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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'. This document in turn inspired the creation several other initiatives:	[1]
			[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 (1968-; 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] [2]
			8 Founded the 'School of Supernatural / Prophecy'.	[1]
Brazil				
Edir Macedo (1945-)	(Evangelical 'Bishop', Pastor, Author, Founder of UCKG, Billionaire Businessman) Edir Macedo founded in 1977 the Universal church of the Kingdom of G-d' (UCKG), which has expanded to 100-150 countries (5-9M members and 8-13000 temples in Brazil + 3-12M members worldwide).	[1] [2]	1 Their church is in Brazil one of the main instigators to Pentecostalism and in particular the Prosperity G-spel.	[see also the Special Discernment on Pentecostalism]
			2 The church teaches and actually enforces Old Covenant tithing of exactly 10% for its members. Members are also asked to make so-called 'sacrificial offerings' in a supposed exchange of 'financial blessings', and it is reported that followers are encouraged to donate entire properties. Prosecutors said that his church receives nearly $800 million in donations every year (information from -2009).	[1]
			3 He opened in 2014 a $300 million replica of the double size of Solomon's temple in Sao Paulo, which also serves as the churches' headquarters. It includes a replica of the Ark of the Covenant and a helipad on its rooftop. Its symbolism is analogous to the Tower of Babel megalomania, and Prosperity G-spel materialism over grace. It furthermore represents a physical distraction from the biblical doctrine that believers are the true temple. It utilizes a subterranean altar conveyor belt system to 'efficiently' transport the massive volume of collected tithes, donations, and offerings directly into a secure, heavily guarded vault.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			4 The 2018 biographical film 'Nothing to Lose' (original Portuguese title 'Nada a Perder') and the corresponding book of the same name are overwhelmingly categorized by film critics and media analysts as a piece of unchecked propaganda or self-glorification. It was partially financed and heavily promoted by Record TV, the major television network that Macedo owns, in close association with his church. Reviewers note that the film portrays Macedo as a flawless, altruistic figure and a hero of the masses, rather than offering an objective look at his life. It focuses heavily on how he overcame persecution while largely omitting controversies and the massive wealth he accumulated through the church. The movie made international headlines when it was reported that the UCKG bought out entire cinema theaters and gave away free tickets to its followers. This led to massive ticket sales (making it the highest-grossing Brazilian film at the time), though reports surfaced that many of the auditoriums were playing to near-empty rooms.	[1] [2] [3]
			5 His teachings include serious transgressions to biblical doctrine. He e.g. teaches against higher education for women, while accepting this for men without reservations.	[1] [2]
			6 He also teaches against interracial marriage, which is not a biblical teaching of the New Covenant. The New Covenant removes cultural and ethnic barriers, stating that 'there is neither Jew nor Gentile ... for you are all one in CHRISTOS IESOUS' (Gal 3:28). The only restriction the Bible places on marriage is that a Christian should marry another believer, but this does not even touch existing marriages.	[1]
			7 In 2009, Macedo was arrested for allegedly embezzling church money and engaging in international money laundering, but the Brazilian government was 'unable' to obtain a conviction. The charges allege the church opened two offshore accounts in the early 1990s, in the Cayman Islands and in Jersey, to move donations out of the country.	[1] [2]
			8 His net worth is $1.9 billion. He owns a Brazilian bank, Banco Renner. His Miami condo was sold in 2025 for $13 million. His ' ' church ' ' owns 4 private aircraft (Bombardier Global Express (retailed for $59 million), Embraer EMB-505 ($11.5 million upwards), Falcon 2000EX ($24-30 million) and Gulfstream G280 ($25-28 million)). He defends his lavish lifestyle as a testimony to his teachings.	[1] [2] [3]

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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" till and shoot "physical" arrows at the principalities. 2 "Anointed" by Faytene Kryskow to have dominion over Canada. Close collaboration with her. 3 He prophesied Leslyn Lewis to be Prime Minister of Canada and Trump to win the 2020 election. 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. 2 His prophecies are published by Elijah list. 3 He feeds conspiracy legacies concerning Trump. 4 He had a vision where he was inside Trump's heart and saw there the cross of IESOUS CHRISTOS ...	[1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [1]
Carolyn Weber	(Author of 'Surprised by Oxford', Professor, Speaker)	[1] [2]	1 She worships Mary, not IESOUS. *"This virgin who gave me my 'yoga', 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."* 2 She is most probably an undercover Jesuit: Her collection *'10 Or/ My 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 Avila (JESUIT confessor). 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."* 4 Adoration of the Pope *"I do find Pope always a good place to return to ;)"* 5 She described Catholicism and Protestantism as 'sects of the same creed'. 6 Female teacher and feminist. Teaching function at St. Peter's College (Anglican). She "love" 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). 7 She draws her inspiration from John Milton (Paradise Lost) and C.S. Lewis. She even attended C.S. Lewis Society meetings. 8 She promotes fortune telling in her book. She partook in this practise between her 'conversion' and her baptism. 9 Heavy endorsement of Bono and the band U2 in her book 'Surprised by Oxford' – trying hard to put it in a Christian context. 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] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [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). 3 Explicit promotion of Catholic Mysticism, St. Ignatius' prayer of Examen (Jesuit practice), Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer. 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".* 5 He teaches the false theology of an imminent return of IESOUS CHRISTOS: *"we could not have worship service tomorrow"*, while ignoring the content of the book of Revelation leading to His Second Coming. He further denies that the New Jerusalem will come physically. 6 Eugene Peterson (The Message bible) was close to Darrell Johnson (both taught at Regent College). Use of the Message 'bible' in his newsletters. 7 Close collaboration with Hillsong United. 8 *Strong support of Orthodox churches; "our friends".* 9 *Female teaching pastors at The Way Church.* 10 Endorsement of Dallas Willard.	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [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. 2 Adultery with numerous women; under the pretext of anointing them with his blessing; no repentance. 3 Spiritual father of Faytene Kryskow. 4 "Close friends" with Dick and Joan Deweert. 5 Works with IHOP. 6 Works with Bill Johnson, Che Ahn and Heidi Baker. 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."* 8 *"James Goll is a dear brother, and I appreciate this timely and relevant book ..."* 9 Collaboration with Art Lucier, Elijah List, Faytene, Sid Roth ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] most information systematically deleted [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [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. 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). 3 Promotion of 'The Message' by Eugene Peterson. 4 Proponent of the Enneagram. 5 Active in Ecumenism; collaboration with Alpha Course and Canadian Church Leaders Network (now 'The Pastorate'). 6 Collaboration with Christine Caine. 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] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [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. 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] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3]
Faytene Grasseschi (Faytene Kryskow; 1976-)	(TV Host, Talk Shows, Author, Speaker, TheCry Movement, V-Kol Media Ministries)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	3 Collaboration with Patricia King, et al. 1 Fake performance at "ordination" of Art Lucier and 'Jesus' (!), only Faytene but no bystanders is affected. 2 Promoter of Dominionism and New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). 3 Collaboration with Harvest Ministries, Art Lucier. 4 Collaboration with Stacey Campbell. 5 Collaboration with Patricia King.	[1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1]
Glenda Dube	(Senior Pastor at Kingdom Harvest Ministries Int. / Destiny Center)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Female Pastor. 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] [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. 2 People still slain in the spirit in 2021.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2]
Hugh Ross (1946-)	(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. 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 ..."* 3 Ross subtly equates science for nature = science and the Bible should be equated in authority. 4 Teachers such as Gary Habermas, Jack Hayford, Josh McDowell, Michael Licona and Wayne Grudem adapted his teaching. 5 Close collaboration with Francis Collins from BioLogos. 6 Guest at the infamous 700 Club.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [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.* 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".* 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. 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."* 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."* His highly stylized 'Sermon on the Mount' lecture from 2026 actually begins with a quote from Carl Jung, and the description reveals *"Throughout the lectures, Dr. Peterson masterfully integrates biblical narratives, Jungian psychology, and personal stories, illustrating the enduring relevance of these teachings for navigating the complexities of the human experience."* 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'*. 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. 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. 9 He promotes Elysium, the fountain of youth pill, and 'Body Armor built for everyday wear'. 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] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3]
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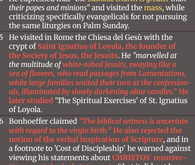
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Canada	Ken Shigematsu (1966-)	(Author, Pastor Tenth Avenue Church)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 He is *"pursuing most monastic ideals"*.	[1]
				2 Teaches 'Spiritual Formation' including 'Contemplative Prayer' (Mysticism; repeat the name of 'Jesus' over and over) 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] [5]
				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]
				13 His church employs several female pastors.	[1]
	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 Fitzgerald (Awakening Europe).	[1]
				6 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website.	[1]
				7 Called out even by Benny Hinn as false teacher.	
	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 CHRISTO! esoterism-ism 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 a 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 ecumenical 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 JESOUS an *"unhistorical event"*), of Kant, Hegel, Schelling, Melanchton ...	[1] [2]
Frank Schäfer (1/21) Uwe Schäfer (1/21)	(Frank is L*****e advocate; Uwe is Pastor)	[1] [2] [1]	1 Frank: Tried and defrocked by a United Methodist court for officiating at his son's same-sex marriage.	[1] [2] [3]
			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 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 knows 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]
			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 66. 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 ISEOUS 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 Homo-sexual Catholic Priest, Professor, Psychologist, Wri-ter & 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]
				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 Liv-ing 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 & blas-phemy through congregation praying in his name.	[1] [2] [3]
				4 Several false prophecies, often copied from develop-ments 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 meth-ods of transferring anointing, they go as far as to say that the 'cloth radiation' of a jacket one of their mem-bers 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 exis-tence 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]
	Sam Adeyemi (1967-)	(Founder and Senior Pastor of Daystar 'Christian' Centre, Author, Mo-tivational Speaker, President of Suc-cess Power Inter-national)	[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 au-thorization 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 (up-date 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 For-mer 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 crimi-nal negligence, but he never faced any charges. Wide-spread 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]
				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 six-teenth century mystic and Car-melite nun)	[1]	1 Key figure of Catholic and 'Christian' Mysticism. Founded with the mystic John of the Cross the Dis-calced (without shoes) Carmelites, an order with roots in the eremitic tradition of the Desert fathers. Her doc-trine 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 confes-sors suggested that her newfound knowledge could be of diabolical and not of divine origin. She had be-gun to inflict mortifications of the flesh upon herself. But her confessor, the Jesuit Francis Borgia, reassur-ed 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 visi-tation". 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 Cana-dian 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-ltl. Assoc. of Healing Min., Awakening Europe, G12 Move-ment, Global Evan-gelist 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' (445 p.), read in its entirety by the author of this ministry, provides a good insight into his particular per-sonality.	[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 Ca-tholic & 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 IESOUS 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 (Irresis-tible 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 ex-plicitly attacked the Great Commission by preach-ing against baptismal regeneration. When being challenged *"I hear you are in hot water"*, he ans-wered *"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 conde-scending 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 utter-ing 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 He is probably the most famous example of the highly anti-biblical showman preaching style, al-though he tried hard to suggest the opposite by fiercely opposing what he called the *"dignified, doctorial, inflated bombastic preaching style"*. He heavily manipulated his listeners through acting, role plays while mimicking voices, and in general through his voice with a great natural dynamic range.	
			18 While there is wild speculation if Spurgeon was a Freemason (often naively trying to proof his af-finity 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 uniques-tionably not only a part of a country trenched in Freemasonry, but that he indeed actively pro-moted 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 Free-masonry."	[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, per-haps, 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 broth-er 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 spiritu-al 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 his 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.	
			19 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-song-writer 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* [JESUS] *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 One of his greatest hits, the song 'Mysterious Ways' was born out of a conversation with their travelling pastor, the Anglican priest Jack Heaslip, where they mused on the idea that the gender of G-d is not clear in the Hebrew, and that one of the Hebrew names can mean 'the breasted one'. *"If the greatest creative force in the world is a woman giving birth, then of course the greatest creative force in the universe is likely to be a feminine spirit."* The official music video features religious imagery likes snakes and prominently a belly dancer – dancing precisely before the moon. The lyrics feature lines such as *"Move you spirits, move you ... take a walk with your sister the moon, let her pale light fill up your room ... she moves in mysterious ways ... let her talk about things you can't explain ... If you want to kiss the sky, better learn how to kneel on your knees ... she's the wave, she turns the tide, she sees the man inside the child* [reference to Jesus?] *... lift my days, light up my nights"*, which has strong connotations of 'Queen of Heaven' worship typical for Catholicism. Bono has also stated, *"I've always believed the spirit is a feminine thing"*. In the final chorus of live versions, Bono frequently sings *"Spirit moves in mysterious ways"* rather than *"she moves in mysterious ways"*, thus clearly proving the song being meant to worship a female deity.	[1] [2] [3]
			6 He substitutes Karma for Jesus as the heart of the universe and quotes the Koran.	[1]
			7 U2 website: *"On Friday Ireland votes in an historic referendum on legalizing same-sex marriage. Here's what the band say: #vote4yes."*	[1]
			8 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]
			9 Bono in an interview: *"It's funny, my mother used to call me the banshee."* 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]
			10 The band intended to erect their own tower (skyscraper) in Dublin.	[1] [2]
			11 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 World." *"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) *Tool 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.*	(Author, Lay Theologian, Professor at Oxford U.)	[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 enter 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 *"Two 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. *"Lewis 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 JESOUS 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* [JESOUS] *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." "If you're a Jew for the devil. 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 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'. JESOUS 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] [2]
			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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Problematic Teachers & Churches

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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. Lauded and recommended widely by Christian leaders, she was largely responsible for bringing visualization, 'healing of memories'* [and positive confessions] *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 ... life's in nature and He is nature' and calling Him the '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 "fatlacy," 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 your 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 (1956-)	(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 JESUS CHRISTOS.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			5 He endorses a pro-feminist worldview.	[1]
Beth Moore (1957-)	(American Evangelist, Author, Bible Teacher)	[1] [2]	1 She calls Christians opposed to homo*e*uality 'Pimps Promoting Filth' !!!	[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 Joyce 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, Ben Wallis, Brian McLaren, Rob Bell, Peter Wagner et al ...	[1]
Bill Johnson (1956-)	(Apostle; Leader of Bethel Church, co-Founder BSSM-Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry)	[1] [2] [3]	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] [5] [6]
			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 Southern Baptist Believers' Convention of Kenneth Copeland. *"I have absolutely fallen in love with this man, who is a genuine believer".* He writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[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; Southern Baptist; has to be 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 JESOUS 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 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 the 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 Poole or have meant any more to my life for the encouragement they have given me."* Norman Vincent Poale is publically known to be a lifelong Mason (33°) ranging all centered 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 Les 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."*	[1]
			14 Estimated $25 million net worth. He received a whopping total of $1.2 million in 2008 and $880,000 in compensation in 2011.	[1] [2]
Brandan Robertson (1992-)	(Senior Pastor of Missiongathering Christian Church, Author, I****** activist)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Preaches a 'radical inclusivity of all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [6]
			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 I******' 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 (1973-)	(Stairway Ministries, Lead Translator of TVP)	[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 TESOUS 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 asserted 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 OT contains *'a mostly 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 *"Jewish novel"* ...	[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] [6]
			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]	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]
				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. 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] [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. **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.**	[1] [2] [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	Open support of the highly problematic QAnon group.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				17	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]
				18	There are serious indications that Donald Trump and his family not only belonged for almost 50 years to the church of one of the most notorious freemasons of our time (see above), but that he is actually a Freemason himself. It would indeed be surprising if he did not share the same 'faith' as his chief pastor Norman Vincent Peale, and it also fits the 'tradition' of at least 14 US presidents, who were known to have been Freemasons. When Trump gathered his supporters, family and friends at Mar-a-Lago on election day in Nov 2024, he also invited a small group of far-right German supporters, of whom at least one person, the right-wing activist Beat Ulrich Zirpel (Youtube: beatausberlin) is a member of the 'Berlin Fraternity Gothia' (original 'Berliner Burschenschaft Gothia'). Trump explicitly offered the Gothia Fraternity a keynote address!	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

