposedly re-fills them with the 'spirit'. Many people are then slain in a satanic spirit, similar or identical to the 'Kundalini spirit' known as 'serpent power'.	[1]
			19	Church staff put gold dust in the ventilation system.	[1] [2]
			20	Johnson publicly prophesied over Todd Bentley and commissioned him in an 'Apostolic Alignment' ceremony. See separate discernment on Bentley, who is outmost evil.	[1]
			21	Jesus Culture / Bethel Music. *"We have heard it said that Jesus Culture is the 'gateway drug to the supernatural'. Another has described Jesus Culture music as 'Hansel and Gretel's crumbs' that is used by Bethel as a way to lure and indoctrinate unsuspecting people, especially youth, into the New Apostolic Reformation's cesspool of deception."*	[1]

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Movements & Organizations	Catholic or Christian or Eastern Mysticism / Contemplative Prayer	A prayer practice taught in Spiritual Formation which is becoming increasingly popular. Other names are: Breath Prayer, Centering Prayer, Listening Prayer ... The participants desire to enter an altered state of consciousness and of emptiness. They employ one or several mantras, a (biblical) word repeated over and over, focus on their breathing, add sometimes images or icons and go deep within themselves. The effects are very similar to those found in Eastern Religions and specifically in Transcendental Meditation (TM; roots in Hinduism). The 'fruit' of Contemplative Prayer can be seen through Catholic mystics such as Merton, Pennington and Keating, who "were having esoteric experiences while in altered states of consciousness brought on by contemplative meditation morphed into panentheists (THEOS in all) and interspiritualists (all paths lead to THEOS)." [6]	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 Contemplative Prayer mirrors the practices of the Desert fathers / Desert Monks / –Christian Monasticism. The reproduction of the wilderness temptations of IESOUS and austere simplicity oriented towards CP had to be the route to holiness. 2 It usually includes emptying one's mind (Kenosis). This is a misapplication of CHRISTOS having temporarily emptied Himself from His divine power: We do not have divine power to be emptied from. To the contrary, we want the SPRIT to fill us to prevent demons from filling an unoccupied house (Mat 12:44). 3 Closely related to New Age practices – equally entering a meditative state with the emptying of the mind or rote repetition of a word. 4 Brother Lawrence and Teresa of Avila are two of the key figures of Kabbalistic mysticism. BL showed regularly demon-possessed behavior and TdA levitated on a number of occasions. 5 The movement has its own study Bibles. Both the 'Spiritual Formation Study Bible' (Renovaré) and the 'NIV Lectio Bible' (Practicing the Way) place a heavy emphasis on mysticism and practises such as Lectio Divina. 6 Mysticism is a fundamental and inseparable part of the Emerging Church. –Every- proponent of Mysticism is involved in a number of other problematic practises / teachings. Catholics: Henri Nouwen, John Mark Comer (Jesuit), Richard Rohr, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton. Non–Catholics: Ann Voskamp, Beth Moore, Bill Hybels, Dallas Willard, Donald S. Whitney, Eugene Peterson, Jack Hayford, James Bryan Smith, Jim Wallis, John Eldredge, John Ortberg, Ken Shigematsu, Mark Driscoll, Kyle Strobel (son of Lee), Mike Bickle, Max Lucado, Philip Yancey, Pete Greig, Peter Scazzero, Richard Foster, Rob Bell, Ruth Haley Barton, Timothy Keller, Tyler Straton and Walter Brueggemann, et al Organizations: 24/7 Prayer, Canadian Church Leaders Network (CCLN), International House of Prayer (IHOP), Renovaré, The G–spel Coalition (TGC). 7 List of 'Christian Colleges that Promote Spiritual Formation' by Lighthouse Trails Research Project [1]. In Greater Vancouver, Columbia Bible College and Regent College strongly promote Christian Mysticism, which has led to a strong prevalence of Mysticism in local, especially Calvinist churches.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] see 'Renovaré' (below) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Charismatic Movement, Neo–Pentecostalism	The Charismatic movement is not a denomination but a broader (originally American) phenomenon where individuals or groups within various denominations adopted Pentecostal–like practices and beliefs, including the (ab–)use of spiritual gifts and the particular desire for sensational experiences such as signs and wonders, miracles, healings and prophecy. While new converts sometimes share an honest desire to experience biblical gifts, the system in itself usually generates pride and group pressure, to appear to oneself and to others as annointed and more alive in the SPIRIT than ordinary believers. This underlying group pressure leads often to a fabrication of gifts, especially those of tongues and healings.	[1] [2] [3]	**Mat 24:24 (and Mar 13:22)** ***"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect".*** See Pentecostalism for the respective discernment. [1901, Jan 1] Birth of Pentecostalism. [1906] Azusa Street, a Methodist–sponsored 'revival'. [before 1955] Religious mainstream rather shunned Pentecostalism. Any convert was usually required to leave the respective church and attend a Pentecostal church. [1960s] Adoption of Pentecostalism through the Anglican church (St. Mark's Episcopal church in Van Nuys, US), Beginning of the Charismatic Movement. [early 1970s] The movement had spread to Europe. [–1962] Spread of the Charismatic Movement to Lutherans and Presbyterians. [–1967] Spread of the Charismatic Movement to the Roman Catholic church itself. [1970s] Spread of the Charismatic Movement (back) to the Methodist church. [1982] Vineyard Movement. [1994] Toronto Blessing. [2019] Pope Francis encouraged everyone in the Charismatic Renewal *"to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church".*	
	Christianity Today	('Evangelical' Christian media magazine founded in 1956 by Billy Graham)	[1] [2]	1 Open promotion of the Roman Catholic church. One Christianity Today article in 2015 titled 'Pope Pious: What Evangelicals Like About Francis' was subtitled 'Disagreement over religious authority and salvation fades as piety trumps doctrine.' Even a few decades ago, this would have been virtually unheard of. The Catholic Church and the pope would have been seen as standing in opposition to all that evangelicals hold dear. 2 Involved in the Catholic Mysticism / Contemplative Prayer movement. Specific endorsement of Renovaré (stronghold of Spiritual Formation) through the interview with Rachel Quan. 3 Their 'Books of the Century', published in 2000, include: The Lord of the Rings (no redemption of any evil character, written by a strict Catholic), Orthodoxy (G.K. Chesterton, Catholic), The Seven Storey Mountain ('Thomas Merton, Catholic Monk), Celebration of Discipline (Richard Foster, Catholic Mysticism), The Prophetic Imagination (Walter Brueggemann), Pilgrim at Tinker Creek (Annie Dillard, Catholic author), Civilization and Its Discontents (Sigmund Freud), The Chronicles of Narnia (C. S. Lewis), The Cloister Walk (Kathleen Norris, Catholic), The Wounded Healer (Henri J. M. Nouwen, Jesuit), Knowing G–d (J. I. Packer, Calvinist), The Jesus I Never Knew (Philip Yancey) 4 Sexual harassment scandal involving the editor–in–chief, Mark Galli, a Roman Catholic (and former Presbyterian, Anglican and Episcopalian). 5 Ed Stetzer is contributing editor and executive director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. 6 Open endorsement of Henri Nouwen (Jesuit). 7 *"Eugene Peterson Has Completed His Long Obedience".* 8 CT skirted journalistic ethics in dealings with disgraced former megachurch pastor James MacDonald. 9 CT almost worships the band U2 through dozens of articles. When Episcopalian ministers Whiteley & Maynard published the book 'Get Up Off Your Knees: Preaching the U2 Catalog', CT responded with a review entitled 'The Legend of Bono Vox: Lessons Learned in the Church of U2'. 10 CT chose in 2016 the outmost heretical book 'Christian. Muslim. Friend.' as winner for the 'Christianity Today Book Award'.	[1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2]
	Coexist	(Interfaith movement based on a logo which includes in its basic form the Muslim Crescent, the Star of David and the Christian cross)	[1] [2]	1 One common version of the bumper stickers spells "COEXIST" using an Islamic crescent moon for the "C", a peace sign for the "O", the Hindu Om symbol for the "E", a Star of David for the "X", a pentacle for the dot of the "I", a yin–yang symbol for the "S", and a Christian cross for the "T". 2 Coexist House is a charity for interfaith dialogue based at Inner Temple in London, England. The Temple takes its name from the Knights Templar (military order of Catholics). 3 See also Bono / US band for the most popular promotion of the concept.	[1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4]
	Dominionism / Seven Mountain Mandate (similar / overlapping concepts)	(Authoritarian ideology seeking to institute a nation which is governed by Christians; it is man's attempt to occupy and subdue the world as 'THEOS' stewards of the earth)	[1] [2] [3]	1 "Christianizing" of the "7 mountains" of society: government, family, media, education, religion, entertainment/arts, and business. 2 Dominionists believe that e.g. Trump has been "anointed" by 'G–d' to help bring about 'G–d's' Kingdom on earth. 3 A common sign is the church telling you how to vote. 4 The movement says certain of their people are 'anointed', or chosen by 'G–d' – and says you must obey those people. 5 Prominent figures: Bill Hamon, C. Peter Wagner, Chuck Nolson, Earl Paulk, Fred Price, Gary North, Jim Laffoon, Kenneth Hagin, Rick Joyner, Tommy Tenney. 6 The book 'Invading Babylon, The 7 Mountain Mandate' is written by Alan Vincent, Bill Johnson, Ché Ahn, C. Peter Wagner, Lance Wallnau and Patricia King.	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1]
	Ecumenism (Interdenominationalism, Transdenominationalism, Ecumenicalism)	(The concept and principle that believers who belong to different religions / denominations should work together to develop closer relationships among their churches and promote 'unity')	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 A Protestant / Evangelical would invite a Roman Catholic, or a Catholic invite a Muslim imam to meet or even speak in his pulpit, or a protestant church may get together for a joint conference, prayer or service. 2 Biblical Christianity and Roman Catholicism are two different religions that practice and believe fundamentally different things about how one is saved (see separate discernment). 3 The Catholic Church openly promotes a One World Religion. Pope Francis signed in 2019 a covenant with Muslim leaders. The official Catechism, p. 230 says *"The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful G–d ..."* 4 Leaders promoting Ecumenism: Billy Graham, Carolyn Arends, Charles (Chuck) Colson, Charles Spurgeon, C. Peter Wagner, C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, Danielle Strickland, Darrell W. Johnson, David Bryant, Elizabeth Elliot, Enoch Adejare Adeboye, Eugene H. Peterson, Franklin Graham, Henri Nouwen, Jack Hayford, James Bryan Smith, Jean–Luc Trachsel, Jentezen Franklin, J. I. Packer, Johannes Hartl, John Mark Comer, John Wimber, Josh McDowell, Ken Shigematsu, Lee Strobel, Luis Palau, Mark Driscoll, Max Lucado, Michael Green, Michael W. Smith, Mike Bickle, Nathan Söderblom, Os Guinness, Paul and Jan Crouch, Paula White–Cain, Pete Greig, Peter Scazzero, the Pope, Ray Comfort, Richard Foster, Richard Rohr, Rick Warren, Sean McDowell, Thomas Merton, Timothy Keller, Tyler Staton ... 5 Movements / organizations promoting Ecumenism: 24/7 Prayer, The Alpha Course, Biola, Emerging Church, ECT (Evangelicals and Catholics Together), Fuller Theological Seminary, Global Harvest Ministries, The G–spel Coalition (TGC), International House of Prayer (IHOP), Moody Bible Institute, Regent College Vancouver, Roman Catholic Church, Southern Baptist Convention, Unification Church, World Congress on Evangelism, World Council of Churches, World Prayer Center (WPC), World Vision ...	[1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
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				2 Often with a strong focus on Ecumenism.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 Practices more akin to New Age teachings: meditation (sometimes 'christianized' yoga), (Catholic) Mysticism and Contemplative Prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 It is just principally repackaged liberalism. Phyllis Tickle has already renamed it *"The Hyphenated Church, but in reality it ought to be called the Regurgitated Church - it is just Medieval Mysticism and its practices ruminated and brought up all over again."*	[1]
				5 Prominent figures: Brian McLaren, Dan Kimball, Doug Pagitt, Jason Ballard, John O'Keefe, Jonny Baker, Erwin McManus, Scot McKnight,Tony Jones. (Formerly) involved: Mark Driscoll, Rob Bell.	[1] [2]
				6 Some voices conclude that Bono *"seems to be the chief theologian of the 'emerging church movement'"*. Rob Bell told that the first time he experienced 'G-d' was at a U2 concert ... Bono is often endorsed or interviewed by Emerging Church leaders such as Bill Hybels, Brian McLaren, Brian Walsh, Rick Warren, Tony Campolo ...	[1] [2]
	Enneagram	(Typology of 9 interconnected personality types; Principally derived from the teachings of the Bolivian psycho-spiritual teacher Oscar Ichazo (1950s) and the Chilean psychiatrist Claudio Naranjo (1970s))	[1] [2] [3]	1 *"87% of individuals were able to accurately predict their Enneagram type (before taking the test) by being read descriptions of each type.* [...] *"While the Enneagram system shares little with traditional Christian doctrine or spirituality, it also shares little with the methods and criteria of modern science* [...] *"when used as a means of spiritual growth introduces an ambiguity in the doctrine and the life of the Christian faith".*	[1]
				2 Occult origins - Derived through the occult practice of 'automatic writing'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3 Impious counsel - it gives the 'counsel of the impious'.	[1]
				4 Unscriptural - The teachings cannot be supported by Scripture, and they go against THEOS' Word.	[1] [2]
				5 Worldly wisdom - Not based in objective reality, truth, reason, or Scripture.	[1] [2]
				6 Harmful - "We can use it as a helpful tool" is a classic warning sign for when erroneous and harmful ideas or practices are being introduced.	[1]
				7 Universalist - The main proponents are New Age-ish and mystical, if not outright universalists. Also, almost all Christians who are former New Agers warn of the dangers and deceit of the tool.	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Self focused - encourages us to discover our 'true self', to get in touch with our true nature, to realize self-actualization - (> New Age).	[1] [2] [3]
				9 Weakens dependency on THEOS.	[1]
				10 The majority of those who teach the Enneagram are proponents of Contemplative Prayer.	[1]
	Global Leadership Summit	(2-day leadership broadcast event with remote attendance of approx. 170,000 worldwide; hosted at Willow Creek church)	[1] [2]	1 Invitation / Promotion of Andy Stanley, Brian Houston, Christine Caine, Dallas Willard, Danielle Strickland, John Ortberg, mystic Mama Maggie Gobran, Michael Gungor, Sam Adeyemi, T.D. Jakes.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]
				2 Anti-biblical feel-good leadership axioms such as "How many of us are saving our best for the next life when all we have is this life?"	[1]
				3 Problematic background of Bill Hybels / Willow Creek Community Church.	[1] [2]
	The G-spel Coalition (TGC)	(National network for the New Calvinist movement) Many good writers, but fallen deep. There is an ever-growing contingent of writers and contributors for TGC who seem intent on trying to push the boundaries of Christian doctrine and in so doing make a career for themselves. TGC is now bending their knee to secular progressives with regularity.	[1] [2]	1 Timothy Keller (Presbyterian) was the founder and the organization propagates his false theology, such as Calvinism, Contemplative Prayer, Ecumenism, Mysticism, Social Justice G-spel, Theistic Evolution ...	[1] [2]
				2 Ecumenism and explicit promotion of the Catholic Church. TGC asked their readers to individually sign the Manhattan Declaration which reads: *"We, as Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical Christians, have gathered ..."* and was originally signed by 15 Catholic bishops. On the TGC web page 'Should Christians Be Ecumenical', we find the following: *"Can evangelicals and Catholics truly be together? ... Jesus' prayer for unity in the Body obligates me to see the ecumenical task as important for Christianity".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [1]
				3 Strong promotion of Catholic Mysticism and Contemplative Prayer. Explicit promotion of Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, and Teresa of Avila, who levitated.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				4 They hold to Cessationism, essentially saying that Christians do not receive anymore spiritual gifts.	[1]
				5 Heavy emphasis on the Social Justice G-spel.	[1] [2] [3]
				6 TGC defends transgender pronouns! *"Your inability to use their preferred pronoun could actually be offensive."*	[1] [2] [3]
				7 Very problematic position on homo*e*uality. We ought to *"affirm their legal right to marry"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				8 Explicit promotion of R-rated films that feature underage sex, lesbian sex, oral sex, pro-abortion propaganda, and blasphemy of the name of CHRISTOS ...	[1] [2] [3]
				9 TCG endorses Jackie Hill Perry's books and articles on their website (Evangelical Sexual Revolution; Bethel Church; open lesbian).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				10 TCG endorses Rebecca McLaughlin (Biologos; Same Sex Attracted spokesperson; feminism; identity politics, racial 'privilege'; LG**Q+ rights)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				11 TCG endorses Theistic Evolution, writing the creation week off as a 'literary analogy'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				12 TGC endorsed Eugene Peterson (Message 'bible').	[1]
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Problematic Movements & Organizations

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Movements & Organizations	He Gets Us	(Campaign which provides next steps for explorers to read about 'Jesus', connect with a local church, text for prayer or chat with someone 24/7.)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]	1	Lead Marketing agency: Haven with Jason Vanderground (President), Bill McKendry (Founder+CCO). Creative Agency: Lerma (Jon Lee); Ditore Mayo	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
					Vanderground: *"Ultimately, the goal is inspiration, not recruitment or conversion."* [...] *"... many Catholics are involved in the development of the campaign and it has received positive feedback from Catholic media* [...] *it is vital that we engage Catholics who represent 70 million people in the U.S."*	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Producer: Stephen Ostrander, charter member of North Point Community Church (Andy Stanley).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3	The Book 'He Gets Us' shares some core truths of the G-spel, but leans towards Universalism, fails to direct seekers to the next steps and contains theological errors. Written by Max Lucado, a problematic teacher. See review [1].	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	Allusions to social justice movements, referring to IESOUS not as SAVIOR, but as example: an *"influencer, an immigrant, a refugee, a radical, an activist for women's rights and a bulwark against racial injustice and political corruption".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5	*The campaign reinforces* [1] *the problematic idea that IESOUS' followers have IESOUS all wrong.*	[1] [2]
				6	Their video 'The Birth' portrays IESOUS as being born through fornication with a boyfriend. Blasphemy.	[1]
				7	HeGetsUs, LLC is a subsidiary of Servant Foundation (Missouri), financed by donor-advised fund 'The Signatry'. Both are headed by Bill High (until recently by Stephen French).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
					Financial support (year 2015 / 2020) of: *Alpha USA ($0 / $500,000), Andrew Wommack ($20,200 / $15,700), Bethel Church ($0 / $525,280), at least 27 Roman Catholic churches / organizations (> $492,438 / $656,938), the G-spel Coalition ($5000 / $0), IHOP (Mike Bickle, $60,290 / $29,650), Joyce Meyer Ministries ($20,100 / $10,600), Kenneth Copeland Ministries (na / $5100), Lakewood Church (Joel Osteen; $10,100 / $10,600), North Point Min. (Andy Stanley; $118,200 / $33,000), Oral Roberts University ($41,500 / $17,000), at least 16 Presbyterian Churches ($2,161,717 / $1,327,689), Ravi Zacharias ($589,400 / $604,278), Redeemer (Presbyterian) Church (Timothy Keller, $1,005,300 / 1,007,800) and Salvation Army ($347,745 / $572,448) and Turning Point For G-d (David Jeremiah; $2,002,400 / $757,705).*	[1] [2] [3] [t]
				8	Donors: "A diverse group of Christians from a range of denominational backgrounds".	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
					www.familyarc.com *(founder is Bill High) "... generous members, Independent Presbyterian Church (IPC), The Signatry, National Christian Foundation, Provision Bridge, Hobby Lobby, Broadhorn Foundation ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				9	Partners include the Alpha Course (Catholic tool; see discernment), Christianity Today (including Christine Caine), Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Gloo (Christian Big Data company; runs the program), Luis Palau Assoc., National Assoc. of Evangelicals, OneHope, Salvation Army, the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center and Youversion.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	International House of Prayer (IHOP) The Kansas City Prophets	(Charismatic evangelical Christian movement)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	Cultic origin and worship style, Emotionalism, Gnosticism, denial Sola Scriptura ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				2	Proponents of Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism and endorsement of Henri Nouwen. IHOPKS's bookstore contains dozens of titles promoting contemplative prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				3	Ecumenism: Mike Bickle in his foreword to Stacey Campbell's book: *"... they* [House of Prayer Augsburg, Germany] *needed to launch a 24/7 HoP with the spirituality of the Catholic charismatic renewal movement and a focus on ecumenism."*	[1]
				4	The 'Kansas City prophets' admitted that their prophecies were often inaccurate. IHOP essentially views prophets as Christian psychics, with prophetic hotlines, prophetic readings, and an emphasis on personal prophecy. Alleged cases of spiritual abuse and manipulative uses of prophecy.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				5	Extreme overemphasis on the miraculous gifts of the SPIRIT. Miraculous healings, visions, dreams, prophecies, tongues, words of knowledge, signs, wonders, etc., are claimed to be constant within IHOP.	[1] [2]
				6	Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				7	2023 sexual abuse scandal of Mike Bickle. Very probable cover-up over many years and strong hesitancy in investigation.	[1]
				8	Collaboration with Bill Johnson, Lou Engle, Rick Pino ...	[1]
	L'Abri	(Evangelical Christian organisation founded by Francis Schaeffer in Huémoz-sur-Ollon, Swiss Alps)	[1] [2] [3]	1	[1955] This evangelical Christian organisation was founded on June 5, 1955 by the Presbyterians Francis Schaeffer and his wife Edith in Huémoz-sur-Ollon, Switzerland, after they had moved as missionaries for the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (IBPFM) in Europe.	[1] [2]
				2	[late 1960's] The Anglican Os Guinness, who signed the infamous 'Evangelicals and Catholics Together' [see 2, 3], who claims in his book 'The Call' that *"1/2 of the world's population follow the Great Abrahamic faith"*, and who lied that the Reformation had reduced antisemitism (Luther strongly increased it) [4], was a leader at the L'Abri.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3	[early 1970's] Nancy Peacey, who grew up Lutheran and goes now as Neo-Calvinist, 'converted' at L'Abri to 'Christianity'. Not coincidentally, she is a mouthpiece for the 7-Mountain Mandate (see next point). While Neo-Calvinists sometimes hold that the Cultural Mandate is as important as the Great Commission, she even holds that it is more important. She teaches intensively about it in her popular book 'Total Truth' [see 2].	[1] [2] [3]
				4	[1975] It is probably not a coincidence relating to its name, that Schaeffer was in his time at L'Abri one of the founders, of what would later be termed the Seven Mountain Mandate. He created this heretical doctrine along with fellow evangelists Bill Bright (Presbyterian; Campus Crusade for Christ) and Loren Cunningham (Lutheran; YWAM). The concept centers around Christians taking dominion of seven societal spheres of influence: 'Family, religion, education, media, art, economics, and government'. While this idea of 'Dominion theology' originated within Calvinism (specifically Presbyterians), it is most commonly associated today with the New Apostolic Reformation, which are best represented by Bethel Church pastor Bill Johnson, who further popularized this idea. Other mouthpieces are James Davison Hunter in his book 'To Change the World' [see 2; he heavily references Nancy Pearcey], Lance Wallnau and Nancy Pearcey in her popular book 'Total Truth' [see 3], among others.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				5	[1972] The L'Abri now served via R.C. Sproul as inspiration for the Ligonier Valley Study Center, which later developed into Ligonier Ministries, which is distinguished by its teaching of Calvinism.	[1] [2]
				6	[~1976] The Presbyterian teacher Sarah Young, most widely known by the New Age book 'Jesus Calling', expierienced a New Agey mystical moonlight conversion at L'Abri, where she lived and studied, and first experienced the presence of a 'Sweet Jesus'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
					[1984] Death of Francis Schaeffer.	
					[2011] L'Abri has now also residential 'Study Centres' in Australia, Canada, Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, UK, and the US, plus 'Resource Centres' in Brazil and Germany.	
	Logos Bible Software	(A digital library application developed by Faithlife Corp., designed for electronic Bible study)		1	In May 2025, the company openly promoted Catholicism on their website: '10 Catholic Books Every Protestant Should Know'. The author states in the article with a double tongue: *"It would be inaccurate to say that these are the ten books most likely to convince you to become Catholic. Despite being a Catholic apologist, I've intentionally shied away from apologetics ..."* Joe Heschmeyer is a staff apologist at Catholic Answers, where his job is to help to *"explain and defend the Catholic faith."*	[1] [2]
				2	Only one month earlier, Logos published the list '34 Top Orthodox Books: A Reading List to Start Your Journey'. The article states the following highly problematic and anti-biblical approaches: *"At its heart, Orthodox theology weaves together dogmatic truth, mystical experience, and monastic wisdom. The tradition insists that true theology is never merely scholarly but is instead a way of life rooted in worship, energized by prayer, and oriented to the transfiguration of person, community, and cosmos into a final, total oneness with G-d."*	[1]
				3	In a sales webinar in May 2023, I asked their 'Ministry Relations Director', Scott Lindsey if they consider to assist the users with a basic discernment / traffic light system / or similar, when it comes to their very prominent inclusion of the Apocrypha and of thousands of other extra-biblical sources [among those being found highly problematic content]. Lindsey answered in essence that their users should be mature enough to discern on their own.	[1]
				4	Way of Life Literature (no collaboration) writes: *"Yet their digital shelves are filled with works that would damn anyone who believes the doctrines they promote. [...] they present themselves as promoting the word of G-d, while selling the most grotesque forms of Bible criticism and heresy. Like a chameleon, they have the ability to quickly change appearance as needed to avoid criticism on a number of fronts. [...] They sell material for cults, the Roman Catholic Church, and shamelessly endorse the grossest apostasy of the Jesus Seminar* [The 'scholars' of the Jesus Seminar do not believe in the deity of CHRISTOS, the resurrection of CHRISTOS, the miracles of CHRISTOS, or the substitutionary atonement death of CHRISTOS] *... And yet, they use phraseology about themselves that would lead people to think that they are evangelical Christians who are promoting the g-spel through their endeavors. [...] The offerings include: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Charismatic, Lutheran, Messianic Jewish, Orthodox, Reformed, Seventh Day Adventist and Wesleyan.* [...] *their carefully worded answer makes it appear as if they only have these materials for academic purposes and that the buyer should beware.* [identical answer, see #3 ...] *In 2011, Logos released an entire version of their software for Roman Catholics, Verbum, which represents a massive segment of the religious market. [...] Yet, Galatians 1:8,9 tells us in no uncertain language that a curse rests on those who preach or promote false gospels, which Faithlife clearly does."*	[1]
				5	Even though other platforms have removed the TPT 'bible' (The Passion Translation), Logos Bible Software continues to sell this translation.	[1] [2]
				6	Their 'Featured Teachers' for their Bible study with the name 'The Word Together: Abide & Arise' include the highly problematic teachers Matt Chandler (both Calvinist and Pentecostal/Charismatic who experienced the usually demonic 'automatic writing'), and Christine Caine and Priscilla Shirer.	[1] [2]
	New Age (1970s-today)	(Counterfeit philosophy that appeals to the feelings of individuals)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Acupressure, acupuncture, all roads lead to heaven, alternative spirituality, astrology, automatic writing, bypassing the mind, channeling, 'cosmic consciousness', crystal balls / power, denial of moral boundaries, each individual is 'G-d', Eastern mysticism, Enneagram, Esotericism, follow your heart, gradual ascent into enlightenment as 'being born again', 'guided tours' of the unseen world, handwriting analysis, harmony, Hindu mantras, horoscopes, instrumental music promoting relaxation, hypnosis, Law of Attraction, love and light, meditation, mediums, mind control, mind dynamics, New World Order, no distinction between good and evil, occultism, out-of-body travel, Pantheism, past-life recall experiences, 'psychic self', reincarnation, rejection of the personal G-d, rejection of original sin, self-help, semi-divine non-human entities such as angels and masters, spiritual energy healings, the third eye, 'touch' healing, 'trance channeling' (séances), Yoga, zen disciplines ...	[1] [2] [3]
				2	Spiritual energy healings.	[1]
				3	Infiltration of the Church.	[1] [2]
	New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) / Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE)	(A Pentecostal and Dominionist movement which asserts that 'G-d' is restoring the ~lost offices~ of church governance, namely the offices of Prophets and Apostles).	[1] [2] [3]	1	C. Peter Wager founded this strictly unbiblical movement: *"I needed a name ... For a couple of years I experimented with 'Post denominationalism'. The name I have settled on for the movement is the New Apostolic Reformation."* Wagner was a clearly false teacher (he confused the gifts of apostleship and prophecy with actual offices and taught a fivefold ministry; he coined the term 'Third Wave'; heavy promotion of 7-Mountain-Mandate; spiritual warfare & mapping; Ecumenism)	see separate discernment
					The 'New Apostolic Church', which is a schism of the Catholic Apostolic Church (Irvingism; a highly problematic sect and the origin of Pentecostalism; see separate discernment) was most certainly name giver for the New Apostolic Reformation (a fact usually denied while claiming that the NAR is a very loose movement), indirectly affirmed by C. Peter Wagner himself in his 1998 book 'The New Apostolic Churches', where he over and over relates the NAR to **specifically the term 'New Apostolic Church' (this precise designation appears more than 20 times in this book with the same title!)**.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	*If you are attending a church, and you are hearing words or phrases from the following list, you can be sure that your pastor or church is involved in some way or another."* From the book 'A Hidden Path: Bethel Redding and Beyond'. "Accessing the gates of heaven, activation of the gifts, advancing the kingdom, alignment, angelic visitation, anointing, apostolic, appealing to heaven, ascending into new levels of glory, atmospheres, awakening the gifts, birthing, breakthrough, bringing heaven down to earth, changing the atmosphere, come up higher, contemplative prayer, covering, decreeing and declaring, dimensions, dreams, encounters, experiencing 'G-d', FIRE!, fire tunnels, for such a time as this, fresh revelation, fulfilling your destiny, getting drunk, glory carriers, glory clouds, 'G-d' is doing a new thing, going deeper, going to another level, gold dust, healing rooms, hosting the presence, impartation, increase, intimacy with 'G-d' (greater), Joel's Army, jumping in the river, legacy, levels of anointing, little 'gods', mandate, manifestations, mantles, marinating in the 'spirit', moving into your destiny, moving in the supernatural, mystical, new breed, new revelation, new sound, new wine, outpouring, paradigm shift, open heaven, open portals, prophetic words, rain, receive a double portion, receive a double anointing, releasing (whatever) into the atmosphere, restoration, revelation knowledge, seasons, secret place, Seven Mountain Mandate, shifting, slain in the 'spirit', soaking, spiritual mapping, staying in alignment, Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare, taking dominion, "the presence", third heaven, touch not 'G-d's' anointed, transformation, transforming cities, transforming cultures, trances, trips to heaven, vibrations, visions, wind, world changers.	[1]
				3	NAR: Bill Johnson, Brian Simmons, Che Ahn, Chuck Pierce, Doug Addison, Guillermo Maldonado, James Goll, Kenneth Max Copeland, Lou Engle, Mike Bickle, Mike & Cindy Jacobs, Peter & Doris Wagner, Rick Joyner.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4	ACPE: Chuck Pierce, James Goll, Kim Clement, Lou Engle, Mike & Cindy Jacobs, Paul Keith Davis, Peter & Doris Wagner, Stacey Campbell, Steve Schultz.	[1] [2] [3] [4]

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DISCERNMENT

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Category	Name	Function	About	No.	Discernment	Sources (Download PDF document for clickable links.)
Movements & Organizations	The Pastorate (name change from 'Canadian Church Leaders Network', CCLN) (led by Darrell W. Johnson, Scholar at CCLN & Pastor at The Way Church, also Teaching at Regent College; Jason Ballard MC at CCLN & Pastor at The Way Church / currently Alpha Canada).	(Network Committed to Serving Church Leaders in Canada)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	Explicit promotion of Catholic Mysticism, including teachers such as Brother Lawrence, Dallas Willard, Henri Nouwen, Pete Greig, Peter Scazzero, Richard Foster, Ruth Haley Barton and even Teresa de Avila (levitated on a number of occasions!!).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				2	Specific mention of *"different formats for prayer including The Examen, Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer"*. Their Spiritual Formation Cards are provided by Vineyard Churches.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	They declared Mark Buchanan to be a guide in 'Christian' mysticism. Mark rejected this notion in his answer to Jason Ballard.	[1]
				4	Organization of The Emerging Leaders Lab (see also Emerging Church movement).	[1] [2]
				5	Promotion of Pope Francis, John Mark Comer, Rick Joyner and Tyler Saton (see separate discernment). Collaboration with Practicing The Way.	[1] [2] [3]
				6	In 09/2024, they invited father James Mallon, Catholic priest from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth, to their podcast.	[1] [2] [3]
					Darrell Johnson / The Way Church	
				7	Female teaching pastor at The Way Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				8	Strong support of Orthodox churches; "our friends".	[1]
				9	Johnson teaches the Enneagram: *"people are calling the Enneagram into question; we work with it; it is useful; that is a secret to know"*.	[1]
				10	Eugene Peterson was close to Darrell Johnson. Use of the Message 'bible' in their newsletters.	[1] [2] [3]
	Practicing The Way	(Evangelism Tool based on Spiritual Formation)	[1] [2] [3] [4]		see John Mark Comer and Tyler Staton.	
	Prosperity G-spel / Word of Faith Movement	It teaches that one of the promises of the Christian life is health and wealth.	[1] [2]		The book 'G-d, Greed and the (Prosperity) G-spel' describes best what this theology is all about:	[1] [2] [3]
				1	*The Prosperity G-spel overcomplicates faith. Faith isn't giving money to get His love. Faith isn't paying a fee for His saving grace. Faith isn't going broke to get healed. Faith isn't a special healing service to get His anointing.* *Any religion that says you need to do good works, give enough money, or speak enough positive declarations to unlock G-d's saving grace or abundant blessings on your life is a false religion. The Prosperity G-spel turns faith into a works-based system.*	
				2	*The Prosperity G-spel distorts the biblical G-spel. It is rather about the gifts than the Giver. It is rather about the redeemed than the Redeemer. It is rather about earthly riches than eternal rewards. It is rather about monetary gain than the glory of THEOS.* ***THEOS** is not a cosmic magic genie granting our wishes. IESOUS did not die to provide us earthly riches. He is not the cherry on top of materialistic satisfaction.*	
				3	*The Prosperity G-spel twists Scripture.*	
				4	*It produces false converts. It fills pulpits with imposters and pews with people who either want to be fooled or are being deceived.*	
				5	*It ruins Christianity's witness.*	
				6	*Wealth is not a sign of elite spiritual status. To the contrary, the poor and afflicted are given special attention when it comes to spiritual care.*	
				7	The Prosperity G-spel is over-proportionally being spread through Pentecostals (separate discernment). Many, if not most 'pioneers' were Pentecostals (!!!), such as A.A. Allen, Benny Hinn, Brian Houston, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth E. Hagin and Oral Roberts. Other Pentecostals such as Bill Johnson, Christine Caine, David Olaniyi Oyedepo, Enoch Adejare Adeboye, Guillermo Maldonado, Jesse Duplantis, Joel Osteen, John Bevere, Joyce Meyer, Michael Todd, Myles Munroe, Paula White-Cain, Reinhard Hirtler, Sam Adeyemi, T.B. Joshua, T.D. Jakes and Todd Bentley further spread this evil doctrine, which typically involves the Old Covenant doctrine of Tithing, Seed-Faith (sowing of financial seeds) and positive confessions to enrich oneself financially and materially.	[1] [2]
					Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church states on its website: *"To be successful in your walk with G-d, commit to honor G-d with your finances. When you commit to give the Lord the first 10% of your income, G-d promises He will pour out blessings you cannot contain. Tithing is the first key to financial prosperity."*	[1]
					Some (Pentecostal) churches hold special presermons of 15-20 minutes of duration which have the sole aim to manipulate the attendee into tithing, many use special tithing breaks and motivational and manipulative videos, some use various baskets and envelopes to stimulate tithing while using peer-pressure and generating a prideful giving, while a few even threaten non-tithers with curses, attacks from satan and poverty. Some, if not many of those churches generate a strong culture of status and materialism, and honor those in successful business positions with special attention or leadership positions within the church.	[1]
				8	The Prosperity G-spel would certainly not exist without the false doctrine of tithing in the New Covenant, which is antibiblical. Tithing was introduced through the Mormons in the year 1838 in the US, and John Alexander Dowie, who had in 1890 very advanced plans of becoming a Mormon, but ended up founding the Pentecostal church after Salt Lake City had rejected his desired office of an Apostle, introduced mandatory tithing of 10% in his 'International Divine Healing Association' and his 'Catholic Apostolic Church' built in btw. 1896-1906. Branham continued after Dowie's death in 1907 his spiritual 'legacy', and Pentecostalism itself, together with its doctrine of tithing adopted from the Mormons, spread throughout the US, Americas, Africa and the world.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	Renovaré	(Organization for Spiritual Formation based in Colorado (US) and founded in 1988 by Quaker theologian Richard J. Foster; later expanded to Canada, GB, Korea and South Africa) Members include: Anglicans, Baptists, Church of g-d, Lutherans, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and Quakers.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1	Teachings which often contradict Scripture are principally inspired by Thomas Merton and Thomas Keating; Scripture is seen as secondary; many half-truths in their teachings; Universalism; rejection of Isaiah's prophecies pointing to CHRISTOS; sin is not normative prior to repentance; THEOS is not our judge; works-based 'self-transformation'; meditation with repeated 'sacred words' based on 'Christian mantras' of Zen-practicing Catholic monks; prayer using meaningless repetitions; teachings include Taoists, Zoroastrians, and Zenpracticing Catholics; discipline of solitude; homo*e*uality up for debate ...	[1] [2]
				2	The movement has its own 'Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible' which includes the Apocrypha. It places a heavy emphasis on mysticism to the detriment of solid theology, and has packaged the mystical thinking of its editors Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Walter Brueggemann, and Eugene Peterson into 'study notes'. This 'Bible' claims that 'Genesis' was not written by Moses, but borrowed from pre-historic mythology !!! IESOUS is being described as a 'human agent' in Isa 9:6-7.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]
				3	Dallas Willard and James Bryan Smith are founding members of Renovaré. Jack Hayford sat on the Renovaré Board.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4	Presidents: Richard Foster (see separate discernment); 2008: Christopher Webb (an Anglican Benedictine Franciscan Priest); 2012 Executive Director: Rachel Quan; 2015 president: Chris Hall.	[1] [2] [3]
				5	Director of Community Life: Nathan Foster (son). His books are endorsed by Eugene Peterson, John Ortberg, Philip Yancey and Ruth Haley Barton; and include teachings from Brother Lawrence, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton; and are listed on Amazon as [Christian Books & Bibles > Catholicism].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				6	Vice Chairperson: Richella Parham, she teaches in her books ideas from Dallas Willard and Richard Foster. She also quotes Thomas Merton.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7	The Canadian site includes extensive teachings from Bernard of Clairvaux, venerated in the RCC, an abbot, mystic and co-founder of the Knights Templars (a Catholic military order).	[1]
				8	They openly endorse Agnes Sanford through a dedicated part of their website.	[1]
				9	Promotion of books by John Mark Comer and Pete Greig (24/7 Prayer).	[1]
	Revoice Movement	(A group of same-sex attracted 'Christians' who want the church adjust its approach to homo*e*uality).	[1] [2]	1	"Revoice exists to support and encourage Christians who are sexual minorities so they can flourish in historic Christian traditions."	[1] [2]
				2	Intention to normalize homo*e*uality within CHRISTOS' church.	[1] [2] [3]
				3	They claim that being gay is inborn.	[1]
	Southern Baptist Convention	(Baptist denomination based in the United States)	[1] [2]	1	Adoniram Judson, the 'great' missionary to Burma, was a Freemason, specifically a member of the fraternity 'Philermenian Society' (since the year 1804; even his son Elnathan became member of this fraternity, meaning that Adoniram continued his membership probably until his death).	[1] [2] [3]
					Judson's change to the validity of believer's baptism, and subsequent need of support, led to the founding of the first national Baptist organization in the United States and subsequently to all American Baptist associations, including the Southern Baptists that were the first to break off from the national organization.	[1]
				2	Strong prevalence of Freemasons in their ranks. In the 1990s, 14 percent of SBC pastors and 18 percent of deacons were Masons. At the June 1992 annual conference, an unsuccessful attempt was made by a minority of representatives to root Freemasonry out of the Convention. The SBC 1993 Report on Freemasonry states: *"... consistent with our denomination's deep convictions regarding the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the local church, membership in a Masonic Order be a matter of personal conscience."*	[1]
				3	During the 19th and most of the 20th century, it played a central role in racial segregation while opposing interracial marriage. In 1995, the organization apologized for its history.	[1]
				4	In 2006, SBC President Gaines allegedly waited six months to fire a pastor who had confessed to sexual molestations. In 2018, investigations showed that the organization suppressed reports of sexual abuse and protected over 700 accused ministers and church workers. In 2022, a report indicated church leaders had stonewalled and disparaged clergy sex abuse survivors for nearly two decades; reform efforts had been met with criticism or dismissal from other organization leaders; and known abusers had been allowed to keep their positions without informing their local churches. In 2022, the denomination was facing a federal investigation into the scandal. In 2024, alleged abuse victims accused the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention of 'maliciously and systematically' covering up sexual abuse.	[1] [2]
				5	In the 1960s, the Southern Baptist Convention initially predominantly supported the abortion rights movement. In 1971, the SBC passed a resolution urging a loosening of abortion laws in the US.	[1] [2]
				6	Around 30% of SBC churches admit to be Reformed / Calvinists. Under the leadership of Al Mohler, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has become a hotbed of Calvinism and is graduating class after class of Calvinist proselytizers. Since 1982, an annual Founders Conference has promoted Calvinism within the Convention. In 2007, Ed Stetzer, then director of LifeWay Research, said that nearly 30% of recent seminary graduates are serving as pastors are Calvinists. David Allen, dean of the School of Preaching at SBTS, says, *"Being a Calvinist should not be a Convention crime. Calvinists have and should always be free to have a place at the SBC table. ... I have and continue to work side-by-side with Calvinist brothers and sisters in the churches I pastored, in the seminary I serve, and in the broader SBC of which I am a part"*. > Very similar to their stance on Freemasonry.	[1] [2] [3]
				7	Billy Graham was an ordained Southern Baptist minister, spoke at 13 SBC annual meetings, served as a trustee of two SBC entities, and was even nominated for SBC president in 1963.	[1] [2] [3]
				8	Unfriendly takeover of McLean Bible Church through Dale Sutherland and David Platt. Embezzlement of several million dollars.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
	Vineyard Movement	(Founded by John Wimber in 1982, commonly recognized as 'Third Wave', 'Power Theology' and 'Signs and Wonders movement', 300.000 members in 2019)	[1] [2]	1	Proponent of the Bridal Paradigm, which injects a 'Jesus-believer love affair' into the Song of Solomon.	[1]
				2	The so-called 'Toronto Blessing' began in a Vineyard Church (it afterwards distanced itself from that particular phenomenon).	[1] [2]
				3	When one of England's best-known evangelicals, David Watson, was diagnosed with cancer, Wimber flew in and announced how 'G-d' had shown him that Watson would get well. When Watson died, they tried to 'limit the damage' as best they could. The gullibility of his followers (...) enabled him to continue relatively unscathed.	[1] [2]
				4	Kevin Prosch was a prominent worship leader within the Vineyard movement. In 1999, he confessed to a string of adulterous relationships. Despite this confession, he led worship at an IHOPKC conference and later had an affair with Misty Edwards, before his marriage ended in a divorce.	[1] [2]
				5	The movement is associated with the following characters / groups: Brian Doerksen, Calvary Chapel, Don Francisco, Kansas City Prophets, Keith Green, Kevin Prosch, Mike Bickle, Paul Cain, Promise Keepers, Signs and Wonders, Toronto blessing, Wayne Grudem ..	[1] [2] [3]
	Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)	(American ministry serving persecuted Christians in restricted and hostile countries around the world)	[1] [2]	1	Significant Ecumenism. The book 'Tortured for Christ' endorses the Calvinist C.H. Spurgeon and Jesuit priest and psychotherapist Anthony de Mello. The movies 'Tortured for Christ' and 'Sabina: Tortured for Christ - The Nazi Years' endorses the 'Anglican Mission to the Jews', the 'Lutheran Church' and prominently features live music from Calvinists (The Gettys). The Chairman of the Board of VOM Canada is Peter Jardine, an Anglican cleric.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2	Financial abuse of donations. The CEO of VOM US paid himself in 2013 a yearly salary of $158,000. Their headquarters was custom-built with $28 million of the donations collected for persecuted Christians around the world.	[1] [2]
				3	For many years, Isaac Oluwole Newton-Wusu, the head of Voice of the Christian Martyrs (VOCM) Nigeria, had been raping and impregnating orphan girls at the VOM-financed St. Stephens Children Home in Abeokuta and then forcing them to kill their babies via abortions. VOM continued to finance them although having been aware of the court charges.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				4	Richard Wurmbrand's successor Tom White sexually abused a 10-year-old girl. Hours before his arrest, he committed suicide. 4 days after Richard's son asked for an independent investigation, he was laid off from VOM US.	[1] [2] [3] [4]