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Problematic Teachers & Churches

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United States	**Doreen Virtue** (1958- ; born as Doreen Hamson; last name from 2nd of 5 husbands, a Buddhist) (Author, Discernment Minister; former Reformation; "A spiritual dairovoy- ant Doctor of Psychology who holds BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in Counseling Psychology and Religious Studies"; author of 26 books on mind-body-spirit issues. Exclusive of this list are such titles as "Healing with the Angels," "Divine Guidance," "Angel Therapy," "The Lightworker's Way," "Daily Guide to 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. 2 Her former bookstore [1]. Most books are still being sold, because *"she does not hold the license"*. 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 (CROSS). He looked a lot like the visions of Saint Maria Faustina (a Roman Catholic nun). A second vision 2 weeks later had Jesus' 'Jesus' sending golden light from his heart. 4 Later retraction of the vision(s) and public contro- versy involving Judith Peters and Michelle Lasley 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 fool her senses. But 36 (!) months after her 'con- version', 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 HAY- by Hay House (her New Age publisher only until it didn't !!!) and includes 10 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 Maga- zine cover. The book 'Deceived No More' also includ- ed the vision, but the second edition then excluded it. 5 Baptized in HOW! 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 known that she was baptized at a later point in a Christian setting. 6 She is now heavily invested in Calvinism and shares several 'good friends', such as Lauren Here- ford ('Tulips & Honey'), Melissa Dougherty, Michelle Lesley (all Calvinists). 7 She taught in 2020 specifically on Calvinist doctrine; see video 'Top Myths about Reformed Theology with Dr. Kim Riddlebarger'. 8 She is a self-declared Cessationist. 9 Direct collaboration with Phil Johnson.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
	Doug Addison (InLight Connec- tion, Prophetic speaker, Author, Coach, Stand-up comedian!)	[1] [2]	1 Prophetic Drosm, Tattoo & Piercing Interpretation. 2 Stand-up comedy; he insulted JESOUS and His disciples. 3 On 08/01/2020 he prophesied that Trump would be re-elected; on 15/12/2020 he denied it.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
	Elizabeth Sherrill & John Sherrill (Other names: Beth Kaiser, Elisa- beth Schindler; 1928 -2013; John 1923-2007)	(Author, Founder of Chosen Books, both; had been em- ployed at Guide- posts)	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 Guide- posts and wrote more than 2,000 articles for them. 2 She also endorsed Masonry multiple times in her book 'Return from Tomorrow'. It is unclear if they were Masons themselves (officially only men, thus limited to John with Elizabeth as support). 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). 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. The Sherrills endorse Bredesen in their highly problematic book 'The Cross and the Switchblade' [1; see review]. 4 Repeated endorsement of 'Kraciit van Omhoog', which means 'Power from Up'. It is the name of a Dutch Pentecostal movement that teaches replace- ment theology by denying that Israel will be re- stored at the end of our times. It also rejects ori- ginal sin, and states that human first sinned be- cause he grew in to demons that needed to be expelled. 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. 6 The book 'G-d's Smuggler' includes in chapter 22 a direct endorsement of Norman Vincent Peale (p. 6codepoints), and the Sherrills bragged them- selves 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 se- veral 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 quest. There is no history. We yearned ever our powers of perception when in the early 1950s Andrew was ordained a priest in the Anglican church of Pakistan [...] We delighted in calling him father Andrew".* 7 Display of idol images / other gods on their website. 8 She described Ruth, the wife of Billy Graham, as her friend. 9 She had an extensive meeting with the former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, (also) a Freemason. 10 John's father was a professor at Union Seminary, a very problematic seminary founded by the Pres- byterian Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
	Eric Metaxas (1960-)	(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. 2 In an interview with the Christianity Today Metaxas even made the astonishing statement that Bonhoeff- fer was as orthodox theologically as the apostle Paul. 3 He wrote fascist children's literature 'Donald Builds the Wall'...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
	Eugene Holland 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. 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. 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 Pen- tecostal former Canadian Church Leaders Network), Pete Greig, Rick Warren ... 4 He deleted 'homo*e*uality' from his bible. Homo- s**uals can "have a good a spiritual life as I do". Homos**uality is "not a right or wrong thing as far as I'm concerned." 5 Editor of the heretical 'The Spiritual Formation Study Bible' (Mysticism); see also Richard Foster. 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."* 7 Promoted Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism. 8 An ecumenical advocate, Petersen openly supports and even encourages the union between evangelicals and the Roman Catholic church. 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'. 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. 11 Regularly read books from Teresa de Avila (Catholic doctor, levitated, "spiritual ovulations"). 12 Promoter of Richard Rohr (New Age figurehead). 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]	see individual discernment [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]
	Francis Chan (1965-)	(Author, Teacher, Preacher, Crazy Love, Cornerstone Community Church)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Fallen deep. 2 Works with Bill Johnson, Benny Hinn, Heidi Baker. 3 Close collaboration with IHOP and Mike Bickle. 4 *"G-d might kill you if you criticize church leaders"* ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Francis Collins (1950-)	(Physician-Gene- ticist, Scientist, Author, BioLogos Foundation - an alleged "Christian" advocacy group)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Teaches that man comes from evolution and that in- terpreting the Bible in an ultra literal way is wrong. 2 Supports Genetic Enhancement of healthy people. 3 He said that THEOS is ok with aborted fetal tissue research. Serious crimes against humanity as well as animals. 4 Explicit and proactive (!) support of se*ual trans- gressions.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Franklin Graham (1952-)	(Evangelical Evan- gelist and Mission- ary, CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelis- tic Association (BGEA) and of the Samaritan's Purse)	[1] [2] [3]	5 Irregularities regarding his work related to Covid. 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"*. 2 In an April 2, 2005 interview with Katie Couric on NBC's Today show, Franklin Graham stated that late Pope John Paul II and G-d *"are likely preached the same Good Messages"*. *"We disagree on a lot of doctrinal issues and I guess those disagreements will always be there."* 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. 4 Many crusades and festivals together with Catholics. At Franklin's 1998 crusade in Adelaide, Australia, out of 600 registered churches, 3⁄4 had been either Catholic or Anglican. 5 He has become known, also as the most vocif- erous evangelical ally of Trump. Graham suggested that the opposition to Trump was the work of a *'de- monic 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 JESOUS: what leads to blas- phemy. 6 In 2020, he even publicly defended Trump after he had posted himself in a fabricated photo as 'Jesus, the healer' next to sobbing black ex-Navy Seaman Wil- liam Newman, just days after Trump's unjustified war in Iran had already resulted in at least 8500-10000 deaths in several regions, and after even loyal supporters distanced themselves. 7 After Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, he rebelled publically against the judicial system.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	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 be- tween the persons of FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. 2 Cultic and abusive church movement; ill treatment of church members; arrogant behavior. 3 *"If you never spoke in tongues, you never received the Holy Ghost!"* 4 Adds many requirements to the Bible; identifies wo- men who wear makeup and nail polish as whores. 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"*. 6 He claims to have seen THEOS. 7 Most probably demon-possessed. 8 Serious accusations of systematic adultery and of abuse of church finances.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Guillermo Maldonado (1965 - US & GB)	(Apostle, Pastor, King Jesus Min. / El Rey Jesus)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 Church staff put gold dust in the ventilation system. Water turned into "wine". 2 Works with Bill Johnson from Bethel and Sid Roth. 3 Prosperity & Healing G-spel. 4 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Hank Kunneman	(One Voice Ministries)	[1] [2]	1 He prophesied Trump to win the 2020 election. 2 He claimed in 02/2020 that 'G-d' will save Americans from the coronavirus.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Heidi Baker (1959-) **Roland Baker**	(Missionary, Speaker, CEO of Iris Global, Author)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	1 Works with Bethel / Bill Johnson, Sid Roth et al ... 2 False prophetess. 3 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). 4 Dangerous and heretical aspects of their teaching. 5 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation'. She writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
	Israel Houghton (1971-)	(Contemporary Christian Music Singer, Songwriter, Producer & Wor- ship Leader; Israel & New Breed)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 Adultery, divorce and remarriage. Two children due to adultery; sued by the State of Texas for child support. 2 Support and involvement at a Unification Church conference. 3 Pastor at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
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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. 2 Supports same-sex marriage. *"Jesus didn't speak at all about homo*e*uality".* 3 Married to Joy Carroll, first female priest in the Church of England. 4 Pro-Palestine activist. 5 22 times arrested for acts of civil disobedience.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [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."* 2 Promotion of 'Name-It-Claim-It or Word of Faith' doctrine: *"We have to conceive it on the inside [...] 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 ..."* 3 Very strong Ecumenism. He was in 2014 part of an ecumenical contingent which met the Pope at the Vatican and attended the mass. 4 He frequently misunderstands important matters of faith and doctrine and gets the Evangelium wrong. 5 He preaches a little gods theory. 6 He studied at Oral Roberts University (one semester). 7 Net worth of US$40-100 million. He owns a $325 000 Ferrari and a 10.5 million house.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3]
John & Lisa Bevere (1959/1960-) sons: Addison and Arden Bevere)	(Pastors, Founders of Messenger Int., Authors)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]	1 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website. *"Brian Simmons' work is truly breath-taking!" Both John and Lisa* write blog articles for Brian Simmons. Lisa on her Twitter: *"I love TPT"* 2 John teaches Dominion theology. 3 John teaches the Prosperity G-spel. 4 John was board member of Joyce Meyer Ministries (at least from 2012 to 2016). 5 John and Lisa both have problematic theology. 6 Both are strong supporters of female preaching. Lisa frequently preaches at Sunday worship services. 7 Lisa is a regular conference speaker at highly charismatic church conferences such as Bethel's Women's Conference. 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. 9 They sent their son Arden to the Hillsong Sydney Bible college (2015). His book is endorsed by Christine Caine and Jentezen Franklin. 10 Their son Addison (COO of Messenger International) published a book, where Mark Batterson (The Circle Maker) wrote a problematic foreword. 11 John and Lisa served under Benny Hinn at the World Outreach Center.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1]
John MacArthur (1939-2025)	(Pastor, Author, TV program 'Grace to You')	[1] [2]	1 Figurehead of Augustinian-Calvinism. (see separate discernment) 2 Blatant plagiarism. He has copied entire book pages from other authors. 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."* 4 He frequently quotes Augustine. 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. 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."* 7 One of the main proponents of the heretical doctrine of Cessationism. Claim that Cessationism is fundamental to the Reformed view. 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. 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!"* 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."* 10 He believes a person can kill themselves and still end up in heaven. 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] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [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 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".* 3 He spoke at The Apprentice Gathering (Spiritual Formation; see section 'movements'). 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. 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. 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. 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 J**us, Sh**t the W**t an as real spiritual beings and that IESOUS is not the only way to THEOS !!! [see link #1] 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".* 8 He directly taught and endorsed the Catholic Mass at Genesis Costa Mesa. 9 His father Phil Comer served with Luis Palau, who had a great fondness for, and friendship with Pope Francis. 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. 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. 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 ... 11 He wrote a song for Jeremy Camp with a Third Wave mentality about emptying your mind. 12 Speaker of the New Wine programme, associated with many false prophets/teachers. 13 Endorses false teachers Greg Boyd and Christine Caine. 14 John Ortberg wrote the foreword for his book 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry'. 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. 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.	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United States	John Ortberg (1957-)	(Senior Pastor Menlo Church, Former Pastor Willow Creek)	[1] [2]	1 Word of Faith 'Weather Warriors'.	[1]
				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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United States				
Kat Kerr (real name Katharine Nancy Brahtin)	(President of One Quest Int.)	[1]	1 False teachings about the creation account and Heaven. 2 Word of Faith 'Weather Warriors'. 3 She prophesied in 2018 that Donald Trump will be re-elected.	[1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
Keith Ferrate	("Emerging Prophet)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Prophet certification for $5000. 2 He had a vision playing lego with 'G-d'. 3 Collaboration with Doug Addison. Mentored by Kris Vallotton.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [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".* 2 Prosperity G-spel and false teacher. 3 He got his start in ministry as a direct result of memorizing Kenneth Hagin's messages and still refers to him in 2022. 4 He studied at Oral Roberts University. 5 Strong collaboration with Pope Francis. 6 He cut himself and drank his 'blood' for communion. 7 Blasphemy. He is most probably demon possessed. 8 *"Adam was not subordinate to G-d"*; countless other heresies. 9 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). 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. 11 Net worth of US$300 million. Numerous private jets.	[1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [6]
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'. 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."* 3 In his book "The Woman Question', he accepted and approved the ordination of women as pastors and preachers in the Church. 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. 5 He stated that he would be alive at the return of JESUS CHRISTOS, which re-confirmed him post-mortem as false prophet. 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." 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 ..."* 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] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] [1] [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. 2 Spiritual son of Jesse Duplantis; claimed that 'Jesus' played the saxophone for him.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [1]
Kris Vallotton (1955-)	(Leader of Bethel Church, co-Founder BSSM)	[1] [2]	1 False & Prosperity G-spel teaching at Bethel church. 2 Liturgical prayer to the g-d of Mammon. 3 He prophesied that Trump will be re-elected in 2020 and later he apologized in public. 4 He perpetuates the false notion that Christians are not to judge insiders. 5 Endorsement of 'The Passion Translation'. He writes blog articles for Brian Simmons.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [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. 2 He is the architect of The 7 Mountain Mandate ('Truth and Liberty Coalition; Dominionism) and has a dedicated bookstore for related books. 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. 4 False prophet. Regular appearance on the Elijah list. Friends with Cindy Jacobs. 5 Close collaboration with Rick Joyner / Morning Star Ministries, which carries a long list of materials by Wallnau. 6 Support and prophecies related to Trump. 7 Promotes Ken Blanchard (New Age book 'The Secret') on his website.	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [2] [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. 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."* 3 He unquestionably endorses Purgatory in his book 'The Case For Faith'. 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. 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. 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. 7 Proponent of Theistic Evolution / the Big Bang, 380M years for animal (= human) creation. 8 He credits Leo Tolstoy with Christian faith, which is a highly misleading assumption. 9 Endorsement of Francis Collins (Teaches that man comes from evolution; supports Genetic Enhancement; aborted fetal tissue research ...). 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] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [see review] [1] [1] [2] [1] [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. 2 He regularly twists Scripture; converts his sermons rather into a TED talk-format / pop-psychology. 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. 4 He invited John Mark Comer and his wife to his podcast. 5 He endorses the Enneagram. 6 Family friendship with the Furtick's. They have preached multiple times at each other's churches, and done conferences together. 7 Collaboration with David Jeremiah. 8 Associates with Andy Stanley, Carl Lentz (Hillsong New York), Christine Caine, Max Lucado ...	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [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'. 2 Part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). 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. 4 Collaboration and friend to Che Ahn. 5 Official endorsement of 'The Passion Translation' on their website.	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1]
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'. 2 *"The Messiah is not a person but a point of view."* 3 She was a frequent guest on the Oprah Winfrey show as well, and became known as Oprah's 'spiritual advisor'. 4 Williamson vehemently supports abortion access, services and choice. She has spoken out against the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. 5 She is indifferent about religion, having called it a map in which *"the route isn't important. It's the destination that matters."* 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."* 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] [3] [4] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2]
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Mark Driscoll (1970-)	(Author, Pastor at Mars Hill and 'The Trinity Church; Founder of Real Faith Ministry)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	1 The name 'Mars Hill' is borrowed from Act 17:22, where it stands for the assembly of idol-worshipping philosophers *"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' Hill [Strong's: 3135], and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious."*	
			2 Proponent of Contemplative Prayer.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			3 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 Anderson.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]
			4 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]
			5 He confessed to have manipulated sales numbers of his books. *"He had paid a marketing firm, Result-Source, 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]
			6 He is utterly obsessed with sex. Public endorsement of sex*t, sex*ual, menstrual s*x and cosmetic surgery.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			7 (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]
			8 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]
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]
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 Charisma-tic 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 'Allh', which is plain blasphemy. Chinese: Shn*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 Zoroastrinism) ...	[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 evange-listic meeting. He called them through his micro-phone 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 believered three witches, some-thing like flying foxes (a very large kind of bat) fled there 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 letter), Break-point 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 Du-plantis, 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]
			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 moth-er, 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 ecu-menism."*	[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 de-piction 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 to-wards the victims to isolate and discredit them, and refused to meet with those who later revealed the scandal. IHOP first promised an independent in-vestigation, 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]
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 screen-play, having included a female crucified 'Christ'.	[1] [2] [3]
			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]
			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 Carl-ton 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: *'Grand-children 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]

D I S C E R N M E N T

Problematic Teachers & Churches

Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
		Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil		Download PDF document for clickable links.
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 Antinominianism. Winger to Joel Webbon: *"I don't think the 10 Commandments are binding for Christians"*. 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"*. 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. 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!). 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. 6 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] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [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). 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."* 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. 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. 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"*. 6 He maintained that Jews, Muslims, and other non-Christians worship the true THEOS. 7 In 1975, he received a blessing from Mormon Prophet Kimball. In 1980, he was the featured speaker at a dinner honoring this prophet. 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: *"If 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."* 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] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3]
Oral Roberts (918-2009)	(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. A rapper later changed his name to 'MC 900 Ft. Jesus', inspired by Oral Roberts. 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. 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. 4 He propagated the 'seed-faith'. Plant a financial seed and watch your miracle grow ... 5 He claimed to have raised a baby from the dead. 6 Many people died in his crusades and 40 people were injured during a storm above his tent meeting. 7 Roberts' office staff mailed tens of thousands of 'anointed' handkerchiefs to their followers. 8 Throughout his life, Roberts kept saying that the end of the world was -imminent-, although many signs are not even visible today. 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. 10 3 of his 4 children divorced, 2 became homos*xuals, 1 committed suicide. 11 see also 'Organizations' > Oral Roberts University	[1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1]
Pat Cocking (Patricia Colking / Patricia King)	(Apostolic and Prophetic Minister)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Preached as female pastor while clearly being drunk. 2 False prophet. Regular visits of heaven. 3 New Age teachings. 4 Official endorsement of "The Passion Translation" on their website. *"I personally cannot get enough of this translation! It is beyond beautiful!"* 5 "The Lord told her to change her name."	[1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [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. 2 Long list of controversies. 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 Businessmen's Outreach Prayer Fellowship, 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. 4 He denied creation and believed in evolution. 5 He *"worked for harmony and reconciliation between Protestants and Catholics"*. 6 Use of ministry funds and airplanes to support horrific dictators in order to extract wealth, including blood diamonds. 7 He 'prophesied' in October 2020 that Trump will be re-elected without question. 8 He 'prophesied' two attacks on Trump's life during his second term. 9 He was CEO of Regent University, where they offer up a Roman Catholic Mass every Tuesday in their chapel. 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; produced the highly problematic 'The Bible' Mini-series and the 'Son of G-d' movie). 11 His net worth was between $200 million and $1 billion.	[1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [1] [2] [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 she two had a spiritually "intimate relationship." Zachery Tims called her his "spiritual mother" [3]. ***Unification Church*** 2 She preaches the 'Mother Moon and Kim' Theology and works with the Unification Church to bring the *"truly forgotten 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 ..."* 3 Spoke at several Unification Church conferences. ***Donald Trump*** 4 Main spiritual advisor to Trump, who also spoke at Unification Church conferences. The team of spiritual advisors included) 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 ... 5 She claimed in November 2020 that *"demonic confederacies"* were *"attempting to steal the election"*. 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]. ***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-d-send. ... Jesus said, 'I come that you would enjoy life'; You cannot be a non-tither and have a breakthrough."* 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"*. 9 She promises her donors their own personal angel. 10 She speaks in tongues without an interpreter being present. *"Tika hatta onda ara batta randa aka aka"*. ***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. 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] [4] [5] [6] [7] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [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. 2 He endorses the late Trappist monk William Menninger, one of the three co-founders of the modern Contemplative Prayer Movement, and had him speak at his church. 3 Promotes the Enneagram. 4 Part of the Catholic-Buddhist movement. 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. 6 He quoted the Catholic priest Henri Nouwen 22 times on his Twitter account.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2]
Ralph Reed (1961-)	(Spiritual Advisor Trump, Formerly Christian Coalition)	[1] [2]	1 Indian gambling scandals. 2 He wrote the book 'For G-d and Country, The Christian Case for Trump' 3 Shortly after Trump was convicted in 2024 of felony crimes, he issued a -formal- statement and sided therein with evil. 4 Supporter of voter fraud theories in 2016.	[1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1]

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	Not Recommended		Highly Problematic	Bad	Download PDF document for clickable links.
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; starrsgp mainfestations in their services; female elders; Ecumenism] *taught a session for about 500 pastors ... that same day, G-d used David Savage 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 felt 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]
			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 ~350 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 ... 'stop ... in a text 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 Tulsa ... wait for Rodney to lay hands on me. When he did ... he fell power in his hands, like they were ice cold ... suddenly I found myself on the floor, unable to get up. This happened a few 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 smoking 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 2 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' ...	[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 !!! ISOSUS 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 Baber, 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] [4]
			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 Parenthesism 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]
			7	He considers Thomas Merton to be a mentor.	[1]
			8	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, but her into an orphanage at the age of 8 and denied access for relatives to visit her.	[1] [2] [3]
Rick Joyner (1946-)	(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, prejudices and projections.	[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 2009, 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 woke up 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 very 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 PEACE 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 PEACE 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]
			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 taught 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 succesor in Chiclayo (chosen by himself) did everything in his power to cover up 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 sexual transgressions. Two of his adopted sons are practising homos**suality. He had a homos**sual police officer dance in his show and applauded him.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			3 2023 allegations that he engaged in se* 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 fondness 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
		Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil			Download PDF document for clickable links.
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 L**** 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 Taught at Gateway Church, pastored by Robert Morris.	[1]
				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]
				5 He does not believe in the inerrancy of Scripture.	[1]

Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil

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Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
		Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | ExS		Download PDF document for clickable links.
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"*. 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. 3 Specific dedication to Dallas Willard. 4 They created a Bachelor / Master of Arts in Christian Spiritual Formation (CSF).	[1] [1] [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. 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'. 3 Students are trained to prophesy always in positive and life-affirming ways and to *'call out the gold in people'*. Biblical prophesy, which is rather of exhortation and mostly negative, is practically not found in Bethel. 4 Students practise 'grave soaking' the belief of absorbing the deceased's anointing from 'G-d'. 5 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). 6 The name 'Bethel' itself does reveal quite a lot about the evil nature of their prophetic school and of the whole organization. While the Bible originally endorsed the place of Bethel (Abraham built there an altar to THEOS when he arrived in Canaan Gen 12:8; Jacob had there the vision of the stairway to heaven Gen 28:10-22 and the Ark of the Covenant was later stationed there Jdg 20:18), the city of Bethel soon became a center for idolatry and apostasy and was utterly condemned by THEOS. 42 young people were mauled by bears (2Kin 2:23-25) as a consequence of the city's rejection of divinely ordained prophets. King Jeroboam even established Bethel as a rival worship site to Jerusalem and told his people to worship their golden calf instead of going to Jerusalem's Temple (1Kin 12:28-33), and prophets like Amos 5:5 *"But seek not Bethel ... Bethel shall be as that which is not"*) and Hosea condemned the city. Hosea even renamed their city from 'House of THEOS (Bethel) to House of Wickedness / Vanity (Beth-aven). In a very similar manner, Bethel can be seen today as a rival worship site to the Christian Church, is still mocking divinely ordained prophets while installing thousands of false prophets, and the warning of Amos to not go to Bethel can be aptly applied to Bethel church. 'Do not go to this house of wickedness!' 7 The school has also a great affinity with Harry Potter and it has even been likened by their own students to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry which is part of the book series by J. K. Rowling (see separate discernment on her). The students went as far as trying to imitate certain practices taught in the series, such as levitating coins or guitar picks, and even stranger attempts of walking through walls. When confronted by such evil practices, the leaders of Bethel simply laughed it off ...	[1] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [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 01/2024 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. 2 Their professors include Bruce Ware, Gary Thomas, John Piper, Thomas Schreiner, Tim Mackie ... 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. 4 They endorse in their library Bernard of Clairvaux, Brother Lawrence, Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa, Teresa of Avila, without any discernment or warning. 5 Sales of Charles Spurgeon and Henri Nouwen books on their website.	[1] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [1] [2] [3] [4] [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. 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 ..."* b Walter Brueggemann, who is editor of the Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible, is his *"favorite Old Testament scholar"*. c He endorses Richard Rohr ("I feel akin to him"), Henri Nouwen, John Eldredge and Teresa de Avila and their books. d He taught that IESOUS became a feminist. e He endorsed Bernard of Clairvaux (venerated in the RCC, an abbot, mystic and co-founder of the Knights Templars, a Catholic military order). f He teaches the Enneagram.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [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. 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. 3 Oral Roberts University was founded by Oral Roberts, and began admitting students in 1965. 4 Notable alumni of Oral Roberts University are: Jean-Luc Trachsel, Joel Osteen, John Hagee, Joyce Meyer, Kari Jobe, Mike Bickle, Myles Munroe. 5 Connected to ORU are teachers such as Kenneth Copeland and T.D. Jakes. 6 The makers of the 'He Gets Us' Campaign support(ed) Oral Roberts University with $43,500 (2015) / $17,000 (2020). 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. 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] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [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). 2 Their library holds 40 (!) books from Richard Rohr and 97 (!) books from Thomas Merton. 3 Included in the list of 'Christian Colleges that Promote Spiritual Formation' by Lighthouse Trails Research Project. 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. 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. 6 Endorsement of RCC and particularly of the Papacy: *"the Pope could easily have studied at Regent"*. 7 Their newsletter included the display and promotion of nudity, which is systematic at the "The Dal Schindell Gallery" at Regent College. 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. 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] [4] [5] [1] [2] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [3] [1] [2] [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. 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. 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]. 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. 5 They teach Catholic Mysticism (through Scottie May), specifically Lectio Divina, Centering- and Contemplative Prayer. 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]. 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. 8 They invited in 2015 and 2018 Timothy Keller to speak at their college. 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), Phillip Yancey, Rob Bell, William Lane Craig (to no surprise also Theistic Evolutionist).	[1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [1] [2] [3] [4]

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DISCERNMENT

Problematic Movements & Organizations

Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
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Movements & Organizations	(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 about the 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 Robison, Rousas J. Rushdoony, Tim Clinger (the Worlds Apart book [see 2, below] 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 JEOSUS 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 126-28 and 2Thes 2:3-4.	1Cor 1:26-28 2Thes 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 all twelve 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 societal 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 in-gene ar 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 persuaded into a world-wide 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.	[1]
		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 ELI.) [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 [...] I could be using the Franciscan prayer [...] There was this desert father, more than 1500 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 (OI)	(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 appointees of Ravasi-only Catholicmass 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 the most evil event in Christian history (see discernment on Pentecostalism).	[1] [2]
		2 The concept of 'hell is totally absent from the Alpha course, although JESOUS 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 is Ecumenicalism. Nicky Gumbel: "Differences between Protestants and Catholics are totally insignificant compared to the things that unite us"; "Officially, justify is not deprived. It's enforced"; "I've come to see the [former] 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. - C.S. Lewis (Anglican; see separate discernment). - Francis Collins (see separate discernment). - Luigi Gioia (Benedictine monk; also invited to HTB Leadership Conference; teaches on Purgatory and Contemplative Prayer). - Raneiro 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] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]
		5 Their hall-of-fame of martyrs includes: - Juan of Ars (a patron saint of Franco, venerated in Roman Catholic Church, Anglican Communion). - Isabel Phillip (for Apostle interior and feast; added to the Bible?). - Vladimir Bogoyavlensky (Bishop, Russian Orthodox Church).	[1] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2]
		6 Direct quotes from Pope Francis and his book. The 1st Alpha Conference for Catholics was held in 1996.	[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 sells unbelievers to ask JESOUS 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) (OI); see also separate discernment on Bill Johnson and Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry)	(American non-denominational neo-charismatic megachurch in California) [1] [2]	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 JESOUS 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 cannot also 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] [6]
		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 'Jesus' 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 before Jesus 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 Ages.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
		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]
		10 Even the children at Bethel can explore the world '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 The prophet Bob Jones claimed to have taken the entire Bethel congregation to a visit of 'Jesus and the Father' during a sermon, while he simultaneously instructed them in breathing and visualization techniques which suggested an out-of-body experience. By using the same techniques, he told the congregation, everyone can travel to 'heaven' at home any time they like.	[1]
		12 Their 'Alabaster House Prayer Center' carries an illuminated pyramid on its roof which glows red at night (occult symbol).	[1] [2]
		13 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]
		14 Beni Johnson (Ben's wife) believed that we can use turning forks for the purpose of healing.	[1]
		15 Kris Vallotton once asked 'G-d' for the 'mantle' of Rodney Howard-Browne. Branham is known as the father of the Latter Rain / Charismatic Movement.	[1]
		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).	
		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. 'Angel feathers' reportedly fluttered down from above and indoor gusts of wind were reported ..	[1] [2] [3]
		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]
		22 In June 2020, the infamous 'Lord of the Rings prophetic reenactment' took place during a broadcast on Bethel TV. During the service, Marlene Barrett (pastor & actress) and Bill Johnson led the congregation in a symbolic act based on Gandalf's confrontation with the Balrog. Holding a staff, she re-enacted the "You shall not pass" scene, and declared that the church was using spiritual authority to stop a demon and thus end racism. Using fictional wizardry and attempting to command territorial spirits is the very opposite of the biblical teachings and clearly displays the dark world Bethel church is part of.	[1]
		Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil	

▶ This discernment is based on the structure and main findings of the book 'A Hidden Faith: Bethel, Redding and Beyond' ◀



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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 JESOUS and austere simplicity oriented towards CP had to be the route to holiness.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			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 SPRIIT to fill us to prevent demons from filling an unoccupied house (Mat 12:44).	[1] [2] [3]
			3 Closely related to New Age practices – equally entering a meditative state with the emptying of the mind or rote repetition of a word.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			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.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			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.	see 'Renovaré' (below)
			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).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]
			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]
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 Mat 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.	[1] [2]
			2 Involved in the Catholic Mysticism / Contemplative Prayer movement. Specific endorsement of Renovaré (stronghold of Spiritual Formation) through the interview with Rachel Quan.	[1] [2]
			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)	[1]
			4 Sexual harassment scandal involving the editor-in-chief, Mark Galli, a Roman Catholic (and former Presbyterian, Anglican and Episcopalian).	[1] [2]
			5 Ed Stetzer is contributing editor and executive director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College.	[1] [2]
			6 In a popular article questioning the credibility of Chick Tracts' 'Alberto' comic, they explicitly defended the Jesuits and Roman Catholicism. This comic exposed the Jesuits and, although slightly exaggerated and coming from a KJV-onlyist, is certainly not a hoax, as Christianity Today claims. This article itself revealed Christianity Today's agenda: to defend and tacitly promote Catholicism, not even sparing the Jesuits, one of the world's most malevolent sects.	See also 'Jack Chick's Anti-catholic Alberto Comic Book Is Exposed as a Fraud'.
			7 Open endorsement of Henri Nouwen (Jesuit).	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			8 *"Eugene Peterson Has Completed His Long Obedience".*	[1] [2]
			9 CT skirted journalistic ethics in dealings with disgraced former megachurch pastor James MacDonald.	[1] [2]
			10 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'.	[1] [2] [3]
			11 CT chose in 2016 the outmost heretical book 'Christian. Muslim. Friend.' as winner for the 'Christianity Today Book Award'.	[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".	[1]
			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).	[1] [2] [3]
			3 See also Bono / US band for the most popular promotion of the concept.	[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.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			2 Dominionists believe that e.g. Trump has been "anointed" by 'G-d' to help bring about 'G-d's' Kingdom on earth.	[1] [2] [3]
			3 A common sign is the church telling you how to vote.	[1] [2]
			4 The movement says certain of their people are 'anointed', or chosen by 'G-d' – and says you must obey those people.	[1] [2]
			5 Prominent figures: Bill Hamon, C. Peter Wagner, Chuck Nolson, Earl Paulk, Fred Price, Gary North, Jim Laffoon, Kenneth Hagin, Rick Joyner, Tommy Tenney.	[1] [2]
			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]
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.	[1]
			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).	[1]
			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 ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			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 ...	[1] [2] [3]
			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] [2] [3] [4] [5]
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Problematic Movements & Organizations