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Cults & Religions

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Cults & Religions	The Aggressive Christianity Missions Training Corps (abbreviated ACMTC; also known as the Death Force Team, Holy Tribal Nation, the Free Love Ministries, or the Life Force Team).	(Militaristic Christian fundamentalist new religious movement)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 Extreme form of Pentecostalism.	[1]
				2 "Anti-ecclesiastical organization that claims that anyone who supports a centralized government or denomination is affiliated with the Antichrist. Salvation can only be found outside church and governmental systems."	[1]
				3 The founding family ('General' James and Deborah Green, son Peter) was charged with sexual assault of minors, kidnapping, child abuse and murder, sentenced to 72/10 years in prison.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				4 Members call Deborah Green an 'oracle' and believe that she has direct communication with 'G-d'. Occurrence of disturbing 'visions'.	[1] [2]
				5 The Greens took their ideas from Catherine Booth, founder of Salvation Army and a feminist leader. Salvation Army still preaches the concept of Aggressive Christianity today!	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
	Anglicanism (16th c. AD-today)	(Denomination which developed from the practices, liturgy, and identity of the Church of England following the English Reformation)	[1] [2] [3]	1 See discernment on King Henry VIII, who founded the Church of England.	
				2 Attending the Eucharist at a broad-church parish nowadays is likely to be similar in many respects to a contemporary Roman Catholic Mass.	[1] [2]
				3 Some Anglicans recite the Rosary and Angelus, are involved in a devotional society dedicated to "Our Lady" (the Blessed Virgin Mary) and seek the intercession of the saints.	[1]
				4 Widespread support by dozens of Church of England bishops to allow clergy same-sex civil marriages. Many of the clergy are practicing homo*e*uals, and many are connoisseurs of child porn.	[1] [2]
				5 An Anglican service will include readings from the Bible and some passages from the Apocrypha.	[1]
				6 Anglo-Catholic practices, particularly liturgical ones, have become more common within the tradition over the last century. In 1974 the Church of England and English Roman Catholics, Baptists, United Reformed, and Methodists agreed to form a national commission for discussions of the possibility of practical reunion.	[1] [2]
				7 They teach 'Apostolic Succession', but have big gaps in their records.	[1]
				8 The Anglican church is heavily involved in the Ecumenical Movement and was an active part of the Ecumencial Prayer Movement in the early 19th century.	[1] [2]
				9 Pentecostalism, which is a highly problematic cult, directly emerged from-, and would certainly not exist without the Anglican church. The first Pentecostal church was the Catholic Apostolic Church in Albury & London, which included mainly Anglicans clerics and leity, and used Anglican rites and liturgy. The Anglican John Bate Cardale was their first ordained 'apostle'.	[1] [2] [see discernment on Pentecostalism below]
	Anglo-Catholicism	(Comprises beliefs and practices that emphasise the catholic heritage and identity of the various Anglican churches)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Many high-church or Anglo-Catholic Anglicans hold, more or less, the Catholic view of the real presence as expressed in the doctrine of transubstantiation.	[1] [2]
				2 Generally prayers for the dead.	[1]
				3 Observance of all 7 Catholic Sacraments (Confession / Absolution, Matrimony, Confirmation, Holy Orders /Ordination, and Anointing of the Sick / Unction).	[1]
				4 Most Anglo-Catholics encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, but not all Anglo-Catholics adhere to a high doctrine of Mariology.	[1]
				5 C. S. Lewis was considered an Anglo-Catholic in his theological sensibilities.	[1]
	Anthroposophy (~1910 AD-today)	(Spiritualist movement founded in the early 20th cen.)	[1] [2]	-	
	Baha'i (~1820 AD-today)	(Religion established by Bahá'u'lláh in the 19th century)	[1] [2]	-	
	Black Mass	(Ceremony typically celebrated by various satanic groups)	[1]	-	
	Buddhism (~500 BC-today)	(Indian religion based on Gautama Buddha teachings, originating btw. the 6th and 4th centuries BCE)	[1] [2]	-	
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Calvinism, commonly coded as 'Reformed'

250 AD Manichaeism
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380 AD Augustinianism
|||
1550 AD Calvinism

Function: (A major branch of Protestantism that follows the theological tradition and forms of religious practice set down by Augustine,

and more fully developed by John Calvin)

About: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Discernment:

1 Calvinism was preceded by, and primarily inspired by Augustinianism (Calvin quoted Augustine 4119 times in his works), which on the other hand was an (in)direct product of Manichaeism, an outmost evil sect, known back then as the pinnacle of Gnosticism (see below for details). Augustine officially renounced it, only to return years later to its teachings. It is not surprising that the Scriptures used by Manicheans are the very same ones used by Calvinists. [1] [2] [3] [4]

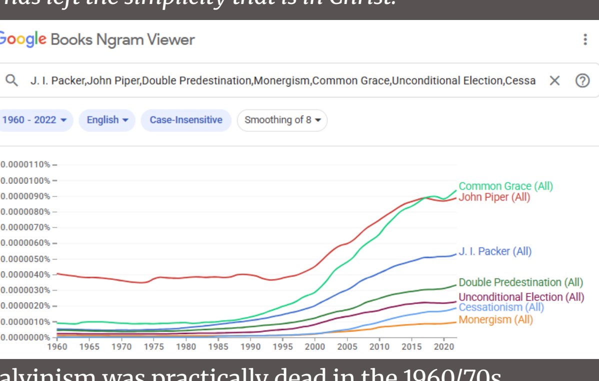
2 Even notable Calvinistic scholar and historian, Loraine Boettner, admitted, *"This cardinal truth* [Calvinism] *of Christianity was first clearly seen by Augustine". Talbot & Crampton wrote "The system of doctrine which bears the name of John Calvin was in no way originated by him ..."* B. B. Warfield de-clared, *"The system of doctrine taught by Calvin is just the Augustinianism common to the whole body of the Reformers."* [1] [2] [3] [4]

For the first ~400 years of Christianity, its teachers, preachers, apostles, evangelists and theologians taught 'historic traditionalism' without a deterministic theology. Borrowing from Manichaeism, Augustine brought strong determinism and their terminology of the 'elect' into the church.

3 Manipulation of Scripture in order to justify their theology of the 'elect'. Calvinist scholars and teachers change the following words / phrases to mean the word 'elect': 'world' (~20 Bible verses), 'whosoever / all' (~16x), 'every man' (~6x) and 'everyone (~3x). In no case is there anything in the text to justify substituting for 'elect'. [1]

4 Calvinism requires and promotes itself through academic / advanced / higher knowledge. The Bible says that even a child can grasp THEOS' truth. [1] [2]

Quote from the book 'The Calvinism Debate': *"Consider some of the terms that James White uses in his debate with Dave Hunt: Compatibalism, Monergism versus Synergism, Electing Grace vs. Irresistible Grace, Effectual Calling vs. General Calling, Effective Atonement vs. Hypothetical Atonement, Libertarian Free Will vs. the Bondage of the Will.*
Other Calvinists speak of Active Reprobation, Common-, Objective- and Subjective Grace, Natural Ability and Moral Ability, Mediate vs. Immediate Imputation of Adam's sin, Single- and (Soft) Double Predestination, Supralapsarianism, Sublapsarianism, Infralapsarianism, Desiderative vs. Decretive will, and Antecedent Hypothetical Will. I believe that Calvinism is more akin to philosophy than to sound Bible theology and that it has left the simplicity that is in Christ."



[1]

Calvinism was practically dead in the 1960/70s and only in the last 40-50 years there had been a very strong resurgence. One of the main reasons for the resurgence of Calvinism in North-American evangelicalism came from Episcopalians (Anglicans, historically a reformed denomination), specifically through J. I. Packer's book 'Knowing G-d' published in 1973.

5 Calvinism is not uniform, but very great divisions are found in it: *"Every Calvinist believes he has the liberty to decide what kind of Calvinist he will be, how many 'points' he will accept. One list of Calvinists names nine types: Total Hyper-Calvinist, Partial Hyper-Calvinist, Ultra-high Calvinist, Regular High Calvinist, Moderate Calvinist, Lower-moderate Calvinist, Lower Calvinist, Lowest Calvinist, and Amyraldism (4 point Calvinist).* [1] [2]

6 While Calvin speaks a lot about THEOS' sovereignty and justice, he takes no account of THEOS' other attributes such as His love and mercy. Not once in the nearly 1300 pages of his Institutes does Calvin expound upon THEOS' love for mankind or attempt to explain how THEOS, who is love, could take pleasure in damning billions whom He could save if He so desired. [1]

7 Calvinism is constantly undermining the need for evangelism (because it is at odds with election); it converts it into an unloving work without genuine love and motivation. Hyper-Calvinists would go as far as to forbid the preaching of the Evangelium and the offer of salvation to the non-elect. Many Calvinists of Spurgeon's day criticized him for including an evangelistic element in his teachings. [1] [2] [3]

8 Rejection of the biblical concept of 'prevenient grace' and free will leading to salvation (Puppet Theology). Mark Driscoll went as far (in the common overemphasis of 'grace') to say that Noah was saved by grace only and that his salvation had absolutely nothing to do with faith or righteousness, directly contradicting 'Gen 6:9 *... Noah was a righteous man*'. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

9 Claim that man cannot respond / consent to THEOS call unto Salvation! *"G-d autonomously determines the desires and choices of people to accept Him"* ('Unconditional Election' = Random Selection). Claim that *"belief is not a pre-condition to Past Salvation"*. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

10 Claim that *"G-d predestined unbelievers for hell"*. Calvin in his Institutes: *"I say with Augustine, that the Lord has created those who, as he certainly foreknew, were to go to destruction, and he did so because he so willed."* [1]

"By predestination we mean the eternal decree of G-d, by which he determined with himself whatever he wished to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestinated to life or to death" John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 3, Ch. 21 [2]

11 Propagation of the unbiblical 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved' theology ('Unconditional Salvation'). Very common claim that unrepented sin does not endanger Future Salvation !!! [1] [2]

	Biblical Teaching	Calvinism
1	Possible shipwreck. (Perseverance of faithful saints)	No possible shipwreck. (Perseverance of all saints, Once-Saved-Always-Saved)
2	Prevenient grace + response through believer. (Conditional Election)	Grace only + no response through believer required. (Unconditional Election, also called 'Sovereign' Grace)
3	IESOUS came to save the world. He died for all men. (Universal Atonement)	IESOUS came to save the elect. He died only for the elect. (Limited Atonement)
4	IESOUS is the Light of the World.	IESOUS is the Light of the Elect.
5	A believer can reject the grace of THEOS. (Resistable Grace)	A believer cannot reject the grace of THEOS. (Irresistible Grace)
6	Free Will & Foreknowledge	Predestination only.
7	THEOS shows benevolent love to unbelievers and complacent love to believers.	THEOS hates unbelievers and loves believers only (false dichotomy).

[1] [2] [3] (rows 1–2); [1] (rows 3–4); [1] (row 7)

12 The TULIP memory tool was created by Dordrecht at the Synod of Dort in 1619 (Total depravity of man, unconditional or sovereign election by THEOS, limited atonement of IESOUS CHRISTOS, irresistible grace, perseverance of the saints). [1]

Dave Hunt sums it up perfectly in his free book 'What Love is This? Calvinism's Misrepresentation of G-d': *"Indisputably, the phrases represented by the first four letters in the acronym TULIP never appear in the Bible. Never does the Bible say that men are by nature incapable of believing the G-spel or of seeking G-d. Never does it say that a select group is chosen unconditionally to salvation, or that grace is irresistible, or that Christ died only for an elect. Never is sovereign regeneration taught as preceding faith in Christ.*

The Calvinist cannot produce for any part of TULIP a clear, unambiguous statement from any part of Scripture! ... Never does Scripture declare that G-d desires billions to perish and that it is His good pleasure (and even to His glory) to withhold from them salvation. Never is G-d's love limited to a select group whom alone He desires to save. In contrast to a few verses that Calvinists must strain to support TULIP, hundreds proclaim plainly G-d's love and desire for the salvation of all." [1]

13 The Presbyterian theological professor Herrick Johnson admitted: *"Across the Westminster Confession could justly be written: "The G-spel for the elect only." That Confession was written under the absolute dominion of one idea, the doctrine of predestination. It does not contain one of the three truths: G-d's love for a lost world; Christ's compassion for a lost world; and the G-spel universal for a lost world."* [1]

14 Calvinism typically includes amillennialism (following once again Augustine), interpreting Bible prophecy in Revelation allegorically and rejecting a literal millennium which plainly contradicts the idea of the elect. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

15 Arminianism, which is closer to THEOS's truth, is their stereotype enemy and part of a strategic system of a false dichotomy, the suggestion that a believer has only two options. Spurgeon in 'Lectures To My Students': *"I was afraid the people might veer towards Antinomianism, an extreme as dangerous as Arminianism"*. But THEOS does not require His people to chose between Calvinism and Arminianism. [1] [2] [3]

16 The unbiblical doctrine of Cessationism is particularly associated with Calvinism (especially since Warfield, but reaching back to Augustine who was a Cessationist). [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

Calvinist Sam Waldron goes in the 2023 documentary 'Cessationist' as far as to open war within their own rows, by discrediting the Calvinists D.A. Carson, John Piper, Sam Storms and Wayne Grudem as having 'reformed inclinations only' simply because they describe themselves as 'open but cautious' (so as to say 'Second-class Calvinists' in his eyes; they even use the repentance of Sam Storms from Cessationism to discredit him). This brutal intimidation within their own rows shows that they are divided even on that issue. [1]

	Biblical Teaching	Calvinism
1	Emphasis on Revelation.	Revelation often neglected, theology overemphasized.
2	Emphasis on Supernatural Direction.	Denial of Supernatural Direction, direction comes rather from eloquence and human reasoning.

Cessationism is only slowly opposed by New Calvinists. Most Calvinists teach that Spiritual Gifts have ceased, very similar to Pharisees who constantly rejected miracles ... and who had also a ...

17 ... very strong emphasis on uniform appearance. [1] [2] [3]

18 Tendency towards spiritual racism. Elitist and often condescending attitude. They very often, if not regularly deem themselves more intellectual than others. Widely influenced by Spurgeon who regularly 'called names' and showed little humility. [1] [2] [3] [4]

19 Apartheid was founded on, empowered and blessed by Calvinism. [1] [2]

20 Reduction of the Weekly Sabbath to a Typology and Any-Day-Sabbatism. Erroneous categorization as 'Ceremonial-', although the day itself is Moral Law. [1] [2]

21 Even though today's Calvinists often oppose the Charismatic & Pentecostal movement, we ought not forget that the Pentecostal movement was strongly shaped by the Dutch Lutheran & Reformed minister Harald Bredesen, who was often called the father of the charismatic movement. He was friends with Pat Robertson and founded with him the 'Christian Broadcasting Network' (700 Club), after having introduced him to the Pentecostal experience of the ~Baptism in the Holy Spirit~. [1] [2]

But not only did Calvinists push the Pentecostal movement, they were actually decisive for its foundation in the 1830's! The spiritual founder of the Pentecostal church, Edward Irving, was a Presbyterian (later excommunicated). He was heavily influenced by the Calvinist James Hatley Frere. The financier and the mastermind of the Pentecostal church, Henry Drummond, was working closely with Calvinists, and the very first Pentecostal church consisted of at least 800 Presbyterians (Irving's church in London; later called 'Catholic Apostolic church'). The Pentecostal church would later also absorb the Seven-Mountain Mandate developed originally through Presbyterians and complete the vicious circle. [see Pentecostalism below]

22 List of 'CALVINIST / REFORMED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND SEMINARIES' by Lighthouse Trails Research Project. [1]

23 Followers of Calvinism include: Alistair Begg, Allie Beth Stuckey, B.B. Warfield, Bruce Ware, Carl Trueman, Charles Spurgeon, Collin Hansen, Costi Hinn, D.A. Carson, Darrell Harrison, David Powlison, Doreen Virtue, Doug Wilson, Emeal EZ Zwayne, Francis Chan, Gabriel Hughes, George Whitefield, Gloria Furman, Greg Gilbert, Greg Koukl, J.C. Ryle, J.D. Greear, J.I. Packer, James K.A. Smith, James White, John Gill, John Knox, John MacArthur, John Owen, John Piper, Jon Bloom, Jonathan Edwards, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh Buice, Joshua Harris, Justin Peters, Justin Taylor, Kevin DeYoung, Ligon Duncan, Loraine Boettner, Louie Giglio, Marcia Montenegro, Mark Dever, Mark Driscoll, Martin Lloyd-Jones, Matt Boswell, Matt Chandler, Melissa Dougherty, Michael Horton, Michelle Lesley, Owen Strachan, Paul Tripp, Paul Washer, Phil Johnson, R.C. Sproul, Randy Alcorn, Ray Ortlund, Rick Warren, Rosaria Butterfield, Russell Moore, Sam Allberry, Sinclair Ferguson, Steve Lawson, Susan Heck, Tim Challies, Tim Keller, Todd Friel, Tom Ascol, Tom Schreiner, Tony Reinke, Tullian Tchividjian, Voddie Baucham, Warren Wiersbe, Wayne Grudem, Zack Eswine ... [1]

Ministries: Albert Mohler, Challies.com, Crossway.org, Christian Answers for the New Age, Desiring G-d, FortheG-spel.org, Founder's Ministry, Got Questions, gty.org (John MacArthur's Grace To You), Josh Harris (joshharris.com), Just Thinking, Living Waters (mostly), Michellelesley.com, Monergism blog, The G-spel Coalition, Truth for Life (Alistair Begg), Wayne Grudem, Wretched, WWUTT/pastorgabe ... [1]