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Movements & Organizations	Emerging Church	(Principle Idea: as culture changes, a new church should emerge in response; it is a movement much larger and less well defined than NAR)	[1] [2] [3]	1 Liberal doctrine / Relativism over sound theology · Personal interpretation (eisegesis) over exegetical or expository Bible study · Experience over reason · Subjectivity over objectivity · Spirituality over religion · Christianity as a Relationship only, not a Religion · Images over words · Outward over inward · Feelings over truth · Seeker Sensitive · Non-confrontational · It's not my place to judge · It's just me and Jesus.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				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' ....)	[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 TCG endorsed Eugene Peterson (Message 'bible').	[1]
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Movements & Organizations	(Campaign which provides next steps for explosive to read about 'Jesus', connect with a local church, text for prayer or chat with someone 24/7)	He Gets Us	1 Lead Marketing agency: Haven with Jason Vanderground (President), Bill McKendry (Founder+CCO). creative Agency: Lerma Zen Lee). *Dilcee Mayo).* 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 50 million people in the U.S."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
			2 Producer: Stephen Ostrander, charter member of North Point Community Church (Andy Stanley).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			3 The book 'He Gets Us' shares some core truths of the G-spel, but leans towards Universalism, fails to direct seekers to the most basic and contains theological errors. Written by Max Lucado, a problematic teacher. See review [1].	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			4 Allusions to social justice movements, referring to BLM/JD, not as SAVIOR, but as example: as *"influencer, an immigrant, a refugee, a radical, an activist for women's rights and a stalwart against racial injustice and political corruption"*.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			5 *The campaign reinforces* [1] *the problematic idea that BLM/JD followers have BLM/JD all wrong.*	[1] [2]
			6 Their video 'The Birth' portrays BLM/JD as being born through fornication with a boyfriend. Blasphemy.	[1]
			7 HeGetsUs, LLC is a subsidiary of Servant Foundation (Not Vatican). financed by donor-advised fund 'The Signatory'. 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 *2 Passion Conferences ($500,000 / $1,000,000 / $650,000), the G-spel Coalition ($5000 / $0), IHOP-Kibbe Birkin ($0 / $250,000), Joyce Meyer Ministries ($20,000 / $10,600), Kenneth Copeland Ministries (no / $9,000), Lakewood Church (lost Osteen: $10,100 / $10,600), North Point Min. (Andy Stanley: $118,200 / $10,000), Oral Roberts University ($145,500 / $17,000),* at least *16 Presbyterian Churches ($0 to $17,000 / $2,000), Rest Zacharias ($589,600 / $604,278), Redeemer (Presbyterian Church) Downtown ($0 / $100,000 / $100,000) and Salvation Army ($347,765 / $717,448) and Turning Point for C-J (David Jeremiah; $2,042,400 / $757,705).*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			8 Donors: "A diverse group of Christians from a range of denominational backgrounds".	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			www.familyaxe.com *(founder is Bill High) "...generous members, Independent Presbyterian Church, The Signatory, National Christian Foundation, Provision Bridge, Bobby Lobby, Broadhorn Foundation ..."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			9 Partners include the Alpha Course (Catholic tool; see Emmanuel), Christianity Today (including Christine Caine), the Skeptical Parishioner (by Church, Also (Christian Big Data company; runs the program), Les Palais Academy, National Association of Evangelicals, Salvation Army, the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center and Wovenrich.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]
International House of Prayer (IHOP)	(Charismatic evangelical, Christian movement)	1 Cultic origin and worship style, Emotionalism, Fornication, denial Sola Scriptura	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
The Kansas City Prophets		2 Proponents of Contemplative Prayer / Catholic Mysticism and endorsement of Henri Nouwen. IHOP30'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 IHP 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, translation, demon, Sola Scriptura	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
		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]
LAbri	(Evangelical Christian organisation founded by Francis Schaeffer in Huémoz-sur-Ollon, Swiss Alps)	1 [1995] This evangelical Christian organisation was founded on June 5, 1955 by the Presbyterian 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 (IBFPM) in France.	[1] [2]
		2 [late 1960's] The Anglican Os Guinness, who signed the statement "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" (see 2, 3), who claims in his book 'The Call' that *"[1/3 of the world's population follow the Great Abrahamic faith"*, and who said that the Reformation had endured antisemitism (Luther strongly influenced it) [4], was a leader at the Labri.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
		3 [early 1970's] Nancy Pearcey, who grew up Lutheran and goes now as Neo-Calvinist, 'converted' at Labri to 'Christianity'. Not coincidentally, she is a mouthpiece for the Mountain Mandate (see next point). While Neo-Christians sometimes hide that the cultural mandate is as important as the Great Commission, she even holds that it is more important. She "does not necessarily about it in her popular book (Total Truth' (see 2).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
		4 [1975] It is probably not a coincidence relating to its name, that Schaeffer was in his time at Libri one of the founders, of what would later be termed the Seven Mountain Mandate.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
		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 in society: Family, religion, education, media, art, economics, and government.	
		While this idea of "Dominion theology" originated within Calvinism (specifically Presbyterianism), 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.	
		5 [1972] The Libri 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 heading of Calvinism.	[1] [2]
		6 [-1976] The Presbyterian teacher Sarah Young, most widely known by the New Age book 'Jesus Calling', experienced a New Agey mystical moonlight conversion at Libri, where she lived and studied, and first experienced the presence of a 'Sweet Jesus'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
		[1984] Death of Francis Schaeffer.	
		[2011] Libri has now also residential 'Study Centres' in Australia, Canada, Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, U.K., and the US, plus 'Resource Centres' in Brazil and Germany.	
Logos Bible Software	(A digital library application developed by Faithlife Corp., designed for electronic study Bible study)	1 In May 2021, the company openly promoted Catholicism on their website: "If Catholic Bible Users Convert, Should We Change Ours?" The article states in the article with a double tongue: *"It would be inaccurate to say that those on the Bible books most likely to convince you to become Catholic. Despite being a Catholic apologist, I've intentionally shied away from apologetics ..."* Jose Hernandez is a staff apologist at Catholic Answers, where he is also a host on the Catholic Answers Live podcast. [2]	[1] [2]
		2 Only one month earlier, Logos published the list 25 Top Influencers Leading Catholics to Live Their Best Lives Journey. The article states the following highly problematic and anti-biblical approaches: *"At its heart, Orthodox theology answers the deepest human craving: to know and experience God personally and relationally. The tradition insists that true theology is never merely scholarly but is instead a way of life rooted in worship, energized by prayer, and centered on the transformation of person, community, and cosmos into a real, total union with God."*	
		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 Catholic books. He answered that the resources (among others) are having 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 present apostasy of the Jesus Seminar* [The 'scholars' of the Jesus Seminar do not believe in the deity of CHRIST/JS, the resurrection of CHRIST/JS, the miracles of CHRIST/JS, or the substitutionary atonement death of CHRIST/JS.] *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 2/01. *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 "F" Bible (The Passion Translation), Logos Bible software continues to sell this book.	[1] [2]
		6 Their Featured Teacher for their Bible study with the name 'The Word Together: Abide & Arise' included the highly problematic teachers Beth Moore (both Charismatic 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 Acupressure, acupuncture, all roads lead to heaven, alternative spirituality, astrology, automatic writing, bypassing the mind, channeling, 'cosmic consciousness', crystal healing / power, denial of moral boundaries, each individual is 'G-d', Eastern mysticism, Enneagram, Esoterism, 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, pure life recall experiences, 'psychic self', reincarnation, repetition of the mystical G-d, rejection of original sin, self-help, seminar and human entities such as angels and masters, spiritual energy healings, the third eye, 'touch' healing, 'trance channeling' (asleep), Yoga, zen discipline ...	[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 government, namely the offices of Prophets and Apostles).	1 C Peter Wagner founded this strictly unbiblical movement. *'I needed a name ... For a couple of years I experimented with 'Post denominational'. The name I have settled on for the movement is the New Apostolic Reformation.'* [3] Wagner was a Baptist teacher (he confused the gifts of apostleship and prophecy with actual offices) and taught a Pentefical ministry which puts prophets and deacons second or third to apostles and prophets; he coined the term 'Third Wave', heavy promotion of 7-Mountain-Mandate; spiritual warfare & mapping; Ecumenism)	see separate discernment
		2 The New Apostolic Council, 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 never given for the New Apostolic Reformation (a fact usually not disclosed by the latter) and this 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] [5] [6]
		3 *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: Behind Redding and Beyond'.	[1]
		Anointing, the gates of heaven, attending, activation of the gifts, advancing the kingdom, alignment, angelic, anointing, apostles & prophets, apostolic, apostolic age, appealing to heaven, ascending into new levels of glory, atmosphere, awakening the gifts, bilocation, soul harvest, bind and loose, birthing, breakthrough, bringing heaven down to earth, changing the atmosphere, come up higher, contemplative prayer, covering, decreeing and declaring, dimensions, divine encounters, end-time transfer of wealth, experiencing G-d, FIRE, fire tunnels, flaming ministry, for such a time as this, fresh revelation, fulfilling your destiny, getting drunk, glory centers, glory clouds, glory realms, G-d is doing a new thing, going deeper, going to another level, gold dust, greater works, healing rooms, hosting the presence, impartation, increase, increasing with G-d, ignited by fire, jumping to the river, legacy, levels of anointing, little gods, mandates, manifestations, mantles, marketplace, in the spirit, moving into your destiny, moving in the supernatural, mystical, new breed, new revelation, new sound, new wine, outpouring, open heavens, open portals, open realms, shift, 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, skin in the spirit, soaking, special anointing, spiritual atmosphere, spiritual awakening, spiritual breakthrough, spiritual covering, spiritual fathers and mothers, spiritual mapping, staying in alignment, Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare, taking dominion, "the presence", third heaven, touch not G-d's anointed, transformation, translation, tuning forks, transforming culture, trances, trips to heaven, vibrations, visions, wind, wealth transfer [4]	
		4 Rafael Shimunov is a prominent leader and self-identified 'apostle' within the NAR. He is better known to be the author of the highly problematic 'The Passover Transference Code', which is widely used, promoted and read within NAR-aligned and Pentecostal churches such as Bethel church in California.	[1] [2] [3]
		The TPT renders many specific passages in a way that favors diverse NAR concepts, especially concerning modern-day apostles and prophets, spiritual anointings and the dominion theology / 7-Mountain-Mandate.	
		Abused Bible passages include Jn 14:12 *"The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same miracles I do - even greater miracles"*, 1Cor 12:7, where Pentecostals use the word 'manifestations' to a supposed Spirit-driven experience by the HOLY SPIRIT, and Eph 1:20, where Pentecostals say *"G-d's mighty power is seen in you will* to have more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imaginations. *He will raise them all, for his miraculous power constantly surrounds you."*	
		5 NAR members and churches: Bethel church, Bill Johnson, Brian Simmons, Che Ahn, Chuck Pierce, Doug Addison, Guillermo Maldonado, International House of Prayer in Kansas City, James Goll, Jesus Culture in Sacramento, Kenneth Max Copeland, Lou Engle, Mike Bickle, Mike & Cindy Jacobs, Peter & Doris Wagner, Rick Joyner ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
		6 NAR influenced music groups: Bethel Music, Elevation Worship, Forerunner Music, Gateway Worship, Hillsong Music, Jesus Culture ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
		7 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] [5] [6]



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The Pastorate (name change from Serving 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 (Layout-ly Alpha Canada)	(Network Committed to Connection from 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]
			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 Seton** (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] [5] [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]
			see John Mark Comer and Tyler Staton.	
Practicing The Way	(Evangelism Tool based on Spiritual Formation)	[1] [2] [3] [4]		
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 The Prosperity G-spel overcomplicates faith.* *Faith isn't giving money to get rich.* *Faith isn't paying a fee for an amazing game.* *Faith isn't using bribe to get a cruise.* *Faith isn't a special healing service to get this annointing.* *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 music 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.*	[1] [2] [3]
			7 The Prosperity G-spel is overwhelmingly being spread through Pentecostal (separate discernment). Many, if not most 'pioneers' were Pentecostals (II), such as A. A. Allen, Benny Hinn, Brian Houston, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth E. Hagin and Oral Roberts,	[1] [2]
			Both Pentecostals such as Bill Johnson, Christine Caine, David Ghazyi Cyrolpo, Enoch Adejare Adeboye, Guillermo Maldonado, Josue Duplantis, Joel Osteen, John Bevere, Joyce Meyer, Michael Todd, Myles Munroe, Paula White-Cain, Reinhard Bonnke, Sam Adeyemi, T.D. Jeakes, 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.	
			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 first fruits of your income, G-d promises he will bless you beyond your current position. Tithing is the first key to financial prosperity."*	[1]
			Some (Pentecostal) churches hold special pre-sermons 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 by announcing a pride in 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 USA 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 'Pentecostal Divine Healing Headquarter and his 'Catholic Apostolic Church' built in New 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, Eugene Peterson 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 Quist, 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 normalise 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). 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] [3]
			2 Strong acceptance of Freemasonry in their ranks. In the 1990s, ½ percent of SBC pastors, or 1 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 previous denominational deep convictions regarding the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the local church, membership in a Masonic lodge 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, investigative reports 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 victims' and survivors for nearly two decades; reforms 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 1992, an annual Founders Conference has promoted Calvinistic writing for conventions. In 2007, Ed Stetzer reported, then director of LifeWay Research, said that nearly 30% of recent seminary graduates identify themselves as 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 professors and students 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]
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, Dan 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 clerk.	[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 Olúwolé 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]

D I S C E R N M E N T

Cults & Religions

	Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
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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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Name: Calvinism, commonly coded as 'Reformed'

Stoicism / Manichaeism
|||
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]

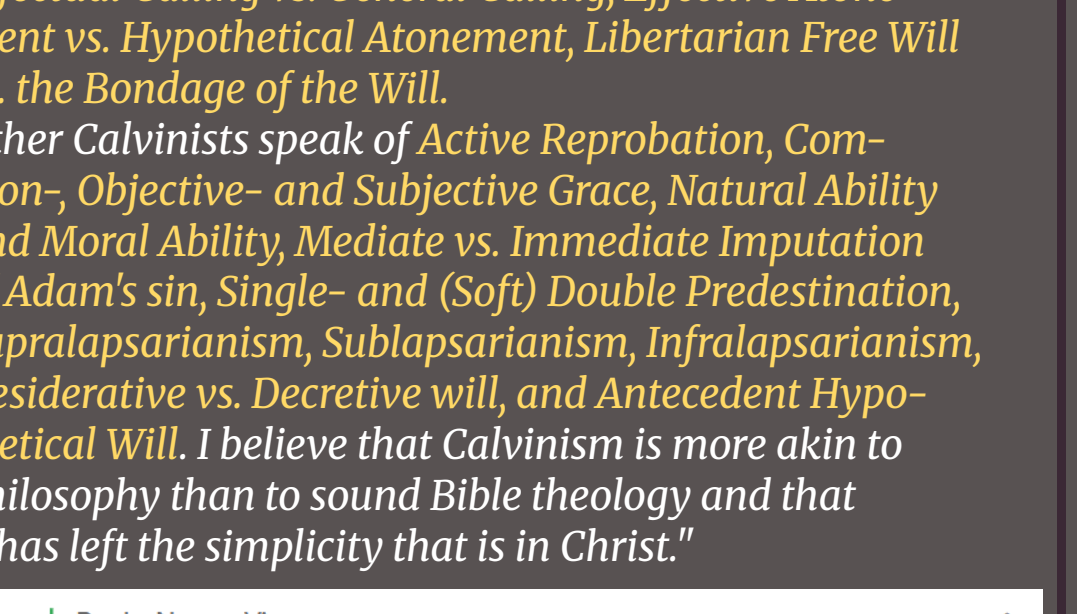
For the first ~400 years of Christianity, its teachers, preachers, apostles, evangelists and theologians taught 'historic traditionalism' without a deterministic theology. Borrowing from Manichaeism, Augustine brought strong determinism and their terminology of the 'elect' into the church.

3 Calvinism was also significantly inspired by Stoicism. Calvin absorbed Stoicism during his studies as a Humanist Lawyer, published an important commentary on Stoicism and even coined the term 'Neostoicism' in his main work, the 'Institutes'. Not by coincidence, this clearly anti-Christian philosophy teaches that everything in the universe is predestined and that each of us has been given a role to play by fate or providence. — See for more details the special discernment on John Calvin.

4 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]

5 Calvinism requires and promotes itself through academic / advanced / higher knowledge. The Bible says that even a child can grasp THEOS' truth. Mat 11:25 says *"Concluding in this moment, IESOUS spoke: "I profess you FATHER, KYRIOS of Heaven and the earth, for you concealed these things from wise and intelligent ones, and you revealed them to unlearned ones."* — [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.

6 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]

7 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]

8 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]

9 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]

10 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]

11 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]

12 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)	[1] [2] [3]
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)	[1]
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]

13 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]

14 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]

15 The only time, the world experienced Calvinist rule (apart from the theocratic city of Geneva and the United States, which could aptly be described as a Calvinist nation since its founding), was the time the Puritans ruled England from 1649 - 1660 (the so-called 'Commonwealth'). The fruits of Calvinism in real time and full action were: — [1]

- *It was the first and only time England was under military rule.*
- *Their military leader Oliver Cromwell, a devout and radical Calvinist, developed with the help of Swedish military officers and French & German artillery specialists the concept of modern warfare and founded the first army in Britain (the 'New Model Army', also nicknamed 'G-d's Army'). His military dictatorship brought severe social, religious and political repression.*
- *This time of 3 civil wars is considered one of the bloodiest in English history. The Puritans initiated many massacres and Cromwell and his people killed thousands while singing Psalms on the battlefield and crediting their victories to an (unknown) 'G-d'. Their killings also included priests who had already surrendered, and they confiscated and transferred millions of acres of land, while directly causing famines and plagues.*
- *Cromwell twice disolved Parliaments that disagreed with him, and became their de-facto 'king' while just a few years earlier having opposed this office (he called himself thus 'your highness' and 'lord protector' so as to avoid the name 'king').*
- *To the horror of England and Scotland, the Puritans orchestrated in 1649 the killing of King Charles and beheaded him. This pivotal event led to Cromwell's rise to supreme power.*
- *It furthermore resulted in the religio-political movement known as the Fifth Monarchy, a radical Puritan apocalyptic sect active also precisely from 1649 - 1660. They firmly believed that with the death of King Charles ended the 'Fourth Monarchy', and that the 'Fifth Monarchy' or 'Millenium' would now initiate the 1000-Year-Reign of Christ on earth. Cromwell enabled this sect but later had a falling out with them, after the anticipated physical return of Christ had neither occurred in 1650 nor in 1656, and after some thought that Cromwell's new government in 1653 hindered the establishment of this kingdom. Its leaders were executed soon after Cromwell's death in 1658.* — [1]
- *They started in this time unprovoked wars with both Ireland and the Netherlands, although the latter was even one of the only 4 Calvinist countries (CH, ENG, NL, SCT). Furthermore, English Calvinists killed many Scottish Calvinists.*
- *The Puritans outlawed many forms of entertainment, while pushing a strict Sunday-Lord's-Day, a false Sabbath.*
- *The Puritans erroneously applied Old Covenant law and indeed put to death, whomever they called 'blasphemers, idolaters, sorcerers and witches'. Adultery was made a capital offence under Cromwell.*
- *The Puritans believed that their homeland, England, was Israel all over again and that their people corresponded to the Israelites of the OT. Thus the anti-biblical ideology of British Israelism, which specifically claims that the Anglo-Saxon race descended from Isaac's sons, is particularly linked to this episode, and Cromwell was a key figure therein. 19/20th century Pentecostals such as John Alexander Dowie and Charles Fox Parham later absorbed this ridiculous doctrine and extended this to the UK, US and Scandinavia where the Germanic race originates.*

16 New England was arguably the most English part of the future United States during the colonial period. It was also defined by a predominant, homogeneous English Puritan (= Calvinist) migration in the 17th century and is thus another 'experimental laboratory' of Calvinism. — [1]

Similarly to the Puritan rule described above, its results were desastrous and it blackened the name of Christianity until today. The US are often described as a Christian nation, which supposedly has only to find back to its roots (the only Christian nation that can exist is the invisible Kingdom of THEOS). But the truth is that it never started as a Christian nation, but right from the beginning as a nation which trampled upon many, if not most of New Testament doctrines:

- *The 'Pious', Calvinistic, Congregationalist New England took the lead (!) in the early, international and maritime slave merchandising (the Deep South only later domestically).*
- *New England dominated (!) rum production in the American colonies, making it a cornerstone of their economy. The 'Golden Triangle' worked by 1. Shipping cheaply produced rum to West Africa, 2. Trading there the rum for enslaved Africans who were then under brutal conditions transported to the Caribbean, and 3. The enslaved people were sold for molasses and sugar, and the same ships that transported the rum and the slaves then brought those incredients to New England to be distilled into more rum. This trade was the very definition of a vicious circle, precisely a vicious economic and human rights circle.* — [1]
- *New England had also a massive tobacco production, although King James had back in England already warned of the dangers of it, and although the Bible condemns greed which was unquestionably the basis for the cultivation of tobacco and rum.*
- *Smuggling was rampant among them and most in New England were involved, from sailors and ship owners, to merchants, over to the common people who knowingly bought smuggled goods at a cheaper price.*
- *English settlers and Puritans in New England killed significant numbers of Native Americans through direct warfare, massacres, and by creating conditions that caused immense population decline. They destroyed entire local tribes through mass slaughter, including the burning of villages.*
- *While IESOUS taught us to pay taxes even to a foreign nation of oppression like the Romans, Calvinists in New England refused even to pay rightful taxes to their own England back home.*
  They badly persecuted tax collectors by beating them, threatening them with death, burning down their houses and pouring hot tar upon their naked bodies. Boston, founded in 1630 by Calvinists and naively believed to be a 'city upon a hill' with a divine mandate, was then the scene of the ultimate showdown, the 'Boston Tea Party'.
- *The Calvinists of New England were still putting Quakers to death when no other colonies were doing that and when almost all non-Catholic countries had quit doing that.*
- *They still practised Infant Baptism. Most of the children of the first generation of colonists had been baptized!*

17 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]

18 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]

19 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 ...

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

21 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]

22 Calvinists are at the forefront when it comes to acting as spiritual policemen and overcorrecting supposed deviations of doctrinal nuances they consider very important. Not all attendees of Reformed churches, but those members who debate in church / private and especially their leaders who debate in public, are often acting in the spirit of OT Pharisees and of Nicea (325 AD), which suddenly opposed the previously held attitude and biblical spirit of winning someone over in love. Many are known to be eager to trip someone up and to be extremely fussy about wordings including many specialty terms such as mentioned above. — [1]

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

24 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] [3]

Presbyterians and especially Puritans were often overzealous in the keeping of the Sunday, by requiring special, written permission for travel and by forbidding any sport and many activities of leisure including hiking.

25 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]

26 The great heretic / gnostic / occultist / Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung was raised in a deeply religious Swiss Reformed Protestant household, featuring a pastor father and eight minister uncles. Carl Jung decisively influenced the Christian church for the bad, specifically through Agnes Sanford (Episcopalian faith healer who grew up as Calvinist), Lafayette Ronald Hubbard (founder of Scientology), Norman Vincent Peale (Positive Thinking movement, also Calvinist and Pastor to Trump), Jack Hayford, Jordan Peterson, Richard Foster and many others who adapted his teachings.

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

28 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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Cults & Religions	Catholicism (~250 AD -today)	(The Roman Catholic Church) The Roman Catholic church (RCC) possibly includes a few genuine believers, but a genuine believer can hardly remain within that church. The Roman Catholic institution itself is -not- a Christian church, no matter how many times mainstream media and even some 'Christians' might also perpetuate such a notion. Many, if not most of their doctrines are evil and a counterfeit of real Christianity:	[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 ..."* Meanwhile, 1Cor 9:5 explicitly allows marriage of apostles: *"Do we not have authority to lead about a sister -a wife- as also the other apostles, and the brothers of KYRIOS, and Cephas?"*, and Timothy even goes as far as to stipulate in 1Tim 3:2-5 the marriage to one wife as a requirement for becoming a Presbyter. But it is much more - even Peter, the one whom the RCC claims is the patriarch of all the Roman popes, had a mother-in-law and was thus married, yet most Catholics don't know about this! See also Mat 8:14-15, Mar 1:30 and Luk 4:38-39.	[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. The Catholic Church has actually managed, over the course of history, to ensure that many Christians observe the Catholic Sunday as holy, while continuing to regularly hold masses on the biblical Sabbath, Saturday, which, not entirely by chance, is a day generally dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin Mary'. They have succeeded in making it so that on the biblical Sabbath, it is no longer THEOS, but Mary who is worshipped.	[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. This involves e.g. 'Specifial Commemoration Masses' on the 3rd, 7th and 13th days following burial, anniversary masses of the death or burial and even an 'All Souls' Day' (Nov2). This special day focuses on praying for the ~faithful departed~ (Catholics) to assist their purification before entering Heaven, including mass, prayer and grave visits. Gregorian Masses go even further, by involving 30 consecutive Masses for the repose of a specific soul. The ~suggested donation~ for this service available to RCC members is between ~$150 - 1200 depending on the venue for the 30-day series. > What an horrible abomination, to try hard to retroactively save a lost soul by paying money and investing a great deal of time for it.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
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Cults & Religions	Catholicism (~250 AD -today)	Continuation from previous page: - Specific Problems -	[1] [2] [3]	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] Claim that indulgences (acts of devotion, charitable acts, penitential acts, prayers) have the power of 'decreasing the duration of time the dead spend in Purgatory'. After 1506, Pope Julius II and Pope Leo X authorized widespread indulgence campaigns, allowing the 'faithful' to receive an indulgence in exchange for a monetary donations or almsgiving to the construction of the St. Peter's Basilica (the massive iconic dome). This fundraising sparked major historical controversies and directly led to the Reformation: Luther wrote his 95 Theses in 1517, wherein he famously questioned why a wealthy pope didn't simply build the basilica using his own money. The Council of Trent condemned and abolished in 1563 the outright sale of indulgences, but those are still granted by the RCC today in exchange for performing specific spiritual acts or charitable deeds. Common examples include various heresies: · Adoring the Blessed Sacrament (' ' real presence of Christ ' ') for at least 30 minutes. · Devoutly reading or listening to Sacred Scripture for at least 30 minutes. · Praying the Rosary or the Way of the Cross in a church, public oratory, or family setting. · Standard conditions include making a Sacramental Confession (supposed forgiveness of sins through RCC priest), receiving 'Holy Communion' and praying for the intentions of the Pope.	[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 (also called 'Blessed Sacrament' / 'Holy Eucharist'), calling Jesus 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 While Mary was called 'Qu*en of Angels' since the Middle Ages after it became popular in art & prayers during this time, this title became officially listed in public church prayers by 1578. The prayer 'The Litany of Loreto' invokes the line *'Qu*en of Angels, pray for us'.* Other prayers position Mary as holding a position of authority where she can dispatch angels and archangels to guard and defend 'believers' on earth.	
				28 [1917-1983] After the first comprehensive and systematic codification of the Roman Catholic church laws was ordered by Pope Pius X and promulgated by Pope Benedict XV in 1917 (initially 2414 canon laws), and after the Second Vatican Council revised this code, it was in the year 1983 when Pope John Paul II promulgated a still staggering number of 1752 extra-biblical laws (called canons). Thus the RCC even surpasses the Pharisees with their approx. 1500 Oral Laws, which IESOUS despised throughout the Evangelia. Particular examples of this canon law, which in no way are inferior in laughability when compared to some of the Oral Laws, are as following: [Canon 1084] *"antecedent and perpetual impotence to copulate ... invalidates marriage"* [Canon 1083] defines a minimum age for marriage (14 for females, 16 for males) [Canons 1378 & 1379] stipulate an automatic excommunication for anyone not authorized or without the faculty to administer the Mass or any sacrament ... [Canon 1251] mandates abstinence from meat all Fridays of the year, and prescribes fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. [Canon 1247] stipulates that *"on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass"*, and under wider Catholic moral theology, willfully missing Sunday Mass without a grave reason is classified as a mortal sin that deprives a soul of salvation ...	
				29 [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]
				30 [1954 AD] In this year, Pope Pius XII issued the official Roman Catholic teaching called 'Ad Ca*li Reginam' (Latin for 'To the Queen of Heavens') which states that Mary is called 'Queen of Heaven'! Not only Pope Pius XII venerated the Queen of heaven, but also St. John Damascene (~676-749 AD), who was an early 'doctor' of the church and wrote foundational teachings on Mary's queenship, and also St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787), a Catholic bishop and doctor of the church who wrote extensively on the veneration of Mary, referring to her very clearly as the 'Queen of heaven' in his book 'The Glories of Mary'. **This fact alone and Jeremiah 51 in the Greek OT (chapter 44 in standard Bibles) make it crystal clear, that Catholicism is a very great abomination in the eyes of THEOS.** The prophet Jeremiah wrote already in the year ~593 BC in Jer 51:15-30, that the Queen of Heaven-worship did not originate in Egypt, but at least in Judah (probably adopted from local Canaanite religions and used as overarching title for several female deities):	[1] [2]
				31 [1992 AD] Publication of catholic catechism; no salvation outside the Catholic Church.	[1]
				32 [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]
				33 [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]
				34 [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]
				35 Removal of the 2nd Commandment (No graven images).	[1]
				36 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]
				37 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]
				38 Catholics burn incense to replicas of the cross, which is paralleled in Joh 3:14 directly with the bronze serpent, which had also been abused after the Exodus for 700-800 years for offering incense to it, and had ultimately been destroyed by King Hezekiah together with other idolatrous objects.	[see 2Kin 18:4]
				39 Institutionalized infant baptism.	[1]
				40 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]
				41 Endorsement of evolution.	[1]
				42 78% of Mexicans are Roman Catholics and thus the violent situation in Mexico is directly intertwined with this religion. Many, if not most of their drug lords and cartel members are raised with the Roman Catholic tradition and continue a form of folk Catholicism, although their idols are not always identical with those endorsed in the RCC.	[1]
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Cults & Religions				
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] [6] [5] [6] [7]
			2 The RCC included ~80% (7 books) of the 0?? 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 more than 4 times the amount of Apocrypha (+14 books Matthew Bible, +11 books Luther Bible). The Reformers disputed 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' 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 baptised in a Christian setting.	[1] [2]
			9 All the Reformers were deeply rooted in Roman Catholicism, Martin Luther was both an Augustinian & Calvinist (rejection of free will) until the end of his life, when he received his last rite from an Augustinian. Even Calvin himself credited his salvation with his infant baptism in the Roman Catholic Church, and refused during the following 28 years to be baptised in a Christian setting. Huldrych Zwingli, one of the figureheads of the Reformation yet a fornicator with several affairs, was heavily influenced and mentored by Desiderius Erasmus, a humanist and Roman Catholic, and considered himself a friend and follower of Erasmus during his early career. Erasmus is also famously said to have "laid the egg that Luther hatched", meaning that this Catholic laid the intellectual groundwork for the Reformation, while he remained within the RCC and Luther put him in practise his ideas.	[1]
			10 The G-spel Coalition and Timothy Keller promote both the RCC and Calvinism.	[1] [2] [3] [6]
			11 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]
			12 Doreen Virtue is baptized in an Episcopal church where still today the Catholic mass is held, and goes now as 'Calvinist' (see separate discernment).	[1]
			13 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]
			14 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]
			15 The popular ghostwriter Elizabeth Sherrill was Episcopalian (her husband was probably also Freemason and she in strong support of it), and highly endorses Calvinism in her books.	[1] [2] [3] [6]
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, and to a certain degree even of evil. Islam teaches a very similar doctrine of Allᵃʰ's absolute sovereignty, to the point of determinism. Allᵃʰ knows everything, determines everything, decrees everything, and orders everything. Allᵃʰ 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 since 1994 (End of Apartheid in South Africa involving many massacres and the killing of tens of thousands) a rather peaced 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. When England was later ruled from 1649-1660 through Calvinists, it suffered one of the bloodiest times in English history, with hundreds of thousands being killed. When Calvinists ruled the New England Colonies from 1630-1692, tens of thousands of indigenous people and African slaves were killed.	
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] [6]	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] [6]	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 Life) 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] [6]
			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 (Paull Murray, who operated 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 compaigned 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] [6] [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 [6]) have even predominantly female leadership today.	[1] [2] [3] [6] [5]
			6 Widespread support of same-sex civil marriages. Many of the clergy are practicing homo*e*sals.	[1] [2] [3] [6]
			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]