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Catholicism (~250 AD -today)	(The Roman Catholic Church) The RCC includes some genuine believers, but the institution itself and many of their doctrine are evil.	[1] [2] [3]	1 Religion mainly based on the false claim that there is the biblical office of a pope and that Peter was the first pope. The Bible knows only presbyters and deacons, but no bishops above presbyters, nor ofa pope above bishops. The Bible teaches 2 very specific offices, but the RCC teaches at least 4 offices (plus archbishops, cardinals, primates et al.).	[1] [2] [3]
			2 **[later than 110 AD] The post-mortem impersonation of Ignatius of Antioch (~50-110 AD; one of the Apostolic fathers) through the falsificated letters bearing his name, laid the foundation for the whole church. While the other Apostolic fathers correctly saw only 2 biblical offices (overseers, served by deacons), this letter proposed 3 offices (bishops served by overseers served by deacons), and this bishop office was later extended to the pope's office.** **The letters already grant total control to this office (sanction of every sexual union; overseers ought to serve the bishop; nothing ought to happen without the bishop; eucharist invalid without the bishop et al).** **Ignatius' was the very first to coin the term 'Catholic' in those letters, showed deeply ingrained antisemitism, successfully proposed to abolish the Weekly Sabbath based on that antisemitism and converted martyrdom into a spiritual achievement.** The following quote elevates the bishop as a god and degrades IESOUS to a servant role: *"Be zealous to do all things in harmony with* [First rank] *G-d, and **the bishop presiding, in the place of G-d**, and* [Second rank] ***the presbyters in the place of the council of the Apostles**. And* [Third rank] ***the deacons who are most dear to me entrusted with the service of Jesus Christ,** who was made manifest at the end of time."*	[see the book review of the 'Apostolic fathers' with specific quotes affirming each point]
			3 The Roman bishop eventually rose to supremacy, due to the power and influence of the Roman emperors. After the western half of the Roman Empire collapsed, the popes took on the title that had previously belonged to the Roman emperors -Pontifex Maximus. The title Pontifex Maximus appears in inscriptions on Catholic Church buildings and on coins and medallions. The official list of titles includes **"Supreme Pontiff of the whole Church" (in Latin, Summus Pontifex Ecclesiae Universalis)** as the fourth title - a direct offense against IESOUS CHRISTOS as the only head of His (true) church.	[1] [2]
			4 [~250 AD] The first hints of Catholic Mariology are found in the writings of Origen, who first used the term Theotokos ((Mary the) mother of THEOS). He lived in Alexandria, Egypt, which happened to be the focal point of Isis worship, a mother-goddess religion similar to Catholicism.	[1] [2]
			5 [since ~300 AD] Prayers for the dead.	[1]
			6 [306 AD; officially 1115 AD] Celibacy of priesthood, leading to a wave of abuse of minors. 1Tim 4:1-3 foretold this: *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [B]
			7 **[313 AD] The true birth of the Roman Catholic Church occurred, when Constantine had 3 visions of the gods Apo**o, Vict**a and lastly of a 'Christ', ~converted~ to Christianity and merged state and religion. Now the Roman Catholic Church began to rapidly expand under their suddenly unlimited possibilities and the financial support by the Roman government.**	[1]
			8 [321 AD] Sunday is declared as sacred for Roman Catholics.	[1]
			9 [325 AD] The first church-wide council in history, the Council of Nicea, produced the first church-wide creed to be signed under compulsion. Constantine banished into exile the 5 local church representatives who would not sign the creed.	[1] [2]
			10 [325 AD] Celebration of a strongly modified version of the Passover and late **dedication to the Anglo-Saxon goddess Ēo*tre**. The practise of **Lent** (both Easter and Lent instituted at Nicaea) further turns upside down the schedule leading to the Passover Week, is interrupted by a day dedicated to (excessive) drinking and eating (St. Patrick's instituted by the RCC, and is a blatant violation of Mat 6:16-18, the command to **wash your face and to certainly not show off ashes on one's forehead**.	[1]
			11 [366 AD] First Pope of the See of Rome, later to be erroneously claimed in direct succession to the Apostle Peter. After Damasus was elected, **they massacred 137 supporters of his ~running mate~ Ursicinus (who had already ruled for several months, but was not supported by the upper-class of Rome) inside the Basilica of Sicininus and added the title 'Anti-Pope'** to discredit Ursicinus even further after his exile. Long list of adultery, gambling, incest, murder, orgies, prostitution, satanism, witchcraft et al. amongst the Popes. **Roman Catholic history is not a flagship, but a shipwreck**. Today's popes might have a different image and less visible scandals, but the spirit behind has not changed in the least.	[1] [2] [3]
			12 [370 AD] Veneration of dead saints.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			13 **[405 AD] The probably most profound transgression in the history of the Christian Church: Change of our Bibles from the Greek Old & New Testament, to the Modern Hebrew Old Testament. For 5-6 centuries (2/1 c. BC - 5/6 c. AD), the Greek Old (and New) Testament was the undisputed Bible text read by the church and almost exclusively used for translations, until Pope Damasus' secretary (Jerome, who at first also worked from the Greek OT) established a precedent for later translators by using the Hebrew texts. He suddenly broke all traditions and foisted in Rabbi Akiva's manipulated Modern Hebrew ~original~, which only centuries later turned out to not be the original, a fact very rarely admitted by today's scholars, having since significantly complicated biblical exegesis, having diminished or erased many messianic prophecies and having shrunk the creation date by ~1500 years.**	[1]
			14 [405 AD] Inclusion of 7 Ecclesiastical Books (Deuterocanonicals: 1 & 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, Sirach, Wisdom, and Baruch), while 6 other Ecclesiastical Books (Letter of Ieremias, Manasses, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon and 3 & 4 Maccabees) are not included.	[1]
			15 [390 AD] The **Mass, a daily re-sacrificing of 'Jesus Christ'**. Often Catholic laity excuse themselves that they supposedly do not re-sacrifice CHRISTOS. But the Catholic guidelines (Catechism of the Catholic Church / Catholic Encyclopedia / Council of Trent) plainly state that the Eucharist is **a sacrifice and a propitiatory in itself** and therefore intends to repeat CHRISTOS as ultimate sacrifice and propitiatory. *"If any one saith, that the sacrifice of the mass is only a sacrifice of praise and of thanksgiving; or, that **it is a bare commemoration** [clear opposition to the Bible] of the sacrifice consummated on the cross, but not a **propitiatory sacrifice**; or, that it profits him only who receives; and that it ought not to be **offered for the living and the dead for sins, pains, satisfactions, and other necessities**; let him be anathema."* (Trent: On the Sacrifice of the Mass: Canon 3). See also transubstantiation in 1215 AD below.	[1] [2] [3]
			16 [425 AD] **Marian dogmas / glorification of Mary**. Later immaculate conception of Mary (that she was born without original sin and was a sinless woman; but only IESOUS was sinless) and assumption of Mary into Heaven. *Mediatrix: "Term applied to Mary, the 'Mother of Jesus', who is said to be a **co-redeemer with Christ**. In Catholic practice, Mary is often the **mediator between men and Jesus**, it being suggested that she is more merciful and that her son in heaven would refuse her nothing.* *"Catholics claim that the church is a family, and because Mary is a member of that family, it is legitimate to ask her to pray for you. But the fact that she is deceased turns this into what the Bible calls **necromancy** or **contacting the dead**. **Necromancy is considered a serious violation in Deuteronomy**."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			17 [575-593 AD] Purgatory, a kind of death cleansing.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			18 [609 AD] The very first celebration of 'All Hallow's Eve' (**Hallow-een = Holy Evening** before All Saints Day) occurred in 609 AD, when **Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon** in Rome (Pan-theion = '[temple of] **all gods**') to the **Virgin Mary**.	[1] [2]
			19 [790 AD] Worship of images and relics.	[1] [2] [3]
			20 [960 AD] Canonization of catholic (patron) saints.	[1] [2]
			21 [1075 AD] Greatest mass divorce in history forced upon clergy by Gregory VII.	[1] [2]
			22 [1190 AD] Indulgences have the power of 'decreasing the duration of time the dead spend in Purgatory'.	[1] [2] [3]
			23 [1215 AD] Waldensians, the first reformers (long before Luther), had been declared as heretical, been persecuted and many of them killed by the Catholic Church. **The estimate is that between 10-20 million Protestants were killed by the Catholic Church between 1550-1870.**	[1] [2] [3]
			24 [1215 AD, probably much earlier] Transubstantiation of bread and wine, calling IESOUS down to their altar.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			25 [15th c. AD] The Dominican **Annius of Viterbo**, who is now best remembered for his extensive and systematic fabrications of texts and imaginary sources, popularized the now modern legend that the **Genealogies of Luke trace the line of Mary**. Yet the biblical text clearly states the name of 'Joseph' and all 75 previous fathers were male. He most probably pushed this doctrine to justify their predominant Mariology. From the 17th c. onward this idea was then adopted into various commentaries and, notably, in the charts of the 1611 King James Bible.	[1] [2] [see also the study 'Biblical Genealogies']
			26 [1545 AD] Council of Trent - Rome turns from the authority of THEOS' Word to authority of tradition. Tradition made equal in authority to the Bible. Justification by faith condemned.	[1]
			27 [1942-1949] Organization of the **'Rat-lines' (World War II)** , also called 'monastery routes' by the US secret service, which were systems of **escape routes for German nazis and other fascists fleeing Europe from 1945 onwards, supported by rogue elements in the Vatican** and planned by the Franciscan priest Draganović and the Austrian Catholic bishop Alois Hudal, with direct involvement of Pope Pius XI. The two primary routes led from Germany to Spain to Argentina; another from Germany to Rome, via Genoa, to South America. **Hundreds of war criminals fled, and many of them lived temporarily inside the Vatican and a nearby seminary !!!** The Red Cross office in Rome issued passports and often paid the costs of the ship crossings. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Buenos Aires (Caggiano) himself sailed first class with the first war criminal to Argentina.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			28 [1954 AD] Official Catholic teaching (**Ad Caeli Reginam**), issued by Pope Pius XII, stating that **Mary is called 'Queen of Heaven'**!	[1] [2]
			29 [1992 AD] Publication of catholic catechism; no salvation outside the Catholic Church.	[1]
			30 [2016 AD] Pope Francis invented new beatitudes (!), while saying that those "were needed for today's modern Christians. One of these new beatitudes he presented that day was *'Blessed are those who see G-d in every person'*. This panentheistic statement lines up with the New Age, not with biblical Christianity. 'Pope Offers New Beatitudes For Saints of a New Age' was then the title of the respective article of the Catholic News Service."	[1] [2]
			31 [2019 AD] Open promotion of a **One World Religion**. Pope Francis signed **a covenant with Islam leaders. The official Catechism, p. 230 says *"The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims*;** *these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful G-d, mankind's judge on the last day."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			32 [2023 AD] Inauguration of the **'Abrahamic Family House' in Abu Dhabi, an interfaith complex containing the Roman Catholic Church 'St. Francis', the Islamic mosque 'Imam Al-Tayeb' and the Jewish Synagogue 'Moses Ben Maimon'** next to each other.	[1]
			33 **Removal of the 2nd Commandment (No graven images).**	[1]
			34 Antisemitism. The RCC persecuted Jews for the most time of its history. More than 100 official anti-Semitic documents have been issued by the RCC throughout its history. Today their official position has changed, but it still took the Vatican 46 years after Israel's independence to recognize them as a state.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			35 Official doctrine that suicide does not exclude from Salvation: *"We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives."*	[1]
			36 Institutionalized infant baptism.	[1]
			37 Long list of **~72 unbiblical holidays** which are clearly forbidden in Gal 4:9-10. List of programmed and obligatory fasts, and the requirement of abstinence from certain foods.	[1] [2]
			38 Endorsement of evolution.	[1]
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Calvinist-Catholic Connection	(A connection that should not exist because of two seemingly opposing doctrines, but that to our surprise initiated with Augustine, and is gaining momentum today)		1 Augustine (354–430 AD) was at the very same time responsible for most of Catholicism's and Calvinism's doctrines and practices: - He taught the 5 points of TULIP and Double Predestination and was the main reference and inspiration for Calvin's doctrines. - He was preeminent 'Doctor' of the Catholic Church, patron of the Augustinians, believed in all 7 Catholic Sacraments, Immaculate Conception, no forgiveness outside the RCC. It can be concluded that the Roman Catholic Church itself has a better claim on Augustine than do Calvinists. Pope Leo XIV stated in 2025: *"To be recognised as an Augustinian," he said, "is an honour held dearly. So much of who I am I owe to the spirit and the teachings of Saint Augustine"*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			2 The RCC included ~50% (7 books) of the OT Apocrypha in the Latin Vulgate, shortly after Pope Damasus and Augustine were the 2 decisive figures in canonizing the Apocrypha. Although Jerome's Vulgate was used for more than 900 years almost exclusively (meaning there was no Bible that ever included the full Apocrypha until then), the Reformers suddenly included ≥95% of the OT Apocrypha (+46 books Matthew Bible; +11 books Luther Bible). The Reformers disguised it as separate section and under the pretext of removing those books at a later point, but it turned out to have been a lie, after the Geneva Bible (character of a Calvinist manifesto) included more than 4 decades into the Reformation again +12 books.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			3 Very strong promotion of Catholic Mysticism in North American Calvinist churches and through 'The G-spel Coalition' (TGC) network. The author of this ministry has visited several Calvinist churches in Canada, and found without exception a very strong and specific promotion of Mysticism, propagated through books and courses, and to a certain degree in sermons. Most of those churches are active members of the TGC network.	
			4 Very specific and sometimes unbalanced attacks of Calvinists against the Roman Catholic church (e.g. documentary 'American G-spel'). Although with often good and biblical intentions to 'go to the truth', it can overall be clearly recognized as an odd and questionable attempt in order to distract from its common background.	
			5 While the old Reformed men believed (or pretended) that Rome is the great whore of Revelation 17, drunken with the blood of the martyrs, the new Reformed have ecumenical relationships with Rome, or at least are open to it. On the TGC web page 'Should Christians Be Ecumenical', we find the following: *"Can evangelicals and Catholics truly be together?"*, *Jesus's prayer for unity in the body obligates me to see the ecumenical task as important for Christianity"*.	[1] [2]
			6 Very high prevalence of reformed publications that are quoting Catholic saints and doctors (Aquinas, Augustine, Bernard of Clairvaux (by Spurgeon), Chrysostom, Irenaeus, Jerome, Teresa de Avila (see mysticism) ...).	
			People	
			7 The editor-in-chief of Christianity Today, Mark Galli, is probably the best modern example for the interlacement of Roman Catholic 'disciplines'. Initially a Presbyterian (Calvinist) pastor, he moved over to Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, before officially announcing in 2020 his Roman Catholicism.	[1]
			8 Thomas Aquinas was a Catholic doctor and taught Calvinistic doctrine. Martin Luther was both an Augustinian & Calvinist until the end of his life. Even Calvin himself credited his salvation with his infant baptism in the Roman Catholic Church, and refused during the following 28 years to be baptized in a Christian setting.	[1] [2]
			9 The G-spel Coalition and Timothy Keller promote both the RCC and Calvinism.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			10 J.I. Packer was both an Anglican and a Calvinist. His book 'Knowing G-d' published in 1973 was one of the main reasons for the resurgences of Calvinism in North-American evangelicalism.	[1]
			11 Doreen Virtue is baptized in an Episcopal church where still today the Catholic mass is held, and goes now as 'Calvinist' (see separate discernment).	
			12 Nancy Pearcey, who is one of the megaphones for Neo-Calvinism (see book 'Total Truth'), also heavily endorses Roman Catholicism and Catholics as 'men of g-d' and 'sincere Christians'.	[1]
			13 Proponents of the mostly catholic practise of Lectio Divina sit in Calvin's churches, such as John Piper [1], N. T. Wright and Timothy Keller [2].	[1] [2]
			14 The popular ghostwriter Elizabeth Sherrill was Episcopalian (most probably also Freemason), and highly endorses Calvinism in her books.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
Calvinism-Islam Connection	The following points demonstrate why the Calvinist's view of their deity closely reflects the Muslim's view of their deity:		1 The deity of Calvinism is absolutely deterministic, meaning it is thought to be the author of every action, word, thought, sin and evil. Islam teaches a very similar doctrine of All**h's absolute sovereignty, to the point of determinism. All**h knows everything, determines everything, decrees everything, and orders everything. All**h is the cause of all evil.	[1]
			2 Both Calvinistic and Islamic predestination means that their deity alone foreordains who will be saved and who will be damned.	
			3 Both Calvinism and Islam are inherently fatalistic, meaning their belief that -all- events are fixed in advance.	
			4 No one will neglect that the deity of Islam is very distant, and devoid of love, intimacy and omnibenevolence. In Calvinism on the other hand, the concept of their deity's love is entirely absent from their patriarch's works (Calvin's Institutes).	
			5 Both Calvinism and Islam are religions of violence. While only a minority of Muslims fight a holy war, it is widely acknowledged and practised in the Middle East and other islamic regions, that those who defy Islam are either expelled, persecuted, and sometimes mutilated, tortured or killed. While Calvinism has today a rather peaceful appearance, it is originally based on a nearly identical doctrine of violence, where its patriarch himself, Calvin either forced, expelled, and sometimes persecuted, tortured or killed (on behalf of Calvin) those who disagreed with him or his religion.	
Children of g-d The Family Of Love The Family (1968 AD-today)	(A 'Christian' New Religious Movement founded in 1968 by David Berg)	[1] [2]		[1] [2]
Christadelphians (1848 AD-today)	(A Restorationist and Millenarian Christian group who hold a view of biblical unitarianism)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 They deny the deity of IESOUS CHRISTOS and believe that He had a sin nature.	[1] [2]
			2 They deny the doctrine of the Trinity.	[1]
			3 They believe that there has been an apostasy and that Christianity is a false religious system.	[1]
			4 Other unbiblical beliefs of the Christadelphians include the teaching that man does not have an immortal soul; Satan is not a personal being; death is unconsciousness or annihilation; and hell is synonymous with the grave where the deceased lie unconscious.	[1]
Christian Science (1879 AD-today)	(Founded in 1879 in New England by Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910). It is widely known for its highly controversial practice of Spiritual Healing, a set of beliefs and practices which rejects medicine and doctors)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 They deny that IESOUS is THEOS in flesh.	[1] [2]
			2 Requirements for members include the daily study of the Bible and 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures'. This book, written by Eddy in 1875, is their central text and outlines the theology of Christian Science.	[1] [2]
			3 It has increasingly been perceived as an antecedent of the development of feminism in the religious world. While not a 'feminist', Eddy was clearly 'liberated', assigned strong females to key leadership positions, and taught that the spiritual equality of men and women must have political and social effects.	[1]
			4 They (Daily Lift) are behind 'thefaith.app', where many highly problematic authors and personalities are endorsed. *"Over 100 uplifting authors. C.S. Lewis · J.R.R. Tolkien · St. Augustine · Amy Carmichael · Martin Luther · Mother Teresa · Billy Graham · Christine Caine · A.W. Tozer · G.K. Chesterton · Bonhoeffer · Shakespeare · Spurgeon · Dickens · and more."* This reads as a hall-of-fame of the most problematic teachers.	[1] [2] [3]
Confucianism (~550 BC-today)	(Ancient Chinese tradition / philosophy / religion / way of governing / way of life)	[1] [2]	They deny that IESOUS existed prior to his incarnation.	
Divine Light Mission (1960 AD-today)	(Organization founded in 1960 by guru Hans Ji Maharaj; northern India)	[1]	They deny the personhood and deity of the HOLY SPIRIT.	
Eastern Lightning / Church of Almighty g-d (1991 AD - today; led by Zhao Weishan, Yang Xiangbin)	(New religious movement established in China and led from New York; The group's core tenet is that IESOUS CHRISTOS has already returned to earth and is presently living as a Chinese woman)	[1] [2]	1 The 'Church of Almighty god' is a splitter group of the 'Shouters', who were led by Witness Lee (see 'Local Churches').	[1] [2] [3]
			2 The church is led by Zhao Weishan and his wife Yang Xiangbin, the latter who is defined by the group as 'Almighty g-d', and reincarnated 'christ of the last days'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			3 In their movie 'Where Is My Home (2017)', they read 3 times and in total for 15 minutes from a religious book which they disguise as 'bible', but in reality they see the Bible as obsolete record which *"offers no understanding of the aims of G-d's work"* according to their website.	[1] [2] [3]
			4 In the movie, the wording *"I accept Almighty 'g-d's' (Yang's) works of the last days. I will read his words thoroughly, and I will follow him."* constitutes a 'salvation'.	[1]
			5 They deny the THEOTES ('Trinity) and the redemptive work of CHRISTOS on the cross.	[1] [2]
			6 They speak evil of their Chinese government, in contradiction to Exo 22:27 and Act 23:5.	[1] [2] [3]
			7 All other Christian denominations have in their 'conclusion' lost the HOLY SPIRIT and His power is now concentrated in their church alone. ...	[1]
Episcopalianism (1785 AD - today; 'Protestant Episcopal Church')	(Episcopal = 'as pertaining to bishops'. Self-declared 'middle way between the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions)	[1] [2] [3]	1 The American version of the Anglican Puritan church. See also separate discernment on 'Anglican church'.	[1]
			2 According to their tradition, the 12 Apostles were the first bishops of the Church, and all the bishops throughout history up until now are their successors in this role.	[1] [2]
			3 It was in an Episcopalian church in the 1960s (St. Mark's Episcopal church in Van Nuys/US), where Pentecostalism was adopted in the first denomination and thus the Charismatic Movement was born, which soon spread into other denominations as well.	[1]
			4 It was an Episcopalian priest (Pauli Murray, venerated in the Episcopal Church!), who founded in 1966 (together with the 'notable Catholic feminist Elizabeth Farians and others) the Feminist National Organization for Women and campaigned already two years later in 1968 to abolish head coverings for women, previously worn throughout all the denominations for thousands of years. We know today that their campaign was highly successful and that most denominations have suddenly dropped the biblical mandate and clung to the Methodist Adam Clarke's popular legend that it was only a local custom in Corinth.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			5 Female pastors / priests make up at least 33% of all the priests (2017). Many churches (e.g. St. John the Evangelist in New York; see (4)) have even predominantly female leadership today.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			6 Widespread support of same-sex civil marriages. Many of the clergy are practicing homo*e*uals.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			7 Presidents of the US, who were at the same time confirmed Freemasons and Episcopalians: George Washington, James Monroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gerald Ford. Probably also James Madison.	[1] [2] [3]
			8 Veneration of saints.	[1]
			9 Significant opposition to Biblical Creation and endorsement of 'Evolution'.	[1] [2]
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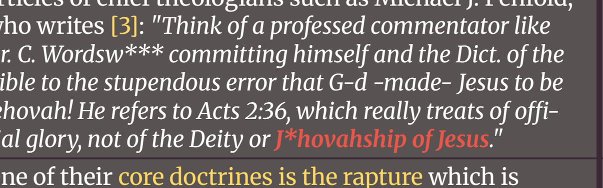
Cults & Religions	Freemasonry (~1300 AD-today)	(A secret society which is anti-Christian and satanic in its roots. We can safely state that without Freemasonry, there would certainly not exist Messianic Judaism, Mormonism and Pentecostalism, and most probably not the Southern Baptist Convention.)	[1] [2] [3]	1 They deny the substitutionary atonement of CHRISTOS.	[1]
				2 They deny the immortality of the soul.	[1]
				3 They deny the existence of hell and eternal punishment.	[1]
				4 They deny the existence of the fallen angel Lucifer as the devil.	[1]
				5 Every mason in the world is bound by bloody oaths to maintain the secrets of the lodge. These binding oaths are kept through the spirit of fear, because the penalties for betraying the brethren of the lodge include serious physical harm to the mason. The spirit of fear is definitely not from THEOS, but clearly of satanic origin.	[1]
				6 In the Scottish Rite 17th degree of Freemasonry, 'Abaddon' is utilized as a significant word and 'sacred word' communicated to the candidate. Originating from Hebrew, the term signifies destruction or the 'angel of the abyss', directly associated with the destroyer mentioned in Rev 9:11. It is a myth how any true believer could consider the biblically defined destroyer to be sacred . . .	[1]
				7 Masonry claims to be the center of the one universal religion. They seek to promote a universal religion in which all (other) doctrines and creeds would be eliminated, where individual faith will cease and people will join together in a u. religion of an ubiquitous brotherhood of good works.	[1]
				8 Messianic Judaism, with its forerunner of the London Jew's Society and their 'Benei Abraham', was deeply entrenched in Freemasonry. The first five meetings of the LJS all took place at the 'Freemasons Hall' in London, which can be considered the headquarters / home of English Freemasonry (and has a unique importance worldwide). The Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England, the Duke of Kent, laid their foundation stone and was their patron, while many of their actual leaders were Freemasons.	[see the discernment about Messianic Judaism below]
				9 Mormonism (founded in 1820 by Joseph Smith) is a religion founded upon, and deeply intertwined with Freemasonry. Joseph Smith's father was a master mason. Joseph officially joined the Freemasons in 1842 and soon after he became a Mason, Joseph introduced the temple endowment (there are similarities between Masonic ceremonies and the endowment). In the same year 1942, several prominent LDS became Freemasons and founded a Masonic Lodge in Nauvoo, Illinois. Over 1500 members of the church were listed as freemasons in the city of Nauvoo alone at that time. At least the first 4 presidents of the LDS Church were confirmed Freemasons: Joseph Smith Jr., Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff.	[see the separate discernment about Mormonism below]
				– Their temple rituals have been directly lifted from the Masonic Blue Lodge degrees.	[1]
				– The ordination of the 'Holy Melchizedek' priesthood is common to both religio	[1]
				10 Similarly, Pentecostalism would hardly exist without Freemasonry. Decisive for the creation of Pentecostalism was the Albury Circle and the Catholic Apostolic Church. Their mastermind and main financier, Henry Drummond, was unquestionably a Freemason. Their founding member and missionary Joseph Wolff was also a confirmed Freemason, while their founding member Lewis Way spoke 3x at the Freemasons Hall. Their spiritual leader Edward Irving and his mentor Samuel Taylor Coleridge were possibly Freemasons, while his mentee John Nelson Darby spoke in mysterious ways about Freemasonry. Many members of the Albury Circle spoke at the Freemasons Hall in London.	[see the discernment about Pentecostalism below]
				11 The Southern Baptist Convention would probably not exist without Adoniram Judson, the 'great' missionary to Burma. He was a Freemason, specifically a member of the fraternity 'Philermenian Society'. Judson's change to the validity of believer's baptism, and subsequent need of support, led to the founding of the first national Baptist organization in the United States and subsequently to all American Baptist associations, including the Southern Baptists that were the first to break off from the national organization. Not coincidentally, they have today a strong prevalence of Freemasons in their ranks (14% of SBC pastors and 18% of deacons in the 1990s; the real figure might be much higher). At the June 1992 annual conference, an unsuccessful attempt was made by a minority of representatives to root Freemasonry out of the Convention. The SBC 1993 Report on Freemasonry states: *"... consistent with our denomination's deep convictions regarding the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the local church, membership in a Masonic Order be a matter of personal conscience."*	[see the discernment about the SBC above]
				12 Affinity with the Jesuits. When the very first Jesuit was elected as Pope, he established in 2019 together with Muslims and American Jews the 'Higher Committee of Human Fraternity', shortly after inspired the 'International Day of Human Fraternity' and created the 'All Brothers' (Fratelli Tutti) document which includes the expression 'liberty, equality and fraternity'. While some might think that all this implied a different nuance of fraternity and has little to do with Freemasonry, we saw very soon after several official masonic bodies publicly praising Pope Francis for those initiatives, which *"embrace universal frater-nity, the great principle of modern Masonry"*. The idea of universal brotherhood as a bond that unites all human beings, regardless of their faith, expressed in the Fratelli Tutti are *"close to the ideals that have been the very foundations of Freemasonry from the very beginning"*.	[1]
				13 The 'Shriners' are a global fraternity based on Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, best known for supporting 'Shriners Hospitals for Children' and wearing distinctive red fezzes. Those red fezzes were originally a badge of honor for those Muslim murderers who killed a Christian. The Shriners wear that same red fez today, with the Islamic sword and crescent encrusted with jewels on the front. All Shriners must first be Master Masons in the 33 Freemasonry fraternity (highest degree) and many undergo a blood oath and confession of All*h as deity. The group also uses Middle Eastern, Arabian, or Egyptian themes for their symbols.	[1]
				14 Freemasons include: 14 Presidents of the US, Norman Vincent Peale (The Power of Positive Thinking, Pastor of Donald Trump who praised him in 2015 as "one of the greatest speakers" he had ever seen), Owen Barfield ...	[1] [2]
				15 Freemason authors include George G. Ritchie, Ron & Deborah Hall ... and probably a large list of popular, yet not revealed authors.	
	Good News Mission (GNM) / Christian Leaders Fellowship (CLF) / International Mind Education Institute (IMEI) / Mahanaim Bible College	(Pastor Ock Soo Park and translator Joseph Park, headquartered at Seoul, South Korea)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]	1 At least 7 mainline Protestant denominations have -officially- stated in between 1985 and 2008 that GNM is a cult.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				2 Ock Soo Park wrongly claimed to have been ordained by Dick York. York rejected this notion.	[1] [2]
				3 OSP claims to have received rewards which do probably not even exist: 1. Gran Prize for the New Korean, 2. New Leader in Christianity, 3. The True Minister Award, 4. 21st Century True Shepherd.	[1] [2]
				4 On the one hand they show false humility (Stories such as *"only two students showed up to our first meeting [6]", OSP: "I was so poor that I stole wheat grain from the field"*), while at the same time trying to impress through the high-ranking officials and presidents OSP met, or through (partly unreasonable) numbers: 800 000 participating pastors from >70 countries, 215 branches in 95 countries, broadcast on 655 tv stations in >125 countries, adviser to national presidents, 51 meetings with 29 heads of states in 23 countries, a best-selling author of numerous publications and books (his books have almost no ratings both on Amazon and Goodreads [see2&3]) ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				5 His 2020 book 'It Is G-d That Justified', although promoted on TV, has only 22 Amazon ratings (2024). It claims to be a book of sermons heard by 1 billion people, from the 'most influential and renowned preacher today'.	[1]
				6 Unbiblical teachings regarding sin, no need for ongoing repentance. They teach that there is no good in humans, only continual evil [3]. Pastors who claim that we have both good and evil, are wrong ... They base this on Gen 6:5 and Rom 7:19 [4].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				7 Taught the unbiblical doctrine that John the Baptist transferred the sins of the world to IESOUS at His baptism.	[1] [2]
				8 Claim that the prodigal son left his father to run his own business.	[1]
				9 Promotion of a 'Mind education' (IMEI) program with the help of politicians . Claim to be the *"best mind educator of the age"* (OSP) and *"the best organization in the world"*. They call it a baby-formula [1], without it the Bible would be too difficult to understand and *"there is no one to listen to it"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10 IMEI teaching: The fundamental cause for divorce and other problems is a weak heart, which can be overcome by a 'change of the mind' [1]. They even give tips for remarriage, and do not treat it as sin.	[1]
				11 The director of IMEI Canada & Public Relations Coordinator, Kristi Castro, studied at a private Jesuit university (Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles).	[1] [2]
				12 OSP's translator Joseph Park admitted publicly that OSP instructed him to translate more than he actually says, to 'fill the blanks'.	[1]
				13 Tried for selling over-the-counter stocks of a bio company at unreasonable prices to some 800 church devotees. 3 others convicted, but not OSP.	[1]
				14 If a man sees error in the group and resists it, he is deemed unfaithful. If he leaves, his wife is encouraged to be faithful to the group and divorce her husband. The members also are encouraged to go deeply in debt to finance the activities of the group.	[1]
				15 New York Times reported in 2012 the fake 'English Camp' for college students in Mexico, sponsored by GNM. The students were discouraged by security personnel from leaving.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				16 Joshua Park created the Wikipedia page for OSP and criticism is continually being removed.  	[1] [2]
	G-spel Halls (G-spel Hall Assemblies) (~1859 AD-today)	(A relatively loose group of churches which has some excellent principles such as the avoidance of solo pastors in favor of a plurality of exclusively male presbyters; which is rather no denomination but unfortunately very close to the 16th c. Reformation and King James Only-ism, and which positively endorses head coverings for women and the singing of hymns. But by looking behind the surface, one quickly finds what can rather be described as cult, with extreme legalism and a boycott of great portions of the New Testament.)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 They worship the name 'J*hovah'. The letter 'H' is correct, but the letters 'E', 'O' and 'A' are a guess, while the letters 'J' and ' V' are plainly wrong. The name is therefore heretical, which is underlined by the predominant use through J*hova's Witnesses. They use this name whenever possible in sermons [see 1], in at least 17 of their official hymns [2] and in articles of chief theologians such as Michael J. Penfold, who writes [3]: *"Think of a professed commentator like Dr. C. Wordsw*** committing himself and the Dict. of the Bible to the stupendous error that G-d -made- Jesus to be Jehovah! He refers to Acts 2:36, which really treats of official glory, not of the Deity or J*hovahship of Jesus."*	[1] [2] [3]
				2 One of their core doctrines is the rapture which is in their opinion *"going to take place in a moment's time instantaneously"*. A search in their official Youtube channel 'G-spel Hall Audio' brings up 20 (!) sermons which include the teaching about an imminent rapture, while the works of Michael J. Penfold bring up more than 120 matches of the word 'rapture' and 9 of their official hymns include the word 'rapture'. But the Bible declares all those as 'deceivers' who teach such thing: *"2The 2:1-4 And we ask you, brethren, in regard to the presence of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, and of our gathering together unto him, that ye be not quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled [...] let not any one deceive you in any manner, because if the falling away may not come first, and the man of sin be revealed [...] he in the sanctuary of THEOS as 'G-d' hath sat down, shewing himself off that he is THEOS - the day does not come."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 Extreme legalism (total condemnation of all actors with no differentiation to honest Christian actors, condemnation of any faith-based movies without differentiation between edifying and non-edifying content, of any instrument for worship, and of -all-contemporary Christian music; all women ought to be silent in church). They base their condemnation of instruments, which includes even the rejection of organs, pianos and harps, on the distraction of the artist when he or she has *"necessarily has to attend to the accuracy of his playing"*, but this line of reasoning would have degraded every priest in Solomon's temple to a fruitless worshipper, simply because he had to focus on the accuracy of duties such as sacrifices. The Bible is full of instruments used in a pious way and it is extremely legalistic (= adding to the Bible what is not stipulated; very similar to the Oral or Fence Laws of the Pharisees) to forbid those without any exception. They employ important warnings when it comes to hypocritical actors, worldly faith-based-movies and distractions in worship, but at no point do they employ any balance(d discernment) to differentiate between the healthy elements and the problematic. They give valid examples of the problems and then simply imply that all and everything is bad and useless.	[against Actors and faith-based movies] [against Instruments] [against contemporary Christian music "CCM has to go"; "here are 3 reasons why separation from all forms of Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) is necessary"]
				4 Head coverings are officially endorsed, but one personal visit to one of their assemblies in Greater Vancouver showed me that less than half of the women actually obey this during corporate prayer and that the veils are rather designer hats which cover less than 30% of the hair. While there are no specific biblical rules, it should be apparent that a proper veil covers at least half of the hair and not just a fraction of it; and that it is intentionally placed for prayer (and worship) only, while taken off for any other elements such as teaching.	[1] [2] [3]
				5 They teach analogous to Calvinism the heretical doctrine of Cessationism (that all spiritual gifts have ceased by the end of the 1c. AD), and use in the article of Michael J. Penfold the exact same arguments which are e.g. employed in the Calvinist movie 'Cessationist (2023) by Les Lanphere' [see review 3] - essentially claiming that miracles in biblical history only occurred during 195-200 years in total, that tongues were an *"authenticating sign of the apostles"* (while stretching the meaning of the word 'sign' and twisting many referenced Bible verses) and a sign of judgment of the nation of Israel. But Paul does much rather teach that tongues were intended to impress unbelievers (long after CHRISTOS had temporarily cursed the nation of Israel as symbolized through the fig tree) and that the gift (not the office) of prophecy definitely continues to date, contrary to their undifferentiated claim that any prophecy has ceased and therefore also all gifts (which would necessarily include the gift of teaching which they consider as permanent gift, while they even 'abolish' the gifts of 'Discernment', of 'Faith' (!) and 'Words of Knowledge / Wisdom') [see 4]. They 'affirm' their stance through doctors of the Roman Catholic church such as Augustine or Chrysostom.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				6 They teach the anti-biblical doctrine of 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved'. [see also my study 'Eternal Security vs. Conditional Security' which includes more than 70 verses which clearly affirm the possibility of losing a Past Salvation]	[1] [study 'Eternal Security vs. Conditional Security']
				7 They teach against the full observance of the 10 Commandments, specifically against the Weekly Sabbath, by declaring it a '7th Day Adventist spleen', a false dichotomy very often employed today Protestants who want to quickly intimidate and silence those defending the biblical teaching. *"Neither Saturday nor Sunday are any longer legally required to be kept as 'no-work Sabbaths' by Christians today."* They justify this through the example of the Reformers and are generally greatly influenced by the Reformation, although they declare themselves to be non-denominational.	
				8 While G-spel Hall is officially not KJV-only, it not only predominantly uses this Bible translation (formerly as primary Bible on their website which is down for maintenance since several years; also as singled out in this official sermon in min 2:43 as having *"endeared itself to our hearts"* and being the *"companion of their childhood days"*). Their teaching principles are also similar to KJV-onlyism (overly bold and sometimes demeaning language as visible through Michael J. Penfold; Once-Saved-Always-Saved; heavy emphasis on Dispensationalism as highlighted in the KJV translation; both much rather on the legalistic side ...).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				9 The **word 'G-spel' in their name is composed of the word 'Goth = G-d' and 'Spell'**! It was glossed 'g-dspel' in the Old English era and the letter 'd' dropped out easily in speech [...] it was identified with G-d, not with good as often argued. The **noun 'Spell'** originates from the Proto-Germanic 'spellą' (speech, account, tale) and implies words or a formula supposed to have magical powers. The verb 'Spell' implies 'to put **under the influence of a spell**; to affect by a spell; to bewitch; to fascinate; to charm.'	[1]
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Cults & Religions

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	Hinduism (~1400 BC-today)	(A diverse system of thought marked by a range of philosophies and concepts, rituals, cosmological systems and pilgrimage sites; discussion of theology, metaphysics, mythology, Vedic yajna, yoga, agamic rituals & temples)	[1] [2]	-	
	Islam (~610 AD-today)	(A monotheistic religion, originally based on Polytheism and centered around the Quran, a religious text revealed to Muhammad, their main and final prophet)	[1] [2]	1 The Quran is plagiarized in parts from the Christian Bible and contains references to more than fifty people and events found in the Bible. Islam was founded ~600 years after the NT was written, meaning that the plagiarism is clearly attributed.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Islam imposes its 7th-century Arabian culture in its political expression, family affairs, dietary laws, clothing, religious rites and in its language on the rest of the cultures of the world.	[1]
				3 In pre-Islamic Arabia, the sun god was viewed as female, and the moon was viewed as the male g-d. A***H, the moon g-d, was married to the sun god, and together they produced three goddesses called The Daughters of A***h. A***h was represented by a black stone that was believed to have come down from heaven. Muhammad was born into a tribe particularly devoted to this moon god called A***h. When Muhammad took control of Mecca, he destroyed all the idols in the Kaaba except the stone deity, A...h. Today, the symbol of moon worship, the crescent moon is on every flag of an Islamic nation and on top of every mosque. Yet many muslims don't even know why it is there.	[1] [2]
				4 Muhammad received revelations during which he would go into epileptic fits. He would shake, perspire and foam at the mouth. Clearly demonic. His revelations included the divine authorization to loot, steal and kill tens of thousands of people.	[1]
				5 After his supposed encounter with the angel Gabriel, he had suicidal thoughts, because he correctly thought it to be a demonic encounter with unclean spirits. But his first wife Khadijah and her cousin Waraqah convinced him that the revelation was from G-d. A few days later Waraqah died.	[1] [2]
				6 He was married to Khadijah, Sawdah, Ais**h (7 years old at marriage), Hafsah, Umm al-Masakin, Umm Salamah, Zaynab, Juwayriyyah, Umm Habibah, Safiyyah , Maymunah, Rayhanah, Mariah. Ais**h was his favourite wife, because he received his demonic revelations exclusively through her. In Islamic writings, her name is thus often prefixed by the title "Mother of the Believers"	[1] [2]
				7 False claim that the Qur'an was miraculously given to Muhammed over a period of 23 years.	[1]
				8 Muhammad could not write, nor did he receive divine help to write the Quran.	[1]
				9 Abrogations (Naskh, Tafsir) are used in order to hide contradictions in Islamic law or changes in Muhammad's doctrine. Their prophets could be influenced by Satan and then later receive better revelations ... Surah 2:106 states: *"If We ever abrogate a verse or cause it to be forgotten, We replace it with a better or similar one. Do you not know that A***h is Most Capable of everything?"*	[1] [2] [3]
				10 Rejection of the Trinity. Belief in one A***h. Shahada: *'There is no deity but G-d, Muhammad is the Messenger of g-d'*. Teaching that THEOS has no son.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				11 Although CHRISTOS is more often mentioned than Muhammad (Surah 19:16-33; 4:171; 3:45; 5:110; 6:84-87), and the mother of CHRISTOS is more often mentioned than the mother of Muhammed, Islam still degrades IESOUS to a prophet only, and denies His divinity. Replacement of IESOUS with Muhammad as A...h's final and greatest of all prophets ... Surah 5:116 states: *"And ˹on Judgment Day˺ A***h will say, "O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you ever ask the people to worship you and your mother as gods besides A***h?" He will answer, "Glory be to You! How could I ever say what I had no right to say? If I had said such a thing, you would have certainly known it. You know what is ˹hidden˺ within me, but I do not know what is within You. Indeed, You ˹alone˺ are the knower of all unseen."*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				12 Muhammad, in order to appease the merchants of Mecca (who made tremendous amounts of money by people coming there on pilgrimages), put this requirement into Islam (5th pillar of faith) as part of his religion.	[1] [2] [3]
				13 Muhammad was poisoned by a widow, whose husband he had murdered. Paul the apostle was bitten by a poisonous snake (Acts 28:1-6), but Paul suffered no ill effects from the bite.	[1]
				14 The declared mission of Islam is to kill first those who keep the Saturday (Jews), then those who keep the Sunday (Christians). They go as far as to say that their resurrection cannot come until all Jews will have been eliminated from the face of the earth. Sahih Muslim Book 4 #79-81 states: *"The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of All*h, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews."* Clear abuse of Revelation 6:12-17 (6th seal): *"16 And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the LAMB, 17 because the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				Surah 5:51 states: *"O believers! Take neither Jews nor Christians as guardians - they are guardians of each other. 1 Whoever does so will be counted as one of them. Surely A***h does not guide the wrongdoing people."* Jews and Christians are sometimes called the descendants of apes and pigs.	[1] [2] [3]
				15 Barbaric treatment of women. Women are often considered property and denied ownership. 75% suffer female circumcision in a most barbaric, painful ritual designed to make them obedient and docile. They must wear what illiterate nomadic tribes wore in 7th century Arabia, covered from head to toe. Women who dare to drive a car, are called *'red communists, dirty American secularists, whores and prostitutes and advocators of vice'*, and their names, occupations, addresses and phone numbers are distributed in leaflets at mosques and public places.	[1]
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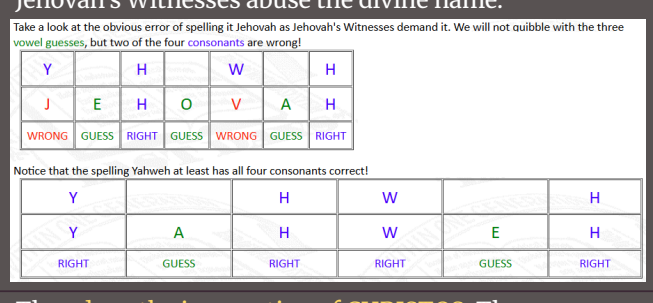
				2 His successor, Joseph Rutherford, was also a false prophet. He prophesied that the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would return visibly to the earth, and built for them a large palatial mansion in San Diego. After the patriarchs did not show up in 1929, Rutherford lived in the mansion.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				3 His successor, Nathan Knorr, was also a false prophet. He prophesied the year 1975 to be the end of the age and that Armageddon would occur.	[1] [2]
				4 Jehovah's Witnesses abuse the divine name.  Take a look at the obvious error of spelling it Jehovah as Jehovah's Witnesses demand it. We will not quibble with the three vowel guesses, but two of the four consonants are wrong! Y H W H / J E H O V A H / WRONG GUESS RIGHT GUESS WRONG GUESS RIGHT. Notice that the spelling Yahweh at least has all four consonants correct! Y H W H / Y A H W E H / RIGHT GUESS RIGHT RIGHT GUESS RIGHT	[1]
				5 They deny the incarnation of CHRISTOS. They even reject IESOUS being THEOS, reject the HOLY SPIRIT being THEOS, and claim that 'Jehova' alone is THEOS.	[1]
				6 They created their own Bible translation, the New World Translation, to make the Bible fit preconceived Witness theology.	[1] [2]
				7 Their organization fulfills the typical 'exclusivity signs' of cults: claim that they are THEOS' sole channel for truth; to reject them is to reject THEOS; only they can interpret the Bible and no individual is able to do so.	[1]
				8 They claimed for long that 144.000 people go to heaven. When they grew bigger than that number, they claimed that 144.000 go to heaven and the majority of witnesses find salvation on earth.	[1]
	Jesuits / Society of Jesus (S.J.) (1540 AD - today)	(A religious order of clerics regular of pontifical right for men in the Catholic Church headquartered in Rome. Founded in 1540 by Ignatius of Loyola and 6 companions, with the approval of Pope Paul III)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 The Society of Jesus is consecrated under the patronage of Madonna della Strada, a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary (mother-goddess worship).	[1]
				2 One of the principle actors of the Inquisition, where hundreds of thousands of Christians had been tortured and killed. Jesuits assisted Charles V to advance persecutions with a bigger fury. 100,000 were massacred with unbelievable savagery. Some were chained to a stake close to fire and roasted slowly until their death; others were thrown into dungeons, whipped, tortured in wooden horses, before being burned. Women were burned alive, put into narrow coffins, trampled by torturers. Those trying to escape to other nations were intercepted by soldiers and massacred. See also the books 'Foxe's Books of Martyrs' [6] and 'Halley's Bible Handbook' [10].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]
				3 Jesuits also took on the brutal leadership during the Counter-Reformation, and became the most dynamic force in the Roman Catholic's Church's effort to rebuild its following, to regain much territory and crush the Reformation in France.	[1] [2] [3]
				4 The French philosopher and Catholic Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin is known as the father of the New Age Movement.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				5 Roman Catholic Jesuits such as Robert Ochs became students of the Enneagram, propagated its use at seminaries and spiritual retreats, and endorsed it as a tool for effecting personal change.	[1]
				6 A Jesuit was the forerunner for today's 'Social Justice' Movement. *"Social justice appears to have been first employed in the early 1840s by an Italian Catholic theologian and Jesuit, Luigi Taparelli d'Azeglio."*	[1] [2]
				7 The Jesuit priest Donald McGuire was convicted in 2006 after 40 years of horrific crimes to 25 years of prison. He sexually abused multiple children and is described as *"perhaps the most egregious offender among American Jesuits"*. Long list of other scandals all over the world [2].	[1] [2] [3]
				8 Excerpts of the Jesuit Oath (Library of Congress, 1883): *"... heretofore you have been taught to act the dissembler: among Roman Catholics to be a Roman Catholic, and to be a spy even among your own brethren; to believe no man, to trust no man. Among the Reformers, to be a Reformer; among the Huguenots, to be a Huguenot; among the Calvinists, to be a Calvinist; among other Protestants, generally to be a Protestant,and obtaining their confidence, to seek even to preach from their pulpits, and to denounce withall the vehemence in your nature our Holy Religion and the Pope; and even to descend so low as to become a Jew among Jews, that you might be enabled to gather together all information for the benefit of your Order as a faithful soldier of the Pope."* *"You have been taught to insidiously plant the seeds of jealousy and hatred between communities, provinces, states that were at peace, and incite them to deeds of blood, involving them in war with each other, and to create revolutions and civil wars in countries that were independent and prosperous, cultivating the arts and the sciences and enjoying the blessings of peace. To take sides with the combatants and to act secretly with your brother Jesuit, who might be engaged on the other side, but openly opposed to that with which you might be connected, only that the Church might be the gainer in the end, in the conditions fixed in the treaties for peace and that the end justifies the means."* *"You have been taught your duty as a spy, to gather all statistics, facts and information in your power from every source; to ingratiate yourself into the confidence of the family circle of Protestants and heretics of every class and character, as well as that of the merchant, the banker, the lawyer, among the schools and universities, in parliaments and legislatures, and the judiciaries and councils of state, and to be all things to all men, for the Pope's sake, whose servants we are unto death."*	[1]
				Active or Former Members Include:	
				9 Henri Nouwen (He was a Jesuit and studied at the 'Jesuit Aloysius College' in The Hague), Pope Francis (First Jesuit to be elected Pope), Ronald K. Tacelli (Catholic priest in the Jesuit order)	[1] [2] [3]
				People Who Studied At Jesuit Institutions:	
				10 Alfred Hitchcock, Bill Clinton, Denzel Washington, Donald Trump, Fidel & Raul Castro, Henri Nouwen, Kristi Castro (director of International Mind Education Institute Canada / Good News Mission), Pope Francis ...	[1] [2]
				(In-) Direct Supporters Include:	
				11 Ann Voskamp (her favourite book is 'Ignatius Prayer' from Hans Urs von Balthasar), Billy Graham (He bought the rights of 'Halley's Bible Handbook' and specifically removed all the research and warnings about the Jesuits), Carolyn Weber (heavily endorses a long list of Jesuit members and authors), Curt Thompson (promoted also the book 'Ignatius Prayer'), John Mark Comer (his spiritual mentor is a Jesuit), Mother Teresa (support of McGuire), Teresa de Avila (her confessor was a Jesuit), Tyler Staton (Prayer of Ignatian Examen).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
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Judaism, Branches

Name	Function	About	THEOS Exists	CHRISTOS Exists, Acceptance as MESSIAH	OT, Inspiration & Authority	NT, Inspiration & Authority	Talmud & Mishna, Following	Talmud & Mishna, Considered Inspired	Ceremonial / Dietary Laws, Observance	Sabbaths, Ceremonial, Observance	Sabbath, Weekly, Observance	Contextual Theology (Adaption to modern age)	Prayers for the dead (Purgatory, Kaddish)	Future Resurrection from the dead	Sources
Judaism, Ancient	A) Those who accepted CHRISTOS fulfilling the OT	[1] [2]	YES	YES	YES	YES 1c AD	later 2c.AD	later 2c.AD	Some what	Some what	YES	-	later	YES	[1]
	B) Those who rejected CHRISTOS	[1] [2] [3]	YES	NO	YES	NO	later 2c.AD	later 2c.AD	YES	YES	YES	-	later	YES	[1]
Beta Israel / Ethiopian Jews (~6th c. BC-today)	(Emigrated Jews who preserved Ancient Judaism)	[1] [2]	YES	Some	YES	Some	NO	NO	YES	Only OT Holy Days	YES	Not in Ethiopia	NO	?	
Orthodox (end 18th/19th c. AD; some say since 1st c. AD)	(Regards Torah, both Written and Oral, as revealed on Mount Sinai)	[1] [2]	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Some what	YES	YES	[1] [2] [3] [4]
Ultra-Orthodox (Haredi, Charedim) (end 18th/19th c. AD; founded in Europe, now mainly in Israel)	(Strict adherence to halakha (Jewish law) and traditions)	[1] [2] [3]	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	Some what	[1] [2] [3]
Reformed (Liberal, Progressive) (~1810 AD-today; founded in Germany)	(Lessened stress on ritual and laws; following of external influences; progressive values)	[1] [2]	YES	NO	Some what	NO	NO	NO	NO optional	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	[1] [2] [3]
Conservative (~1883 AD-today; founded in Germany / the US)	(Conservation of traditional Judaism, but allows for the modernization of rel. practices)	[1] [2] [3]	YES	NO	Some what	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	Some what	YES	Some what	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
Reconstructionist (~1925 AD-today; founded in the US)	(Judaism as a progressively evolving civilization rather than religion)	[1] [2] [3]	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO optional	Some what	YES	YES	YES	NO	[1] [2] [3] [4]
Humanistic (1964 AD-today; founded in the US)	(Nontheistic; Judaism as cultural and historical experience)	[1] [2]	NO	NO	NO	NO	Some what	NO	YES	YES	Some what	YES	Alter native	NO	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
Messianic (~1813 / 1965 AD-today; originally London / officially founded in the US)	(Incorporates some elements of Judaism and other Jewish traditions into evangelicalism; deeply entrenched in Masonry)	[1] [2] [3]	YES	YES	YES	YES	Some what	NO	YES	Some what	Some what	NO	Some what	YES	[1] [2] [3]

Judaism, Messianic

(Branch of Protestantism officially founded in btw. the 1960s and 1970s in the US, from the earlier Hebrew Christian movement, which began most notably with the London Jews Society (1809))

About: [1] [2] [3] [4]

#	Discernment	Sources
	This society included a community / association called 'Benei Abraham / Beni Abraham' (since 1813; a group of 41 Jewish Christians who started meeting at Jews' Chapel for Friday night and Sunday morning prayers), which is even by Messianic Jews considered the distinctive forerunner of their denomination.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
	[1809] *London Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews (LSPCJ)*	
	[1813] *Benei Abraham is started at the Jew's Chapel.*	
	[????] *Name shortened to 'London Jews Society' (LJS)*	
	[????] *Name change to 'Church Missions to Jews' (CMJ)*	
	[????] *Name change to 'The Church's Mission to the Jews' (CMJ)*	
	[????] *Name change to 'The Church's Ministry Among the Jews' (CMJ)*	
	[1995] *Name change to 'The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People' (CMJ)*	
	- It operates under the legal name of the Vincent Society.	
	Some facts and discernment regarding this society:	
1	The CMJ and their philosemitism (love for the Jews) can generally be considered a sham. Neither genuine love for the Jews, nor conversion (which were very few and included infant baptisms), but financial gain had been the original moving cause of this society in the first decades. While the annual income of the CMJ was substantial and exceeded that of most other missionary societies, it almost went bankrupt and had to be saved by Lewis Way in 1815.	[1]
2	It was created within the Anglican church, which is a middle way between Protestantism and the Roman Catholic church. Those Anglicans included specifically members of the influential Clapham Sect such as William Wilberforce (early vice-president of the CMJ), and Charles Simeon (helped found it).	[1] [2] [3]
3	The meeting place of the 'Benei Abraham' was the Jews' Chapel, which later became known as the 'Episcopal Jew's Chapel Abrahamic Society'. The Episcopalian church is the very definition of the unholy 'middle way'.	[1]
4	The society first published the New Testament in Yiddish (1821). This translation was done by Benjamin Nehemiah Solomon, whom the pioneering member and key financial supporter of the CMJ, Lewis Way, helped simultaneously to divorce from his wife and family in Germany and to be ordained as Anglican priest in London. Solomon later embezzled funds of the CMJ, returned to Germany to his wife and resumed his original 'Jewish' faith.	[1]
5	The principal founder of the CMJ, the Lutheran Joseph Frey (1771-1850), was not only considered by an insider as a gambler, but actually committed adultery with the wife of a convert from Judaism, and this woman (originally a Jewish prostitute who claimed she had been truly converted), then stole together with her husband substantial amounts of money from Lewis Way, discovered by the local police in a hollowed-out Bible and through a stolen cheque, which resulted in the couple's deportation.	[1]
6	The society was the direct forerunner to the infamous Albury Circle, which in turn brought forth Pentecostalism (1832), Dispensationalism including the anti-biblical Pre-Tribulational Rapture doctrine (~1830), the Plymouth Brethren (1831), Jehovah's Witnesses (1879), and even Adventism later including the Seventh-Day-Adventist church! A number of leaders of the CMJ and members of the Albury Circle were identical (e.g. Henry Drummond, and also Charles Sleech Hawtrey, James Haldane Stewart, Joseph Wolff and Lewis Way.	[1]
7	The society was deeply entrenched in Freemasonry.	[1]
	The first five (!) meetings of the CMJ all took place at the 'Freemasons Hall' in London, which can be considered headquarters / home of English Freemasonry. In 1813 (the same year that Benei Abraham began) they chose as its patron the Duke of Kent (aka Prince Edward), who became in the very same year the Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England (aka 'The Ancients'). This prestigious person of spiritual darkness became not only the patron, but actually laid the foundation stone for their main building project, the 'Palestine Place', which was the five-acre field and complex the Jews' Chapel was part of! In other words, the cornerstone of the original meeting place of Messianic Jews was laid by a Freemason of their highest order!	[1] [2]
	Henry Drummond (chair of the CMJ) was a Freemason.	[1]
	Joseph Wolff (sponsored by the CMJ; a former Jesuit who studied in Rome at their 'College of Missionary Propaganda') was a Freemason.	[1]
	Lewis Way (pioneering member and key financial supporter) was 3x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the CMJ.	[1]
	Daniel Wilson (later Bishop of Calcutta) was a Freemason and was 2x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the CMJ.	[1]
	This list is probably only the tip of the iceberg and much more could be investigated.	

Local Church

Living Stream Min.
Church of Recovery
Lord's Recovery
Leeist Movement

Witness Lee (WL; born Li Changshou)

Watchmen Nee (WN; born Ni Tuosheng, or Nee T'o-sheng)

(1926 AD-today)

('Christian' group; started in China in the 1920s; local and nameless churches without 'pastors')

About: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]

#	Discernment	Sources
1	WL expressed his ideas in more extreme and irrational ways than WN.	[1]
2	No acceptance of books other than WL and WN in their churches. All teachings filtered through WL.	[1] [2]
3	Limited use of the Bible, rather use of WL teachings and of a 'Recovery Bible', an attempt to selectively translate the Bible into terms and syntax which supports WL's transformation theology.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
4	Both WL and WN teach that 'non-overcoming' Christians will not inherit the Millennial Kingdom, but will inherit what comes after that, having passed through a future (Protestant) Purgatory implying an extra-sanctification.	[1] [2]
5	Contemptuous attitude towards other churches and denominations. Spiritual racism. 'Elitist club'. Common mindset that members should not marry Christians of other denominations.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
6	They preach an Easy Believism, the Sinner's Prayer and calling on the name of 'Jesus' only (3x 'O Lord Jesus' and you are saved ...).	[1] [2]
7	In 1967 WL started the 'Calling Out' (or 'Shouting') Movement. He said that the Age of the Word had ended, and now it was the Age of the spirit. Witness Lee taught that believers must 'eat the Lord' and the way to do this was by calling out or shouting his name. Calling out his name was the way to release the 'spirit' in this 'Age of the spirit'.	[1]
8	Rather modalistic / oneness concept of the Trinity. Some of their 'Shouters' took WL's questionable doctrine of the Trinity one step further and became complete modalists. These groups held that the FATHER became the SON and was no longer the FATHER; the SON became the SPIRIT and was no longer the SON.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
9	Clever deception by way of doublespeak.	[1] [2]
10	Countless lawsuits against critics. *"I doubt that the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses combined have issued as many lawsuits and threats against evangelical Christians".*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
11	2003 - Jim Moran, founder of Light Of Truth Ministries, died suddenly of a 'heart attack'.	[1] [2] [3]
	2003 - Only weeks later, the LC took over both his websites, deleted one and redirected the other to a new website attacking critics.	[Original] [Redirected] [Original] Deleted
	Earlier in 2000 - LC tried already to take ownership of the critical website www.thelocalchurch.org .	[1] [2] [3]
	1998 - Hacker attack, most probably through LC.	[1]

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Lutheranism (1517 AD-today)	(Branch of Protestantism that identifies primarily with the theology of Martin Luther, who reformed the theology & practices of the RCC)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Today's representation of Lutheranism / Calvinism as 'Reformation theology' that supposedly revived true Christianity is grossly inaccurate. Lutheranism never meant to go back to the Early Christianity of the Apostles, but it meant to go back to the early Roman Catholic Church (legalized by Constantine in 313 AD; Augustine soon later provided most of its doctrines). Luther was an Augustinian by training, and he continued to practice many of the core tenets of that version of Catholicism after his excommunication and until his deathbed. Little has changed to this day - this religion is still close to Catholicism and most Lutheran bodies have made efforts in the recent years to mend the 'breach' with the RCC.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			2	Their foundational document, the Augsburg Confession still viewed the Roman Catholic church as the true Church, and those signing it claimed to be true Catholics. Several times that document refers to the steadfastness of the preparers' traditional Catholic faith, particularly in their stand for the real presence of CHRISTOS in the Eucharist (still accepted by Lutherans today) and for the regenerative power of infant baptism in opposition to the 'heretical Anabaptists'. Millions of Lutherans (and Calvinists) around the world remain under the deadly delusion that their baptism as infants made them children of THEOS fit for heaven.	[1]
			3	Lutherans often adhere to 'divine' monergism, the teaching that salvation is by THEOS' act alone, and therefore reject the idea that humans in their fallen state have a free will concerning spiritual matters.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			4	Lutheranism is the antithesis of 'Sola Scriptura'. While it pretends that the Bible is the sole source of religious authority, a strict application of Lutheranism would require to add 11 (!) Deuterocanonicals to the Bible and to even remove Hebrews, James, Jude and Revelation from the Christian Canon (Lutheranism is at odds with the book of James as admitted by its founder)! While Catholicism never added more than the 7 books which Pope Damasus and Augustine legalized (in great error), Luther (and most other Reformers) actually went beyond their Augustinian tradition and even increased this number to 11-14 books. In nearly all discussions, we hear the unreflected argument that e.g. Luther separated those books, what usually silences the listeners. But even the Roman Catholic Church made a distinction between the Apocrypha and the other books of the Bible prior to the Protestant Reformation, a fact usually ignored. Most importantly, we rarely reflect on what THEOS actually thinks about the matter - if He would be impressed by such arguments. The very probable reality is, that it is entirely irrelevant in THEOS' eyes if those books are in a separate section or merged. Everyone will be held responsible at the Great Judgment who added any word in between the 2 covers of His Word. THEOS will not be impressed by human reasoning and excuses.	[1] [2]
Manichaeism (250 AD-some until today)	(Gnostic sect founded by the prophet Mani (aname meaning 'King of Light' or 'Shining One'); the main opponent to early Christianity before the spread of Islam)	[1] [2]	1	Manichaeism was known back then as the pinnacle of Gnosticism and was even used as synonym of heresy.	[1] [2] [3]
			2	Mani's teaching was intended to 'combine', succeed, and surpass the teachings of Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Marcionism, Hellenistic and Rabbinic Judaism and other religions and mystery cults. It reveres Mani as the final prophet after / the reincarnation of Zoroaster, the Buddha, and IESOUS.	[1] [2]
			3	His organized followers were divided into the elite of the 'chosen ones' (Latin electi), from which the officials were recruited, and the ordinary members of the community, the 'hearers' (auditores) and the 'sinners'. Augustine of Hippo was such a 'hearer'.	[1] [2] [3]
			4	*"The hearers go on their knees before the elect, humbly begging the imposition of their hands. They join them in adoring and praying to the sun and the moon [...] they deny Christ's birth of a virgin and say that his flesh was not true flesh [...] they speak evil of the patriarchs and the prophets. They say that the law of Moses ... was not given by the true G-d, but by the prince of darkness."*	[1] [2]
			5	According to Mani, the unfolding of the universe took place with three creations.	[1]
Methodism, (United) Methodist Church (18c. AD-today) (UMC: 1968 AD-today)	(Methodism originated as a revival movement within Anglicanism originating out of the Church of England in the 18th century, and became a separate denomination after John Wesley's death)	[1]	1	The United Methodist Church was a founding member of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, a pro-abortion group.	[1]
			2	The United Methodist Church ordains women pastors.	[1] [2]
			3	The United Methodist Church and other Methodists have extra biblical bishops which are above elders and pastors. This is the same abuse as seen in the Catholic Church, to a de facto position of a bishop as the head of the church instead of CHRISTOS, and to open an office which does not exist.	[1] [2]
			4	A Methodist was the key figure for the removal of head coverings. Adam Clarke's false claim, one very often repeated today - is that only prostitutes went around in public without a veil.	[1]
			5	Very strong influence on the creation and the rise of Pentecostalism. They heavily contributed to, some say 'sponsored' the Azusa Street Revival which spread Pentecostalism far and wide. Less than 10 years earlier, Wesley Chapel Methodist first introduced tithing in the US in 1895 AD, which was the very basis for the spread of the Prosperity G-spel and thus Pentecostalism which was developed simultaneously through mostly the same actors. Oral Roberts, a very key figure in both movements, returned at the height of his 'success' to the church of his youth, the United Methodist Church.	[1] [2] [3]
			6	John Wesley, the principal leader of early Methodism, wrote the heretical and idolatrous hymn 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' which contains a conflation of the 'Sun' and 'Son' and includes the following: *"Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings."* The hymn was later changed to 'Son of Righteousness'.	[1] [2]
			7	Strong proponents of infant baptism, which is practised in most Methodist churches..	[1]
Mormonism (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; 1820 AD-today)	(Religious tradition and theology started by Joseph Smith in the late 1820s)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]	1	[Founded in 1820 AD by Joseph Smith] He received *'a personal visit from G-d the Father and Jesus Christ'.*	[1]
			2	They claim that THEOS *"has not always been the Supreme Being of the universe, but attained that status through righteous living and persistent effort"*. Rejection of the Trinity.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			3	Believe that there are other gods and goddesses outside the Trinity, such as a heavenly mother.	[1] [2]
			4	**Joseph Smith's father was a master mason. Joseph officially joined the Freemasons in 1842 (22 after founding the church).** ***"Soon after he became a Mason,Joseph introduced the temple endowment. There are some similarities between Masonic ceremonies and the endowment."***	[1] [2] [3]
			5	**In the same year 1942, several prominent LDS became Freemasons and founded a Masonic Lodge in Nauvoo, Illinois. Over 1500 members of the church were listed as freemasons in the city of Nauvoo alone at that time. At least the first 4 presidents of the LDS Church were confirmed Freemasons: Joseph Smith Jr, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff.**	[1]
			6	The US is 'the Biblically Promised Land'.	[1]
			7	Mormons are taught that they are from the tribe of Manasseh or Ephraim and part of the true Israel (Melchizedek priesthood).	[1] [2] [3]
			8	Their leaders can 'speak scripture when moved upon by the Holy Ghost'. They added the Book of Mormon to the Bible. Joseph Smith fabricated a translation of a 'Book of Abraham', which was revealed to be false after the papyri had been found in 1967.	[1] [2] [3]
			9	The Bible is just one of their books of scripture, and is probably seen as the least valuable amongst that Canon.	
			10	Teaches doctrines of eternal marriage ('Temple Marriage Sealing', a man will continue to have sex with his wives in heaven); eternal progression; blood atonement; baptism for the dead (they do genealogies on dead people and re-baptize themselves several times during a ceremony in order to 'save' those dead people); return of some of the dead as spirits or angels; polygamy / plural marriage (had been prohibited in the US but they continued in secret and even actively asked leaders with only one wife to marry other women).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			11	All other Christian churches 'are an abomination'; the LDS church is the 'only true church on earth'; the Christian church was lost until it was restored to the prophet Joseph Smith ...	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			12	Promise of exaltation: if the Mormon is judged worthy enough (temple rituals et al.), he/she can attain godhood. IESOUS is their eyes just a bit more advanced on his way to 'g-dhead'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			13	Each Mormon has to prove every year that they paid the full tithes and offerings. Mormons call tithing their 'fire insurance'. Even children have to do e.g. delivery boy's jobs and meet with their Mormon leader and share tithes with them.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			14	They lower the biblical age of accountability from 20 to 8 years and baptize children at that age ▶ see also the separate study of this ministry [1]	[1]
			15	They use water in their communion.	[1] [2]
			16	Systematic racism, claim that black skin is a curse. Being black is being under the curse of Cain ... Smith and his successor Young both referred to this as a justification for slavery.	[1] [2] [3]
			17	Their churches ('temples') can only be visited with a 'Temple Recommend'. Even marriages conducted in a Mormon Church do exclude non-Mormon relatives.	[1] [2]
			18	They teach murder and a second adultery to be unforgivable sins, which clearly contradicts Scripture.	[1]
			19	Endowment is a two-part ordinance (ceremony) designed for Mormons to become kings, queens, priests, and priestesses in the afterlife.	[1] [2] [3]
			20	Mormon missionaries are only allowed twice a year to phone relatives and are not even allowed to visit the funeral of a parent. Once a week they are allowed to write handwritten letters.	[1]
			21	In Utah, the land of the Latter-day 'saints', there aremore people on welfare than in any other state according to the population, and the divorce rate is among the highest.	[1]
			22	In 2022, Utah influencer Taylor Frankie Paul went viral for revealing that she and her husband had been "soft-swinging" with other Mormon couples. The **-reality- series 'The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives'** begins months later as Taylor and her group of influencer friends, dubbed 'MomTok', deal with the fallout of the scandal. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, had already distanced itself from the series before the first season was released. One comment stated that the lives of its congregants and their beliefs were not portrayed fully and truthfully in "a number of recent productions". On the Internet, however, (former) Mormons asserted how incredibly representative the show was.	[1] [2]
Orthodox Church	(Official designation 'Orthodox Catholic Church'; doctrinal and jurisdictional group historically linked to the Eastern Roman Empire and Byzantium; its adherents live mainly in the Balkans, the Middle East, and former Soviet countries)	[1] [2] [3]	1	Their calendar includes 112 different fasts (!!!) during one calendar year, with each fast lasting from 1 to several days.	
			2	The Virgin Mary is venerated in the Eastern Orthodox Church as the 'g-d-bearer' and honoured in devotions; heretical doctrine of the perpetual virginity. Common designations used are 'Theo-tokos' (Mother of g-d), Queen of heaven (Reg*na Ca*li) and Panagia (All-holy, or Most holy).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			3	Use of many extrabiblical methods and traditions, such as the Hieratikon (the priest's service book used for Divine Liturgy, Vespers, Mattins, choir's handbooks, the Euchologion (services of Baptism, Marriage, Supplicatory Canons, Blessing of waters), peoples handbook (for laity) et al.	[1]
			4	Use of the Deuterocanonicals (Apocrypha).	[1]
			5	They consider church tradition and Scripture of equal authority, and discourage individuals from interpreting the Bible apart from tradition.	[1] [2]
			6	Prayers for the dead.	[1] [2]
			7	Possibility of receiving salvation after death.	[1]
			8	The Orthodox church allows generally 3 divorces and the respective remarriages upon penance. It is said that the church blesses the first marriage, performs the second, tolerates the third, and forbids the fourth. Also contrary to the Bible, widowed 'priests' are not allowed to remarry. This results in plain legalism - raising the bar for elders while significantly lowering the bar for 'believers'.	[1] [2]
			9	They teach 'Apostolic Succession', but have big gaps in their records.	[1]
			10	They hold Augustine, who was rather an anti-Christ than a saint, precisely as an **official saint ('Blessed Augustine')** in their religion.	[1]
			11	They oppose the biblical example of believer's baptism by endorsing infant baptism.	[1]

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Name: Pentecostalism (founded in 1832 AD as 'Universal Church' and colloquially known as Irvingism; renamed in 1849 AD to 'Catholic Apostolic Church')

(overlap with the Latter Rain Movement, Jesus Only Movement, the Seven-Mountain Mandate and the New Apostolic Reformation)

Function: (A Protestant denomination which in its origin was heavily intertwined with Calvinism, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Church and explicitely with Freemasonry,

which was further shaped by the Methodist Church, and which has adapted several tenets from Mormonism.

It emphasizes a post-salvation experience known as 'the Baptism in the holy spirit'. This baptism in turn is evidenced by the reception of 'the charismata' or supernatural gifts that are indeed given by the HOLY SPIRIT to whomever He pleases, in whatever degree He pleases (see study).

But Pentecostalism grossly overemphasizes, and often abuses the gifts of Healing, Prophecy and Speaking in Tongues, and adds mainly in Africa the office of an Apostle based on a questionable extension of the gift of Apostleship.

Other gifts which are less impressive are usually not desired, and gifts such as discernment, exhortation or wisdom are virtually not found there and often despised)

About: [1] [2] [3] [4]

Discernment:

[1830 AD] The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church, introduced the 'Baptism of Fire and of the holy ghost', introduced the 'Baptism of Fire and of the holy ghost', which they call 'Confirmation', a practise which would later be adopted in a very similar form by Pentecostalism (also by the laying on of hands; also often wrongly considered a sort of sacrament of initiation). Mormon scriptures badly confuse the punitive meaning of 'baptism of fire', see 'Doctrine & Covenants' 20:41; 33:11, 39:6.
— Sources: [1] [see Doctrine & Covenants]

[1832 AD] The 'Universal Church' (founded in Albury & London; colloquially called the 'Irvingites'; adoption of the name 'Catholic Apostolic Church (CAC)' in Jan 1849) was financed and presided by Henry Drummond (1786-1860; England; see separate discernment - he was unquestionably a Freemason) and spiritually and theologically founded by Edward Irving (1792-1834; Scottish).
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18] [19] [20] [21] [22] [23] [24] [25]

A closed group called the 'Albury Circle' met since 1826 at the Albury estate of Drummond (near London; the breeding ground and so-to-say 'Mother Church of the CAC and of Pentecostalism'), where also all their 12 Apostles are buried. The main theological input at those meetings came from Irving (- thus Irvingism - they also likened him as their forerunner to John the Baptist).

This circle extended to 7 churches and 45 members in 1832, 200 members in 1834, to 60 locations in the UK in 1836, and to 938 worldwide locations in 1901 (349x UK, 348x Germany where many ministers and theological writings came from, 59x Denmark, 29x US et al.).

Irving had possibly an affinity to the black arts, and his mentor Samuel Taylor Coleridge and his friend Thomas Carlyle's influences led him into metaphysical speculations, to (Catholic / German) Mysticism and Transcendental Poetry, specifically to ideas of Meister Eckhardt (RCC priest).
— Sources: [1]

While Irving was initially highly regarded, he began in 1825 to take on the role as a self-assumed apocalyptic prophet, after he was heavily influenced by the Calvinist lawyer Hatley Frere and the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza (1731-1801; Drummond introduced Irving to this work), and after he learned from them about conjectural prophecy / Zionism / the Roman Catholic doctrine of the 'Imminent Return of Christ' (which is consequently still prevalent in Pentecostalism today; see below).

He even translated Lacunza's heretical works while adding 138 own pages of a 'Preliminary Discourse' (in summer 1826 - Jan 1827; possibly with helpers from Drummond and eventually from Rome, because he hardly learned Spanish and translated ~500 pages in half a year).

But his main problem and the possible reason why THEOS so-to-say 'handed him over to satan', was Irving's Calvinism (a Presbyterian), his strong reliance on imagination in his sermons and his consideration of the Bible as one of many sources for sanctification, while turning himself into a mystical philosopher.

THEOS had also warned him in the most urgent manner, through the early death of 4 of his children and especially through the 1828 desaster in Kirkcaldy, where 28 to 35 of his congregants died in the church he visited to preach.
— Sources: [1] [2]

In the year 1830, two women in West Scotland (~Port Glasgow) would change the history of the church for the bad. Mary Campbell (in her 20s) would speak and prophecy on her sick bed for 1 hour in 'tongues' (March 1830), before she was 'miraculously' healed. Mary was the daughter of the military officer and clergyman Donald Campbell, and her sister Isabel, who had died 2 years earlier of tuberculosis, was already venerated as a saint and people made pilgrimages to her because of her special gifts of prophecy, visions and apparitions. Her public memorial site is still shown on Google Maps today and even the famous William Wilberforce deeply admired her. Mary then continued her sister's 'legacy' and their house was constantly filled with religious fanatics of various degrees of intensity, which caused the pastor Robert Story to rebuke Mary through a letter, but she rejected the exhortation. After her brother died soon after, she and those fanatics would even go through a horrible ceremony for the purpose of restoring him to life again.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]

Mary's friend Margaret MacDonald (age 15) had also on her sick bed a 2-3 hour 'baptism in the spirit' and a demonic vision of a 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture'.

Those two women came from an area and were related to a church, where Irving's close friends John Macleod Campbell and Robert Story were ministers (Story's parish was at the corner of the Fernicarry House where Isabel and Mary Campbell lived; Isabel was his Sunday school teacher and he wrote a memoir about her which was sold in the UK and US), and where in the preceding 3 years had been an active exchange of ministers being trained at Albury, and Irving and those ministers had preached in turn up north.

The famous John Nelson Darby, who attended the Albury Circle and was mentored by Edward Irving since 1827 (!), then travelled with a small team to Scotland and lived 2-3 weeks at the home of John Macleod Campbell (Pastor of Isabel and Mary Campbell) so as to verify the happenings. Second in the team was the later CAC apostle Francis Sitwell, who participated in gatherings at the MacDonald's family home and was charged by Irving to lead this group of ~awakening~. The later CAC apostle John Bate Cardale also travelled there in the same year together with 2 doctors, and his wife was then in 1831 the very first person in England to receive 'the gift'. Another traveller was William Rennie Caird, who actually married Mary Campbell in 1831 and brought her to London, and who spoke the first prophecy in 1831 at Albury and who was ordained there in 1832 (evangelist for Germany) and in 1865 as 'Coadjutor apostle'.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

John Thomas Perceval (a Roman Catholic and military officer; brother of the later CAC 'Apostle' Spencer Perceval and son of the British Prime Minister Spencer Perceval assassinated in 1812) was also involved in the 'miracles' in Scotland, which in his own words were the origin of an acute psychotic illness developed in the very same year in 1830. He was then kept until 1834 in 2 madhouses, where he was held in a straitwaistcoat and suffered a "barbarous" treatment. His visions, command hallucinations and catatonic postures are described in this summary [1], he further wrote two books about his psychosis (anonymously in 1838; under his real name in 1840) [2] and became through the 'Alleged Lunatics' Friend Society (ALFS, which was also strongly supported by Drummond) a self-referred 'attorney of all her majesty's madmen'.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

Apostle' Thomas Carlyle later remarked: *"In Scotland, the gifts became barren, like water poured onto the earth and running away. Most withdrew the gifts or died."* This remark suggests that there were some premature deaths associated with the revival.
— Sources: [1]

Back home, those events in Port Glasgow nevertheless caused caused great enthusiasm amongst Irving's followers (called 'Irvingians or Irvingites') and they also adopted the unprecedented 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture' doctrine (already developed since 1828 by Drummond, in a tract he called 'The Lord is at Hand'), which has since infiltrated the worldwide church tremendously.

John Nelson Darby then played (another) decisive role in the formulation and propagation of this doctrine, which had its origin not only in Margaret MacDonald, but in parts also in the same Manuel Lacunza whose works Edward Irving had not only translated 4 years earlier, but now even used those at Albury as a guide to outline the conference sessions.

In simple words for the layman - the false doctrine that followers of CHRISTOS will be raptured / whisked away before the Great Tribulation, did originate in between 1828-30 - primarily facilitated through the Albury Circle and further developed by Darby thereafter. Both Irving and Darby also popularized the idea of a Third Temple including the restoration of animal sacrifices, which stands in stark contrast to the entire NT!
— Sources: [1] [2] [3]

In the year 1831 following the events in Port Glasgow, both Irving's home and his Presbyterian congregation became the scene of extraordinary psychic / ecstatic manifestations and the Irvingites were seized with the gift of speaking in 'tongues' (which some admitted having faked so as to encourage Irving), effected cures and prophesied (as e.g. the prophet Baxter who later retracted in his writings his previous prophecies and attributed everything to self-deception).

Their main prophet Edward Oliver Taplin was not only the first male in London to speak in tongues but also falsely prophesied in 1834 that Irving should travel to Scotland where he would convert large crowds. But he died there shortly after having followed Taplin's ultimate deception ...).

Irving used phrases such as '*when I work miracles ...*', and was even criticized by close friends who considered his manfestations as '*gibberish / symptoms of madness / of demonic activity / of the devil's work*'. Even his mentee John Nelson Darby distanced himself from the fanciful prophecies of the Irving and his Irvingites.

Even his mentee John Nelson Darby would distance himself from the fanciful prophecies of Irving and his Irvingites, and the famous C. I. Scofield, who further developed Dispensationalism after Darby, denied later that Irving was the source of this doctrine after the same had been excommunicated.
— Sources: [1]

He was not only excommunicated and locked out of his church (Apr 1832), but formed with about half of the former congregation (approx. 800 Calvinists) his Catholic Apostolic Church close to his former church, while continue meeting with the inner circle at Albury, where also shrieks and shaking were reported next to strange tongues.

This new church, including other nearly simultaneously created locations, was mainly made up of Anglicans and Presbyterians (thus Calvinists), and some Methodists and Roman Catholics. It taught the real presence of CHRISTOS in the Eucharist (what they called Consubstantiation and is similar to the catholic Transubstantiation), and endorsed the Apocrypha through Irving and Henry Drummond (main financier; leader until Irving was formally reordained as its chief pastor and 'Angel' in 1834 but would die that same year; apostle; active as lieutenant-colonel long before, during and after the church plant!!!; member of parliament; well known for his scathing attacks on political economists; author), and taught *"the restoration of the prophetic gifts to the universal church"*.

They set up 7 churches in London corresponding to Revelation and appointed 12 'Apostles' with worldwide jurisdictions (Nov 1832; together with their angels, evangelists and prophets a total of originally 135 official ministers of the CAC).

In 1847, those 12 apostles introduced a practise, which is probably except for Mormonism without comparison, the 'Holy Sealing' of the living (later extended to include also the dead, as practised in the New Apostolic Church and also in Mormonism where it is called 'Baptism for the Dead'). Now the apostles sealed the first 1000 living believers in England to be supposedly part of the 144.000 in Revelation. This happened precisely 3 years after the Mormons first sealed in 1844!

Those apostles were in their opinion also divinely ordained to prepare a Imminent Second Coming, which Irving falsely prophesied for 1864 (while the CAC produced a great number of false prophecies, proclaiming the Second Coming for 14th of July 1835, Christmas 1838, 14th of July 1842, 1845, 1847, 1866 and 14th of July 1877 . . .). All these seven prophecies, of course, turned out to be false, but despite this evidence of incapacity and of severe transgression of biblical commands, and despite some migration within their rows, this movement would have a significant future and build impressive churches, even if later on it would spread primarily in Germany and, via the US, throughout the world.

Another siginificant false prophecy was based upon the apostles themselves and most definitely proclaimed that those would not die before the Lord came, but would be taken up to meet Him in the air in their living bodies. When one apostle after another died a normal death (Carlyle and MacKenzie within 3 days in 1855, Dow also in 1855, Perceval 1859, Drummond 1860, Tudor 1861, Sitwell 1864, King 1865, Dalton 1869, Cardale 1877, Armstrong 1879, Woodhouse as last in 1901), their 'believers' were consoled with the explanation that the apostles, although dead, would nevertheless live on and seal the elect in paradise until their number was complete, and would also be resurrected with the other righteous before the Second Coming and thus be raptured alive.

The CAC further believed that while the original 12 apostles were foundational, a 13th apostle was necessary for the fullness of the church. This role was filled by various individuals in different locations, including the US (soft pointer to John Alexander Dowie; see below).

The New Apostolic Church would later emerge from the CAC and dissolve their restriction of 12 Apostles. This restriction was at that point already obsolete because the first 5 prophesies regarding the Second Imminent Coming had not materialized while in the same time half of the apostles had already died (see also the 1863 schism below; which occurred only 3 years after the death of Drummond).

>> Connector to John Alexander Dowie (Pentecostalism in the US):

Edinburgh was a key place in the development of (Proto-)Pentecostalism. Alexander John Scott (Mentee to Edward Irving, prepared the breeding ground for the 'miracles' in Port Glasgow), John Macleod Campbell (Pastor of Mary Campbell), Robert Candlish (shared paths with Irving), Robert Story (part of Albury), Thomas Carlyle (CAC apostle), Thomas Carlyle (philosopher, friend of Irving), Thomas Chalmers (Mentor of Irving), and William Cunningham (part of Albury) studied there (Cunningham became later even Professor of Theology there), and many other CAC members established connections.

William Rennie Caird, the husband of Mary Campbell and coajutor apostle of the CAC, died in Edinburgh in 1894 (he could have well met John Alexander Dowie there).

Irving himself spent actually at least 10 years in Edinburgh. He studied at the University a Master of Arts (since 1805) and completed a Divinity degree in 1815. This University of Edinburgh had a secular beginning and was less ecclesiastical than other universities, and the highly problematic ideas of the Age of Enlightenment were well received there. This may also have negatively affected Irving's spiritual development, especially when keeping in mind that his close friend Carlyle had lost his faith at that university.

Irving was once again sent to Edinburgh to preach there in the year 1834 at a small chapel at Carrubber's Close, and the Catholic Apostolic Church set up not coincidentally its first branch outside of London in Edinburgh. The congregation of that branch met at various places:

- 1834 at Magdalene Chapel
- 1836 at Bristo Place
- Sometime in between at Carrubber's Close, but the exact time and duration are unknown. Yet we know that Irving (first) preached there in 1834 to the (future) members of his church, in connection with its local leader Mr. Tait.
- 1872 at Mansfield Place

— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Carrubber's Close was the place where the man John Alexander Dowie worked. He was born in Edinburgh, and was saved in his childhood through Henry Wight, who had accidentally killed his wife, was saved through Edward Irving's preaching in 1827, then became an elder at the 'Trinity College Kirk' in Edinburgh run by Walter Tait (1771-1841; reverend and minister there from ~1813-33), and joined with him around the time of the Port Glasgow revival in 1830 the Irvingites.

Both remained in the same Presbyterian church, but after Thomas Carlyle spoke in May 1832 in their church in tongues, Tait was held responsible for giving countenance to those Pentecostal tongues, was excommunicated in 1833 and then ordained as 'Angel', meaning he held the highest rank of the newly formed CAC Edinburgh until his death. Carlyle also followed him to the CAC as deacon and later evangelist.

Around the time of the incident with Carlyle, Henry Wight was probably wise enough to avoid an excommunication because of his involvement with the Irvingites, and he founded in the same year his own church at Richmond Place in Edinburgh. The young Dowie was then part of his congregation and was saved through him, after his father John Murray Dowie had some years earlier already been converted through him, had followed him in his evangelistic labors and frequently preached at Wight's church.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Dowie then spent his youth in Australia and returned at the age of 21 in 1868 to Edinburgh in order to study there at the University of Edinburgh and at the Free Church College. In his free time he worked with the famous James Gall (the cartographer) at the Carrubber's Close, preaching in the Whitefield Chapel and editing their mission journal. He was also a lay chaplain at Edinburgh Infirmary. While we do not know if Dowie was at that time again in direct touch with current members of the CAC Edinburgh, we know of the following intersections:

A) Both Bristo Place, Carrubber's Close, the Free Church College and the University of Edinburgh are located within walking distance.

B) Both the CAC and Dowie were closely related to the Free Church of Scotland, with whom Dowie studied.

C) Carrubber's Close (also called Whitfield Chapel), where Irving had preached and where the Irvingites have met for some time, was also the place where Dowie had his first preaching experiences as a honorary chaplain
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

D) Dowie studied at the very same university where Irving et al. studied.

After Dowie concluded his studies in Edinburgh, he returned to Australia in 1872 and became a faith healer there, before he 'toured' in 1888 with great success through the US and created soon after a new CAC church near Chicago.

This 'Christian Catholic Apostolic Church', officially founded in 1896 AD, showed that Dowie had deeply absorbed the concept and teachings of the CAC in Edinburgh:
— Sources: [1]

A) Its name was nearly eponymous to the 'Catholic Apostolic Church' in London (while the addition 'Christian' is also not new, because the 'Allgemeine Christliche Apostolische Mission' founded during the 1863 schism in Hamburg, used already the addition 'Christian' in their name.

B) The CAC was not only known as Irvingism, but was ideologically founded as 'Universal Church', an epithet found e.g. in articles from the insider Tim Grass. Dowie followed exactly the same ideology and stated when founding his church in Zion that *"the church should be Catholic, universal, all-embracing, in embracing all who were in communion with G-d"*. In another address he stated: *"I have the right to stand here and say in Zion you have to do what I tell you! Oh! The whole church? Yes! the whole church - Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal. It is the most daring thing I ever said. The time has come; I tell the church universal everywhere, you have to do what I tell you, Do you hear? You have to do what I tell you, because I am the Messenger of G-d's covenant."*

C) Dowie would even name its location and the new city 'Zion City' in continuation of Irving's vision of Zionism (Irving's church was closely associated with the 'London Jew's Society; Dowie also admired Mormonism which is strong in Zionism), the CAC even having employed a so-called 'Council of Zion' (a kind of church parliament that met monthly; presided by the ministers of the 7 churches in London) and the NAC branch in Germany having published the bi-monthly magazine 'Watchman's Voice from Zion', and

D) Dowie would also refer to himself as an 'Apostle', although not the 13th Apostle, rather quite confidently as the 'First Apostle'. This occurred in 1904, thus exactly 3 years after the last of the 12 apostles had died. In the presence of 8000 of his followers, he stated: *"I stand here today as the High Priest on earth and the First Apostle of The Christian Catholic and Apostolic Church in Zion of that High Priest in Heaven."*

E) Both ministries acted in the 'spirit of Elijah', so as to fulfil a prophetic role preparing the way for CHRISTOS' return and in London as precursor to the restoration of the apostolate. Dowie even called himself 'Elijah the Restorer' and wore a corresponding and very elaborately crafted garment which appeared in many press articles.

F) There are striking similarities between the message of those who prophesied at Port Glasgow and Dowie's later eschatological doctrines. And there are traces of the 'Incarnation theology' of Irving and McLeod Campbell throughout Dowie's later preaching in the US.

Removing any remaining doubt about this unfortunately very rarely recognized yet very significant connection - Dowie called Irving his "predecessor" and stated that *"a greater and mightier man of G-d never stood upon the earth"*.
— Sources: [1]

[1835 AD] The Irvingians introduced Old Covenant tithing (initiated in 1833, formalized in 1835). Their main motivation was to finance their huge apparatus of 135 ministers and to build extravagant churches. This implied explicitly 10% of the gross income and it had to be brought each week. Before this time, the words tithe and tithing as used in the church referred to anyvoluntary offering, regardless of the amount.

This development is very significant as it essentially laid the very foundation of the Prosperity G-ospel which is very popular in our time. We can assume that the Prosperity G-spel would either not exist, or would have been significantly delayed, if this decision would not have been made by the leadership of the CAC. Other denominations picked up the same principle, but never a denomination which would spread to approximately 644M members today and influence millions of other churches to copy the same principle as we see it today practically everywhere around us.
— Sources: [1] [2] [see also the study 'NT Giving vs. OT Tithing']

[1838 AD] Mormons officially adopted the principle of tithing in the US. This was formalized after a previous revelation received by Joseph Smith, recorded in Doctrine & Covenants 119.
— Sources: [1]

[1863 AD] The New Apostolic Church (founded in Hamburg) was a schism from the Catholic Apostolic Church which opposed under the leadership of Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz (Chief apostle; originally ordained by the CAC apostle Francis Valentine Woodhouse) and Heinrich Geyer (Prophet, ordained by Thomas Carlyle) the restriction of 12 Apostles and currently counts 334 Apostles and 9 million members.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

This New Apostolic Church was most certainly name giver for the New Apostolic Reformation. This fact is usually denied while claiming that the NAR is a very loose movement, but is indirectly affirmed by its very founder Charles Peter Wagner himself in his 1998 book 'The New Apostolic Churches'. In this book, he over and over relates the NAR to specifically the term 'New Apostolic Church' and this precise designation appears, believe it or not, more than 20 times in this book with the same title!
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

This first major denomination of the CAC showed the evil fruit of Irvingism.

A) They practice purgatory (prayer for the dead). Divine services for the faithful departed take place thrice a year and they pray that souls who have died in an unredeemed state may find salvation in Christ.
— Sources: [1]

B) They also practise the 'Holy Sealing' of the dead. Their apostle Gustav Ruff sealed on one journey alone 161 living and 360 dead, while the apostle Friedrich Krebs sealed at least 1263 living and 1603 dead people, meaning they sealed disproportionately more dead!

"Through prayer, G-d is supposedly asked whether this or that long-dead person should be sealed; if a "yes" is received, then it is considered, under all sorts of pious deception, to be 'apostolic' and pleasing to G-d, despite the Lord's strict prohibition against contacting the dead (Deu 18:11). During the sealing, the church leader unlocks the realm of the dead, someone prophesies and usually sees figures ascending. After the sealing, the relatives of the deceased step forward and receive Holy Communion for the deceased."

C) They practise Infant Baptism, seal children of any age once they are baptized and include them in the communion.

D) One prophecy was documented as following: *"When the dear Apostle Krebs began to pray, I saw the sun and the moon radiating a great light. I also saw a snake with a wreath, but it quickly disappeared. During the sealing, the sun returned, and much heavenly fire and light descended upon the apostles"*. Visions involving a snake must make any Bible scholar shudder; after all, the Roman Catholic Church began with Constantine's vision of the sun, and books could be filled with the association of the moon with problematic beliefs.

E) A Lord's Prayer is typically concluding with *"Deliver us from evil"*, whereupon the 'priest' grants absolution with the words: *"In the name and deed of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the ministry of grace sent, to which the power to bind and to loose is given, I proclaim to you full grace and forgiveness, and I absolve you from all your sins. Peace be with you!"* Their catechism clearly grants the right to bind and to lose, and to forgive sins, in imitation to the RCC.
— Sources: [1] [2]

F) Their 'Chief Apostle' Niehaus, had the audacity to mock the Word. He called the Bible moldy bread and stale water: *"I also had a Bible and placed it on the cupboard, and after a while I found that the mice had eaten Jesus and the apostles. That is your Jesus, those are your apostles, whom not even a mouse respects."*
— Sources: [1]

G) They convey that each of their apostles is a personified Christ. In their hymnbook 'Apostolic Hymnal' (published by W. Sebastian in Wolfenbuttel), hymn no. 281 addresses their 'apostle': *"He bears the key of hell and death, in the flesh, G-d stands before us"*.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

The apostle Niehaus said about the apostle Krebs: *"Today it is clear before my eyes – his (Fritz Krebs's) word has been fulfilled. He paid for the guilt [of humanity] with his life. Weeping and pleading, Father Krebs stood before his G-d for us humans. A hot stream of Christ's blood flowed from Father Krebs's mouth. Krebs was transfigured in the workings of the Spirit, full of divinity. This was no longer a human being; it could only be Christ, as Father Krebs also proclaimed at the Lord's Supper: This is my flesh, although I am still alive."*

Numerous other examples are documented, where either the apostle himself, often apostles each other, or others glorified the office and person of their apostles.

[1873 AD] The doctrine 'G-d requires man to give Him a tenth of all money earned', appeared in the United States. It implied monetary tithes to the poor outside of the institutional church.
— Sources: [1]

[1888 AD] John Alexander Dowie copied the principle of Tithing upon his arrival to the US from the Mormons, whereof he would intend to become a member soon after. He initially demanded 10% from every member of his 'International Divine Healing Association' and continued this obligation through his 'Catholic Apostolic Church' in Zion. Furthermore, every inhabitant of Zion City had to tithe to Dowie. This practise made him not only incredibly rich, but would become indispensable for the rise of the Pentecostal church, which would bring forth the pioneers of the Prosperity G-spel and in turn generate a 'successful' Pentecostal church which would spread far and wide.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

[1895 AD] Wesley Chapel Methodist / Episcopal Church in Cincinnati now also adopted tithing - the first denomination outside the Mormon and Pentecostal church.
— Sources: [1]

[1896 AD] Creation of the direct forerunner of Pentecostalism, of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion City (US, Chicago).
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]

Both this strictly ecumenical church (hence 'Catholic' - founded in 1896) erected as a Tabernacle opposite of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show so as to draw their crowds, and its extension as religious utopian community Zion City (built mainly from 1900-1906) were founded by the faith healer Dowie, who did not only enshrine the Flat Earth doctrine in Zion's religious code, but more villainously stated the church's goal as following:

> *"Let me put it simply and plainly. The purpose of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is to smash every other church in existence." Visiting preachers from other denominations were harassed and hounded out of Zion City by their 'city police'.*

He founded this church after learning in 1890 that he could not join the Mormons in Salt Lake City (which he considered the *"most clearly scripturally organized of all churches"*) in his desired function as Apostle (he later became bitter against them and wanted to convert them with an 'army' of 3000 disciples and introduce the plural marriage to them).

He later claimed to be the reincarnation of Elijah (1901) and even wore a special 'Elijah the Restorer' dress, while staging fake healings with carefully screened individuals / audience plants and using other dubious methods. Dowie did not only demand 10% tithes from all the residents of Zion City, but also defrauded several of his members financially through his own bank and a carefully-devised large scale securities fraud, and was sued successfully.

Still, he lived as one of the richest men in North America in total luxury (mansion with 25 rooms) and even used a private train - analogous to private jets today. His wife and children left him because of his advanced plans for a harem of 7 new wives, and after he turned to physical violence when his wife refused a divorce. His daughter died of burns after Dowie refused medical help. All drugs were *"poison"* and doctors *"inspired by the devil"*.

Dowie was freed from his power, or rather from his abuse of power, one year before his death in 1907. In his absence and while dwelling in his earthly paradise in Mexico, his trusted man called Wilbur Glenn Voliva organized a successful revolt.