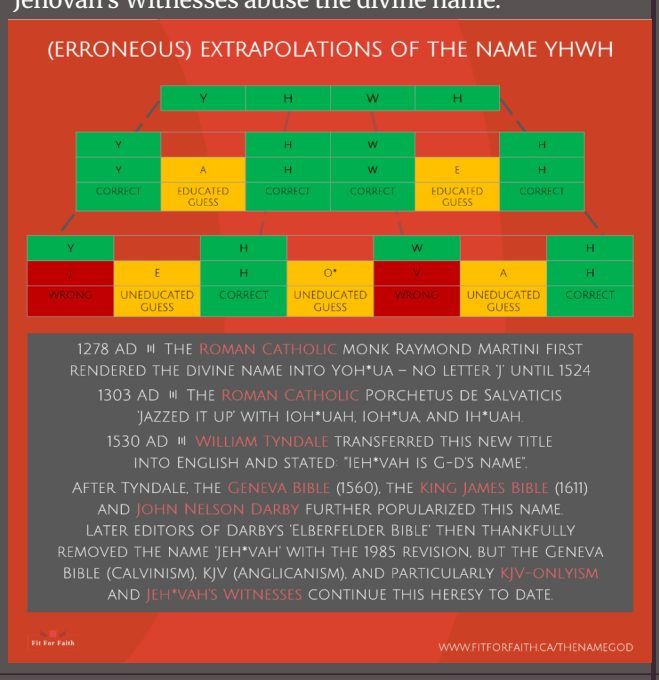
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Cults **Religions**				
[Freemasonry](#) (-1060 AD-today)	(A secret society which is anti-Christian and satanic in its roots. We can nullify state of Freemasonry; there would certainly not exist Messianic Judaism, Mormonism and Pentecostalism, and most probably not the Southern Baptist Convention.)	[1] [2] [3]	1 They deny the substitutionary atonement of CHRISTOS. 2 They deny the immortality of the soul. 3 They deny the existence of hell and eternal punishment. 4 They deny the existence of the fallen angel Lucifer as the devil. 5 Every mason in the world is bound by Blood oaths to support Freemasonry at all costs. These binding oaths are kept through the spirit of fear, because the penalties for betraying the brethren of the lodge include death and eternal hell fire in the lake of fire. The spirit of fear is definitely not from THEOS, but clearly of satanic origin. 6 In the Scottish Rite (7th degree of Freemasonry, ["Knighthood"](#) is defined as a "spiritual unity and [soul] fellowship" communicated to the candidate. Originating from Hebrew, the term signifies destruction or the 'angel of the abyss', directly as mentioned in the Book of Revelation chapter 9:11. It is clear that this spirit is also known and considered to be biblically defined destroyer to be sacred.	[1]
			7 Masonry claims to be the centre of the one true 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 n. religion of an ubiquitous brotherhood of good works.	[1]
			8 Messianic Judaism, with its forerunner of the London Jew's Society and their 'Hebrew Christian' movement, was deeply entrenched in Freemasonry. The first three meetings of the Lib.ell took place at the ["Freemasons Hall" in London, which can be considered the 'mother' of Freemasonry. Also, the Grand Lodge of England (and has a unique importance worldwide). The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Duke of Kent, and Grand Lodge officials attended the first three meetings, while many of their actual leaders were Freemasons.	[see the discernment about Messianic Judaism below]
			9 Mormonism founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith[1] 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 Smith introduced the Mormon temple ceremonies, which are strikingly similar to Masonic ceremonies and the endowment. In the same year 1842, 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. - Their temple rituals have been directly lifted from the Masonic Blue Lodge degrees. - The ordination of the 'Holy Melchizedek' priesthood is common to both religio	[see the discernment about Mormonism below]
			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 fi- nancier, Henry Drummond, was unquestionably a Freemason. Their founding member and missionary [Joseph Wolf](#) was also a confirmed Freemason, while their founding member Edward Irving spoke .bi at the Freemasons Hall. Their spiritual leader Edward Irving and his mentor Samuel Taylor Coleridge were probably Freemasons, while his mentor 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. In his work as Freemason, specifically a member of the fraternity 'Philomesian Society' Judson's change in the validity of believer's baptism, and subsequent need of support, led to the founding of the Triennial Baptist Convention and later to the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist associations, including the Southern Baptists were the first to break off from the national organization.	[see the discernment about the SBC above]
			Not coincidentally, they have today a strong presence of Freemasons in their ranks (16% of SBC-pastors and 16% of deacons in the 1990s; the real figure is much higher). At the June 1992 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was made by a messenger that there was a Masonic minority out of the Convention. The SBC 1997 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*."	
			12 Affinity with the Jesuits. When the very first Jesuit was elected as Pope, he established in 2009 together with Muslims and American Jews the 'Hijaz Consultative Council', shortly after he founded the 'International Day of Human Fraternity' and created '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 [many](#) official masonic bodies publicly praising Pope Francis for these initiatives, which *"embrace universal values and the great principles of modern democracy"*. The idea of universal brotherhood as a book that unites all human beings, regardless of their faith, expressed in the Fratelli Tutti are *"close to the ideals that have been the very foundation of Freemasonry from the very beginning"*.	
			13 The ['Shriners'](#) are a global fraternity based on Masonic principles of worship, 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 honour](#) for those Muslims [members](#) who [joined](#) a Christian. The Shriners wear that same red fez today, with the Islamic sword and crescent encircled with jewels on the front. All Shriners must first be Master Masons in the Masonic fraternity (highest degree) and many have undergo a blood oath and confession of Allah as deity. The group also uses Middle Eastern, Arabian, or Egyptian themes for their symbols.	[1]
			14 Freemasons include: [1] Presidents of the US, [2] Supreme Court Judges (The Power of Positive Thinking, Pastor of Donald Trump who praised him in 2019 as 'one of the greatest speakers" he had ever heard), [3] Famous [4]...	[1] [2]
			15 Freemason authors include [George O. Martin](#), [Max L Pedersen Hall](#)...and probably a large list of popular, yet not revealed authors.	
[Good News Mission](#) (GNM) /	(Pastor Ock Soo Park and International Gospel Church, headquartered in Seoul, South Korea)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]	1 At least 7 mainline Protestant denominations have officially stated that between 1997 and 2008 God/JEHOVAH GOD is a cult.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
[Christian Leaders Fellowship](#) (CLF) /			2 Ock Soo Park [strongly claimed to have been ordained](#) by Dick York. York rejected this notion.	[1] [2]
[International Word Education Institute](#) (IWEI) /		[10] [11] [12]	3 CLF claims to have received [rewards which do probably not even exist](#). 1 Gran Prize for the New Korean, 2. New Leader in Christianity in the True Minister Award, 4. 21st Century True Shepherd.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
[Maharaishi Bible College](#)			4 On the one hand they show [false humility](#) (Stories such as *they were shocked when they found out that I was the first*), 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 [quarterly unreasonable](#) numbers: 800 000 participating pastors from >70 countries, 215 branches in 95 countries, broadcast on 695 tv stations in >225 countries, active in >60 countries, 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 [6]) c...	[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 [answers to God's Chosen people](#)...from a self-proclaimed Messianic preacher today!	
			6 Unbiblical teachings regarding sin, [no need for personal repentance](#)...They teach that there is no good in humans, [only covenant with JE](#). Pastors who claim that we have both good and evil, are wrong ... They base this on Gen 6:5 and Rom 7:9 ...	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			7 Taught the unbiblical doctrine that John the Baptist transferred the sins of the world to JESOUS at His baptism.	[1] [2]
			8 Claim that the prodigal son left his father to run his own business.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
			9 Promotion of a 'Mind education' (Thought) Park with the help of politicians . Claim to be *"less 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] [5]
			10 IMIJ 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] [2]
			11 The director of IMIJ Canada & Public Relations Coordinator, Kristel Castro, studied at a private [Jesuit university](#) (Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles).	[1] [2]
			12 OSP's translation Jewish Path advertise publicly that OSP instructed him to translate more than he actually says, to 'fill the blanks'.	[1] [2]
			13 Tried for selling over-the-counter stocks of his company at unreasonable prices to some 800 church devotees. 3 others convicted, but not OSP.	[1] [2]
			14 If a man sees error in the group and resists it, he is deemed unfaithful. If he loves, his wife is encouraged to be faithful to the group and desert her husband. The members also are encouraged to go deeply in debt to finance the activities of the group.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
			15 New York Times reported in 2012 the fake 'English Castle' for college students in Mexico, sponsored by OSP. The students were discouraged by security personnel from leaving.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			16 Joshua Park created the Wikipedia page for OSP and criticism is continually being removed.	[1] [2]
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[G-spel Halls](#) (G-spel Hall Assemblies) (-4890 AD-today)	(A relatively loose group of churches (a strand of the Open Brethren movement) which has many excellent principles such as the avoidance of solo pastors in favour of a plurality of exclusively male presbyters. which is rather no denominational, unfortunately very close to the Sth + Pentecostalism and King James Only-ism, and which post-tribulationally endorses head coverings for women and the singing of hymns. But by looking behind the surface, one finds also legalism and a boycott of considerable portions of the NT)	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]	1 They often worship the name 'JEhoshA'. The letter 'H' is not correct, the 'S' and 'A' are a guess, while the letters 'J' and 'A' are plainly wrong. The name is therefore based on a false name, invented by the predominant use through JEhova's Witnesses. They use this name also in sermons (see 3), in at least 17 of their official hymns [2] and in articles of chief theologians such as Bob Hazlewood. In his article [3] *"Think of a predetermining influence like Dr C. Woods or Dr Cumming that claimed the fact of the Bible to the stupendous error that G-d made Jesus to be His Name which is the Name of all creation, the G-d of all glory, not of the deity of Philanthropy of Jesus."*	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			2 One of their core doctrines is the [Gospel Church](#) in their options *'going to take place in a moment's time'*, pronounced. A search in the Bible for the phrase 'moment' G-spel Hall leading speaker Jo [3] 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'.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			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 Lord JESOUS 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, he himself of God he is THEOS - the day does not come."*	
			3 Heavy promotion of the unbiblical doctrine of Dispensationalism. As seen in the Special Discernment #1 Pentecostalism, John Nelson Darby played a decisive role in the formulation and propagation of the dispensational doctrine, which he learned in his early years in Margaret MacDonald (precisely the [1830 Port Dundas](#) [4] event where this teenager had on her sick bed a 2-3 hour 'baptism in the spirit' and a [prophecy](#) concerning [James Darby](#) of a 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture'), but originated in parts also in the [Scots Gospel Revival](#) [5] movement, where [Edward Irving](#) and [Samuel Roberts](#) had not only translated, but were even used those at the infamous [Albury Conferences](#) as a guide to outline the conference sessions (where Darby was next to the revival an active part of, but then founded with Lady Powerscourt his own denomination opposing the Apostolic office and the abhorrent abuse of spiritual gifts).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
			In simple words for the layman - the false doctrine that followers of CHRISTOS will be [supernaturally snatched away](#) by the [Second Coming](#), did originate in between 1828-30 – primarily facilitated through the Albury Circle and Edward Irving, a Presbyterian believer by Darby thereafter.	
			4 Legalism: Total condemnation of all actors with no differentiation to known Christian actors; condemnation of any faith-based movies without differentiation between edifying and non-edifying content, of any instrument for worship, and of contemporary Christian music.	[against Actors and faith-based movies]
			They base their condemnation of instruments, worship music, and movies on [Amos 5:23](#) and [Isaiah 29:13](#), on the distraction of the artist when he or she has to concentrate on the accuracy of his playing", on their fear of becoming worldly, on the graded every priest in Solomon's temple in a full-flow 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 balanced differentiation in differentiation between the healthy elements and the problems. They give valid examples of the problems and then simply imply that all and everything is bad and useless.	[against instrument]
			5 They teach analogous to Calvinism the highly problematic doctrine of [predestination](#) (claim that most 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 - [Counterfeit Gold: Why have the gifts been removed ?](#) - essentially claiming that miracles as biblical history only occurred during 1Ps-200 years in total, that tongues were an *"overwhelming sign of the apostles"* and a sign of judgment to the nation of Israel (while stretching the meaning of the word 'sign' and twisting many related bible verses).	[against contemporary Christian music: "God has to go", "here are 3 reasons why we are not supposed to listen to Christian Rock (CCM)", & more-sets"]
			But Paul does much rather teach that tongues were intended to impress unbelievers (long after CHRISTOS had temporarily ceased the nation of Israel as symbolized through the fig tree) and that the gift ironically not the *office* of prophecy definitely continues to date, contrary to their [undifferentiated claims that any prophecy has ceased and therefore also all gifts](#) (which would rather be described as anti-Christ than 'fathers' to imitate.	
			Penfold 'affirms' his stance though [highly problematic doctors of the Roman Catholic church such as Augustine or Chrysostom](#), which could rather be described as anti-Christs than 'fathers' to imitate.	
			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 Sabbath](#) [6], by declaring it a '7th Day Adventist spleen', a false dichotomy very often employed today by those who want to quickly intimidate and silence those defending the biblical teaching. *"Neither the unity nor Sunday are any longer legally required to be kept as 'sacrosanct Sabbaths' by Christians today."*	
			They justify this through the example of the Reformers and are generally grossly influenced by the highly problematic Reformation. Although, they declare themselves to be non-denominational.	
			8 While G-spel Hall is definitely not KJV-only, it not only predominantly uses this Bible translation (formerly as primary Bible translation 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 *"endured trial to our heart"* and being the *"companion of their childhood days"*).	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
			These teaching principles are also [similar to KJV-enthusiasts](#) (in the case of Michael J. Penfold with a sometimes overly bold and even demeaning language; Once-Saved-Always-Saved; heavy emphasis on Dispensationalism as highlighted in the KJV translation ...).	
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Cults & Religions

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Cults & Religions	Hare Krishna (~1966 AD-today)	(Religious organization founded in 1966; core beliefs are based on Hindu scriptures)	[1] [2]	-	[1]
	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 & Christians), then those who keep the Sunday (Protestants). 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. 	[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]
				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

THEOS Exists | Acceptance of MESSIAH
CHRISTOS Jesus, Acceptance of MESSIAH
OT, Inspired & Authority
Talmud & Authority
Talmud & Mishna, Followed
Talmud & Mishna, Not Followed
Gentiles | Nations, Evangelism
Gentiles | Nations, Worship
Gentiles | Nations, Observance
Sabbath, Weekly Observance
Calendar | Lunisolar (Algorithmic modern)
Calendar | Lunisolar (Empirical Ancient)
Prayers for the Dead (Purgatory, Sheol)
Feasts | Resurrection from the dead

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Judaism, Ancient	A) Those who accepted CHRISTOS fulfilling the OT	[1] [2]	YES YES YES YES (c.AD 30) later 31-AD later 31-AD Some/ other Some/ other - later YES	[1]
	B) Those who rejected CHRISTOS	[1] [2] [3]	YES NO YES NO later 31-AD YES YES YES - later YES	[1]
Beta Israel / Ethiopian Jews (~6th c. BC-today)	(Emigrated Jews with their preserved Ancient Judaism)	[1] [2]	YES Some YES Some NO NO YES Not OT Torah then - YES NO ?	
Reformed (Liberal, Progressive) (~1810 AD-today; founded in Germany)	(Lessened stress on ritual and laws; following of ex-tensive influences; progressive values)	[1] [2]	YES NO Some/ other NO NO NO NO/ Some/ other NO NO YES YES NO	[1] [2] [3]
Orthodox (~1860 AD-today; some say since 1st c. AD; emerged as a defense mechanism against Reformed Judaism)	(Regards Torah, both Written and Oral, as revealed on Mount Sinai)	[1] [2]	YES NO YES NO YES YES YES YES Some/ other YES YES	[1] [2] [3] [4]
Ultra-Orthodox (Haredi, Charedim) (~1860 AD-today; founded in Europe, now mainly in Israel; reaction to Reformed 1)	(Strict adherence to Halakha (Jewish law) and tradi-tions)	[1] [2] [3]	YES NO YES NO YES YES YES YES Some/ other YES YES	[1] [2] [3]
Conservative (~1883 AD-today; founded in Germany / the US; schism in Reformed 1)	(Conservation of traditional Juda-ism, but allows for the modernization of rel. practices)	[1] [2] [3]	YES NO Some/ other NO YES NO YES YES Some/ other YES Some/ other	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
Reconstructionist (~1935 AD-today; founded in the US, schism in Conser-vative Judaism)	(Judaism as a pro-gressively evolving civilization rather than religion)	[1] [2] [3]	NO NO NO NO YES YES NO NO/ Some/ other NO NO NO NO	[1] [2] [3] [4]
Humanistic (1966 AD-today; founded in the US; schism in Reformed 1)	(Nontheistic; Juda-ism as cultural and historical experi-ence)	[1] [2]	NO NO NO NO Some/ other NO YES YES Some/ other YES Other/ other NO	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
Messianic (~1813 / 1965 AD-today; originally London / officially founded in the US)	(Incorporates some elements of Juda-ism into other Jew-ish traditions into evangelicalism; deeply entrenched in Masonry)	[1] [2] [3]	YES YES YES YES Some/ other NO YES Some/ other Some/ other NO Other/ other YES	[1] [2] [3]
Modern / Mainstream Judaism (Conservative, Humanistic, (Ultra-) Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Reformed)	Ancient Judaism has been signifi-cantly corrupted in the 2 c. AD by Rabbi Akiva and his disciples (of whom Aquila translated, and Yose ben Halafta standardized the Proto-Masoretic text of our Bibles in 160-180 AD). Akiva was well known for hating the Good Message / Euangelion, for having gone as far as to proclaim an-other messiah (named Bar Koch-ba), for having fre-quently used the book of Sirach and Ecclesiasticus (Apocrypha, long before Catholics ..), and for having taught purgatory. His disciples then materialized through the cre-ation of the hereti-cal Talmud and Mishnah what had been inspired by this great anti-Christ Rabbi Akiva. See also the sepa-rate study on Akiva. Beta Israel (literal-ly, 'house of Israel') is probably the only fraction of Judaism which ac-tually preserved Ancient Judaism. They are a signifi-cant community of Jews who emi-grated earliest with the Queen of Saba (10th c. BC), many during Babylon (6th c. BC) and some as late as the 4th c. BC., and who preserved the bib-lical traditions of ancient Israel much better than Main-stream / Modern Judaism in Israel. They had for centuries not even been aware of the 2nd fallen Temple and do (or did) not know the 2c. AD Talmud, Mishna and other con-textual theology (adaption to mo-dern age). They are probably the best reference for many practices related to Ancient Judaism, but scholarship has sadly given very little atten-tion to them. From 1948 until 2013, a total of 3.121.000 Ethiopian Jews were evacuat-ed / immigrated to Israel through sometimes spec-tacular operations involving hundreds of airlifts mostly done in secret. When they arrived to Israel, they were widely forced to con-form to Mainstream Judaism and to lose their biblical tradi-tions. Rabbi Yosef decreed a pro forma conversion to Juda-ism of all Beta Israel upon their arrival in the State of Israel and a declaration of submission to the way of life of Hal-acha, or doctrine and practice of Orthodox Rab-binic Judaism.	see above	1 The vast majority of adherents still denies JESOUS CHRISTOS and some Jewish denominations even ghastly deny THEOS (see chart above). 2 Modern Judaism employs a derogatory term specifically reserved for JESOUS CHRISTOS. The Hebrew name 'Y'shu' (not to be confused with the rather legit 'Yeshua' with an additional letter at the end), has been used in some Jewish literature and traditions as a polemical or derogatory term for JESOUS. Many sources, particularly within Jewish and Messianic scholarship, note that 'Y'shu' is inter-preted as an acronym for the Hebrew phrase 'Yim-mach Shemo Ve-zichrono', which translates to "May his name and memory be blotted out". Among Orthodox Jewish communities, the name 'Y'shu' is still used to intentionally avoid mention-ing the name associated with salvation. The popular yet deeply heretical Talmud contains several refer-ences to 'Y'shu', a word generally reserved for 'Jesus of Nazareth', often in a pejorative context. Passages such as Sanhedrin 43a, 107b and Sotah 47a describe a "Y'shu" who practised sorcery, enticed Israel to apostasy, and was executed on Passover. Those passages were omitted from later censored editions of the Talmud. 3 Modern Judaism struggles with basics such as the rhythm of a biblical day. An ordinary biblical day does not start at sunset (Mainstream Judaism), nor at mid-night (Pagan World), but with the Sun Rise (see Gen 1:5; other proof texts are 1Sam 19:11, Exo 29:39, Lev 22:29-30, Num 11:32, Mat 28:1, Mar 27:45, Joh 20:19, Act 4:3 et al.). 2 out of 7 Sabbath of Sabbaths (Annual Feasts / High Sabbaths / Extraordinary Sabbaths / Geremonial Sab-baths) are stated to begin at sunset (Passover accord-ing to the timing of the Exodus as specified in Deut 16:6 and Num 9:5, and the Day of Atonement as speci-fied in Lev 23:32). We do not know if this rather ex-plied only those 2 -, or if all the 7 Sabbath of Sabbaths, but it is absolutely certain that this very particular timing of specific holy days did not affect the Weekly Sabbath or any weekday. 4 Modern Judaism intentionally twists the beginning of a biblical New Year (first month in spring, see Exo 12:2 and Deut 16:1 -not the autumn Rosh Hashana), only the initially mentioned month (Ethiopian Judaism continued to celebrate the first month in spring). In addition, many dates for the correct biblical New Year (which they still respect for the calculation of the Passover) are manually shifted by 1 or 2 days, so to fit their overall calendar. 2022: April 2 (1 day earlier) 2023: March 24 2024: April 9 (1 day earlier) 2025: March 30 (1 day earlier) 2026: March 19 (2 days earlier, during a Dark Moon) 2027: April 8 (1 day earlier) 2028: March 28 5 Modern Judaism lost track of the date for the Wave Sheaf Offering / First Fruits. Only Beta Israel preserved it correctly with Abib 14, while other Jewish denominations covered up the resurrection of JESOUS CHRISTOS on the very same day, by generating a massive confusion (Nisan 14 supported by Qaraites Jews, Abib 15 supported by Es-senes, Jubilees, Sadducees, Samaritans; Adar 16 sup-ported by Pharisees, Rabbis, Josephus, Philo; Abib 26 supported by the Essenes in Qumran). Jerome and his Roman Catholic church then removed in ~405 AD the crucial Sabbatical marker to the Resur-rection / First Fruits on Abib 23, by single-handedly (re-) moving 90 verses from the Book of Esther to a separate section, which directly caused the 'Letter of Liberty to the Jews' to disappear from our standard Bibles. This letter was a very strong pointer and allusion to the Resurrection of JESOUS CHRISTOS. In the same way liberation from the consequences of sin was granted to those who repented in Susa (their death sentence was literally annulled), so also all those who repent today and trust in JESOUS CHRISTOS as SAVIOR have annulled their spiritual death sentence and have been proactively liberated on the precise same day, on Abib 23rd. 6 The modern Jewish calendar contains more than 30 significant extra-biblical holidays and fasts that are not commanded in the Bible. While the major biblical feasts (Passover, Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of Weeks ..) remain central, several holidays were added by rabbinic authorities in the post-biblical, Talmudic, and modern eras. This includes e.g.: Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication; victory of the Maccabees), Lag ba'Omer (related to a plague during the time of the great heretic Rabbi Akiva), Purim (origi-nally from Israel, now a major holiday in Israel), Simchat Torah (related to their annual Torah reading cycle), Tenth of Tevet (~Fast of Nineveh), Fast of Ge-daliah (related to the destruction of Jerusalem), Tisha B'av (commemorating the destruction of the Temple), Tu BiShvat (ancient day of love, revived in modern Israel), Yom Kippur (New Year for Trees; stipulated in the heretical Talmud). It is offensive to THEOS to celebrate extrabiblical feasts such as those included in the Jewish calendar. *"But now, because you have come to know THEOS, or rather have come to be known by THEOS, how can you turn back again to the weak and miserable elemental spirits? Do you want to be enslaved to them all over again? You carefully observe days and months and seasons and years."* Gal 4:9-10 *"O house of Israel [...] Ye who are approaching the evil day, who are drawing near and adopting false sabbaths; 4 who sleep upon beds of ivory, and live delicately on their couches ..."* Amo 6:3 Not coincidentally, the verse of Amos 6:3 is even omitted in the Proto-Masoretic text and wa-tered down to a generic *"You that put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of violence."*!!! 7 Modern Judaism still follows Old Covenant Law, with more than 600 commands and regulations mostly abolished by JESOUS CHRISTOS. 8 Modern Judaism follows the (well-than 1500 Oral Law), which had been compiled through Rabbi Akiva (c. 40-135 CE) and his students Rabbi Yose ben Halafta and Rabbi Meir (mid-2nd century CE). Those three were pivotal in the for-malization and organization of the Oral Law, act-ing as the bridge between the purely oral tradi-tion and the final redaction of the Mishnah. 9 Some of the most basic Bible knowledge was lost between true OT Jews and Modern Judaism. Not even the meaning of the word 'Shelah' was pre-served, which occurs 74 times in the Old Testa-ment, yet no one definitely knows the meaning today. 10 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples deleted Cainan from the Hebrew Old Testament (Proto-Masoretic text), for reasons we are all familiar with, when we read the New Testament. Cainan' (not the son of Enoch) came in the 12th generation after Adam, as the son of Arphaxad and the father of Shelah. The Greek Old Testament in-cludes Cainan in Gen 11:13 and 1Chr 1:18, while the New Testament also includes him in Luk 3:36. Yet Gen 11:13 of the Masoretic text lacks the mention of his name. 1c. AD -The second Cainan continued in all the Greek and Hebrew copies to the Christian era and the end of the first century. 2c. (100-150 AD) -Manipulation of the Hebrew OT as documented by Justin Martyr in 150 AD, and exclusion of Cainan. Why did the Jews remove Cainan from their Scripture? Because he was the father of the Samaritans as plainly stated in the Alexandrian Chronicle (5-6c. AD). The fact that the Samaritans came from Cainan and even have an older heritage than the Hebrews (Cainan was born 2 generations before Eber, the fa-ther of the Hebrews), provides an overwhelming justification for those Jewish -scholars- having ex-cluded precisely his name. It is well known and de-scribed in the biblical account that the Jews had a deep aversion of the Samaritans (Joh 4:9). The in-clusion of Cainan in their own writing must have been a thorn for centuries. 11 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples removed 65 Bible verses from Daniel 3:24-90. 12 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples manipulated probably many passages found in Genesis 5 & 11 and 1Chronicles 1-3 (thus we "behold" a creation date of ~4000 BC instead of 5500 BC). 13 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples manipulated many prophecies pointing to CHRISTOS. Christian scholars silently reversed some of the more obvious manipulations over the course of the past centuries, but some manipulations are still perfectly visible today. 14 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples went as far as to turn-end the identity of the Angel of YAHWE, being the pre-incarnate CHRISTOS. He is called in the uncor-rupted text of Isa 9:6 the 'ANGEL / MESSENGER OF GREAT COUNSEL' (AI'EAOC ME/ AAHC BOYAHC: Aggelos Megales Boules - Messenger of Great Counsel). Gen 48:16 confirms that CHRISTOS is the Angel of KYRIOS and Mal 31 eliminates any doubts. 15 Rabbi Akiva and his disciples concealed Cain's sin (which reflected also the sin of the Rabbis --greedi-ness- as called out by JESOUS in Luk 11:39, and es-pecially the sin of sacrilege as condemned to death in Act 5:1-4). The Greek OT clearly states that Cain brought the sufficient sacrifice of the first fruits of the field, but did not share it. Gen 4:7 reads: *'Hast thou not sinned if thou hast brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it? Be still, to thee shall be his submission, and thou shalt rule over him.'* The manipulated text reads: *'If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouch-ing at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.'*. 16 Most branches of Modern Judaism practise purga-tory, specifically 11 months of 3 daily prayers for dead relatives.	see above	[1] [2] [1] [1] See also the study 'CHRISTOS JESOUS 11 Passover Chronology - Refutation of Fast-Track Trial' See also www.christian-calendar.org See also the study 'Removed Scriptures from the Book of Esther'. Amos 6:3 (Greek OT) [1] See also the separate study including a de-tailed differentiation and a complete list of those 600+ former commands. See also the study 'Laws II: Old Covenant - Moral Law - Laws of CHRISTOS - Oral / Fence Laws of Pharisees' More details in the study 'Septuagint - Biblical Proof For Superiority Over Masoretic Texts' [1] See 'Removed Scriptures from the Book of Daniel'. [1] A list with selected manipulations can be found in the study 'Septuagint - Biblical Proof For Superiority Over Masoretic Texts' See also the separate study 'CHRISTO-PHANIES II: Angel of KYRIOS' Gen 4:7 [1] [2] [3]

> Mainstream Judaism is (apart from some advanced Hebrew knowledge which overlaps to a small degree with Paleo Hebrew) essentially in the very same position as any advanced reader of the Bible is, but with the decisive disadvantage of lacking the immense knowledge contained in the New Testament. Although Jewish and Messianic Jews, they are -not yet- grafted into the Kingdom and Modern Judaism is still an abomination and a counterfeit of Ancient Judaism as seen above.