Before his death in the year following those events, Dowie had not only installed cells all over the US, but also sent missionaries into all the world to plant Zionist churches, especially in South Africa (>15M members) where Pentecostalism is consequently very strong today.

>> Connector to Charles Parham:

Charles Parham, who is today instead of Drummond, Irving and Dowie the proclaimed founder of Pentecostalism (see 1901 AD), first visited Dowie's healing home in 1898. At a later, but unknown point he was prophesied by Dowie to be the upcoming 7th messenger of the book of Revelation and would also preach at his church.

After Dowie's death in 1907, Parham staged in the very same year a tent revival there, in an attempt to take it over for his newly formed 'Apostolic Faith Movement'. He lost the bid of leadership to Wilbur Glenn Voliva (already in 09/1905), but won the hearts of much of Dowie's vast following.

After Parham's departure a group of several hundred 'Parhamites' remained in Zion, led by Thomas Hezmalhalch, a recent arrival from the Azusa Street Revival. But those followers were forced to flee within that same year, after it became known that Parham had been arrested for sodomy and pedophilia and chaos involving brutal exorcisms with at least two deaths had erupted. Many of those then raised money and 'fled' on a mission trip to South Africa, where they conveniently spread Pentecostalism, after the Calvinist Petrus LeRoux had laid the first Pentecostal seeds there in 1903 in collaboration with Dowie's church.

In the bigger picture, a splinter group of Dowie's former church consisting of well over 100 people would become influential leaders in Pentecostalism - in particular in the Assemblies of G-d; and much of his following in the US, Australia, Europe, GB, New Zealand and South Africa affirmed the today well-known designation 'Pentecostal'.

[1895/1896 AD] Another church, which had also adopted the beforehand mentioned 'Baptism of Fire' and which strongly influenced Charles Parham's Irwin (not to be confused with CAC founder Irving) actually taught that there were additional 'baptisms of fire' he called baptisms of dynamite, lyddite, oxidite and selenite ... . > It should be obvious to the reader at this point that things had developed as far away from the Bible as they could ever be and as close to a spiritual stage show as they could possibly be.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

While preaching the strictest code, he lived a double life for many years, with habits of drinking, smoking and womanizing. He *"would go from the pulpit to wallow with prostitutes for the rest of the night"* using embezzled church planting funds, and remarried twice after repeated adultery. Still, he would influence Parham, and show up at the Azusa St. Revival and speak in tongues. Irwin later returned to his very first denomination, the Baptist church, and more specifically joined the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists, a Hyper-Calvinist sect which opposed Christian missions and taught Double Predestination (to Hell & Heaven).

[1901 AD] Birth of modern Pentecostalism through its (-co) founder Charles Parham.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

A woman at his Topeka 'revival' began to speak in tongues and others incl. Parham followed suit. This woman, Agnes Ozman (later Agnes N. O. LaBerge), was also conducting Automatic Writing, the written and demonic form of speaking in tongues. The local press from Topeka called the writings "quaint and indistinguishable hieroglyphics". Ozman had previously also gone to Zion City, where Dowie had prayed for *"her healing of chills and night sweats"*. But his prayer apparently made things even worse, and she has since been drawn even deeper into occultism.

Parham was an ordained Methodist, left after a 'falling out with his elders', learned from Benjamin Irwin about the 'baptism of fire' and many other doctrines, denied the Trinity, denied eternal hell, taught that all humans before the flood had no souls, taught guaranteed physical healing although his son died two months after Topeka and his attendees were generally not healed, taught that the Bible forbids medicine and doctors, that special anointing was transferred by cloth radiation, taught that tongue-speakers would have a pre-rapture designated for them. Parham had also demonic visitations that scared him, he associated often with the Ku Klux Klan, he called himself the angel of Rev 3:14 and the Elijah of Mal 4:5, he was arrested on a charge of sodomy which was nevertheless not proven, he believed Anglo-Saxons to be true Israelites and he denied that black people could enter into Heaven.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3]

He was also influenced by the cult leader Frank Sandford, whose religious community (Shiloh) he visited for 6 weeks, intending to copy it for his Topeka Bible school. Sandford was convicted of manslaughter of at least one of his disciples.

Overall, Parham's development of the Pentecostal movement was strongly influenced by Edward Irving's blueprint for the Catholic Apostolic Church, which brings us back to the original beginnings of the Pentecostal movement, after we have already seen the individual connections between Edward Irving and his CAC with John Alexander Dowie, and now the even more direct connection between John Alexander Dowie and Charles Parham.
— Sources: [1] [2]

[1906] First Wave — The Methodist-sponsored 'Azusa Street Revival' (California) can be described as the springboard for Pentecostalism.
— Sources: [1] [2]

Virtually all Pentecostal denominations trace their origins to this three-year-long revival. Reports commonly included *"miraculous healings, dancing, jumping, falling, trances, spirit slaying, gibberish 'tongues', jerking, hysteria, strange animal noises, laughter and spiritual muteness"*. The seekers would be seized *"with a strange spell and commence a gibberish of sounds"*.

Even the mentor of the revival's leader (William J. Seymour; born into a Roman Catholic family; he became blind in one eye 6 years after his 'conversion') later rejected the manifestations as being in the flesh and parted ways. This mentor was the (co-) founder of Pentecostalism himself - Charles Parham.

[1946] Second Wave — Beginning of the Charismatic Movement, wherein individuals or groups within various denominations adopted Pentecostal practices and beliefs. The Charismatic Movement can aptly be called the outreach arm of the Pentecostal religion.

The Lutheran and Dutch Reformed minister Harald Bredesen was the first mainline minister who received the Pentecostal Baptism, while still remaining within the Lutheran denomination (his resignation was refused to be accepted).

He is often called the father of the charismatic movement. He was friends with Pat Robertson and founded with him the infamous Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), after having also introduced him to the Pentecostal Baptism.

[1960] The first Anglican Church joined now also the Charismatic Movement, which is not surprising after Pentecostalism had also originated in the Anglican church as we have seen. This occurred now in detail through St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, again in the United States.
— Sources: [1]

[1980s] Third Wave — Neo / Hyper-Charismatic movement.

Strong emphasis on signs, wonders and miracles, with the addition of spiritual warfare and the creation of deliverance ministries, and specifically of Word of Faith (aka Positive Confessions, Law of Incubation, 'Name It and Claim It', or 'Say it, Do it, Receive it, and Tell it').

[~1975] Creation of the Seven-Mountain-Mandate.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

The Presbyterian / Calvinist Francis Schaeffer was in his time at the L'Abri in the Swiss Alps one of the founders (together with Bill Bright from Campus Crusade & Loren Cunningham from YWAM), of what would later be termed the Seven Mountain Mandate (taking dominion of seven societal spheres of influence: 'Family, religion, education, media, art, economics, and government'), and further popularized by the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). In essence, it teaches to make the world your own, while the Bible teaches the exact opposite, to not be part of the world.

[1994] Toronto Blessing (a Pentecostal 'revival' of utmost evil nature).
— Sources: [1] [2]

Reported were: Holy Laughter; strange manifestations such as shaking, jerking, writhing on the floor, barking like dogs and roaring like lions; New Age Kundalini ...). During Randy Clark's first revival service and while sharing his testimony, ~90 out of the 120 people in attendance fell on the floor *"laughing, rolling and carrying on"*. The following year, a reporter described the participants roaring like wounded lions, people striking their own faces and collapsing chairs while falling, howling like wolves, braying like donkeys, clucking like feral chickens, weeping hysterically, unnaturally jerking bodies, contorting their faces, with horrifying screams.

Many books have been written about this devilish spectacle, but those mentioned characteristics should suffice for a clear assessment.

[1994] The infamous New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) was founded by C. Peter Wagner.
— Sources: [1] [2]

It combines Pentecostalism and the 7-Mountain-Mandate into one ugly monster - ultimately sounding the bell for the 'dominion' of antichrist. Their primary Bible is the highly problematic 'The Passion Translation' (TPT).

In the this movement, which lacks a single central organization, leaders once again known as apostles are recognized as having the highest spiritual authority.

C. Peter Wagner categorized these leaders into various types based on their function and sphere of influence: Chief Apostles, Ambassador Apostles, Horizontal Apostles, Nuclear Apostles, Territorial Apostles, Vertical Apostles, Workplace Apostles / Market Apostles: These are considered hybrid leaders with a dual ministry in both the church and the business world, focused on evangelism and eventual 'Christian dominion over business and finance' and other societal spheres, precisely through the 'Seven Mountain Mandate'.
— Sources: [1] [2] [3]

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Cults & Religions

Pentecostalism (founded in 1832 AD as 'Universal Church' and colloquially known as Irvingism; renamed in 1849 AD to 'Catholic Apostolic Church')

(overlap with the Latter Rain Movement, Jesus Only Movement, the Seven-Mountain Mandate and the New Apostolic Reformation)

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~ Specific Problems ~

1 The main essence of Pentecostalism is not only their origin based on 'revivals', but their consistent search for new, local revivals (e.g. Topeka 1901, Azusa 1906, Healing Revival 1946, North Battleford 1948, Toronto 1994, Pensacola 1995, Kansas City 1996, Lakeland 2008 ...) and generally a great end-time revival with a total spiritual renewal and world evangelisation under the manifestation of the Spirit's power. — See Mat 24:4-12

But anyone who has read the Bible and in particular the book of Revelation only once, knows that no such times will bring about a great apostasy, not a great revival ... — See 2The 2:3

2 Pentecostals teach that the 'Baptism of Spirit and Fire' is an experience, requirement and effectively a sacrament which is required to be performed and / or received apart from conversion and water baptism. In stark contrast, the Bible teaches that all genuine believers receive the baptism of the SPIRIT when they are born again, and that it is not a special experience for only a few who happen to be part of a certain group of believers. — [1] [2] [3]

There is also no agreement within Pentecostal circles how and at what stage this baptism ought to occur. In the time of the early Catholic Apostolic Church, their 'baptism of spirit and Fire' was identical with the Holy Sealing of the 144.000 and meant guaranteed salvation. This 'Holy Sealing' logically disappeared in the CAC, when the last Apostle died and no one was 'authorized' any more to do so. As such, the 'Holy Sealing' continued only locally in Germany. Since then there has been a vast confusion and today Pentecostals teach that the 'Baptism of spirit and Fire' could be expected or unexpected, during public or private prayer, with or without the laying on of hands.

Decisive for understanding this extra-biblical concept is the fact (which is often overlooked) that their version of the 'Baptism of the spirit' is based on an evil twist / gross misunderstanding of the 'Baptism of Fire', which is usually understood by Pentecostals as synonymous with the 'Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT'.

The word 'Fire' is used 83 times in the NT, and in the vast majority of instances refers to judgment by fire. The 'Baptism in Fire' is equal to perdition and occurs only in our future! It will burn up the chaff (wicked) and will purify those vessels of honour (of gold and silver) for His Holy purposes (see also Mat 3:11-12, Luk 12:49-50, Mat 3:1-4). — [see also the study 'Baptism' including an analysis of the 'Baptism of Fire']

A movement which proclaims a future punishment into a spiritual achievement and makes the same their core doctrine, can only be described as evil from its inception.

3 A tenet is the unbiblical requirement of speaking in tongues as evidence of salvation, especially among Oneness Pentecostals. While many who were converts sometimes share an honest desire to experience biblical gifts, the system in itself usually generates pride and group pressure, to appear to oneself and to others as an anointed and more 'alive' in the SPIRIT than ordinary believers. This underlying group pressure (also) leads regularly to a fabrication of gifts, especially those of tongues (as shown e.g. by the Pentecostal teacher Paula White) and healings. — [1] [2] [3]

Early Pentecostals had to modify their doctrine of tongues, after they had sent out many soon disappointed missionaries who had been taught that the foreigners would understand their gibberish and now hastily and painfully learned the foreign language, in one case even journeyed on from Japan to Hong Kong thinking they must have 'caught' Chinese instead, or most often simply returned in utter frustration. — [1]

We also know that this confusion was not particular to the beginning of the 20th century, but was there right from the very beginning. Mary Campbell, the very first tongue speaker to 'prophesy', "expressed her conviction that the tongues given to her was that of the Pelew Islands, which, indeed, was a safe statement, and little likely to be authoritatively disputed", while some other conjectures pointed to the Turkish and Chinese languages. — [1]

The more surprising it is – and adding to the confusion – that many modern scholars still consider tongues as natural languages with only a dichotomy found especially in Calvinist circles where Pentecostalism originated, quickly contributed significantly to its creation through Presbyterians who were tired of the total abolition of any tongues and of most other spiritual gifts, and then got into the other extreme by seeking it in the wrong places and actually fabricating it. The gift of tongues can be both ordinary languages and the heavenly language(s), but is much rarer than we commonly assume and must never be fabricated! — [see also the study 'Spiritual Gifts']

The more surprising it is –and adding to the confusion– that many modern scholars still consider tongues only as natural languages and categorically exclude supernatural languages. This unhealthy and false dichotomy, particularly prevalent in Calvinist circles where as we have seen Pentecostalism originated, probably contributed significantly to its creation through some Presbyterians who were fed up with the total abolition of any tongues and of most other spiritual gifts, and then got into the other extreme by seeking it in the wrong places and actually fabricating it. The gift of tongues can encompass both ordinary languages and the heavenly language(s), but is much, much rarer than we commonly assume and must never be fabricated!

It is also important to note that Pentecostals regularly neglect or refuse to interpret tongues. If they interpret, there is often little semblance between tongues and interpretation (e.g. short tongues vs. long interpretations; 'heart-felt translations'; some go as far as to 'allow' several possible interpretations). This deliberate trickery and self-deception clearly reveals the prevalent fabrication of tongues within Pentecostal circles.

4 Their ministrations such as the 'baptism of the spirit', speaking in 'tongues', slaying, drunkenness in the spirit, holy laughter et al. do only occur, when the person does not prove all things / think / rationalize / is not spiritually sober. — [Mat 12:43-45]

Pentecostal teachers explicitly tell people to stop analyzing, to let go of one's mind and mouth, 'just receive'.

This manipulation is similar to Contemplative Prayer, where the person is instructed similarly to New Age / Eastern meditation to empty oneself and repeat certain words or phrases. This specific practise of emptying oneself is called Kenosis, and is a misapplication of the character of IESOUS CHRISTOS came as a human being, and partially emptied himself of His divine power, meaning that He still possessed it but made less use of it. He did important miracles, but not everyone fell automatically down like dead when he or she saw Him. This was clearly temporary and especially descriptive, and not a prescriptive thing to imitate.

We do not have divine power to be emptied from. To the contrary, we want the true HOLY SPIRIT to fill us to prevent demons from filling an unoccupied house (Mat 12:43-45).

But Pentecostalism is precisely such a gate wide open to demons, as seen in the vast majority, if not all their revivals.

People abandon all their spiritual inhibitions and experience a spirit which, while probably real, has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit. It is the spirit of the adversary who, according to the Bible, is certainly capable of imitating spiritual gifts and performing signs and wonders, but of course does so not for the edification of the Church, but for its destruction.

5 While many of their ministrations are simply fabricated, there are many which actually have a spiritual source. Kurt Koch, a Christian authority on occultism and spiritual deception, gave the following warning about the Pentecostal minister and preacher William Branham: *"Years ago Branham told his interpreter Pastor Hoff: 'If my angel does not give me signs, I cannot heal.' Hoff noticed several pictures of spirits in the work of Branham, and therefore stopped working with him. These 'angels' of whom Branham spoke are evil spirits masquerading as angels of light. So in many areas of the world, we are now troubled again that the devil appears as an angel of light (2Cor 11:14). Another evidence is the fact that Branham was not able to perform cures when faced with born-again Christians who had committed themselves to the protection of Christ. In the case of Branham, I have experienced this myself. When he spoke in Karlsruhe and Lausanne, there were several believers among the audience -including myself- who prayed along these lines:*

Lord, if this man's powers are from you, then bless and use him; but if the healing gifts are not from you, then hinder him.' The result? On both occasions Branham said from the platform: 'There are disturbing powers here. I can do nothing.'" — [1] [2]

6 Strong focus on divine healing, sometimes in exchange for (certain amounts of) donations. Dozens of highly problematic Pentecostal teachers (see list below) have proven a widespread and systematic abuse, and quite often a plain fabrication of the gift of healing. — [1] [2]

Early Pentecostals embraced for their doctrine on healing the works of Adoniram Judson Gordon, specifically the book 'The Ministry of Healing'. Judson was a Calvinist and died of a sudden illness.

7 Early Pentecostals taught that it was sinful to take medicine or receive care from doctors. While this view has been moderated, it still displays strong elements of a cult and is paralleled by the nearly identical position of Christian Scientists, Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-Day-Adventists. — [1] [2]

8 Experience often -if not usually- trumps scriptural teaching. Sometimes ecstatic experiences like being 'slain in the spirit' and 'holy laughter' are found in Pentecostal settings. Both are anti-biblical and are usually associated with a demonic activity. — [1] [2]

9 Many Pentecostals are part of the 'Jesus Only' crowd (Jesus-Only Pentecostalism) and reject the uncomfortable facets of the character of THEOS. All religious activities ought to be performed in the name of 'Jesus' only and Oneness Pentecostals even enforce a re-baptism in the name of 'Jesus only' (Modalism) on those formerly baptized in the name of the FATHER, the SON and HOLY SPIRIT. — [1]

The teachings of the Bible are deliberately trampled upon and once again elements of a sect are emerging.

10 Prophecy and visions are often taken very lightly, are rarely being tested and are sometimes, if not regularly false. Many Pentecostals tragically believe that any believer can prophesy (based on the original doctrine of the CAC that every member of the church can prophesy), which clearly contradicts Scripture see 1Cor 12:4-6, 7-12, 29-30, 27; Rom 12:3-6 and Eph 2:6. — [1] [2]

11 The fabrication of prophetic gifts in some cases goes as far as to include cold reading, which is used for example by Jean-Luc Trachsel, Shawn Bolz and Todd White. Cold reading is a set of techniques not only used within Pentecostalism, but generally used by mentalists, psychics, and others to gather information about a person or a church congregation through observation, high-probability guesses, and leading questions, creating the illusion of supernatural knowledge. In the Pentecostal context this includes for example to fraudulently obtain personal details from public social media profiles while claiming divine inspiration. The pastor will then have small handwritten cards or receives from an assistant a text message in some cases even during a church service, and then calls out the person by describing the information gained beforehand, often to the amazement and astonishment of the congregation and of course the person involved. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

12 The Prosperity G-spel is ever-proportionally being spread through Pentecostals. Many if not most 'prosperity' teachers were Pentecostals, such as A.A. Allen, Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth E. Hagin and Oral Roberts. — [1] [2]

Pentecostal teachers such as Bill Johnson, Christine Caine, David Oyedepo, Enoch Adejare Adeboye, Guillermo Maldonado, Jesse Duplantis, Joel Osteen, John Bevere, Joyce Meyer, Michael Todd, Myles Munroe, Paula White-Cain, Reinhard Bonnke, Sam Adeyemi, T.B. Joshua, T.D. Jakes and Todd Bentley further spread this evil doctrine, which typically involves the Old Covenant doctrine of Tithing and lavish self-funding of financial seeds.

Some churches hold special pre-sermons of 15-20min of duration (e.g. by the International Charismatic Mission Church in Bogota) which have the sole aim to manipulate the attendee into tithing; many use special tithing breaks and motivational and manipulative videos; some use various baskets and envelopes to stimulate tithing while using peer-pressure and generating a prideful giving; while a few even threaten non-tithers with curses, attacks from satan and poverty.

13 Pentecostalism directly emerged from-, and would definitely not exist without Calvinism (and thus we understand why specifically Calvinists are almost outspoken against Pentecostalism - actively or unconsciously distracting from their implicit role as instigators of Pentecostalism).

A) Edward Irving was a Calvinist (Presbyterian).

B) Two of his three mentors were Calvinists, that is Thomas Chalmers (who was also a Freemason), and the other being James Hatley Frere, who significantly influenced Irving and the doctrines of Albury, where he would also attend as a leader. Frere was acquainted with Henry Drummond already in 1826 and taught Irving and their disciples to take an historical approach of the book of Revelation, by methodically searching the book and trying to connect it to concrete and significant events of the past centuries (e.g. to Napoleon by bringing up a supposed 1260-year period from Justinian I to the French Revolution), which as we know today has resulted in widespread wild-west-eschatology and even more adventurous calculation models, and thus directly resulted in the above seen false prophecies regarding the Second Coming, which had been based on Frere's (and Lacunza's) undiluted methods.

C) Not only Irving's mentors, but actually all of his known mentees were Calvinists, namely the famous John Nelson Darby (who was a High Calvinist) and Alexander John Scott, whose preaching of the charismata on the west coast of Scotland in 1830 gave rise to the first appearance of early Pentecostalism and who thus prepared together with John Macleod Campbell (who was once again a Calvinist) the breeding ground for the 1830 visions and tongues of Mary Campbell and Margaret MacDonald.

D) Not only was Mary Campbell brought up in a Calvinist church, but she actually married the Calvinist CAC pastor, specifically William Rennie Caird. The pastor who rebuked Mary and wrote the memoir of her sister Isabel, namely Robert Story, was a Calvinist.

E) All this shows most clearly that the entire early movement of Pentecostalism was deeply rooted in Calvinism. Usually the CAC is being described as coming out of the Anglican church which applies to a large extent to the participants of Albury and naturally to the congregations of many of their early churches in England, but the most favoured ground was indisputably Calvinism, and more specifically the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of England. — [see also the respective list of participants, in order to gain a better understanding of the involved denominations and dynamics within the early movement.]

F) The Catholic Apostolic Church consisted at the very beginning of at least 800 Calvinists, whom Irving led away from his Presbyterian church, the Caledonian Chapel in London, into his new church. Those Calvinists then adopted their beliefs according to the modified teachings of Irving and became within a few months the first assembly of early Pentecostalism. — [1]

F) After Drummond followed in 1817 the invitation of the Calvinist François Gaussen to come to Geneva, he then, on his recommendation, joined forces with the Calvinist Robert Haldane and founded the Continental Society with him in 1819. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

G) John Alexander Dowie was a Calvinist, specifically a member of the Congregational church. He left this church in 1878 to start his own independent ministry, but the basis of his -theology- remained practically the ordinary doctrines as taught by Scotch Presbyterians, with less emphasis on high Calvinism and more upon a personal deity. — [1]

H) The 7-Mountain-Mandate was drafted at L'Abri in Switzerland by the Calvinist Francis Schaeffer (Presbyterian). — [1]

14 Profound and fundamental involvement of at least 2 of its very founders in Freemasonry.

A) Henry Drummond became in Feb 1811 a Freemason and formally joined the Lodge of Friendship #3. In 1827, we read about his visit to the Freemasons' Tavern, which included office space for Masons and was mainly used for Masonic purposes. In 1839, he became a FRS (Fellow, Royal Society). In 1847 he helped his colleague Henri Dunant (also a Freemason, the founder of the International Red Cross) with Masonic rescue efforts in the Swiss Sonderbund War. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

His cousin was Thomas Robert Hay-Drummond, 11th Earl of Kinnoull, who was from 1826-27 'Grand master' of the 'Grand Lodge of Scotland'. — [1]

B) Edward Irving was a close friend of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who was a Freemason. In the preface of his book he wrote: *"Perceiving well that my worthy master [Coleridge] ... and in my company, still more, I weighed well how I was able to set for him a type of Freemasonry which has become review-ridden in a most alarming degree ..."* — [1]

The mentor of Irving, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, had in his residency in Somerset a lodge named 'Coleridge' in honor of his works.

But most 'remarkably', Irving's other mentor, the famous Thomas Chalmers for whom he served as his assistant, was a Master Mason at the St. Vigean lodge #101 in Arbroath since 1798.

C) Joseph Wolff, the close friend of both Drummond and Irving (see below for more details), and lecturer at the Albury Circle, was a Freemason. "Supposing we were a body of Freemasons ..." — [1] [2]

D) Lewis Way, a close friend and supporter of Drummond, was a member of a Freemasons' lodge. — [1]

The Freemasons' Hall in London can be considered a headquarters / house of (English) Freemasonry, specifically as the administrative centre and meeting place for the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and other Masonic bodies. It is also the Grand Temple, lodge rooms, offices, library and the Museum of Freemasonry with history and archives of Freemasonry.

Several participants of the Albury Circle were active speakers at the Freemasons' Hall, namely Daniel Wilson (2x), James Gambier (3x), James Haldane Stewart, Lewis Way (3x) and William Marsh (3x). It is more, actually the first five Albury meetings of the LJS all took place at the Hall. — [1]

F) This Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews, whose actually most of the Albury leaders (Henry Drummond, Joseph Wolff and Lewis Way) and other participants Charles Simeon ... were founding members, ... — [1]

In 1813 they chose as its patron the Duke of Kent ..., who became in the same year the Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England ... The prestigious person of spiritual darkness became not only the patron, but actually laid the foundation stone for their main building project, the 'Palestine Place'.

The LJS and their philosemitism can in the purest sense generally be considered a sham. While genuine love for the Jews, their conversion (which were very few and included infant baptisms), but financial gain has been the moving cause of this society. While the annual income of the LJS was substantial and exceeded that of most of the other missionary societies, ...

Lewis Way supported the translation of the NT into the Yiddish language by Benjamin Nehemiah Solomon, whom he helped simultaneously to ... a Jewish woman ...

The principal founder of the LJS, the Lutheran Joseph Frey ..., was ... unfaithful ... and ... Benet Abraham ... of the Patterson? ... movement / religion. — [1]

15 Very close connection with the Roman Catholic church (RCC), with at least 3 founding members of the CAC having had papal audiences in Rome (Joseph Wolff in 1819 and Lewis Way in 1823). — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

A) Irving's favourite author was Richard Hooker – the originator of the Anglican 'via media' (middle way) between Protestantism and Catholicism. This stands also for much of the CAC's general approach, also outgoing from Anglicanism which is definitely a middle way, and including many more elements. — [1] [2]

B) Irving did learn, translate and propagate the works of the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza (Jesuits are working for the RCC Pope, Drummond introduced him to Lacunza's work). — [1]

C) Tim Grass wrote about Henry Drummond that "there was a group of seceders from the Church of England, and the ... church of the Roman Catholic Church ..." — [1]

D) Before we come to the story of Joseph Wolff, let us briefly look at his background. He was a Jew converted to Roman Catholicism, ... and was personally seen by the Pope ... Drummond ... in 1827 et al. — [1] [2]

Though his story we also know that Wolff first attended a Jesuit college (Roman College), and soon after (in 1819, one year before Drummond's baptism), ... and met Drummond at the College of Propaganda ...

He would then be fully sponsored by Drummond to come to England. But it is unclear at this point how Drummond came into contact or how it fits ... the propaganda (which was always his dear plan), ...

It is also striking that Drummond travelled, or was active in various societies such as the Continental Society, ... of the Jesuits, ... 'Society of Jesus'.

F) And the signs of Drummond having been a Jesuit, increased when he financed the prophecy conferences at Albury where the Jesuit's system of eschatology by Manuel Lacunza was introduced by Irving (no matter how often Drummond mocked the RCC – Jesuits are well known for playing those double games and to distract through excessive pseudo-attacks).

An obituary described him splendidly as "the champion of essentially Roman Catholic doctrine, and yet ... the fierce antagonist of Papal supremacy". In 1842, Drummond wrote: "I feel persuaded that the regeneration of the church can only come out of Protestantism, and that in one unity under the Pope" (meaning that a successful reform of the church can only come through the Roman Catholic church which in his opinion is closer to the truth).

G) And Lewis Way, who hosted together with Drummond the Albury Conferences and was a prominent member of the CAC, ... met Pope Leo XII ..., the Pope then with the ... of the Roman Catholic Church ... in London ...

Way received on this papal visit also a letter of introduction to Cardinal ... He then also adopted a unique syncretic faith blending Christian, Jewish and local Syrian elements, which she believed gave her prophetic powers and a connection to the supernatural, involving magic and spirits, deeply ingrained superstitions, belief that she would rule into Jerusalem with the Messiah).

H) The above seen Christian Catholic Apostolic Churches in London and Zion City were explicitly named 'Catholic' (although not being Roman Catholic per se and officially opposed by the leadership of the CAC, Albury & Zion), to suggest an ecumenical church transcending denominational differences, the identical promise of the Roman Catholic Church. ... Their liturgy included RC elements, ... vestments, holy water, chrism et al.

I) The website CCAC.org describes well how the CAC progressively fell into the Roman Catholic sphere: *"The apostles who had been travelling on the Continent had come there into contact with Catholicism, and this brought as a result an admixture to the ceremonies of the 'Catholic Apostolic Church', as it was now very officially called. All traces of Scotch Presbyterian or English non-conformist tradition were gradually eradicated ... The forms were taught to regard ... of adoration had to assure the people of the Lord's presence and abiding intercession. In 1852 the use of candles on the altar and incense was added, and in 1868 holy water."*

J) The terms 'Catholic' and 'Apostolic' are used in both the CAC and the RCC in the exact same sense and as the main descriptors of their religion(s). This is demonstrated by the following facts: — [1] [2] [3] [4]

The Roman Catholic 'Nicene Creed' from 381 AD stated: *"We believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic church"*. A common introduction to Roman Catholic ceremonies (of the Inquisition) was as following: *"Do all you children of the church of Rome here present swear to defend the holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic faith, to denounce heresy and to aid the Inquisition in all things?"* (see video of 'Flame in the Wind', min. 90). Their 'Pledge to the Cross' is a modern pledge of allegiance to the cross and to the "one church, holy Catholic and Apostolic". The 'Oath of Fidelity' includes the phrase *"I believe in the one holy Catholic and Apostolic church"*. The 'First Vatican Council' includes repeatedly the phrase "one holy, Catholic and Apostolic church" and speaks also frequently of the apostolic authority, office, primacy, see and succession. It should therefore be a very great surprise that, although the Catholic Apostolic Church chose the exact same name over and over pronounced in Roman Catholic history and used so-to-say as their motto, anyone should believe the assertions of the CAC leadership not being part of that body.

K) While Irving stated in 1832: *"I hereby solemnly declare to my belief that the Protestant churches are so certainly in the state of Babylon as the Roman church"*, the Irvingians considered the Protestant church as shame- taken from the Roman Catholic church.

This is especially remarkable for a church which was originally of the Presbyterian denomination and thus could impossibly be any more Protestant. But this shows us also very clearly that this church remained in the transitional stage of reformation as its name already implies, and although having received numerous and highly detailed warnings from the Bible, never left the protective cocoon of its unholy mother.

L) Independent Catholicism and the CAC do not only share common ground (Restoration of the universal / original church including its 'apostolic' structure), but we also find a factual overlap. The Brazilian Catholic Apostolic Church is both 'Independent Catholic' and Episcopalian. — [1]

The Independent Catholic 'Mar Georgius I' (Hugh George de Willmott Newman) was baptized in the CAC, his family served at the CAC as deacons and he served as acolyte in the CAC. After he could not become a priest in the CAC, he simply applied to become the head of the Catholicate of the West. — [2]

M) Johann Georg Lutz played a decisive role in the emergence of the apostolic movement in general and the CAC congregations in Germany. He was a Roman Catholic and continued from 1842-1857 in that role while working with the CAC, in particular with William Rennie Caird, the husband of Mary Campbell. Immediately after he was excommunicated in 1857, he was sealed in England by Drummond and with him 10 other Roman Catholics were received into the CAC. — [1] [2]

N) Irving was the 'Chief Apostle' of 12 subordinate Apostles, just as the Roman Catholic Church considers Peter (or the respective pope) its Chief Apostle.

O) The Charismatic movement penetrated the RCC in the 1960s. Students at the Roman Catholic Duquesne University in Pittsburgh (US), began having Pentecostal-type experiences, speaking in 'tongues, falling, weeping and prophesying'.

P) Many Catholic Charismatics have reported how much more meaningful the Mass or the Eucharist has become to them upon 'Spirit Baptism' and literally no Catholic leaves his church. While Pentecostals do not motivate them to do so, RC leaders in the Charismatic Movement often speak plainly of their goal to proselytize everyone into the RCC.

Q) The leader of Azusa grew up in a Roman Catholic family. The majority of the below mentioned leaders of Pentecostalism are Ecumenicals.

R) David DuPlessis was invited by the Pope to the Vatican and attended the RC Second Vatican Council, Kathryn Kuhlman felt a "oneness with the Pope", Joel Osteen met the Pope and attended mass, and John Wimber heavily endorsed RC saints and remarried his Catholic wife in a Catholic church. Lou Engle went as far as to specifically invite Roman Catholics to the Azusa Now 2016 event, where he kissed on stage the feet or the shoes of the Roman Catholic leader Matteo Calisi.

And we have all seen the reports about Kenneth Copeland, one of the leading figures of Pentecostalism, who held three-hour private meetings with a pope. Could things be any more obvious? Hardly.

S) The movement had from the very beginning a strange connection and fascination with the Roman Catholic season of 'Christmas' and New Year's Eve (the psychosis of John Thomas Perceval started on Christmas 1830; ordination of Drummond and first Holy Communion on Dec 26 1932; ordination of Mary Campbell's husband on Christmas 1832; calling of the 11(12) Apostles on Christmas Day 1838 while instituting Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass and Daytime Mass; last Catholic Apostolic eucharist on Dec 25 1970, Topeka revival on Jan 1 1901). — [1] [2] [3]

T) Many of the CAC's former and still existing church buildings became property -not of the Anglican or Presbyterian church as one might expect- but precisely of the Roman Catholic church. Examples are Bristol church (1839-1843), their church at Dundee (-1944) and their church at Bradford (1870-). Even the altar of the CAC church in Edinburgh had been acquired by the Roman Catholic Church. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

U) The CAC location in Paris was founded, when the Roman Catholic priest Abbé Celeste Massiot 'converted' directly from the RC priesthood into the CAC priesthood. No word of repentance or adecuate transition period were noted regarding his preceeding occupation. — [1] [2] [3]

V) Mary Campbell rests on the cemetery by the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Strasbourg (Alsace).

16 The Albury Circle and specifically Henry Drummond were foundational for the creation and the rise of Restorationism and Adventism, including Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and Seventh-Day Adventists.

A) **1830 AD** As seen above, Dispensationalism including the Pre-Tribulational Rapture originated at the Albury Circle and John Nelson Darby formulated and propagated this doctrine.

B) The same Darby and the same doctrine would then be a substantial part of the Plymouth Brethren (see also G-spel Halls above with similar doctrines, coming out of the Brethren movement). Not coincidentally, their first congregation was established in **1831 AD**, after Lady Powerscourt (acted as patroness and 'gave her name' to the follow-up meeting after Albury, the Powerscourt Conferences from 1831-33) and Darby (founding figure and influential leader) attended the Albury Circle and closely adopted the ideas of Irving. — [1]

It was no coincidence that their first congregation was founded just one year after Albury in 1831, after Lady Powerscourt and John Nelson Darby had both attended the Albury Circle and had adopted Irving's ideas very closely. While Darby became its founder and influential leader, Lady Powerscourt acted as patroness and gave her name to the subsequent meeting after Albury, the Powerscourt Conferences from 1831 to 1833.

C) The (Proto-) Pentecostal church was officially born in 1832 AD, a typical Restorationist movement built on the exactly same foundation as Adventism.

D) After Drummond followed the invitation of the Calvinist François Gaussen to come to Geneva, he arrived there in 1817 *with "some of the most prominent* ner of Adventism and was part of the same Adventist revival of -biblical- studies that influenced the Millerites in North America. He also frequently appears in historical accounts of the Seventh-Day-Adventist church. — [1] [2]

E) Watch Tower, Jehovah's Witnesses (founded in the 1870s) are also a Restorationist movement, outgrown of the wider Adventist movement (Millerites; while the Witnesses are technically an offshoot of the SDA). They believed equally to early Pentecostalism in 144.000 people going to Heaven only. Russell heavily borrowed many Adventist doctrines and he accepted with only minor changes the doctrines from the Albury Circle, such as the Pre-Tribulational Rapture; an Invisible Second Coming which originated with the Jesuit Lacunza; that Israel would be fully restored in all its glory; in the 1260 years from Justinian to the French Revolution; and that the bowls of wrath were already poured out in the 19th century. — [1] [2] [3] [4]

17 Strong overlap and close connections with the Latter-Day-Saints (Mormonism): — [1]

A) Both place a heavy emphasis on the Latter-Days / Latter-Rain (Movement) as their names already indicate.

B) The doctrine of the 'Baptism of Fire and of the holy ghost' probably originated with the Mormons.

C) Both place a strong emphasis on the 'holy spirit' and the continuation of prophecy, healing and tongues.

D Both practise(d) the 'Holy Sealing' / 'Baptism for the Dead'.

E) Both heavily rely on personal revelation while lowering the importance of Scripture.

F) Both have a hierarchical structure including by nowapostles and prophets as official offices.

G) The mother church of Pentecostalism, the Catholic Apostolic Church in Albury / London, and the LDS Church have both a Chief Apostle / General Overseer and precisely 12 Apostles at the top of their hierarchy. Both positions are unbiblical.

H) Both Mormonism and Pentecostalism believe in a building of a third temple before the Second Coming of CHRISTOS, and go as far as to picture a restoration of the animal sacrifices.

I) Edward Irving saw Mormonism as part of the Restorationist Movement (later with some critical observations).

J) John Alexander Dowie wanted to become a Mormon right before setting up Pentecostalism in Zion.

K) Dowie (also) copied the doctrine of Old Covenant tithing from the Mormons and then spread it through Pentecostalism over the US, the Americas, Africa and other countries around the world. In 1899, newspapers in Los Angeles were made aware that he had implemented the scheme in his church. One reporter noted that Dowie *"had copied the Mormon tithing fund"*. Under the headline *"Dowie the Faith Healer: How He Makes Thousands of Dollars from His Dupes"*, reporters exposed the scheme as the work of a con artist. — [1] [2] [3] [4]

L) Some Pentecostals borrowed British Israelism and also Zionism from the Mormons.

M Joel Osteen considers Mormons legitimate Christians.

N) Both religions are part of Restorationism (based on the perspective that early beliefs and practises were either lost or adulterated and required a restoration). — [1]

O) Both cults started in the very same decade.

P) Both started a religious theocracy (Utah vs. Zion City).

18 One of their core doctrines is the imminent Second Coming of IESOUS CHRISTOS. But the Bible declares those as 'deceivers' who teach such thing: 2The 2:1-4 *"And we ask you, brethren, in regard to the presence of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, and of our gathering together unto him, that ye be not quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled [...] let not any one deceive you in any manner, because if the falling away may not come first, and the man of sin be revealed [...] he in the sanctuary of THEOS as 'G-d' hath sat down, showing himself off that he is THEOS - the day does not come."* — [1] [2]

19 As we have seen above, the CAC did not only teach the imminent Second Coming while limiting the number of their apostles and issuing numerous false prophecies, but also invented the Pre-Tribulational Rapture doctrine. — [1] [2] [3]

That not being enough, they popularized the idea of a Third Temple which ought to be built before our end times. While there had been some isolated attempts to re-build the temple by non-Christian people, the CAC was possibly first in popularizing this idea in the body of CHRISTOS and provoking Christians to actually believe in this idea.

Irving specifically taught the re-building of the Third Temple tied to our end times, while Darby explicitly included the reinstitution of animal sacrifices and of Aaronic priests. He erroneously considered a Third Temple as a requirement for the fulfilment of OT prophecies and as the center of THEOS' interaction with the nation of Israel during the future tribulation period.

> But the Bible is very clear that IESOUS became the ultimate scarifice, that He tore the temple curtain, that He abolished the Old Covenant Law and that anyone who tries to go back to it has to keep the whole law and is fallen from grace (Gal 5:3-4, Heb 8:13, Heb 10:11-12). The ultimate sacrifice of IESOUS was offered for all time and anyone who wants to overwrite this with-, or add animal sacrifices has not understood the basic principle of the Evangelium and treats THEOS with contempt.

See also the Key Findings (#12.6) with a brief refutation of the most commonly cited Bible verses which are supposed to support the idea of a Third Temple. If another temple should be built, then it is strictly against the will of THEOS and it will rather be a tool of the (spirit of) anti-Christ to gain credibility and thus more effectively deceive people. — Key Findings #12.6

20 Pentecostalism treats the biblical prohibition of female Presbyters / Overseers / Elders with contempt. — [1] [2] [3]

In Zion City at the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, it was Dowie's general scheme of organization that each wife of an overseer is usually made an elder, an Dowie's wife even held the office of an overseer. This implies that Dowie also erroneously considered overseers and elders as different positions.

At the Azusa Street Mission there were already ~14 women in leading positions / ordained.

After Azusa Street, women have been very prominent in leadership and many of the founders of Pentecostal denominations and ministries were women, such as Aimee Semple McPherson.

In major churches today, there are approx. 25-40% of the ordained ministers found to be women.

> The Bible teaches in stark contrast to this abuse, that women are not allowed to serve as presbyters, but are absolutely essential to serve as deacons / patrons / assistants (1Tim 3:1-15, Mat 27:55, Luk 8:3, Rom 16:1-16) who naturally don't teach or exercise authority, but are highly regarded in their specific roles as patrons. See also the respective study. — [see also the respective study]

21 While Pentecostals were originally legalistic and added many extra-biblical laws (no dancing, no alcohol, no tobacco ...), they slowly converted into the extreme opposite. The cessation of the wearing of head coverings was first executed by Pentecostals in Western Europe, after head coverings had been worn since Old Testament times. — [1]

Pentecostals preceded in this lawlessness even the 1968 AD campaign by the National Organization for Women (American feminist organization founded by an Episcopalian priest) to abolish head coverings, and also the Roman Catholic Church which ceased the wearing of head coverings in 1983 AD.

> Head coverings are a controversial topic, but an unbiased study reveals that 1Cor 11 applies today, not because some scholars assume that this might have had cultural implications, but because Paul proactively overwrote those assumptions, by giving specific reasons (1Cor 11:10) and applying it specifically to the churches of THEOS (1Cor 11:16). What is often wrongly assumed to have been a custom related to prostitutes after the Methodist Adam Clarke created this now modern legend through his Bible commentary, is clearly a principle rooted even in creation. Paul does not appeal to culture, but to nature. In the end it boils down to a few minutes of prayer, when the man should have nothing on his head, but the woman should have something on her head (handkerchief, hat, scarf ...). To call it legalistic or a burden to honor THEOS in those few minutes of prayer by quickly covering the head, is simply showing that we do not honor Him sufficiently. [see study 'Head Coverings'] — [see also the respective study]

22 Pentecostals such as John Alexander Dowie and his spiritual successor Charles Fox Parham embraced the pseudohistorical doctrine of British Israelism, which claims that the Anglo-Saxon race descended from Israel (Isaac's sons) and that the UK & US form one great Israel (Parham extended this to Scandinavia where the Germanic race originates). Possibly Dowie, who strongly embraced Mormonism, borrowed this doctrine from the Mormons who had embraced it at that point already for more than 40 years. — [1]

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Cults & Religions

Pentecostalism (founded in 1832 AD as 'Universal Church' and colloquially known as Irvingism; renamed in 1849 AD to 'Catholic Apostolic Church')

(overlap with the Latter Rain Movement, Jesus Only Movement, the Seven-Mountain Mandate and the New Apostolic Reformation)

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- Specific Teachers and Charts -

22 Popular Pentecostal churches are the Assemblies of G-d (57M members; since 1914; they gave ministry credentials to Benny Hinn, Morris Cerullo, Jim Bakker, and Jimmy Swaggart; and Bill Johnson and Kenneth Hagin preached there), Church of G-d, Church of G-d in Christ, Foursquare G-spel Church, Pentecostal Holiness Church (they ordained Oral Roberts). [1]

There are immense divisions within Pentecostalism - with more than 740 recognized (sub-) denominations, which clearly reflects their enormous confusion and unbiblical principles. They preach unity in the form of unbiblical ecumenism, and have by both biblical and unbiblical principles achieved the exact opposite by even splitting over and over within their denomination or cult.

23 (Highly) problematic Pentecostal teachers include the following persons who display the evil fruits of Pentecostalism, which are False Prophecies, False Healings, the Prosperity G-spel, Word of Faith (Name It & Claim It), the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE), Dominionism (7-Mountain-Mandate), Ecumenism, Egalitarianism and a promotion of the Message Bible (MSG) and The Passion Translation (TPT):

A.A. Allen (Prosperity G-spel; 'raise the dead' campaign; Faith healing and deliverance evangelist; arrested for drunk driving during a revival; died of liver failure), Aimee Semple McPherson (founder of Foursquare G-spel Church; twice divorced; she faked a 4-week kidnapping to hide an adultery; terrific fights with her mother; Aimee died of a drug overdose), Benny Hinn (Prosperity G-spel; Seed-Faith manipulation; false healer; called biblical doctrine 'sick stuff'; false prophecies; adultery), Bill Johnson (Bethel church; New Age; Prosperity G-spel; NAR; TPT), Brian Houston (Scandal-ridden Hillsong churches; The father of Pentecostalism in Sydney; Prosperity G-spel; concealed child abuse), Charles Fox Parham (expulsed from former church; denied the Trinity; British Israelism; denied eternal hell; cloth radiation; guaranteed physical healing; pre-rapture; preached at Ku Klux Klan; association with Frank Sandford), Che Ahn (NAR; 7-Mountain-Mandate; he commissioned Todd Bentley; TPT), Christine Caine (Prosperity G-spel; Egalitarian; Impartations), Chuck Pierce (NAR; ACPE; false prophet; TPT), Cindy Jacobs (NAR; false prophet; claimed to raise dead children via TV), C. Peter Wagner (Founder of the NAR; he coined the term 'Third Wave' (of Pentecostalism); heavy promotion of 7-Mountain-Mandate; spiritual warfare & territorial mapping; Ecumenism), David Olaniyi Oyedepo (Prosperity G-spel; resurrection claims; ordained by Kenneth Copeland; declared Kenneth Hagin his mentor), David Yonggi Cho (Pastor of the world's largest Pentecostal church; Word of Faith; borrowed some teachings from Buddhist sects; 3 years in prison for financial fraud), Doug Addison (NAR; false prophet; tattoo interpretation; stand-up comedy insulting Jesus; writer for Brian Simmons; TPT), Edward Irving (False prophet; false tongues; tithing; taught the real presence of CHRISTOS in the Eucharist), Enoch Adejare Adeboye (Prosperity G-spel; spokesman for Boko Haram (Islam); prayers of his followers in his name; false prophet; resurrection of dead man claimed through cloth radiation; invitation of Kenneth Copeland), Eugene Peterson (a Presbyterian Calvinist who had surprisingly Pentecostal roots and spoke sometimes in tongues; author of The Message 'bible'; The Message 'bible'; strong Ecumenism; Mysticism), Faytene Grasseschi (NAR; Dominionism; fake performance), Gordon Lindsey (lived at Zion City; everyone should speak in tongues; promoted William Branham), Guillermo Maldonado (Prosperity & Healing G-spel; NAR; gold dust in ventilation), Heidi Baker (False prophet; NAR; TPT), Henry Drummond (as described above), Israel Houghton (Adultery; Remarriage; support of Mother Moon church), Jack Hayford (Renovaré board; Aimee McPherson church; female elders; teaches 'baby tongues and adult tongues'; 'Spirit-slaying'; Ecumenism; Kingdom Now; MSG bible), James W. Goll (False prophet; Mysticism; NAR; claimed to have met 'Jesus'; TPT), Jamie Buckingham (Radical Ecumenist; ghostwriter for Kathryn Kuhlman (10 books including her biography), Billy Graham and Pat Robertson), Jean-Luc Trachsel (Cold reading; part of Bethel; studied at Oral Roberts), Jentezen Franklin (Egalitarian; support of Paula White; Ecumenism; Word of Faith), Jesse Duplantis (Regular 'heavenly tourist'; blasphemies; false healer), Jim Bakker (Defrauded his followers out of $158M; adultery with church secretary; false prophet), Jimmy Swaggart (Caught several times with prostitutes; exorcism through Oral Roberts), Joel Osteen (Prosperity G-spel; little gods doctrine; 'Your Best Life Now'; Word of Faith; studied one semester at Oral Roberts; in 2014 part of an ecumenical contingent which met the Pope at the Vatican and attended the mass), John Alexander Dowie (a character shaded by duplicity and wilful dishonesty; strong embrace of Mormonism; Universalism; Flat-Earth-proponent; British Israelism; claimed to be the reincarnation of Elijah; fake healings; prophesied the Second Coming for the year 2000; defrauded followers; introduction of tithings; separation from family; plans for a harem of 7 wives; physical abuse; doctors are from the devil), John Bevere (Prosperity G-spel; Dominionism; former board member of Joyce Meyer Min.; served under Benny Hinn; TPT), John Wimber (founding leader of the Vineyard Movement; strange manifestations in his services; female elders; very strong Ecumenism; he remarried his Catholic wife in a Catholic church), Joyce Meyer (Prosperity G-spel; little gods; plastic surgeries; studied at Oral Roberts), Kathryn Kuhlman ("Oneness with Pope Paul"; Adultery with another evangelist; false healings; principal inspiration for Benny Hinn), Kenneth Copeland (Pentecostal televangelist; Prosperity G-spel; strong collaboration with the Vatican; NAR; little gods *"pray to yourself, because I'm in your self and you're in Myself. We are one spirit, saith the lord"*), Kenneth E. Hagin (Prosperity G-spel; 'Holy Laughter / Drunk in the Spirit; levitations occurred in his meetings!; ordination of women; false visions; false prophet; heavily plagiarized from E.W. Kenyon), Kris Vallotton

Lance Wallnau (7-Mountain-Mandate; false prophet; NAR mouthpiece), Lou Engle (NAR; false prophecies; kissed the feet of the Roman Catholic leader Matteo Calisi at 'Azusa Now 2016'; TPT), Mary B. Woodworth-Etter, Michael L. Brown, Michael Todd (Prosperity G-spel; Scandal-ridden Transformation church founded by the Pentecostal 'bishop' Carlton Pearson who was a mentee of Oral Roberts; female pastors; Modalism; Ransom-theory), Mike Bickle (IHOP; NAR; 'apostle'; Ecumenism; Mysticism; sexual abuse; heavenly tourist; studied at Oral Roberts), Myles Munroe (Prosperity G-spel; Word of Faith; studied at Oral Roberts; died in private plane crash), Oral Roberts (Prosperity G-spel / Seed-faith; false visions; false healings; strong Ecumenism; Imminent Return; claimed to have raised a dead baby; cloth radiation through anointed handkerchiefs; many people died at his crusades and 50 injured during a storm above his tent meeting; he returned to the Methodist church; 3 of his 4 children divorced / 2 homo*e*uals / 1 suicide), Paula White-Cain (Strong promotion of Mother Moon and Han; spiritual "advisor" to Trump; spiritual mentee of T.D. Jakes; Prosperity G-spel; blatant abuse of tongues; adultery with Benny Hinn; remarriage; her husband encouraged their congregation to watch p*rnography; Ecumenism), Paul Cain (Alcoholism; Homo*e*ual relationship), Paul Crouch, Randy Clark (Primary speaker at the Toronto Blessing and direct instigator for strange manifestations; trained by John Wimber; NAR), Reinhard Bonnke (Father of the Toronto Blessing; Latter-Day-Movement; re-married Benny Hinn; false healings and miracles; 'slain in the spirit'; New Apostolic Reformation / Third Wave Movement; transferable anointings / impartations to others), Reinhard Hirtler (Teleportation claims; visited Heaven; everyone can prophesy; Prosperity G-spel; Once-Saved-Always-Saved), Rick Joyner (NAR; watered down sexual abuse of Mike Bickle), Rodney Howard-Browne (who calls himself 'the Holy Ghost Bartender'; a spiritually very evil man), Sam Adeyemi (Prosperity G-spel; abandoned his church; Law of Attraction; female pastors), Shawn Bolz (Cold Reading; false prophet), Smith Wigglesworth, Stacey Campbell (Catholic Miracle Rally; false prophecies; shaking performance; TPT), T.B. Joshua (self-proclaimed 'second messiah'; confinement of church staff inside his church; he raped 4-5 disciples per week and forced abortions; physical abuse of disciples and his own daughter; fake healings and exorcisms; false prophecies; his church building collapsed with 116 dead people inside), T.D. Jakes (Prosperity G-spel; mentor of Paula White; affirms gay rights), Todd Bentley (Sexual misconduct; heavenly tourist; false healings), Todd White (Prosperity G-spel; Cold Reading; Leg-lengthening), William M. Branham (self-proclaimed angel of Revelation and Elijah; denied the Trinity and eternal hell; false healer; end of the world in 1977) ...

24 Pentecostalism was rightly judged - even from within the rows of Methodists and the Holiness Movement: [1] [2]

[1910] Alma White called in her book Demons and Tongues' the Pentecostal tongues *"satanic gibberish"* and their services *"the climax of demon worship"*.

[20th c.] W. B. Godbey characterized those at Azusa Street as *"Satan's preachers, jugglers, necromancers, enchanters, magicians, and all sorts of mendicants"*. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan called Pentecostalism *"the last vomit of Satan"*. Dr. R. A. Torrey stated that it was *"emphatically not of G-d, and founded by a Sodomite"*.

Primary Timeline of Pentecostalism

[1832 AD] Catholic Apostolic Church – Irvingism (Albury / London, UK)
was founded by the aristocrat, wealthy banker, military officer, layman and freemason Henry Drummond, and the false prophet Edward Irving, who had a strong fascination with tongues, prophecy and healing.

This church teaches "the restoration of prophetic gifts to the universal church and appointed 12 apostles with world-wide jurisdictions. All 12 are buried at Albury.

[1869 AD] Irving's followers led John Alexander Dowie in his time in Edinburgh to become a faith healer. 1) his church would carry its name, 2) the city's name reflect their Zionism and 3) he would call himself also apostle. Dowie even called Irving 'his predecessor'.

[1896 AD] C. Catholic Apostolic Church (Zion City, US)
was founded by John Alexander Dowie: *"The purpose of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion is to smash every other church in existence."*

Charles Parham preached at his church in Zion and Dowie prophesied him to be the 7th messenger of Rev. After Dowie's death in 1906, a strong splinter group of his church became influential leaders in Pentecostalism and Parham attracted much of Dowie's vast following.

[1901 AD] Pentecostalism (Topeka, US)
was now commonly attributed to Charles Parham. A woman (Agnes Ozman) began at his Topeka 'revival' to speak in tongues and to conduct automatic writing.

Parham heavily borrowed from the Irving blueprint in his further development of Pentecostalism.

[1906 AD] Azusa St. Revival – 1st Wave (Los Angeles, US)
William J. Seymour, a mentee of Charles Parham, led this Methodist-sponsored Revival, which can be described as -the- springboard for Pentecostalism. Virtually all Pentecostal denominations trace their origins to it.

[1946 AD] Charismatic Movement – 2nd Wave (US)
Harald Bredesen (Lutheran and Dutch Reformed minister) is called its father and was the first mainline minister who received the 'Baptism in the holy spirit'. He founded with Pat Robertson the Christian Broadcasting Network.

[1960 AD] Adoption of Pentecostalism through the Anglican Church (St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Van Nuys).

[1980 AD] Neo-Charismatic Movement– 3rd Wave (US)
Strong emphasis on signs, wonders and miracles, with the addition of spiritual warfare and the creation of deliverance ministries, and specifically of Word of Faith.

[1994 AD] Toronto Blessing (Canada)
A revival of utmost evil nature led by Randy Clark.

Secondary Events

[1830 AD] 'Baptism of Fire and of the Holy Ghost
Mormons introduced this doctrine, which they call 'confirmation'.

[1835 AD] Tithing introduced in the Catholic Apostolic Church.

[1838 AD] Tithing introduced in the United States
The doctrine "G-d requires man to bring 10% of all money earned" appeared for the first time in the Mormon Church

[1863 AD] New Apostolic Church (Hamburg, Germany)
This schism opposed the CAC's limitation to 12 apostles. NAC currently counts 334 apostles and 9M members, while the last CAC apostle died 1901.

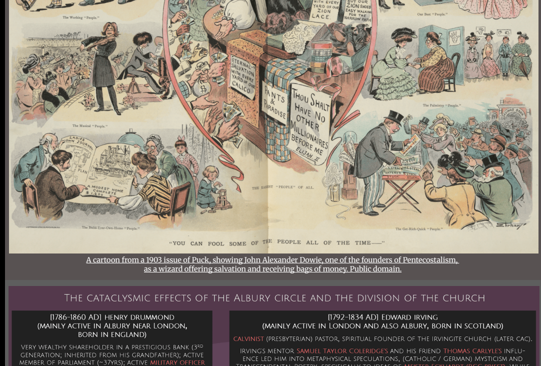
[after 1888 AD] Tithing adopted by Pentecostals
John Alexander Dowie required every follower to tithe 10%. He directly copied this from the Mormons before they rejected him as member.

[1896 AD] 'Fire-Baptized Holiness Church' (US)
was founded by Benjamin Hardin Irwin (Methodist), who now also adopted the 'Baptism of Fire' and baptisms of dynamite, lyddite, oxidite and selenite. He would strongly influence Parham, and was part of the Azusa St. Revival.

[1960s] Head Covering (Western Europe)
Pentecostals in Western Europe were the fore-runners in the anti-biblical abolishment of head coverings.

[1975 AD] 7-Mountain-Mandate (L'Abri, Swiss)
was founded by Francis Schaeffer (Presbyterian), together with Bill Bright and Loren Cunningham, further to be popularized by the New Apostolic Reformation:

[1994 AD] New Apostolic Reformation (US)
was founded by C. Peter Wagner. It combines Pentecostalism and the 7-Mountain-Mandate into one ugly monster - ultimately sounding the bell for the 'dominion' of antichrist.



A cartoon from a 1903 issue of Puck, showing John Alexander Dowie, one of the founders of Pentecostalism, as a wizard offering salvation and receiving bags of money. Public domain.

The Cataclysmic Effects of the Albury Circle and the Division of the Church

[1786-1860 AD] Henry Drummond (mainly active in Albury near London, born in England)

Very wealthy shareholder in a prestigious bank (3rd generation; inherited from his grandfather); active member of parliament (~37yrs); active military officer (at least 23yrs); neither informal nor formal theological learnings = layman, freemason.

Main financier, founder, mastermind and 'apostle' / 'angel' of the Irvingite church (1832), later called the 'Catholic Apostolic Church (CAC, 1849). Founder of the 'Morning Watch' journal and of several societies. Closely associated with Calvinism.

Possibly a Jesuit - he spent much time in Rome and became a very close friend to Joseph Wolff (RCC at that time; studied at a Jesuit college), whom he sponsored to come to England and paid his extensive missionary trips.

[1792-1834 AD] Edward Irving (mainly active in London and also Albury, born in Scotland)

Calvinist (Presbyterian) pastor, spiritual founder of the Irvingite church (later CAC).

Irving's mentor Samuel Taylor Coleridge's and his friend Thomas Carlyle's influence led him into metaphysical speculations, (Catholic / German) mysticism and transcendental poetry, specifically to ideas of Meister Eckhardt (RCC priest). While initially highly regarded, he began in 1825 to take on the role as a self-assumed apocalyptic prophet, after he was heavily influenced by the Calvinist lawyer Hatley Frere and the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza (1731-1801: Drummond introduced Irving to his work), learned from them about conjectural prophecy / Zionism / the RCC doctrine of the 'imminent return of Christ' (which is consequently still prevalent in Pentecostalism today) and even translated Lacunza's heretical works while adding 138 own pages of a 'preliminary discourse' (1826).

His strong reliance on imagination in his sermons and his consideration of the Bible as one of many sources for sanctification also led him to essentially become a mystical philosopher. Both Samuel Taylor Coleridge and his mentee Edward Irving were initially drawn to the 'Society of Jesus' (Jesuits), and later both publicly distanced themselves from them . . .

[1826-30 AD] Albury Circle (Albury, near London, UK)

A closed group trenched in secrecy, which met at the estate of Henry Drummond.

Primary doctrine taken from: Manuel Lacunza (Jesuit)
Primary Theological input: Edward Irving (Calvinist)
Secondary Theological input: Joseph Wolff (Jew: very recent Roman Catholic)
Attendees: approx. 40 people, mostly Anglicans, John Nelson Darby, John Tudor (editor 'Morning Watch')

Drummond built the main CAC church at Albury. All of their 12 apostles are buried at Albury.

[1829-33 AD] Morning Watch (Quarterly Journal of Prophecy and Theological Review)

7 volumes appeared, edited by John Tudor, financed by Henry Drummond.

It propagated the findings of the Albury circle (pre-millennialism, imminent Second Coming, spiritual ~gifts~ as manifested in West Scotland, dispensationalism, pre-tribulational rapture . . .).

Their articles included next to revelation material from the natural world, personal experiences, numerology and Babylonian zodiacs, all which they defended as biblical conclusions and necessary objects of faith. In the journal's final issues, they dedicated much space to the study of ancient calendars (e.g. 'Ancient Chaldean and Egyptian Chronology'; 'Chinese Seicagenary Cycle and Astronomical System of Time).

Through the brief years of its circulation, The Morning Watch, moved decisively from a voice of renewal centered upon the message of the prophetic Scriptures to prodigious speculation, religious narcissism, and sectarian zealotry.

It can be confidently said that without Albury and its megaphone 'Morning Watch', likely neither of the following doctrines and movements would exist:

---Restorationist / Adventist Movements ---

[~1830 AD] Dispensationalism including Pre-Tribulational Rapture
The false doctrine that followers of Christos will be raptured / whisked away before the great tribulation, was primarily taught at the Albury circle, where John Nelson Darby not only attended, but was actually mentored by Irving since 1827 (!).
Darby played the decisive role in the formulation and propagation of this doctrine, which had its origin not only in Margaret MacDonald's and her friend's demonic visions (West Scotland; occurred in partner church of the CAC), but also in the same Manuel Lacunza whose works Edward Irving had translated and propagated.

[1831 AD] Plymouth Brethren
First congregation established in 1831, after Lady Powerscourt (acted as patroness and 'gave her name' to the follow-up meeting after Albury, the Powerscourt conferences from 1831-33 which Irving also attended) and John Nelson Darby (founding figure and influential leader) attended the Albury circle and closely adopted Irving's ideas.

[1832 AD] (Proto-) Pentecostalism
The Catholic Apostolic Church was the main product of the Albury circle.
Financed and presided: Henry Drummond. Spiritually founded: Edward Irving.
John Alexander Dowie called Irving his predecessor and was at the CAC Edinburgh in 1869, later founded (C)CAC in Zion (US: 1893-96) and passed the unholy scepter on to Charles Parham who is today the commonly proclaimed founder of Pentecostalism.

[Unclear start date in Europe] Adventism
After Drummond followed the invitation of the Calvinist François Gaussen to come to Geneva, he arrived there in 1817 with "some of the most prominent adventists of the day". This episode and the generally close emphasis suggest that Drummond was also a forerunner of Adventism and was part of the same Adventist revival of ~biblical~ studies that influenced the Millerites in North America.
He also frequently appears in historical accounts of the Seventh-Day-Adventist Church.

[1879] Watch Tower Jehova's Witnesses
Their founder Charles Taze Russell heavily borrowed many Adventist doctrines and accepted with only minor changes the doctrines from the Albury circle (pre-trib: invisible second coming which originated with the Jesuit Lacunza; Israel fully restored; 1260 years from Justinian to the French Revolution; the bowls of wrath were poured out already in the 19th c. judgment mainly for Christendom . . .). Russell came also as Calvinist and also prophesied falsely about the second coming. They equally to early Pentecostalism believed in 144000 people going to heaven only (remember that Drummond's church began already the holy sealing of the first 1000 of those).

Second coming prophesied:	No date	1847 / 1864 / 1868	1843 / 1844	1874 / 1914

MASTER LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ALBURY CIRCLE & THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH / IRVINGISM / UNIVERSAL CHURCH

#	Name	At Albury	Function	Higher Society	Calvinism	Freemasonry	Society of Jesus	Presbyterian	Denomination Before Albury	Denomination After Albury	Function	Continental Society	Jews Society' (LSPCJ / LJS /	Links
	The Founders / Leaders of the 'Albury Circle'													
1	Henry Drummond (1786–1860, born in England)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	Close collaboration with Calvinists	Freemason (100% certainty)	Close collaboration; strong signs of being a Jesuit.	no	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Founder, Mastermind, Financier; leader until Irving was formally reordained as its chief pastor and 'Angel' in 1834; apostle; active as lieutenant-colonel long before, during and after the church plant; member of parliament; well known for his scathing attacks on political economists; author. He joined the Lodge of Friendship #3 in 1827; he visited the Freemasons' Tavern; he became a FRS (Fellow, Royal Society) in 1839. In 1847 he helped his colleague Henri Dunant (Founder Red Cross) with Masonic rescue efforts during the Swiss Sonderbund War.	Yes	Yes	http http
2	Edward Irving (1792–1834, Scotland)	Yes	Clergy	No	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	No definitive evidence; he called the Jesuit priest Lacunza his 'Worthy Master' (Masonic term).	Initially drawn to them; later distanced.	Presbyterian	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Founder, Spiritual Leader. He graduated from Edinburgh University at the age of 17, became pastoral assistant to Thomas Chalmers in 1819 and minister of the Caledonian Chapel in 1822. His favorite author was Richard Hooker (the originator of the Anglican 'Via Media' between Protestantism and Catholics); he was known for his metaphysical speculations, (Catholic / German) Mysticism and Transcendental Poetry including the ideas of Meister Eckhardt (RCC priest); and he took on the role as a self-assumed apocalyptic prophet after he was heavily influenced by the Calvinist **lawyer** Hatley Frere and the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza.	-	-	http http
3	Joseph Wolff (1795-1862, Germany)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	Freemason (100% certainty)	He wanted to become like Francis Xavier, the co-founder of the Jesuits. Distributed Lacunza's book on his missionary trips.	no	Jesuit (Roman Catholicism)	Anglican (C. of England)	Spiritual Leader; Missionary Traveller; a Jew converted to Roman Catholicism; he traveled widely propagating Zionism well before the first Albury conference - where he was the 'Jewish expert' beside Irving; very close friend to both Drummond and Irving; he falsely prophesied the Second Coming in 1847; Wolff first attended a Jesuit college (Roman College) and 1 year after the Jesuits were formally restored by Pius VII, he met Drummond at the RCC College of Missionary Propaganda; he also personally met the Pope.	-	Yes	http http
4	Lewis Way (1772-1840, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	He (only) opposed extreme Calvinism.	He was 3x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the LJS, which can be considered headquarters / home of English Freemasonry.	He met Pope Pius VII in Rome (1823).	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	A **lawyer** who became priest in 1817. At Lewis Way's invitation, seven men gathered at his London home in 1826, to study prophetic writings. These meetings can be considered precursors to the Albury Conferences. He met Pope Pius VII in 1823 in Rome. The Pope then offered the old Jesuit College premises on Mt. Lebanon at Antoura to be suitable for the London Jews Society, where the CAC leadership was heavily involved in. Even before Way left Rome, he already received the papal paperwork for the building.	Yes	Yes, Founder. They chose as patron the Duke of Kent, who simultaneously became the 'Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England'.	http http
5	Hugh Boyd M'Neile (1795-1879, Ireland)	Yes	Clergy	No	Calvinist (Anglican)	-	Anti-Roman Catholic	No, but Calvinist	Calvinist-Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican Dean (C. of England)	Rector of Albury since 1822. **As one of the very few participants, he disbelieved in the events that followed and later spoke out against the CAC.** John Hooper replaced him then in 1834. M'Neile would then become very rich through preaching in the Anglican church, and was well-known for his flawed hermeneutics and immoderate preaching.	Yes	-	http http
6	John Hooper (1796-1857, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	When his predecessor Hugh McNeile left Albury as local minister in 1834, Reverend John Hooper was appointed as the new local pastor. He was sealed in 1847. He simultaneously remained parish priest of the Anglican Church in Albury until his death. He was the father of Edmund Lewis Hooper (Pillar Evangelist for Ireland & England).	-	-	http
	Mentors to Edward Irving													
1	James Hatley Frere (1779-1866, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	Samuel Taylor Coleridge described him as a 'pious and well- meaning but gloomy and enthusiastic Calvinist'.	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	English writer. Acquainted with Irving since 1824, probably with Drummond before that; published "A General Survey of Prophecies" in 1814; Commentator on the Apocalypse; Irving was "quite swallowed up [by Frere] in the quicksands of conjectural prophecy translating Ezekiel, Zachariah, Daniel and the Apocalypse into Journals and Gazettes ...".	-	-	http http
2	Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834, England)	No	Clergy; not ordained	No	Criticism	In his Somerset residency, a Masonic lodge was named after him to celebrate and honor his works.	Criticism	No	Unitarianism	Anglican (C. of England)	Coleridge was a friend and mentor to Edward Irving, providing inspiration for his theology and encouraging Irving's religious views, particularly his interest in apostolic gifts and millenarianism. Coleridge saw Irving as a "minister of Christ after the order of Paul", and even dedicated a published work to him. Irving's theological developments, particularly his unorthodox ideas about Christ's humanity and the emergence of charismatic gifts, can be seen as partly informed by Coleridge's Romantic theology. Coleridge was seen as a key figure in the Albury Circle.	-	-	http
3	Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847, Scotland)	He declined their invitation	Clergy	No	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	Freemason (100% certainty)	Critical of the Jesuits' involvement in politics	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	Free Church of Scotland (Founder)	1798: Chalmers became on 30 November 1798 a Freemason; his lodge St. Vigean 101 is based in Arbroath. 1819: Irving became his assistant at St. John's in Glasgow 1830: Chalmers witnessed the Scottish 'gifts'. 1843: He founded together with his friend William Cunningham (also a Calvinist) the Free Church. He has been called "Scotland's greatest nineteenth-century churchman".	-	-	http
	Mentees of Edward Irving													
1	Alexander John Scott (1805-1866, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	No	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	Congregationalism	After he studied like Edward Irving at Edinburgh University (1824-27), he became his assistant from 1828-30. His **preaching of the charismata on the west coast of Scotland in 1829 gave rise to the first appearance of Pentecostalism and he thus prepared together with John Macleod Campbell the breeding ground for the 1830 visions and tongues of Mary Campbell and Margaret MacDonald near Port Glasgow**. He also worked for the 'Morning Watch'. Scott's closest disciple was **George MacDonald**, who in turn would strongly influence the famous but highly problematic **C.S. Lewis**. George MacDonald reproduced much of Scott's thought and ideology in his literary works. He was a **universalist** who once wrote: "Adam was married to a demon named Lilith before he married Eve ... the devil will eventually be redeemed."	-	-	http http
2	John Nelson Darby (1800-1882, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	High Calvinist	Possibly. He spoke in mysterious ways about Masonry.	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Plymouth Brethren (Exclusive Brethren)	He attended the Albury Circle and was mentored by Edward Irving since 1827. He travelled in 1830 with a small team to Scotland and lived 2-3 weeks at the home of Macleod Campbell so as to verify the tongues and especially the vision of a 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture'. After those events caused great enthusiasm and other strange tongues in the CAC, Darby played the decisive role in the formulation and propagation of this dispensational doctrine, and together with Lady Powerscourt in the formation of the Plymouth Brethren. While the boundaries btw. the CAC and the Brethren were initially not clearly defined and many personal acquaintances existed btw. members of both circles, the theological rift was manifested with Darby's rejection of the Apostolic office and of the restoration of the original church.	-	-	http http
	The Twelve 'Apostles' (Now Buried at Albury)													
1	Duncan MacKenzie (1785-1855)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	No	No	Presbyterian	Calvinist	Left clergy after he resigned as Apostle.	Gad – Sweden and Norway; elder in the Scottish National Church in London; elders in the Central Congregation; he resigned as Apostle.	-	-	- http
2	Francis Sitwell (1787-1864, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	Nobleman	-	-	-	-	-	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Naphtali – Spain and Portugal. Angel in Lowick.	-	-	- http
3	Francis Valentine Woodhouse (1805-1901)	(Yes, later)	Only deacon	No	-	-	-	-	-	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Reuben – Southern Germany and Austria; **lawyer** at the Inner Temple in London.	-	-	http http
4	Henry Dalton (1805-1869, England)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Asser – France and Roman Catholic Switzerland. Allowed speaking in tongues and was excommunicated.	-	-	- http
5	Henry Drummond (1786–1860, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	s.a.	s.a.	s.a.	s.a.	s.a.	s.a.	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	See above; Benjamin – Scotland and Protestant Switzerland.	-	-	- http
6	John Bate Cardale (1802-1877, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman; suddenly the pillar of the apostles	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	**Lawyer**; first apostle to be called (Judah – England and North America); he in turn 'annointed' Drummond; he was called the 'pillar' of the apostles and 'ordained' Drummond and consecrated the Apostles' Chapel in Albury; responsible for liturgies.	-	-	http http
7	John Henry King (-Church) (1785-1865)	(Yes, later)	Clergy (Elder)	No	-	-	-	No	Independent Church	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Issachar – Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium.	-	-	- http
8	John Owen Tudor (1784-1861, Wales)	(Yes, later)	Layman	Nobility	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Secretary of the Prophetic Society, Editor 'Morning Watch'; Ephraim – Poland, India and Australia; instructed the prophets; editor of the Liturgy.	-	-	- http
9	Nicholas Armstrong (1801-1879, Ireland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of Ireland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Zebulun – Ireland, Greece and the Orient.	-	-	- http
10	Spencer Perceval (1795–1859, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	No	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Son of the former (assassinated) Prime Minister; Member of Parliament; Manasseh – Italy; 'angel'. He sat on the Select Committee into Lunatics 1827. His older brother John Thomas Perceval (a Roman Catholic military officer) also joined the Irvingite church in 1830 and became involved in the 'miracles' in Scotland. In Dec 1831, he then developed an **acute psychotic illness and spent until 1834 in 2 madhouses, where he was kept in a strait-waistcoat and suffered a "barbarous" treatment**. He helped to found the Alleged Lunatics Friend Society in 1845, which was also supported by Henry Drummond.	Yes	-	http http
11	Thomas Carlyle (1803-1855, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Layman	no	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Simeon – Northern Germany. He ordained Heinrich Geyer and Friedrich Wilhelm Schwarz. from the New Apostolic church in Hamburg. Not to be confused with Thomas Carlyle, the famous essayist / historian of the same namem, who was a close and influential friend of Irving and his intellectual sparring partner.	-	-	http http
12	William Dow (1800–1855, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Dan – Russia, Finland and the Baltic States.	-	-	- http
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (future Members of the CAC)													
1	George Cornish Gambier (1795-1879, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	No	-	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	A military officer, but CAC priest. Elder in the Central Congregation and in Islington; 1835 Archangel of the Universal Church; Angel of the Church in Toronto (1837).	-	-	- http
2	Henry John Owen (1795–1862)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Son-in-law of Dr. John Bayford (see below). Catholic apostolic priest. Angel of their church in Chelsea (1834).	-	-	- http
3	John Bayford (1774–1844)	Yes	Layman	-	-	The CAC describes him as 'Esquire F.S.A.' (Financial Services Authority), who is probably the same John Bayford, Esq. listed in 1798 Masonic directories as 'Grand Treasurer' and 'R. W.M. Right Worshipful Master'.	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Ecclesiastical judge in the Church of England. Prophet of the CAC; called a priest-elder in 1832; ordained in 1833. In the same year he ~prophesied~ that Drummond would become apostle and proclaimed Spencer Perceval as the 4th apostle. He was one of the 7 Prophets of the Council of Zion ('angelic' office who advised the apostles). Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. One of Joseph Wolff's sponsors.	-	-	- http
4	Robert Cope Wolfe (England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	*	Son of Reverend Robert Barbor Wolfe. He was appointed vicar of Braithwell in Yorkshire in 1842. He was curate at Albury for 5 years.	-	-	http
5	Thomas William Chevalier (1799–1835)	Yes	Layman	He held the title 'Esquire'.	-	-	-	-	-	-	English surgeon. He served as an angel in the Catholic Apostolic congregation of Lowick.	-	-	ki/in
6	William Rennie Caird (1802-1894, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	No (Tailor)	Presbyterian	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	1830: visit to Port Glasgow after the visions and tongues of Mary Campbell and Margaret MacDonald; 1831: marriage to Mary Campbell; 1831: first words of prophecy in a meeting at Albury; 1832: called as evangelist and priest (first ever ordination by Cardale); 1842: collaboration with Johann Georg Lutz, a Roman Catholic; 1865: coadjutor in Southern Germany; 1836: as evangelist in the US 1843: indication to move to Edinburgh 1894: death in Edinburgh. Caird became tutor to Drummond's children.	-	-	http
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (future Members of the Brethren)													
7	John Nelson Darby (1800-1882, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	High Calvinist	Possibly. He spoke in mysterious ways about Masonry.	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Plymouth Brethren (Exclusive Brethren)	See above	-	-	http http
8	Lady Powerscourt / Theodosia Anne Howard / Theodosia Wingfield	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	No	Male only	-	No	Anglican (C. of Ireland)	Plymouth Brethren (Open Brethren)	Evangelical religious writer. She continued the Albury format through the Powerscourt Conferences. Edward Irving gave lectures at the castle of Powerscourt and was a participant in the Powerscourt Conferences.	-	-	http
9	William Leonard Addington (1794-1864, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism / Plymouth Brethren	2nd Viscount Sidmouth. Son of a British Prime minister (Henry Addington, 1. Viscount Sidmouth); Anglican clergyman; priest in the Central Parish; 1836 Angel of the Parish in Albury; buried in Albury. He is also reported to have become a follower of the Plymouth Brethren. His daughter, Caroline Penelope, was married to the later Angel of Albury, Newdigate Hooper Kearsley Burne .	-	-	http
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (Non-Members)													
10	Alexander Haldane (1800-1882, Scotland, nephew of Robert Haldane)	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of Ireland)	-	**Lawyer**; he entered the Inner Temple in 1820; newspaper proprietor; dominant force behind 'The Record', the main Anglican evangelical newspaper; he did not become a member of the CAC; his son became an Episcopalian bishop.	-	-	- http
11	Charles Robert Malden (1797–1855)	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Like Drummond and others in the list also a military officer; he did not become a member of the CAC. He married the daughter of Reverend William Hodgson Cole who also attended Albury.	-	-	http http
12	Charles Sleech Hawtrey (C.S. Hawtrey; 1732-)	Yes	Clergy	-	No	His family had historical ties to Freemasonry.	-	No	Anglican / Episcopalian (C. of England)	-	Chaplain of the Episcopal Jews' Chapel; he did not become a member of the CAC. He was of Oriel college Oaf. M.A. 1813, a college named for the blessed virgin.	-	Yes (7 years)	- http
13	Daniel Wilson (1778–1858, India)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	Freemason (100% certainty; He was also 2x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the LJS)	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Bishop of Calcutta; founder of the 'Lord's Day Observance Society' which rejected the biblical Sabbath; he did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
14	Edmund Probyn (1788-1837, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Vicar of Longhope and Rector of Abinghall in Gloucestershire. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
15	Edward Thomas Vaughan (1777–1829, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	High Calvinist	-	-	-	Calvinist (Anglican) (C. of England)	-	Vicar of St. Martin's in Leicester; this Anglican clergyman did not separate from the English state church although being a Calvinist. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
16	Elias Simon	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Director of the Jews' Asylum in London (1836-1855; later Norwood Jewish Orphanage).	-	-	- http
17	G. W. Phillips	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- http
18	George Beckett (1793-1832, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
19	George Montagu Viscount Mandeville (1799-1855, England)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	6th Duke of Manchester; a Tory Member of Parliament; born into a prominent British noble family. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	http http
20	Henry Forster Burder (1783–1864, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	-	Nonconformist / Congregational	-	Nonconformist; classical tutor at Wymondley College; priest at St. Thomas's Square Congregational Chapel. He did not become a member of the CAC. His son converted to Roman Catholicism and became Abbot.	Yes	-	http http
21	Hugh Baillie Maclean (?-1833, Scotland)	Yes	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	-	Minister at the London Wall Presbyterian Church; also Scots Church, London Wall. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
22	J. White		Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clergyman in London.	-	-	- http
23	James Gambier (1756–1833, Bahamas, 1st Baron Gambier)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	No	He was 3x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the LJS.	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Military officer, Royal Navy officer and colonial administrator. President of the Church Missionary Society. He was the founding benefactor of the **Episcopalian** Kenyon College (US).	-	-	http
24	James Haldane Stewart (1778–1854, Boston)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat, 'Clan Stewart of Appin'	He supported the Protestant Reformation Society, founded by a Presbyterian.	Speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the LJS.	-	He supported the Protestant Reformation Society, founded by a Presbyterian.	Anglican (C. of England)		Reverend, **lawyer**, and mayor of Limpsfield in Surrey. Considered one of the 'pioneers' of the apostolic movement. After he visited Switzerland in 1819-20 and was profoundly influenced by the **Réveil movement (Reformed)**, he distributed in England 322,000 leaflets from 1820/21 onwards calling for a general prayer meeting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.	-	Yes	http http
25	James Stratton (Stratten) (1795-1872, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	Congregationalism is a Reformed Christian (Calvinist) tradition.	-	-	No	Congrega-tionalism	Plymouth Brethren	Independent Church. Preached at Paddington Congregational Chapel, Marylebone. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
26	John Hawtrey (1781–1853, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Served as a soldier, and became a Methodist priest. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
27	John Hookham Frere (1769–1846, England)	Yes	Layman	Eldest son of a landed noble	-	Initiated at the Lodge of St John and St Paul, #673, Malta in 1822.	-	No	-	-	Diplomat; Member of parliament; ambassador; author.	-	-	http
28	John James Strutt (1796–1873, England, Baron / Lord Rayleigh)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	Member of Parliament. He did not become a member of the CAC.	Yes	-	http http
29	John Simons (1754–1836, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	http
30	R. Sumner = most probably Charles Richard Sumner (1790-1874, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Bishop of Winchester. He consecrated in Albury also their new Parish Church and burial ground following the petition of the new Rector, the Reverend John Hooper.	-	-	http http
31	Robert Barbor Wolfe (-1843, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Rector of Cranleigh from 1812-1843. He did not become a member of the CAC. In 1833, he warned his son, not to stray too far from 'Anglican orthodoxy' in his support for the Irvingites as it would harm his ecclesiastical career.	-	-	http
32	Robert Story (1790-1859, Scotland)	Yes (First two meetings)	Clergy	No	Presbyterian	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	-	Friend of Irving, pastor of Mary Campbell; West Scotland (Rosneath). Irving made various attempts to induce Mr. Story to join the CAC. "Oh Story", he wrote in 1832, "thou hast grievously sinned in standing afar off from the work of the Lord, scorning it like a sceptic, instead of proving it like a spiritual man."	-	-	http http
33	Mr. Staples	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	http
34	T. Borthwick (Scotland)	Yes	(Layman)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Later Member of Parliament.	-	-	
35	W. Bryan	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-				http
36	W. Leach (probably William Turnbull Leach (1805-1886))	Yes	-	-	-	See comments	-	-	-	-	Unknown full name, but probably referring to William Turnbull Leach (1805-1886), who graduated in 1827 MA from the University of Edinburgh. He was licensed as a minister of the Church of Scotland and then emigrated to Canada, where he was also excommunicated by the Presbyterian Church, also because of his emphasis on apostolic (succession). He further served at St Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons.	-	-	http http
37	William Cunningham (1805-1861, Scotland)	Yes	Clergy	No	Presbyterian	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	Free Church of Scotland (Co-Founder)	Like Irving, Scott and probably Leach, he also studied at the University of Edinburgh and later became Professor of Theology for the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, where John Alexander Dowie would later absorb Irvingism and bring it to the US under the name (Christian) Catholic Apostolic Church (of Zion). Cunningham was the co-founder of the Free Church of Scotland, alongside Thomas Chalmers. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	http
38	William Dodsworth (1798–1861, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	No	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Roman Catholic	Anglican clergyman in London. After many CAC members had travelled in 1830 to Port Glasgow, Dodsworth was part of a team that discussed the report. He later did not join the CAC but became a Roman Catholic lay writer.	-	-	http http
39	William Hodgson Cole (1806–1852)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Vicar of Wonersh, near Guildford in Surrey. Father-in-law of Charles Robert Malden, who also attended Albury. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	- http
40	William Marsh (1775–1864, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	No	He was 2x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the LJS.	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	He succeeded Robert Story as vicar of St. Peter's Parish in Colchester from 1814 to 1829. His conciliatory manners gained him friends among all denominations. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	http http
41	William Okely	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	He graduated with a 'Doctor of Divinity'. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	http
	Others													
	Edward Oliver Taplin (1800-1862, England)	Rather not	Clergy	No	No	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	He joined Irving's Presbyterian congregation and attended their prayer meetings following the 1830 revival. In 1831 he was the first male to speak in tongues. In 1832 he called Henry Drummond to be the shepherd of the CAC Albury and urged Cardale to ordain Drummond as 'Apostle'. In 1833 he was ordained a 'Pillar of the Prophets'. He falsely prophesied in 1834 that Irving would convert large crowds in Scotland but Irving died there shortly after having followed Taplin's ultimate deception.	-	-	- http
	John Macleod Campbell (1800-1872, Scotland)	Rather not	Clergy	No	Yes, but preached against the Calvinist doctrine of election.	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	Calvinist (Independent)	As pastor of Row near Dumbarton he **'paved the way' (together with A. J. Scott) for the revelation of the emerging 'spiritual gifts'**. He was the pastor of Mary Campbell and met Irving in 1828, two years before the events. He was then visited in 1830 by John Bate Cardale and by John Nelson Darby, who stayed for 2-3 weeks at his home and testified about the events. He declined an invitation to join Edward Irving in the CAC.	-	-	http

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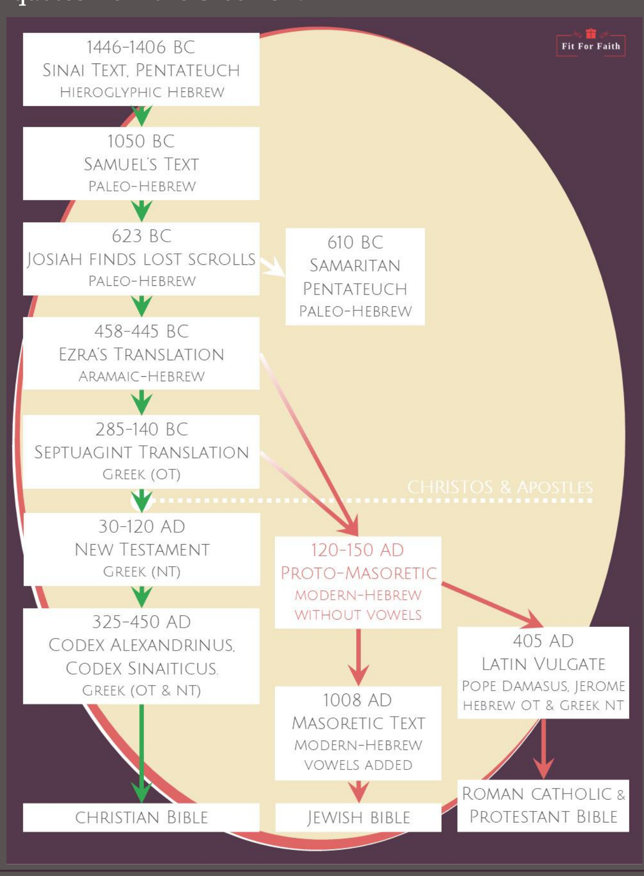
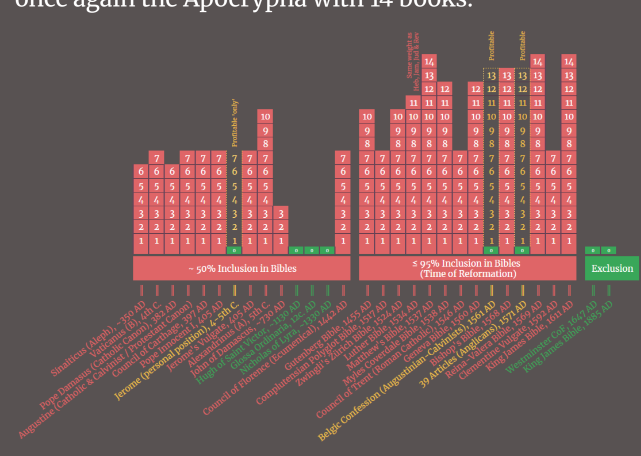
			Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil	Download PDF document for clickable links.
Perennialism	(Perspective in philosophy and spirituality)	[1] [2]	1 All religions share the same core truth'. Similar to Universalism.	[1]
			2 Suggests that most disagreements between faiths are irrelevant or unimportant.	[1]
Presbyterian Church (6th c. AD-today)	(Protestant denomination) ▶ watch also the movie 'Sheffey' (1977) for an appropriate depiction of this religion.	[1] [2] [3]	1 Rooted in the teachings of John Calvin and John Knox (Calvinism). D. James Kennedy has said, *"I am a Presbyterian because I believe Presbyterianism is the purest form of Calvinism."* The Scottish Reformer, John Knox, credited with founding the Presbyterian Church, spent several years in Geneva and brought Calvinism to Scotland and to the Presbyterian movement.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			2 The idea of 'Dominion theology / Seven-Mountain-Mandate' surprisingly -originated- within Calvinism (specifically through the Presbyterians Bill Bright and Francis Schaeffer at the Swiss mountain chalet L'Abri). It is most commonly associated today with the New Apostolic Reformation, which are best represented by Bethel Church pastor Bill Johnson, who popularized this idea.	[1] [2]
			Other mouthpieces of the Dominion theology are the Neo-Anabaptist James Davison Hunter in his book 'To Change the World' [see 3; he heavily references Nancy Pearcey], Lance Wallnau and the Neo-Calvinist Nancy Pearcey in her book 'Total Truth'm [see 4].	[3] [4]
			3 The founder of Jehova's Witnesses, Charles Russell, grew up as Presbyterian (Calvinist). Mat 7:17-18 *"so every good tree doth yield good fruits, but the bad tree doth yield evil fruits. A good tree is not able to yield evil fruits, nor a bad tree to yield good fruits."*	[1]
			4 The founder of the Moonies, Sun Myung Moon (Unification Church), 'learned his craft' in the Presbyterian Church, wherein he was raised from the age 10 to 26, until the church saw the consequences and hastily excommunicated him.	[1] [2]
			5 The spiritual founder of the Pentecostal church, Edward Irving, was also a Presbyterian (also excommunicated). Two of his three mentors were Calvinists (Thomas Chalmers; Presbyterian; Church of Scotland) and James Hatley Frere; Calvinist; Anglican Church of England). All his known mentees were Calvinists (Church of Scotland) and John Nelson Darby (High Calvinist; Anglican Church of England). The financier and the mastermind of the Pentecostal church, Henry Drummond, was working closely with Calvinists, and the very first Pentecostal church consisted of at least 800 (!) Presbyterians (Irving's church in London; later called 'Catholic Apostolic church'). The Pentecostal church would later also absorb the Seven-Mountain Mandate originally founded through Presbyterians, and complete the vicious circle.	[1]
			6 The heretical 'Message Bible' was written by a team of Presbyterian scholars, consisting of Eugene Peterson, Moisés Silva ... (aside from other denominations such as Episcopalians). Furthermore, the highly problematic 'Amplified Bible (AMP)', which added significantly to the Word of THEOS, was written by the Presbyterian Frances Siewert.	[1] [2] [3]
			7 They passed a resolution labeling Israel an 'apartheid' state.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			8 Known for its liberal stance on doctrine and its ordaining of women.	[1] [2] [3]
			9 They widely practise Infant Baptism.	[1]
			10 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) welcomes gay and lesbian persons to serve in leadership positions as ministers, deacons, elders, and trustees within the church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			11 Presbyterian ministers include: Eugene Hoiland Peterson, R.C. Sproul, Timothy Keller.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			Presbyterian Renewal Movement	
			12 Their evangelism program launched in the late 1980s was originally entitled 'New Age Dawning'. The name was subsequently softened to 'New Day Dawning'. The program, however, clearly reflects the New Age philosophy of *"many paths to salvation"*.	[1] [2] [3]
			13 The New Age book 'Jesus Calling' was written by the Presbyterian teacher Sarah Young, who also expierienced a New Agey mystical moonlight conversion at L'Abri (see above), where she lived and studied, and first experienced the presence of a 'Sweet Jesus'.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			14 Writing in Christian Life Magazine, Robert L. Wise, a well-known pastor and leader in the Presbyterian Renewal movement, explained a *"new method of prayer therapy"*, which he said was *"pioneered in the mid-1960s by the doyenne of Episcopal renewal theology, Agnes Sanford"*. Wise told what happened when he first visualized 'Jesus' during a *'Healing of the Memories'* session: [...] *Much to my amazement, I -an ordained Reformed clergyman with a doctorate in psychology -found this happening to me. An image of Jesus moved slowly toward me out of that dark playground. [...] The figure of 'Christ' reached over and lifted the bundle from my back. And he did so with such forcefulness that I literally sprang from the pew."*	[1] [2]
Protestant Church (16th c. AD-today)	(Protestants follow the theological tenets of the Protestant Reformation, a movement that began in the 16th century with the goal of reforming the Roman Catholic Church. But the reform never went beyond the creation of the RCC and was limited to a different and generally more biblical expression of the RCC. Calvin never stated in any of his extensive writings to be born again. He credited his salvation with his infant baptism in the Roman Catholic Church. Luther was an Augustinian by training, and he continued to practice many of the core tenets of that version of Catholicism after his excommunication and for the rest of his life. He did not want to leave the Catholic Church - he wanted to reform it! He even received the official last rite from an Augustinian when he was on his deathbed.	[1] [2]	1 Use of manipulated Bible texts (Proto-Masoretic texts manipulated in <1% of its content and brought in by the Catholic Church through Pope Damasus and his secretary Jerome), although it is being affirmed by modern scholars that the Greek NT nearly always quotes from the Greek OT.  	[see also the study 'Greek Old Testament ||| Biblical Proof for Superiority over Masoretic Texts']
			2 While most early teachers acknowledged a 5500 / 5000 BC creation date (1c. AD-Flavius Josephus, 158 BC-Eupolemus, 2c. AD-Hippolytus of Rome, 2c. AD-Theophilus of Antioch, 198 AD-Clement of Alexandria, 221 AD-Julius Africanus, 4c. AD-Eusebius of Caesarea, 4c. AD-John Chrysostom, 5c. AD-Augustine of Hippo, ~5-6c. AD Alexandrian World Chronicle, 7c. AD-Isaac the Syrian, ~1460 AD-Doukas ...), the Protestant church teaches today a 4000 BC creation date which hinders unbelievers to accept the Bible and rather pushes believers into the Evolutionist camp and to deny parts of the Bible.	[see also the study 'Greek Old Testament']
			3 Significant contribution to the distorted picture of a CHRISTOS who came on the scene only after 5500 (other as commonly claimed 4000) years and was neither involved in the creation, nor appeared multiple times as the Angel of KYRIOS. This notion has created an immense damage. Usually His eternity is pronounced, but He is treated as if He had absolutely no function until His First Coming. This is a tragic distortion of the Evangelium, which starts before Genesis and not with Matthew. Heb 1:1-3 *"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, THEOS spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by His SON, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world."* CHRISTOS has created this world, and this most important fact alone would make redundant much of the books written about Creationism vs. Evolution. They want to 'sell' an easy Evangelium without the 'tense' Old Testament, but to throw out CHRISTOS from the OT creates infinitely more damage.	
			4 After the Catholic church included in the 4c. AD the number of 7 Deuterocanonical Books, the Protestant & Reformed Church increased this number to 10-14 books in the 15th - 16th c. AD. Today 'Sola Scriptura' is being preached, but there was never any formal admission of guilt nor apology from any of the bodies or from scholarship, and history is constantly being blurred and prone to repeat itself. The Good News Bible (1979), written mostly by Reformed scholars, included once again the Apocrypha with 14 books.  	[see also the study 'Ecclesiastical Books (Apocrypha)']
			5 Widespread rejection of Paul as the author of Hebrews, imitating the heretic Origen, who was among the very few to reject his authorship (and the first to heavily push the Apocrypha).	[1] [see also the study 'Biblical Canon']
			6 Heavy reliance on Jewish Mainstream for the correct interpretation of the Bible.	[1]
			7 Predominant application of Old Covenant law through the practise of tithing, instead of free-will giving.	[see also the study 'Giving vs. Old Covenant Tithing']
			8 Widespread refusal to apply the Moral Law by disobeying the Weekly Sabbath. While Catholicism typically teaches the obedience of 6/10 commandments, Protestantism teaches typically a 9/10 obedience. In the same way the 1st commandment is not repeated in Exodus-style in the NT, so also the 4th commandment is not repeated in Exodus-style, but exemplified to great lengths through IESOUS, His disciples and apostles. At every imaginable possibility, the NT adds a remark that a certain activity happened or would happen on the Weekly Sabbath. An active example by a biblical authority (IESOUS) trumps an OT quotation.	[see also the study 'Sabbaths ||| Weekly vs. Ceremonial · Differentiation & Application']
			9 Baptism is widely considered to be symbolic only and optional for -Future- Salvation (while it can either accompany-, and only in some cases succeed a Past Salvation). This partial boycott of baptism stands in sharp contrast to Act 22:16 *"And now, why do you delay? Having risen, baptize yourself, and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of KYRIOS"*.	[see also the study 'Baptism']
			10 Very strong mentality against Works of Faith, one of several overreactions to the evil of the Roman Catholic church. Works of Faith are nearly treated as Works of the Law and faith is being separated from good works, although the Bible clearly intermeshes faith and good works.	[see also the study 'Works of Faith vs. Works of the Law']
			11 Widespread teaching of the highly unbiblical 'Once-Saved-Always-Saved' doctrine. Act 20:29-30 *"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them."*	[see also the study 'Salvation ||| Eternal Security vs. Conditional Security']
			12 Widespread legitimation of divorce and remarriage, while neglecting the biblical concept of chastity.	[see also the study 'Marriage & Divorce']
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Cults & Religions

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	Rosicrucianism (1610 AD-today)	(Spiritual and cultural movement that arose in Europe in the early 17th century; built on esoteric truths of the ancient past)	[1] [2]	-	
	Scientology (1954 AD-today)	(Set of beliefs and practices invented by author L. Ron Hubbard; defined as a cult / business / new religious movement)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	-	
	Seventh Day Adventists (SDAs) (1863 AD-today)	(An Adventist Protestant Christian denomination which is distinguished by its observance of the Weekly Sabbath)	[1] [2]	1 Correct interpretation of the New Covenant law to obey the **Weekly Sabbath (Saturday)**, but incorrectly making it a primary doctrine and applying the Jewish timing of sunset-sunset. In addition, they have more than 400 (!) rules related to the (Weekly) Sabbath (e.g. don't allow children to play, bathe, clean your shoes, seek pleasure, shave, swim, wash dishes ...).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				2 SDA places restrictions on consuming meat, advocating vegetarianism. Kosher food laws. Rejection of cheese, butter, coffee, tea, caffeinated drinks, condiments and sweets.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 Ellen G. White has some degree of importance to every Adventist. She rejected the concept of eternal suffering in hell. Adventists then adopted this as a key tenet. She wrote that the characteristics of the animals that you ate would become your personal characteristics. She claimed to have experienced over 2000 visions, including being taken to Heaven multiple times, where she said she spoke directly with Jesus. By the time of her death, her writings totaled nearly 100000 pages, consisting of 24 published books, 5000 articles, and more than 200 informational pamphlets, according to the SDA church. She is considered by her followers to be a NT prophet and her writings do not only speak with 'prophetic authority', but are slightly more important for them than the Bible itself.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				4 Heretical teaching of incomplete atonement through CHRISTOS.	[1]
				5 Members can only take the Lord's Supper on a quarterly basis, after Ellen White initially considered the Lord's Supper as a replacement of Passover and celebrated it annually.	[1]
				6 Ellen White taught that her followers should not visit a doctor. *"If any among us are sick, let us not dishonor G-d by applying to earthly physicians, but apply to the G-d of Israel. If we follow his directions the sick will be healed ..."* She reversed herself by 1860, writing, *"in some cases the counsel of an earthly physician is very necessary."* Later on, she went to see physicians quite regularly. The SDA Church later developed a substantial medical ministry that employed many physicians.	[1]
				7 Jehova's Witnesses (1970s) can be described as a branch off of Seventh-Day-Adventism (1863).	[1]
				On a personal note: Unfortunately, the existence of Seventh-Day-Adventism was and still is one of the biggest roadblocks for the acceptance of the Weekly Sabbath. Many Christians are very quick in speaking against the Weekly Sabbath, by declaring it a '7th Day Adventist spleen' and mentally or verbally throwing someone who does obey 10 out of 10 commandments into a box with Seven-Day-Adventists, a false dichotomy very often employed today by those who want to quickly intimidate and silence (either consciously or reflexively) those defending the biblical teaching. The victory of the enemy is not only that he misled tens of millions into that false religion, the victory is much rather that he misled billions into not following the Weekly Sabbath by creating the most distorted version of the Weekly Sabbath possible. We can safely assume that much more believers than the SDA ever had members, would obey the Weekly Sabbath if the SDA would not exist.	
	Shintoism (~300 BC-today)	(Japanese, Polytheistic, Indigenous and Nature religion)	[1] [2]	-	
	Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship (1956 AD-today)	(Founded by Arthur Ford in 1956; interfaith movement; interest in altered states of consciousness and mystical experiences)	[1]	-	
	Spiritualism (1840s-today)	(Pseudo-religious system; disembodied spirits communicating with living persons)	[1] [2]	-	
	Theosophy (1875 AD-today)	(New religious movement; part of the occultist stream of Western esotericism)	[1] [2]	-	
	Transcendental Meditation (1950s-today)	(Silent mantra meditation created by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in India in the mid-1950s)	[1] [2]	-	
	Unification Church (CN; 1954 AD-today) Official name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification; Other names: · Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (historical), · Moonies, · One World Crusade, · Unification Movement, · Unificationists, · Universal Peace Federation. Conferences: · Rally Of Hope · Think Tank · World Christian Leadership Conference. Schools: · Unification Theological Seminary.	(Cult founded by Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012), who started it in Seoul, Korea, in 1954; Currently led by Hak Ja Han, the widow of Moon).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] What is UC? [1] [2] [3] [4]	1 The founder of the Moonies, Sun Myung Moon (Unification Church), 'learned his craft' in the Presbyterian Church, wherein he was raised from the age 10 to 26, until the church saw the consequences and hastily excommunicated him.	[1] [2]
				2 Rev. Moon and his wife presented themselves as 'Messiahs', the 'True Parents' and the first to have children who were 'sinless'. Moon crowned himself the 'King of Peace' in 2004 and claimed to be the 'messiah' and 'savior of the world'; he also claimed that his wife is the 'holy spirit'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
				3 Members are asked to donate money to save their ancestors' souls. Teaches that dead people can return to earth for a second chance to atone for some of their sins.	[1] [2]
				4 Their 'theology' denies the Trinity.	[1]
				5 They deny that IESOUS was raised from the dead.	[1]
				6 Strong focus on ecumenism, including Buddhism.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				7 Worship with guns. Moonie involvement with bribery, bank fraud, illegal kickbacks, tax evasion and arms sales.	[1] [2]
				8 The former US president Nixon, the CIA and Republicans support(ed) the cult simply because of their opposition to communism. The cult helped propel both George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush into presidency.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				9 Donald Trump had a keynote speech at a Unification Church conference: *"I want to thank the Universal Peace Federation and in particular Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, a tremendous person, for her incredible work"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				10 Intended sale of Trump's property 'Mar-a-Lago' to the Unification Church.	[1]
				11 Promoted by Paula White (Advisor of Trump), who directly preaches the 'Mother Moon and Han' theology and wants to bring the *"only begotten daughter of g-d to America"*.	[1] [2
				12 Sun Myung Moon founded the Washington Times.	[1] [2] [3]
				13 The Moon family owns the Tongil Group which produces heavy military equipment.	[1] [2] [3]
	Unitarianism (Mid-16th c.-today)	(A nontrinitarian branch of Christian theology)	[1] [2]	1 Denial of the THEOTES and of the 3 persons of the Trinity.	
	Universalism	(Universal reconciliation; all humans would receive salvation)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Proponents include: Billy Graham, Brandan Robertson, Carlton Pearson, C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, George MacDonald, Henri Nouwen, Jordan Peterson, Max Lucado, Mother Teresa, Origen, Rob Bell, Thomas Merton, William Barclay ...	see individual discernment
				2 Organizations include: Renovaré, Unification Church, et al	
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Historical Figures	Akiva, Rabbi (Akiba, 50-135 AD)	(Jewish scholar; 'Chief of the Sages')	[1] [2]	1 Akiva taught that a believer can divorce for any reason, or for no reason at al.	[1]
				2 He was a hater of the Good Message of CHRISTOS and went as far as to proclaim Bar Kochba as the 'messiah'. A note by Justin Martyr is one of the few contemporary reports about Bar Kochba: *"During the recent Jewish war, Bar Kochba (Βαρχωχεβας), the leader of the Jewish revolt, ordered that only Christians be taken to the most severe punishments if they did not deny and blaspheme CHRISTOS."*	[1] [2] [3]
				3 He is most certainly responsible for the manipulation of the Hebrew text used later for the Masoretic texts (= ~91% of our Bibles; except the Eastern Orthodox Church). The manipulations include: · Falsification of 64% of the Gen 5 & 11 genealogies. · Distortion of prophecies pointing to CHRISTOS. · Deletion of the patriarch of the Samaritans, Cainan, based on their hate of the Samaritans. · Concealment of Cain's sin (which reflected also the sin of the Rabbis -sacrilege and greediness- as called out by IESOUS in Luk 11:39). Gen 4:7 in the Greek OT reads: *'Hast thou not sinned if thou hast brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it?'*. The manipulated text reads: *'If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door'*.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				Justin Martyr (apologist) charged him and Aquila with falsifying Scripture and the falsification charge included two elements: translational alterations, as for example in Isa 7:14, and omissions of significant references to CHRISTOS: *"1. In no way will I allow myself to beconvinced by your teachers who will not admit that the Seventy elders of Ptolemy, the king of Egypt, produced a good translation and who, instead, attempt their own translations.* *2. I want you to know that they have completely removed from the translation of Ptolemy's elders many passages which clearly demonstrate that the crucified Himself is proclaimed as THEOS and Man who will be crucified and die [...] You dare, however, to falsify even the translation that your elders prepared under Ptolemy by contending that the Scriptures do not read as they translated ..."*	[1]
				In 160 - 180 AD, Yose ben Halafta ('Rabbi Jose'), one of Rabbi Akiva's five principal pupils, called 'the restorers of the Law', standardized the Proto-Masoretic text with its manipulations. It is unclear which manipulations originated already with Akiva and Aquila, and which had been added by Halafta and the Jews at Zippori. Zippori (which curiously enough is assumed to have been the birth town of Mary and lies only 6km away from Nazareth) replaced Jerusalem after the Bar Kochba revolt in 135 AD as intellectual and scholastic center of Judaism.	[1] [2]
				4 He pretended, maybe even intended to save Judaism from the in his view bad Christian influence, but actually provoked, or rather directly caused its destruction. While Judaism recovered from the 1st captivity from 605-536 BC in Babylon, it could have probably also recovered itself from the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. But Akiva, an outsider and only a convert to Judaism, gave it its final blow by pushing Bar Kochba as the 'messiah' and therefore empowering him for the Bar Kochba revolt in 132-135 AD, and by having thousands of his followers (students) fight and die in this revolt, including himself by the hands of the Romans (probably 24.000 students died which Akiva sent to support his 'messiah' Bar Kochba, later disguised in the Talmud and the Gemara as having died in a mysterious plague because they did not respect each other enough . . . ; Bar Kochba was viewed negatively in Jewish literature until the 19c. AD, but the national movement was looking for an example of military bravery and Israeli textbooks in the 1940s then even reversed history and painted Kochba as hero with Rabbi Akiva standing on the sideline and cheering him on). After the Jews had killed IESOUS CHRISTOS in around 33 AD, THEOS still had patience with them for ~37 years until 70 AD, and to a certain degree even until the 2c. AD, but after CHRISTOS was killed, another messiah was proclaimed and the Holy Scripture had been corrupted, any divine favor was certainly lost. More than 600.000 Jews died in (in-) direct (!) consequence of Akiva's and Kochba's actions, and very few Jews survived. This meant the (temporary) end of Israel and even of its Hebrew language which instantly ceased in daily use, and it took until the late 19th century until the language experienced a revival and more than 1800 years until 1948 AD, when Israel was again a nation on their own land. Now we are currently seeing the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, with Jews from all over the world returning since the year 1881 AD to their homeland. But if Akiva would have had the final say, he would have permanently destroyed the nation of Israel, although his conscious intention was possibly the opposite. He was not only an outrageous anti-Christ, but under the line one of the most horrible anti-Semites, no matter how blindly admired he still is today through countless and often very naive legends and of course for having produced much of Jewish extra-biblical writings. Those might be hard words in the ears of today's Jews (and probably most of this readers), but it is certainly the truth when considered without bias.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
				5 He condemned the public-, but favored a private reading of the Apocrypha; he even made frequent use of the book of Sirach / Ecclesiasticus.	[1]
				6 The Oral Torah (Mishnah, part of extra biblical Talmud) was (in)directly inspired by Akiba. *"Our Mishnah comes directly from Rabbis* [several names mentioned]; *but they all took Akiva for a model in their works and followed him."*	[1]
				7 He created his own Midrash (a sort of Bible commentary specifically expounding upon the 600+ Old Covenant Laws), by means of which he was able *"to discover things that were even unknown to Moses . . ."* This comment reveals a typical sign of a false teacher, who claims special revelation outside of Scripture and actually elevates himself over Scripture.	[1]
				8 He taught a purgatory of 12 months.	[1] [2] [3]
				9 Justin Martyr rightfully pronounced Akiva's ideas as heretical, specifically his refusal to accept that we are made in THEOS' image, but in his thought after an image of primordial type or philosophically speaking, after an idea..	[1]
				10 Akiva was such flawed in his discernment that he chose as translator Aquila, a man who had been reproved and probably expulsed from the Christian community for not giving up his practice of pagan astrology. Aquila then converted from Christianity to Judaism.	[1] [2]

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Historical Figures

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Historical Figures	Augustine, of Hippo (354-430 AD)	(Theologian; Philosopher; a Church 'father' of the Latin Church)	[1] [2]	1 Augustine of Hippo (was) a Manichaean, an outmost evil sect (2 G-ds, one good, one evil), known back then as the pinnacle of Gnosticism (see section 'cults'). Augustine 'converted' after 9-10 years to Christianity, but only under enormous pressure, precisely after the Roman emperor Theodosius had issued a decree of death for all Manichaean monks and shortly before he declared Christianity to be the only legitimate religion for the Roman Empire. Augustine seemed for some years to have proper theology and taught 'Free Will', but later inched back into Gnosticism where he borrowed his ideas of the 'elect' from Manichaeism (where he had never made it to be an 'elect', but a 'hearer' only). Quote *"I have tried hard to maintain the free choice of the human will, but the grace of 'g-d' prevailed" (from Retractions 2.1)*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				2 He inspired 'Christian' Calvinism, which should be called 'Augustinian Calvinism'. He taught in his last 18 years variants of the 5 points of TULIP and Double Predestination. Practically every person in the modern era (1500 AD+) who is a determinist, quotes Augustine. B. B. Warfield declared, "The system ofdoctrine taught by Calvin is just the Augustinianism common to the whole body of the Reformers."	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				3 The Westminster Confession of Faith is entirely Augustinian.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				4 He was among the first (some say the 'father') who taught amillennialism (typical today for Calvinism), interpreting Bible prophecy allegorically (Luther went later as far as to plainly reject the book of Revelation). He also rejected the Genesis account being literal. Christians who took the creation story literally were his laughingstock and looked like 'idiots' among non-Christians because they denied science and reason.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				Apocrypha	
				5 He was a key figure in bringing the Ecclesiastical Books (commonly called Apocrypha but never hidden) into our Bibles. While others (e.g. Origen) had previously considered it rather profitable for reading and while the Catholic Church had included in 382 AD some apocryphal books, Augustine was the very first to approve the canonicity of the full Apocrypha through his own Council of Hippo in 393 AD; shortly before the mega codices and later practically all Bibles indeed included those.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				(Roman) Catholic Church	
				6 Augustine received baptism from St. Ambrose, the 2nd doctor of the RCC. He then became a priest and bishop.	[1]
				7 Augustine was responsible for -most- of Catholicism's doctrines and practices.	[1] [2]
				8 Preeminent Doctor of the Catholic Church and the patron of the Augustinians. He believed in all seven Catholic sacraments (contradicting statements on purgatory, but definitely affirming it; he wrote also about an incident when his mother was denied in the year 386 AD in Milan to celebrate the memory of the dead according to African custom). B.B. Warfield: *"Augustine determined for all time the doctrine of grace. Yet he believed that grace came through the Roman Catholic sacraments."* He taught that Mary was born and lived her entire life without sin (only CHRISTOS was without sin!). He further taught that there is no forgiveness outside the RCC.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				9 Pope John Paul II, 1986: *" ... the authoritative teaching of such a great doctor and pastor may flourish ever more happily in the Church"*	[1]
				10 Prayers to the martyrs.	[1] [2]
				11 Although Augustine at first rejected violence, he later turned to the contrary position and even became the father of the doctrine of persecution in the Catholic Church. The historian Neander observed that Augustine's teaching "contains the germ of the whole system of spiritual tyranny, intolerance, and persecution, even to the court of the Inquisition." Augustine: *"Many must first be recalled to their Lord by the stripes of temporal scourging, like evil slaves, and in some degree like good-for-nothing fugitives."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				Further Heretical Teachings	
				12 Augustine on infant baptism: *"So that infants, unless they pass into the number of believers through the sacrament [baptism] which was divinely instituted for this purpose, will undoubtedly remain in this darkness."* He further called all who rejected infant baptism 'infidels' and 'cursed'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				13 He was one of the first to argue for financial tithing based on Old Covenant law.	[1]
				14 Heretical teaching that even marital sex involving lust is sinful. The only way to avoid evil caused by sexual intercourse is to take the 'better' way and abstain from marriage (he went as far as to recommend married clergy not to live with their wives!). Meanwhile, he was once involved in sexual sin and is famous for the evil prayer *"Lord, give me chastity and continence, but not yet!"*	[1] [2]
				15 He was a Ransom-Theorist (IESOUS was paying the devil to release us).	[1] [2]
				16 Erroneous doctrine that IESOUS had no brothers.	[1]
				17 He did not know Greek and started teaching before the Bible was translated into Latin.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				18 Although not heretical and little known, Augustine was the forerunner (and indirectly the creator) of dispensationalism. This doctrine is seen as incompatible by today's Calvinists.	[1]
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Historical Figures	Calvin, John (Jehan Cauvin, 1509-1564 AD)	(French Protestant Reformer, known as 'the Protestant Pope')	[1] [2]	1 Calvin never stated in any of his extensive writings to be born again. He credited his salvation with his infant baptism in the Roman Catholic Church. *"At whatever time we are baptized, we are washed and purified once for the whole of life"* [...] *"By baptism we are ingrained into the body of Christ ... infants are to be baptized ... children of Christians, as they are immediately on their birth received by G-d as heirs of the covenant, are also to be admitted to baptism"* (Institutes, IV).	[1] [2] [3]
				2 *"Augustine is so wholly within me, that if I wished to write a confession of my faith, I could do so with all fullness and satisfaction to myself out of his writings."* This is why one finds that every four pages written in the Institutes of the Christian Religion John Calvin quoted Augustine (he references Augustine 4,119 times in his works !!!). Alvin L. Baker wrote, *"There is hardly a doctrine of Calvin that does not bear the marks of Augustine's influence." "Calvin would deem himself not a Calvinist, but an Augustinian. [...] Christian Calvinist, should they be more likely deemed an Augustinian-Calvinist?"* As a result, Calvinism is sometimes also referred to as Augustinianism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				3 Calvin suggested that Genesis *"incorrectly but without impropriety describes the moon as being of the same size as Saturn"*, while *"Matthew mistakes a comet for a star"*.	[1]
				4 Promotion of the Apocrypha. He was edified by it and cited it in support of already accepted doctrines. He appealed several times to Baruch as a prophet and to other apocryphal books as being sacred. He cited both Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) and Wisdom as 'sacred writers'.	[1] [2]
				5 Heretical doctrine that CHRISTOS died only for the elect and intercedes only for the elect.	[1]
				6 Calvin dogmatically affirmed the efficacy of infant baptism to effect forgiveness of sins and entrance into the Kingdom. In spite of his quarrel with Rome, he taught that being baptized by a Roman Catholic priest was efficacious for eternity.	[1] [2]
				7 Calvin is directly responsible for the first 'heretic' sentenced to death by Protestants, the burning of his theological opponent, Servetus, in 1553 AD. Calvin: *"If he come, and my influence can avail, I shall not suffer him to depart alive".* He had him then indeed arrested while Servetus was visiting his church in Geneva, and single-handedly provided the points of the indictment: *"Throughout the trial (of several weeks) he had put the screw upon the Council to pass a death sentence on Servetus and had gained his end". "It might be true that Calvin had contemplated a mitigation of the sentence* (sword instead of slow burning) *- but only if Servetus were to purchase this mitigation by a spiritual sacrifice, by a last-hour- recantation to Farel, the friend of Calvin* (of the 'most abominable sin', of Modalism, the second charge was anti-infant baptism)." Calvin justified this killing with Old Covenant Law, Lev 24:16: *"The one who blasphemes the name of the Lord should be put to death".* Instead of repenting, *"he boasted of the deed before a silent congregation"* when he entered the pulpit the next Sunday. *He also* spelled out his theologically reinforced vengeance towards his opponents in a personal letter: *"I am persuaded that it is not without the special will of G-d that, apart from any verdict of the judges, the criminals have endured protracted torment at the hands of the executioner."* - Calvin's letter to Farel. Calvin's letter to Marquis de Poet in 1561 AD: *"Such monsters should be exterminated, as I have exterminated Michael Servetus the Spaniard."* [Calvinists consider this letter to be a forgery] In 1562 AD: *"And what crime was it of mine if our Council at my exhortation ... took vengeance upon his execrable blasphemies."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] The Right to Heresy - How John Calvin Killed a Conscience: Castellio against Calvin, Chapter 5, Pages 70-84
				8 Jacques Gruet, a known opponent of Calvin, was arrested and tortured twice a day for a month in an effort to get him to confess to the accusations against him. Then, o July 26, 1547, he was tied to a stake, his feet were nailed to it, and he was beheaded. Gruet's book was later found and burned along with his house while his wife was thrown out into the street to watch. *"In reality such unmeasured use of torture was in Geneva a Calvinistic innovation."* (J.M. Robertson, A Short History of Freethought, Ancient and Modern, 1914, Vol. 1, p. 352).	[1] [2]
				9 He became known as 'The Protestant Pope' and was a tyrant, with a reputation spanning continental Europe, though his treatment of humanity was brutal. After Calvin's supporters gained the absolute majority on the city's council in 1555, there was a few months later an attempted uprising against Calvin's exclusion from the Lord's Supper of certain libertarian civic officials. Riot leaders who fled Geneva to Bern were sentenced to death in absentia. Four who failed to escape were beheaded and quartered, and their body parts were hung in strategic locations as a warning. Evoking the phrase 'henchmen of Satan' that he had years before used against Anabaptists, Calvin justified this barbarity: *"Those who do not correct evil when they can do so and their office requires it are guilty of it."* To speak disrespectfully of Calvin or the clergy was a crime. A first violation of these ordinances was punished with a reprimand, further violation with fines, persistent violation with imprisonment or banishment. Fornication was to be punished with exile or drowning; adultery, blasphemy, or idolatry, with death ... a child was beheaded for striking its parents. In the years 1558–59 there were 414 prosecutions for moral offenses; between 1542-64 there were 76 banishments and 58 executions. The book 'Calvin: A Biography' lists 36 executions wherein Calvin was directly or indirectly involved in.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				10 One of the sad features of Calvin's Institutes is the demeaning language he continually employs (much like Luther) to vilify all who disagree with him: *"Hence it is, that in the present day so many dogs tear this doctrine* [predestination] *with envenomed teeth ... assail it with their bark ... Since some feeling of shame restrains them from daring to belch forth their blasphemies against heaven, that they may give the freer vent to their rage, they pretend to pick a quarrel with us ... this doctrine, which perverse men undeservedly assail because it is sometimes wickedly abused ... The profane make such a bluster with their foolish puerilities ..." and so forth, page after page.*	[1]
				11 He used the power of the state to compel church attendance.	[1]
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Historical Figures	Constantine (272-337 AD)	(Roman emperor from 306-337 AD)	[1]	1 [310 AD] Constantine had a vision where the gods Apo**o and Victo**a appeared to him. The god Apo**o is said to have also promised him victory.	[1]
				2 [312 AD] Constantine had a possibly real, but clearly satanic vision (satanic because a military invasion was contrary to the New Covenant teachings of CHRISTOS), where he saw during the daylight the sign of a cross of light in the heavens above the sun, bear-ing the inscription 'By this conquer' (EN TOYTΩ NIKA = by this conquer = nike = victory & goddess; Strong's 3528 and 3529). Later he had a dream in which ~Christ~ told him to construct a military standard formation in the form of a cross. After he was successful in his march to Rome, he erroneously believed that THEOS had given him victory and began showering blessings on the Christian church and its leaders.	[1] [2] [3]
				3 [313 AD] While pretending / being mistaken to have become a Christian (he refused to be baptized until his deathbed), he was a Universalist and fierce defender of Polytheism. His Edict of Milan reads: "[We resolve] *to grant both to the Christians and to all men freedom to follow the religion which they choose, so whatever heavenly divinity exists may be favorably inclined to us ..."* [317 AD] His coins also continued to display images of traditional Roman gods - Ju**ter, M**s, and in particular the sun god, Sol In***tus. He abolished neither the Altar of Victory in the Senate nor the Ve**al Virgins who tended the sacred fire of the goddess Ve*a. [328 AD] Even worse, he later constructed new temples in Constantinople, and the Column of Constantine, dedicated in 330 AD, depicted him wearing the seven-point radiate crown of the solar deities He**os or Apo**lo.	[1] [2] [3]
				4 While the Christian church had always considered it heretical to pay salaries to church leaders, it now reconsidered the matter and decided to accept Constantine's offer after he started to rebuild church buildings and 'legalized' Christianity. This step opened the door for a merging of the church with the state, and the true birth of the Roman Catholic Church in 313 AD, which had already been active through their first bishops after the falsified letters of Ignatius had coined that third church office in the 2nd c. AD. Now the RCC began to rapidly expand under their suddenly unlimited possibilities and the financial support by the Roman government. Soon later the distinctions between Christians and non-Christians became blurred and the 'church' was for the first time in history full of fair-weather converts and unregenerate persons, while this was previously the exception.	[1]
				5 Up to Constantine, Christians had held their services rather in private homes or homes wholly converted into 'prayer houses'. Now lavish church buildings rivaling the magnificence of pagan temples were constructed in order to impress pagans and make easy converts.	[1]
				6 Constantine's church initiated the use of images in 'Christian' worship, a practise utterly loathsome to the early Christians.	[1]
				7 [321 AD] Constantine declared Sunday as the official day of rest for the Roman Catholic Church, and indirectly abolished the Christian Weekly Sabbath (leading 'Christians' had up to that point held both the Sabbath and Sunday as holy days (5+2 instead of the biblical 6+1) and are jointly responsible through their laissez-faire attitude for losing the Sabbath to Constantine and the RCC). Constantine stated: *"Let us have nothing in common with the most hostile rabble of the Jews" [...] "Let all the judges and town people and the occupation of all trades rest on the venerable day of the sun, but let those who are situated in the country freely and at full liberty attend to the business of agriculture."*	[1] [2]
				8 [325 AD] He orchestrated the first church-wide council in history, the Council of Nicea which lasted 2 months and produced the first church-wide creed to be signed under compulsion. He banished into exile the 5 local church representatives who would not sign the creed. The council established laws that specifically gave certain bishops, called 'metropolitans', authority over other churches, clearly in contradiction to the biblical teaching where only CHRISTOS is Head over local assemblies. Constantine organized the bishops' seats in principal cities and according to his administrative & governmental units, called dioceses, a term very well associated until today with the Roman Catholic Church. In 366 AD, only 53 years after Constantine's 'conversion', this development culminated in the first Pope of Rome. While Christians previously considered Special Revelation to have ceased with the Apostles, Constantine heretically proclaimed the findings of his committee of bishops to be a new Special Revelation. Subsequent creeds contributed significantly to the adulteration of apostolic Christian doctrine, e.g. the Council of Ephesus (431 AD) picked up on Origen's earlier doctrine of the Theotokos (he lived in Alexandria which happened to be the focal point of Isis worship, a mother-goddess religion similar to Catholicism) and Catholic Mariology took off soon after the council. Ultimately, creeds replaced the Scriptures as the primary authority for the church's teachings, a dynamic very well observed to this day in Augustinianism (the Westminster Confession which is heavily quoted by nearly every Reformed book author) and dozens of other denominations.	[1] [2]
				9 Constantine was relentless in his pursuit of ~heretics~, forbidding those outside of the Roman Catholic church to assemble and confiscating their property. The very things Christians had endured themselves were now being practiced in the name of Christianity.	[1] [2]
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Damasus, Pope (305-384 AD)	(First Pope of Rome, from 366-384 AD)	[1] [2]	1 Damasus was the first pope to refer to Rome as the apostolic see. After Damasus was elected, they massacred 137 supporters of his ~running~ mate Ursicinus (who had already ruled for several months, but was not supported by the upper-class of Rome) inside the Basilica of Sicininus and added the title 'Anti-Pope' to discredit Ursicinus even further after his exile. Rome's primacy was officially pronounced by a synod called in Rome in 382 by Damasus, who was perhaps wary of the growing strength of Constantinople, which was already claiming to be the New Rome.	[1] [2] [3]
			2 Jerome attended the synod and stayed on to become Damasus's secretary, close adviser, and friend. Damasus then commissioned him to essentially bury the Greek Old Testament used up to that point predominantly for at least 5-6 centuries, by picking up the manipulated texts from Rabbi Akiva and reintroducing the ~Hebrew~ Old Testament to the world. To Jerome's defense we have to say that he possibly did not know of the manipulation and honestly held Akvia's texts for the original texts, but he has ultimately no excuse because even Augustine appealed urgently to him, to not use those texts and to continue in the very strong tradition of using the Greek Old Testament as basis for his Latin translation.	[1] [2] [3]
			3 Latin was introduced as the language of the mass during Damasus's pontificate.	[1]
			4 Damasus' Council of Rome partly legalized in 382 AD the Apocrypha / Deuterocanonicals as canonical and fully merged 6 extrabiblical books with the Bible. Shortly after, Damasus commissioned in 383 AD the Latin Vulgate as mentioned above, which was then instrumental in the fixation of that new canon in the West. In 393 AD, Augustine was then the decisive link to legalize the Apocrypha as canonical for both 'Christians' and Roman Catholics, through his Council of Hippo. But it took until the Reformation, until for the first time the full OT Apocrypha was merged with the Bible by the Reformers:	[1]
			5 Damasus was also decisive in discovering the tombs of martyrs and to encourage the veneration of the 'Christian' martyrs through many verse inscriptions he wrote.	[1] [2] [3]
			6 He faced accusations of murder and adultery with a married woman in his early years as Pope.	[1]
Drummond, Henry (1786-1860 AD) ** not to be confused with Reverend Henry Drummond (1851 - 1897) who was a Scottish evangelist, writer, scientist and biologist.*	(English Banker, Military Officer, Politician, Writer)	[1] [2]	Henry Drummond was the main financier, founder, mastermind and self-declared 'apostle' / 'angel' of the Irvingite church, later called the 'Catholic Apostolic Church (CAC), which would spiritually and physically become the ground zero of Pentecostalism. He was also the founder of the 'Morning Watch' magazine. Dispensationalism (further developed by John Nelson Darby who attended his conferences), the doctrine of the Pre-Tribulational Rapture and even the wider Adventist Movement including the Seventh-Day Adventist church would likely not exist without his and Edward Irving's influence, and specifically the 'Morning Watch'. Although little known today, he was the mastermind of what we could frame as the 3rd wave of corruption of CHRISTOS' church, after the 4th c. rise of the Roman church (1st wave) and the 16th c. 'Reformation' (2nd wave). Although he had no informal nor formal theological training prior to his founding of the CAC (a layman) and was an ultra-rich banker, member of parliament (~1810-1845) and active military officer (1808-at least 1831), he would convert himself together with his protégé Edward Irving into a leading spiritual figure which had at least the same impact as a Luther or a Calvin - hence he is listed in this section of historical figures.	
			1 [1786] Drummond was born in England and belonged to a Scottish family with ancient royal and aristocratic links.	[1] [2]
			2 [1794] Drummond inherited a fortune from his father (received in 1807), and he was a banker in the 3rd generation.	[1]
			3 [1807] Visit of Drummond to Russia (which was one of the very few countries where Jesuits were not suppressed in btw. 1773-1814, but a connection to Drummond's visit is only speculation and the reason for his visit is not known).	[1] [2] [3]
			4 [1808-09] Drummond became a military officer, specifically a lieutenant-colonel in the Prince of Wales's Middlesex volunteers. In 1809, he also became captain in the North East Hampshire yeoman cavalry.	[1] [2]
			5 [1814] (The Jesuits were legalized again when Pope Pius VII officially restored the order after a prior suppression in 1773; it might be a coincidence that Drummond went to Rome shortly after, or not . . .)	[1]
			6 [1815/16] Drummond was now based / for 'business' in Rome, but the purpose and the duration of his stay are unclear. The reports of this episode are very fragmentary and most historical accounts do not even mention that he was ever in Rome . . . He was either visiting or attending the College of Missionary Propaganda = Pontificio Collegio Urbano de Propaganda Fide (Catholic seminary established in Rome in 1627 by Pope Urban VIII.; directed after 1836 by Jesuits), where he met Joseph Wolff (a Jew born in Germany and converted to Roman Catholicism; who first studied at a Jesuit college, the Roman College, who personally met the Pope in 1816, and later studied at the CMP before he was expelled in 1818). He was delighted of his rebellious spirit and sponsored him to come to England and on his extensive missionary trips so as to promote Zionism. Wolff would also strongly contribute to the doctrines taught at the Albury Circle.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
			7 [1816] Drummond visited Naples (Italy).	[1]
			8 [1816] Drummond was baptized in Taunton (England) under the auspices of a group of seceders from the Church of England, the 'Western Schism'. This schism refers to the Roman Catholic Church and its period of division of the papacy due to a double pope, i.e., two popes who claimed office simultaneously and caused a great bloodbath. It is unknown, however, under exactly which organization within the Catholic Church or its offshoot he was baptized, but we will see very specific clues in this discernment and the discernment on Pentecostalism.	[1] [2]
			9 [1816-17, Winter of] Drummond met Lord Teignmouth (part of the Clapham sect; Samuel Thornton was also a member and later moved to Albury) in Italy.	[1] [2]
			10 [1817] Drummond partnered with Robert Haldane, a Calvinist, in his fight against Socinian tendencies.	[1]
			11 [1819] Drummond returned to England and founded together with Haldane the Continental Society. Through a missionary, they would plant the first Baptist church in Germany (further pursuing the division of the Body of CHRISTOS at all cost).	[1] [2]
			12 [1825] Drummond met Edward Irving, and it is well documented that Irving's downfall from highly regarded teacher began in the very same year (and would culminate in his excommunication 7 years later). He introduced him to the works of the Jesuit priest Manual Lacunza, but it is unknown if Drummond (rather) asked him to translate it, or if this was by the sole initiative of Irving.	
			13 [1826-30] Drummond invited a group of teachers and laymen to his Albury estate near London. This circle would become the breeding ground and so-to-say 'Mother Church of the Catholic Apostolic Church (officially formed in 1832 as Irvingism, later named as such in 1849), which is synonymous with Pentecostalism.	[1]
			14 [1826-30] Drummond invited John Nelson Darby to the Albury Circle, where he picked up on the idea of the Pre-Tribulational Rapture and Dispensationalism, taught by Edward Irving based on the Jesuit Manuel Lacunza's works, and enhanced by a demonic testimony of Margareth MacDonald from an associated church in Port Glasgow. Both doctrines were subsequently formulated by Darby and are well-known divisions in doctrine today.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			15 Drummond declared publicly at the Freemasons' Tavern, that Joseph Wolff would be his steady friend to the last moment of his life. Freemasons' Tavern was a central hall built by the Premier Grand Lodge of England, included an office space for the Freemasons and was mainly used for Masonic purposes.	[1] [2]
			16 [1829] Drummond founded 'The Morning Watch', a quarterly journal that emerged from his Albury Circle, and was used to disseminate their interpretations of biblical prophecy. This 'Morning Watch' journal would play a decisive role in the spread of early Pentecostalism, in the Jewish rights movement, the spread of the Pre-Tribulational Rapture and Dispensationalism, and of Adventism. Even the Arab-Israeli conflict can be traced right back to the Albury Circle and the resulting Dispensationalism / Zionism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			17 [1831] Drummond became lieutenant-colonel in the Surrey yeoman cavalry. At this point it should be clear that he was not a genuine believer. It is also reported that he was well known in 35-year interlude of his parliamentary career for his scathing attacks on political economists and for indulging whims and eccentricities.	[1] [2]
			18 [1832-33] Drummond effectively ordained himself as an 'angel' (a position of a bishop above Presbyters which they called 'priests' analogous to the RCC hierarchy), a strictly unbiblical office. There is no biblical office above Presbyters and Deacons - it is the exclusive position of CHRISTOS. For this purpose, he named John Bate Cardale the 'First Apostle' (which he had no authority to do so, even if that would be a biblical office for today; he effectively mocked CHRISTOS' true church by setting up a counterfeit church with false apostles), and then asked Cardale to ordain him in turn as an 'angel' (hence he effectively ordained himself, although he strategically waited a few months so as to make it not too obvious that he ordained himself).	[1]
			19 [1833] Drummond was ordained as an 'apostle', which is most probably a transgression of biblical doctrine, which foresees for today the 'Gift of Apostleship', but not the continuation of the office.	
			20 [1839, Dec] Drummond continued his membership as a Mason and became a FRS = Fellow, Royal Society.	[1]
			21 [1840] Drummond was once again in Rome, where he saw the young Ciro Pinsuti (Anglo-Italian composer) and sponsored him for 5 years to come to London and live in his house.	[1] [2]
			22 [1842] Drummond built on his Albury estate a CAC church.	
			23 [1847] Drummond is now also according to Google Search revealed to be a Freemason, as indicated by his involvement with Masonic rescue efforts during the Swiss Sonderbund War of 1847, though some accounts mention his colleague, Henri Dunant, was the one raised to the rank of Master Mason in connection to this event. Henri Dunant is known to have been a Freemason, and better known as the founder of the Red Cross.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
Henry VIII, King (1491-1547 AD)	(Founder of the Anglican Church)	[1]	1 He was awarded the title Defender of the Faith by Pope Leo X for his written attacks against Luther.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			2 He was a devout Catholic, who only founded his own - thankfully slightly less Catholic- church because the Pope excommunicated him after not having approved his divorce and remarriage.	[1] [2]
			3 He had 6 marriages (1-Catherine of Aragon, 2-Anne Boleyn, 3-Jane Seymour, 4-Anne of Cleves, 5-Catherine Howard although betrothed to another man, 6-Catherine Parr) and several adulterous long-term relationships.	[1]
			4 He had executed approx. 2.6% of the population of England (between 57,000 to 72,000 executions).	[1]
			5 He executed two of his wives. He ordered an expert swordsman from France to come kill his second wife Anne Boleyn. Within 24 hours of her death, he was betrothed to his third wife.	[1]
			6 Extreme gluttony, he weighed 180 kg when he died.	[1]

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				2 He was the fourth doctor of the Roman Catholic Church.	[1]
				3 He taught the doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity, which has no biblical basis at all (Mat 1:24-25 actually refutes it). He gives a long defense in his letter 'The Perpetual Virginity of Blessed Mary: Against Helvidius'.	[1] [2]
				4 Next to Augustine, he was one of the most notable defenders of the practice of invoking the saints. He chose outmost evil words against those who opposed this and related doctrines: *"All at once Vigilantius (Wakeful- One), or, more correctly, Dormitantius (Sleepy-One), has arisen, animated by an unclean spirit, to fight against the Spirit of Christ, and to deny that religious reverence is to be paid to the tombs of the martyrs. [...] we are bound to meet the snares of the devil. The words may be justly applied to him: "Seed of evil-doers, prepare your children for the slaughter ..."*	[1] [2]
				5 Allegations that he had an improper relationship.	[1]
				6 He was befriended with Augustine and they wrote several epistles to each other.	[1] [2]
				7 He was out-and-out lying when he broke all traditions of using the Greek OT, and to the surprise of everyone translated from the manipulated Modern Hebrew text. He defended himself by claiming that the Apostles only quoted from the Modern Hebrew text, while indeed 90+% of NT quotes are taken from the Greek OT as we know today.	[1]
				8 His Latin Vulgate became the official version of the Vatican. It replaced terms such as 'repent' with 'penance', 'mystery' for 'sacrament' and 'elder' (presbyter) with 'priest'. Samuel Berger called the Vulgate *"the most vulgarized and bastardized text imaginable"*. Philip Schaff wrote *"The Vulgate can be charged, indeed, with innumerable faults, inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and arbitrary dealing in particulars"*. Grady says *"Damasus commissioned Jerome to revive the archaic Old Latin Bible in A.D. 382 ... the completed monstrosity became known as the 'Latin Vulgate' ... and was used of the devil to usher in the Dark Ages."*	[1] [2] [3]
				9 When also Gothic church members (Sunnias and Fretela) opposed him for manipulating Scripture, he badly insulted them in the opening of his letter and showed a strong racism. *"Who would believe that the barbarous language of the Goths would try to compete with the Hebrew in establishing the true text of the Scriptures, and that, while the Greeks are indolent and contentious, even Germany would scrutinize the words of the Holy Spirit?"* It is very clear from those sentences alone, that Jerome was not a born-again Christian who would naturally show some virtues.	[1]
				10 Jerome had such a bad temper, that he even carried a stone around with him with which to beat himself when his anger threatened to overcome him. He was also called the 'the great name-caller', regularly insulting his opponents (s.a.).	[1]
				11 Jerome advanced and encouraged the anti-biblical concept of aestheticism to everyone who was surrounded by him.	[1] [2]
				12 Exodus 34:29, 30 and 35 describe the face of Moses as glowing, after he came down from the mountain. But Jerome translated in the Latin Vulgate 'his face was horned'. This misled millions of people, including artists such as Michelangelo, who depicted in their medieval artworks Moses with such horns, giving him an inhuman and demonic aspect.	[1]
				13 The Roman Catholic Church systematically controls and probably removes articles written about Jerome. Nearly no criticism about his person can be found online, which is highly unusual.	
	Josephus, Flavius (37-100 AD)	(1st-century Jewish-Roman Historian and Military Leader)	[1]	1 Traitor to the Jews, close collaboration with the Romans, directly enabling them to kill his kinsfolk through his knowledge, after he proposed a group suicide, but 'survived'.	[1]
				2 Three times divorced (First wife killed by Romans; double adultery afterwards)	[1]
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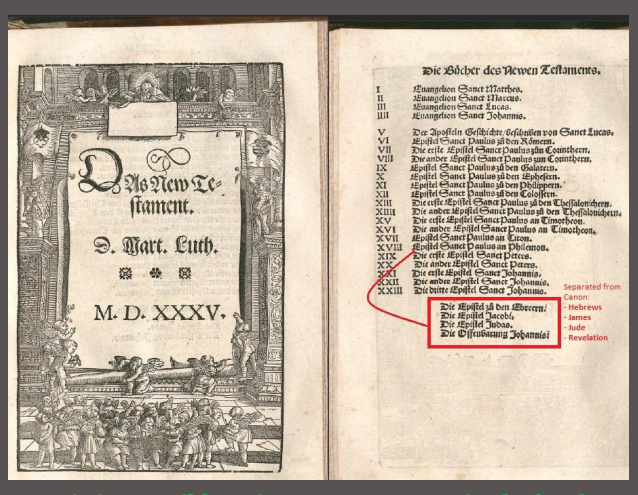
Historical Figures	Luther, Martin (1483-1546 AD)	(German Priest, Theologian, Author, Hymn writer, Professor, and Augustinian friar. Seminal figure of the Protestant Reformation in 1517) But the true Reformation began more than 300 years before Luther, with the Waldenses.	[1]	1 He was part of the Augustinian order. *"Augustine was the ablest and purest of all the doctors..."* John Piper acknowledges that Augustine was the major influence upon both Calvin and Luther. Luther was an Augustinian by training, and he continued to practice many of the core tenets of that version of Catholicism after his excommunication and for the rest of his life. **He did not want to leave the Catholic Church - he wanted to reform it!** He even received the official last rite from an Augustinian when he was on his deathbed.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				2 He famously wanted **Hebrews, James, Jude and the book of Revelation removed from the Christian Canon** and organized those in his Bible in a section analogous to the Apocrypha. Therefore, he formally rejected the divine inspiration of ~15% (41 out of 260 chapters) of the New Testament. He wrote in his preface to Revelation: *"I say what I feel. I miss more than one thing in this book, and it makes me consider it to be neither apostolic nor prophetic. [...] For myself, I think it approximates the 4th Book of Esdras, I can in no way detect that the Holy Spirit produced it. [...] he [John] seems to me to be going much too far when he commends his own book so highly (Rev 22) ... and threatens that if anyone takes away anything from it, G-d will take away from him [...] there are many far better books available for us to keep. Many of the church fathers also rejected this book a long time ago [...] Christ is neither taught nor known in it* [it is impossible to ignore CHRISTOS in this book; Luther was a blatant false teacher].	[1] [2] [3]
					[1]
				>> It is impossible to ignore CHRISTOS in the book of Revelation. If CHRISTOS is not plainly known here, then Christians have no hope at all. Martin Luther was a blatant false teacher and acted in the spirit of anti-Christ!	
				3 **Faith / Grace - ALONE doctrine**. Pelagius (4c AD) was the first to frame the doctrine 'justification by faith alone: "Sinful man, depraved and dead in sin, contributes nothing by his own will or interests or best efforts or works towards his justification." Luther was then more than 1000 years later the key figure in bringing the (Faith / Grace ...-) ALONE doctrines into our vocabulary. He **interpolated the word 'alone' in his Bible translation of Rom 3:28**. When he was opposed for this, he insulted his enemies. The 2017 version of the Luther Bible has added footnotes on Rom 1:17, 2:13, 3:21, and Rom 3:28 that warn about the deliberate mistranslations Luther committed.	[1] [2]
				4 Luther gave his **blessing to have Anabaptists executed**, simply based on their opposition of infant baptism and emphasis on adult baptism.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
				John Calvin considered Anabaptists also as the greatest heretics. Luther's friend Melanchthon on the other hand praised Calvin for Servetus' death. *"The Church owes and always will owe a debt of gratitude to you for having put the heretic to death."*	[1] [2]
				5 Ruthless rejection of biblical inerrancy in his commentary on Chronicles: *"When one often reads that great numbers of people were slain-for example, eighty thousand- I believe that hardly one thousand were actually killed."*	[1] [2]
				6 Martin Luther believed that Christians were free to observe any day of the week, contrary to the Bible clearly stating the Weekly Sabbath to be the day of rest.	[1]
				7 **Luther expressed in his works anti-Judaistic views, calling for the expulsion of Jews and burning of synagogues.** Based upon his teachings, the **prevailing view among historians is that his rhetoric contributed significantly to the development of antisemitism in Germany and of the N**i Party.**	[1] [2]
				8 His antis*mitism also bore the evil fruit of him having **rejected the biblical Book of Esther**, which in his opinion 'Judaized too much' and supposedly lacked any mention of G-d (while the name 'THEOS' / 'KYRIOS' appears 43 times in the book!), effectively calling it *"less worthy of being held canonical"* than other OT books.	[1]
				9 Serious theological errors. He implied it to be an open question if divorce is allowable. He taught that divorced people should be allowed to remarry.	[1]
				10 He rejected the biblical concept of 'Free Will': *"If any man doth ascribe aught of salvation, even the very least, to the free-will of man, he knoweth nothing of grace, and he hath not learnt Jesus Christ aright."* Lutherans adhere to 'divine' monergism, the teaching that salvation is by THEOS' act alone, and therefore reject the idea that humans in their fallen state have a free will concerning spiritual matters.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
				11 Luther was **extraordinarily devoted to the 'Blessed Virgin Mary'** and wrongly believed that Mary died a virgin. But he disregarded the intercession and invocation of the saint.	[1]
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Historical Figures	Origen (185-253 AD)	('Christian' Scholar, Ascetic, Theologian)	[1]	1 Heretical teaching of the preexistence of souls. *"When THEOS created the world, the souls which had previously existed without bodies became incarnate."*	[1] [2]
				2 Key figure in bringing the Apocrypha into our Bibles. He used apocryphal books indiscriminately with those of Scripture as sources for dogmatic proof texts. He cited as inspired / Scripture: Baruch, Judith, Maccabees (plural), Tobith, Wisdom (of Solomon). He only discriminated the Pseudepigrapha, which he called Apocrypha in the sense of being hidden / secret.	[1] [2]
				3 He excluded the books of James, 2 Peter, and 2&3 John from his canon.	[1]
				4 He is probably the decisive figure for the still prevalent questioning of the authorship of Hebrews through Paul. While the majority of early leaders (such as Amphilochius, Athanasius, Augustine (*"14 Epistles of Paul"*), Cyril of Jerusalem, Epiphanius (*"Paul's fourteen Epistles are well known and undisputed"*), Eusebius (*"14 Epistles of Paul"*), Jerome, John of Damascus (*"14 Letters Of The Apostle Paul"*) and Nazianzus affirmed specifically 14 books, only Origen, Gaius, Hippolytus and Tertullian rejected the authorship of Paul.	[1] [2]
				5 He misplaced the Mount of Transfiguration to Mt. Tabor, which is south of Samaria on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem (Luk 9:52) and therefore the wrong location.	[1]
				6 A key contribution to the monastic practice of Lectio Divina came from Origen in the 3rd c., after whom Ambrose taught them to Augustine. Lectio Divina was first established in the 6th c. by Benedict of Nursia and was then formalized as a four-step process by the Carthusian monk Guigo II during the 12th c.. In the 20th c., the constitution Dei verbum of the Second Vatican Council recommended Lectio Divina to the general public and its importance was affirmed by Pope Benedict XVI at the start of the 21st century.	[1]
				7 Universalist. *"All creatures - including perhaps Satan- might eventually be reconciled to G-d somewhere in eternity."*	[1] [2]
				8 He speculated that heavenly bodies are living creatures, referring in an ultra-literal way to passages such as Job 25:5, 38:7 or Psa 148:24).	
				9 Ransom-Theorist (IESOUS was paying the devil to release us).	[1]
				10 Taught Purgatory.	[1]
				11 The first hints of Catholic Mariology occurs precisely in the writings of Origen, who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, which happened to be the focal point of Isis worship, a mother-goddess religion similar to Catholicism. The veneration of Mary started there in the 3rd century and the term Theotokos was first used by Origen.	[1] [2]
				12 Pope Dionysius of Alexandria became one of the foremost proponents of Origen's theology.	[1]
	John Wesley	(Anglican cleric, theologian, and evangelist , founder of the Methodist movement)	[1] [2]	1 He was the first within his movement to authorize a woman to preach. In 1761, he granted a license to preach to Sarah Crosby.	[1]
				2 He wrote the heretical and idolatrous hymn 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' which contains a conflation of the 'Sun' and 'Son' and includes the following: *"Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings."* The hymn was later changed to 'Son of Righteousness'.	[1] [2]
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Historical Figures

Wulfila / Ulfilas (307/311 - 381/383 AD)

(Arian / Gothic preacher, Apostle, Bishop, Confessor of the Faith, Pontifex and Primas)

About: [1] [2]

1 [~311 AD] Wulfila (literally 'Little Wolf') was born in Romania (Dacia) among the Goths (Gothic mother, 'Christian' father from Cappadocia) who lived in Ukraine, Bulgaria and Romania. His official seal even carried a handle with a wolf depiction [see 4]. Sadly many writers and historians eliminate the 'W' from his name (for obvious reasons), although the Gothic writing '𐍅𐌿𐌻𐍆𐌹𐌻𐌰' (wulfila) clearly includes the additional letter before the 'U' (which is both transliterated and pronounced as 'W'). A wolf symbolizes in the Bible rather an anti-Christ than a Christian.

Jordanes (a 6c. AD Eastern Roman historian of Gothic descent) also describes him as Pontifex and Primas (pontifex ispeque primas Vulla; which is a title closely associated with the Roman Pope) of the minor Goths.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]

2 Wulfila believed himself to be Catholic and was made a 'Confessor of the Faith'. Catholic writers such as Socrates and Sozomenus remembered him with honor. **Wulfila worshipped the Queen of Heaven (see last point)**.

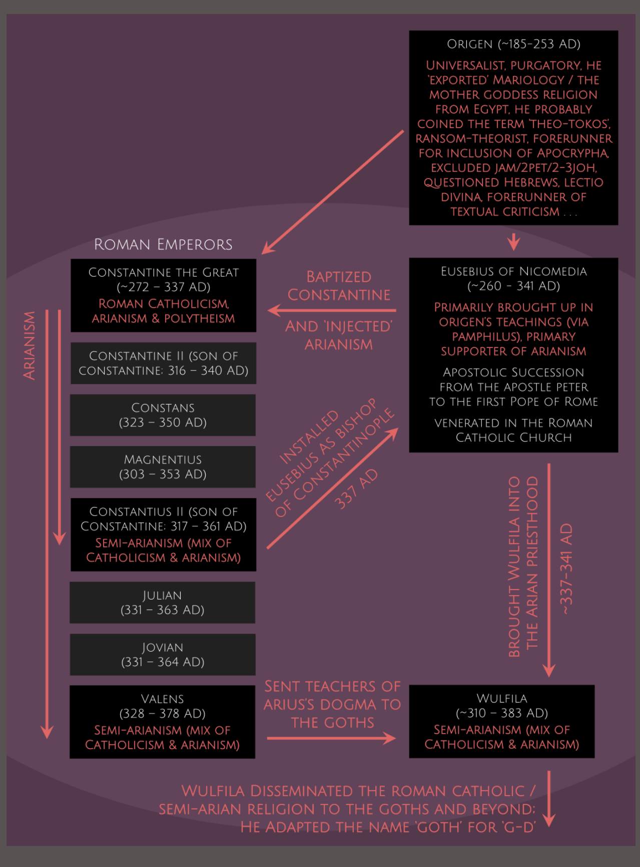
Sources: [1] [2] [3]

3 [325 AD] The Acta Nicetae reports that Wulfila attended the Council of Nicaea together with Theophilus - but Wulfila could have been no more than fourteen years old at that time.

Sources: [1]

4 After Constantine had sanctioned Christianity in 325 AD, **Eusebius of Nicomedia** showed his great influence by bringing Wulfila into the Arian / Roman Catholic priesthood. This was highly unusual because Wulfila had not even been a presbyter nor deacon up to that point [see 4], but only a lector. He was chosen due to his background and with the explicit aim to subdue the Barbarians by the means of Christianization.

Eusebius, who was brought up predominantly in **Origen's teachings** (see separate discernment), was on the one hand close to Catholicism and is even venerated in the Roman Catholic Church, because he pieced together the Apostolic Succession from the Apostle Peter to the first Pope of Rome, and even 'baptized' in 337 AD the Roman Emperor Constantine who significantly empowered Roman Catholicism. On the other hand, Eusebius was the **primary supporter of Arius** and embraced the false teaching of Arianism while studying in Antioch. After Eusebius had baptized Constantine, his son Constantius II also followed (Semi-) Arianism and even installed Eusebius as Constantinople's bishop. The later Roman Emperor Valens continued to spread the false teaching of (Semi-) Arianism, who in turn brought it to the Goths.



Eusebius sent Wulfila to convert the heathen Goths and consecrated him therefore Arian bishop of the Visi-Goths in Romania (Eastern Dacia). He then preached for 40 years in Greek, Latin and Gothic.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

5 [~337-361 AD] Constantius II, the Roman emperor and successor of Constantine, described Wulfila as the era's Moses (while others compared him to the prophet Elijah; see below)

Sources: [1]

6 [~347 AD] When being persecuted, Wulfila led his people across the Danube to the South (Moesia = Serbia, Macedonia, and Bulgaria).

Sources: [1]

7 [After 348 AD] He invented the Gothic alphabet (which was preceded by the Gothic script which was a way of writing the Latin alphabet), largely based on the Greek alphabet (20 out of 27 letters from Greek; 5 letters from Latin and 2 letters from Runic characters). The Gothic language was then spoken by the Eastern Germanic (Gothic) tribes in the Early Middle Ages (5-10th c. AD).

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

8 [~350-369 AD] Gothic Bible. He translated, possibly with a team of translators (assumption based on textual analysis), some fragments of the Old Testament and ~17 books of the New Testament from the Greek text into Gothic, excluding e.g. the book of Acts and Revelation (some say the whole Bible except the Books of Kings and Samuel). The translation was created in Bulgaria (Nicopolis). It antedated Jerome's Latin Vulgate (405 AD) and was considered of greater authority and legitimacy. Jerome's (Secretary of Pope Damasus) 'Commentary on Isaiah' contained also a copy of Wulfilas respective translation, affirming once again that the Roman Catholic Church highly respected and praised Wulfila.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

9 [360 AD] Wulfila attended the Council of Constantinople (modern Istanbul), which was organized by the Roman emperor Constantius II (= Roman Catholic Church). He endorsed the resulting creed.

Sources: [1] [2] [3]

10 [~376 AD] The Visi-Goths converted to Arian Christianity through their bishop Wulfila.

Sources: [1] [2] [3]

11 [381 or probably 383 AD] Wulfila travelled to the Council of Constantinople (once again organized by the Roman Catholic Church through the Roman emperor Theodosius I; Wulfila attended although Arians had been excluded from the council) where he was ordered to attend a disputation concerning him, fell ill and died ...

Sources: [1] [2] [3]

19th century writers such as the Presbyterian Charles Anderson Scott in his highly regarded but equally problematic work 'Ulfilas, Apostle of the Goths' still spread today the legend of **Wulfila having ascended into heaven like the prophet Elijah, in front of a great multitude**: "No sooner had he reached Constantinople than he fell sick, having pondered much about the council, and before he had put his hand to the task which had brought him, **he was taken up after the manner of Elias the prophet**. Only observe, the high desert of the man who by the hand of G-d was brought to die at Constantinople, call it rather **Christian**ople, where **the holy and spotless priest of Christ might receive such strange and brilliant honours at the hands of so great a multitude of Christians**."

Sources: [1] [2]

12 [5c AD] The Goths conquered parts of the Western Roman Empire, including Italy, southern France, and Spain. 'Gothic Christianity' reigned in these areas for two centuries, before the re-establishment of 'Latin Christianity', and in Spain, until the Gothic assimilation to Catholicism in 589 AD, after the Third Council of Toledo.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

13 [500-520 AD] Creation of the Silver Bible (Codex Argenteus), which includes part of the 4 Evangelia from Wulfila's Gothic Bible. It was written in Northern Italy, possibly for Theodoric the Great (Ostro-Gothic King).

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Most remarkably, the translation of Matthew (Mat 5:34) is the first document in recorded history where the name 'G-d' (related to the Gothic cognate 'gudis') appears. The Gothic word 'guþs' ('G-d's') is the genitive of guþ ('G-d').

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

14 [526 - 1569 AD] The Silver Bible 'disappeared' for a thousand years, and was now found in Northwest-Germany.

Sources: [1] [2]

15 [1597 AD] Bonaventura Vulcanius from South Holland affirmed that the original content of the Silver Bible, the Gothic Bible, had been translated by Wulfilas.

Sources: [1]

16 [1892-1973 AD] Wulfila inspired the **highly problematic Catholic teacher J.R.R. Tolkien to study Gothic as his first foreign language**, which in turn motivated him to invent 12 own languages and to change his signature to Ruginwaldus Dwalakōneis (gothicized 'Ronald Tolkien').

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

17 **While we have usually many documents and letters from important Christians preceding and following the time of Wulfila, we know today that the vast majority of Wulfilas works are 'lost', without finding an explanation for this. Jerome also excluded him from his 'De Viris Illustribus (On Illustrious Men)' with biographies of 135 important figures, which is clearly intentional given Wulfila's importance.**

This rather points to an intentional removal of his works, which could eventually go hand-in-hand with his mysterious death at the Council of Constantinople.

Sources: [1]

Specific Discernment

18 [(Semi-)Arianism] Wulfila **denied both the deity and the divinity of the HOLY SPIRIT**, and reduced Him to a **minister of / created by CHRISTOS**. He taught that he SPIRIT's actions are proper to THEOS, but that these actions are no proof of His divinity. He elaborated that the SPIRIT is *"neither THEOS nor our THEOS" (nec deum nec deum nostrum)* and can *"be called neither THEOS nor KYRIOS (no enim deo ingenito exstante et uno domino unigenito deo subsistente spiritus sanctus aduocatus nec deus nec dominus potest dici)"*.

>> It is blatant heresy to reject the divinity of the SPIRIT. Scripture clearly equates and calls the SPIRIT 'THEOS', in total contradiction to Wulfila who had no excuse because he mainly used the Greek OT for his translation: Gen 41:38 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΘΕΟΥ / Pneuma Theou / SPIRIT (Of) THEOS', Heb 9:14 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟϹ ΑΙΩΝΙΟΥ / Pneumatos Aioniou / Eternal SPIRIT', 2Cor 3:3 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙ ΘΕΟΥ ΖΩΝΤΟϹ / Pneumati Theou Zontos / The Living SPIRIT Of THEOS', 2Cor 3:17 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ / Pneuma Kuriou / SPIRIT Of KYRIOS'. [1]

Sources: [1]

19 [Bible Manipulation] Instead of translating that a new year starts with spring and a new month with a new moon, he transposed the method of reckoning to what he thought his people would be more familiar with: Luk 2:42 *"And **when twelve winters were fulfilled**, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast."*

His Arian bias came through when he translated Php 2:5-6 with *"... to **be similar to / like G-d**"* instead of "For let this mind be in you that is also in CHRISTOS IESOUS, who, being in the form of THEOS, thought it not robbery ... to be equal to THEOS"

His translation is the **very first manuscript where the longer ending of Mark 16:9-20 is documented**. We have no knowledge of any other manuscript which antedated the Gothic Bible and included the longer ending of Mark 16!

Wulfila blurred the distinction btw. high priests and priests while **inventing 6 new names for high priests**, and actively facilitating the creation of a whole plethora of new offices.

Sources: [1]

20 [Queen of heaven worship] Auxentius of Durostorum, the the foster-son of Wulfila, wrote also the obituary for him and **revealed therein that they worship the Queen (of heaven)** !!! :

"Following this and similar doctrines for 40 years flourishing splendidly in the bishopric through apostolic grace, he preached in the Greek, Latin, and Gothic tongues without ceasing in the one and only Church of Christ; because the Church of the Living G-d is one, the pillar and column of Truth; and he affirmed and witnessed that the flock of Christ,
our Lord and G-d, was one,
one the worship and
one the house;
one the Virgin, and one Spouse,
one the Queen [Latin: unam reginam];
that there was only one vine, temple,
congregation of the Christians;
that all other places of congregation were not
Churches of G-d, but Synagogues of Satan."

Sources: [1] [2]

The word 'reginam' is the accusative singular of rēgīna, a feminine word without masculine form, meaning queen, princess.

Sources: [1]

Wikipedia: *'Queen of Heaven (Latin: Regina Ca*li) is a title given by the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodoxy, to Mary, mother of Jesus, and, to a lesser extent, in Anglicanism and Lutheranism. The Catholic teaching on this subject is expressed in the papal encyclical Ad Ca*li Reginam, issued by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Therein, the pope states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, was charged as being "King of Israel" and the heavenly king of the universe.'*

Sources: [1] [2]

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