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Cults & Religions	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)	[1] [2] [3] [4]	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. [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.*	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				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. 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! Henry Drummond (chair of the CMJ) was a Freemason. Joseph Wolff (sponsored by the CMJ; a former Jesuit who studied in Rome at their 'College of Missionary Propaganda') was a Freemason. Lewis Way (pioneering member and key financial supporter) was 3x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the CMJ. Daniel Wilson (later Bishop of Calcutta) was a Freemason and was 2x speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the CMJ. This list is probably only the tip of the iceberg and much more could be investigated.	[1] [2] [1] [1] [1] [1]
	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')	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]	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 WN was heavily influenced by the highly problematic teacher John Nelson Darby (Dispensationalism; Plymouth Brethren). He urged WL to read Darby's highly controversial book 'Synopsis of the Books of the Bible' multiple times, which taught the erroneous Pre-Tribulational Rapture and Dispensationalism which WL then adopted.	[1]
				5 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]
				6 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]
				7 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]
				8 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]
				9 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]
				10 Both WL and WN are widely considered to have taught a form of 'Christian' mysticism or a "higher spiritual life". WN was heavily influenced by the Keswick Holiness movement (Quietism, shallow view of sin) and Roman Catholic mystics such as Madam Guyon, of whom he even translated her writings into Chinese. His emphasis on an inward, mystical union with G-d is detailed in his popular book 'The Normal Christian Life'. Both modelled also Guyon's extra-biblical technique of emptying one's mind (Kenosis). Kenosis is a misapplication of the role 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. Matthew 12:43-45 states: *"Now whenever the unclean spirit should depart from man, it is passing through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says: I will return to my house from where I departed. And having entered, it finds it being vacant, having been swept and embellished. Then it goes and takes with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself. And having entered, they dwell there, and the last of that man becomes worse than the first. Thus it will also be to this evil generation."*	[1]
				11 Clever deception by way of doublespeak.	[1] [2]
				12 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]
				13 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. 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 15 ½ 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 Council of Trent (1545-1563 AD). Luther, who was not a scholar by nature, 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 to 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 reasonings and excuses. [1]
5. Many, if not most of the Nazi soldiers were, Lutherans. [1]
6. The 'German Christians' movement (Deutsche Christen) was not the primary cause of the Nazi rise to power, but it was a decisive enabling factor that helped legitimatize the Nazi ideology among millions of German Protestants. By merging Nazism with Christian faith, they diminished religious opposition and provided theological justification for Nazi antisemitism. This movement had approx. 600,000 members and 3,000 pastors, and was primarily composed of Protestants, the vast majority of which were Lutheran or United (a combination of Lutheran and Reformed). [1]

   The 'German Christians' movement was sustained and encouraged by factors such as:

   - The antisemitic writings of Luther (e.g. 'On the Jews and Their Lies'). This treatise, which called for the destruction of synagogues and confiscation of Jewish property, was lauded by Nazi authorities. Excerpt: *"How shall we Christians deal with the rejected and condemned people, the Jews? We dare not tolerate their lies and blasphemy if we are aware of their being and blaspheming. If we cannot convert them, we cannot kill them (for we do not have the power), we do not give you my sincere advice. First, set fire to their synagogues or schools and bury and cover with dirt, whoever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom, so that it might be seen that we are really Christians. Second, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed. [...] Fifth, I advise that safe conduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews. For they have no business in the country-side. [...] Finally, let us emulate the common sense of other nations such as France, Spain, and Bohemia, and eject them (extour from our country."*
   - They used the Lutheran Reformation's focus on his 'unfiltered' work to justify Nazi antisemitic policies, often ignoring German nationalism ideology with Luther's theology.
   - De-emphasis of the Old Testament in Lutheran theology, and the partial or total removal of Jewishness from the Bible. They even produced a rewritten version of the Bible that was free of Jewish influence. This book included excision of the NT titled "Die Botschaft Gottes" ("The Message of God"), which removed all references to the OT, portrayed 'Jesus' as an Aryan warrior hero rather than a Jew and was designed to replace Luther's traditional translation in German churches and schools, with an initial print run estimated at 150-200,000 copies.
   - The adherence to, and close collaboration with secular authorities, which had been emphasized by Luther.
7. Manichaeism was known back then as the pinnacle of Gnosticism and was even used as synonym of heresy. [1] [2] [3]
8. 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 reverse Mani as the final prophet after : the reincarnation of Zoroaster, the Buddha, and JESOUS. [1] [2]
9. 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] [3]
10. *"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]
11. 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)

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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 Jesus' cursings. Adam Clarke's false claim, one very often repeated today - is that only prostitutes went around in public without a veil. [1] [2]
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 Hillsong in the US in 1895 AD, which was the very basis for the spread of the Prosperity (c-spe) 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. The founder of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, grew up as a Methodist. [1]
7. 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] [3]
8. Strong proponents of infant baptism, which is practised in most Methodist churches.. [1]

Mormonism

(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] [5] [6]
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 (!2 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 1902, 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] [2] [3]
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. Their bible is just one of their books of scripture, and is probably seen as the least valuable amongst that Canon. [1] [2] [3]
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] [5] [6]
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] [5] [6]
12. Promise of exaltation: if the Mormon is judged worthy enough (temple rituals et al.), he/she can attain godhood. ISOUS is their eyes just a bit more advanced on his way to 'g-dhood'. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]
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] [5] [6]
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 [0] [1]
15. They use water in their ordinances. [1] [2]
16. Systemic 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] [2] [3]
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] [2] [3]
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] [2] [3]
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 scandal, dubbed "Mormon Couple Swapping Mixed" 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 answered how incredibly representative the show was. [1] [2] [3]

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. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
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^ha Ca^li) and Panagia (All-holy, or Most holy). [1]
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 traditions and Scriptures 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 signifficantly 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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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)

(A Protestant denomination which in its origin was heavily intertwined with Calvinism, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Church and explicitly 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)

[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

[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. — [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). — [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 from Albury soon extended to 7 churches by ~1834, to dozens of locations in the UK in the following decades, and to 938 worldwide locations by 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). — [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. — [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. — [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 Macloeod 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'. — [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 strait-waistcoat 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'. — [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. — [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. — [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 / eccentric manifestations and the Irvingites were seized with the gift of speaking in 'tongues' (which some admitted having faked so as not causing offence for Irving), affected trances and prophecies (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 manifestations as 'gibberish / symptoms of madness / of demonic activity / of the devil's work'.

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. — [1]

He was not only excommunicated and locked out of his church (Apr 1832), but founded 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. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
· 1872 at Mansfield Place

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. — [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. — [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: — [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. Dowie even claimed himself to be 'Elijah the Restorer' and wore a specially crafted garment.

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 theory' of Irving and McLeod Campbell throughout Dowie's later preaching in the US.

Removing any remaining doubt about this connection, a very significant connection - Dowie called Irving his 'predecessor' and [illegible]. — [1]

[1835 AD] The Irvingites introduced Old Covenant tithing (initiated in 1835, formalized in 1839). Their financier Drummond was fully behind it, as they financed their huge apparatus of 135 ministers and to build extravagant churches. This implied explicitly 10% of the gross income and had to be brought each week. Before this time, the words tithe and tithing as used in the church referred to an involuntary offering, regardless of the amount. — [1] [2] (see also: NT Giving vs. OT Tithing)

This second point is very significant as it set the early foundation of the Prosperity G-ospel [illegible].

[1836 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. — [1]

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

This New Apostolic Church was certainly in some cases connected with the New Apostolic Reformation. This fact is usually denied while claiming that the NAR is a very new 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 33 times in this book alone.

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

A) They practice proxy baptism 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.

B) They adopted the 'Sealing' ritual of the CAC. [illegible]

C) They practice 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 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, [illegible]"* Peace be with you! Their catechism clearly grants the right to bind and to lose, and to forgive sins, in imitation to the RCC. — [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."* — [1]

G) They convey that each of their apostles is a personified Christ. In their hymnbook 'Apostolic Hymnal' (published by W. Sebastian in Wolfenbüttel), hymn no. 281 addresses their 'apostle': *"He bears the key of hell and death, in the flesh, G-d stands before us".* — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

The apostle Niehaus said about the apostle Krebs: *"Today it is clear before my eyes - Mr. Fritz Krebs's word has been fulfilled; he said for the guilt (of humanity) with his life. Weeping and pleading, Father Krebs would before his G-d for us humans. A hot stream of Christ's blood flowed from Father Krebs's mouth. [illegible] This is my flesh, although I am still alive".*

Numerous other examples are documented, where either the apostle himself, other apostles than him, 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. — [1]

[1888 AD] John Alexander Dowie replied the principle of Tithing since his arrival in 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 live in Zion. This practice made him not only incredibly rich, but would become indispensable for the rise of the Pentecostal church, which would bring forth the purposes of the Prosperity G-ospel and in turn generate a 'successful' Pentecostal church which would spread far and wide. — [1]

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

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

Both this strictly a copied church of Thomas Cholerly '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 plainly and clearly, The purpose of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is to smash every other church in existence."

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 and 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 adultery 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 withheld medical help. All drugs were 'poison' and doctors *"inspired by the devil"*.

Dowie was forced from his power, or rather from his abuse of power, one year before his death in 1907 [illegible] 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 these events, Dowie had not only installed cells all over the US, but also sent missionaries into all the world to plant Zionist churches, especially to South Africa, 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 (born 1873), first visited Dowie's healing home in 1898. At a later, but unknown point he was prompted 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 stayed 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, 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 formed Pentecostal churches, [illegible] the Calvinist Petrus LeRoux had laid the first Pentecostal seeds there in 1903.

In the bigger picture, a splinter group of Dowie's former church consisting of well over 500 people would become influential leaders in Pentecostalism - in particular in the Assemblies of G-d, and much of the following in the US, 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 [illegible] — [1] [2]

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 so far away from the Bible as they could ever be and as close to a spiritual stage show as they could possibly be.

While preaching the strictest code, he lived a double life for many years, with habitual drinking, smoking and womanising. He would go *"from the pulpit to wallow with prostitutes for the rest of the night"* using embezzled church planting funds, and he married 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). — [1]

[1901 AD] Birth of modern Pentecostalism through its 'co-founder Charles Parham. — [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 connected with Automatic Writing, the writing 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 wore nothing else than tongues and she has since been drawn even deeper into occultism.

[illegible]

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 see the even more direct connection between Dowie, his Zion Church and Charles Parham.

[1906] First Wave — The Methodist-sponsored Azusa Street Revival (California) can be described as the springboard for Pentecostalism. Virtually all Pentecostal denominations trace their origins to this three-year-long revival. Reports commonly included *"miraculous healings, dancing, jumping, falling, tongues, spirit slaying, gibberish 'tongues', jerking, hysterics, strange animal noises, laughter and spiritual nonsense"*.

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 of the flesh and parted ways. This mentor was one of the founders 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 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.

He is often called the father of the charismatic movement. He was friends with Pat Robertson and founded with him the famous 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 the Episcopal church at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, again in the United States.

[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. The Presbyterian / Calvinist Francis Schaeffer was in his time 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, making the mission of seven societal spheres of influence: *"Family, religion, education, media, art, government, and economy"*, 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 several outbursts). 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 Family Church'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 years 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 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.

[1996] The infamous New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) 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. Their primary Bible is the highly problematic 'The Passion Translation' (TPT). In 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 functions and spheres of influence: [illegible] Vertical Apostles, Horizontal Apostles, Workplace Apostles [illegible]

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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 in their origin based on 'revivals', but their constant 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 the end 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 which happens to be part of a certain group of believers. — [1] [2] [3] [4]

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' typically disappeared in the CAC when the last Apostle died and no one was 'authorized' anymore to do so. As we have seen, the 'Holy Sealing' continued only locally in Germany. Since then there is 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. — [1]

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 factor / gross misunderstanding of the 'baptism of Fire', which is actually understood by Pentecostals as synonymous with the baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT!

The word 'fire' is used 81 times in the NT, and in the vast majority of instances refers to judgement by fire. The 'baptism of fire' is equally for perdition and occurs only in our future! It will burn up the chaff (wicked) and will purify those vessels of honor (of gold and silver) for His glory (see also Mat 3:11-12, Luk 12:49-50, Mal 3:1-4). — [see also the study 'Baptism' including an analysis of the 'Baptism of Fire']

A movement which converts 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 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 anointed and more 'alive' in the SPIRIT than ordinary believers. This underlying group pressure (also) leads regularly to a fabrication of gifts, especially to those of tongues (as obvious e.g. through the Pentecostal teacher Paula White) and healings. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Early Pentecostals had to modify their doctrine of tongues, after they had sent out many disappointed missionaries who had been taught that the foreigners would understand their glossolalia 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 to speak in 'Pentecostal' tongues, *"expressed her conviction that the tongue 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."*

The more surprising it is -and adding to the confusion- that many modern scholars still consider tongues as natural languages only 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 rarer than we commonly assume and must never be fabricated! — [see also the study 'Spiritual Gifts']

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 JESUS CHRISTOS, who 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 directive, 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 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 Ruff: 'If my angel does not give the sign, I cannot heal.' Ruff noticed several features of witchcraft 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. As in so many cases of the occult, we are here reminded 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 distracting powers here. I can do nothing.'"* — [1]

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]

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.

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 ungodly 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 Heb 2:4. — [1] [2] [3] [4]

11 The fabrication of prophecy goes in some cases 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 receive in some cases a text message even during a church service, and then calls out the person by describing the information gathered beforehand, making it appear as a prophetic word to the astonishment of the congregation and of course the person involved. — [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

12 The Prosperity G-spel is over-proportionally being spread through Pentecostals. Many, if not most 'pioneers' were Pentecostals (!!), such as A.A. Allen, Benny Hinn, Brian Houston, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth E. Hagin and Oral Roberts. — [1] [2]

Other Pentecostals such as Bill Johnson, Christine Caine, David (Yonggi) Cho, Jesse Duplantis, Joel Osteen, John Hagee, Joyce Meyer, Michael Todd, Myles Munroe, Paula White-Cain, Reinhard Bonnke, Sam Adeyemi, T.D. Jakes and Todd White further spread this evil doctrine, which typically involves the Old Covenant doctrine of Tithing and Seed-Faith (sowing of financial seeds).

Some churches hold special pre-sermons of 15-20min of duration (e.g. by the International Charismatic Mission Church in Bogotá) 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 a widespread wild-west-eschatology and even absurd 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) unbiblical methods.

C) Not only Irving's mentors, but actually all of his known members were Calvinists, namely the famous John Nelson Darby (who was a High Calvinist) and Alexander John Scott, whose preaching of the charismata on the visit of Mary Campbell in 1830 gave rise to the first appearance of early Pentecostalism (and who was once again a Calvinist) became the initiator of the Scottish circles, which as we have seen involved the Campbells and Margaret MacDonald.

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

All this shows most clearly that the entire early movement of Pentecostalism was deeply branched 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 real founding stones are definitely Calvinism, and more specifically the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of England. — [see also the following master list of participants, in order to gain a better understanding of the involved denominations and dynamics within the early movement.]

E) The Catholic Apostolic Church consisted at its very beginning of at least 60 Irvingites, when Irving led away from his Presbyterian church, the Caledonian Chapel in London, into his new church. These Calvinists then adapted their beliefs according to the modified teachings of the Albury meetings and became within a few months the first assembly of early Pentecostals. — [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]

G) John Alexander Dowie was a Calvinist, specifically a member of the Congregational church. [illegible] — [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 1831 AD a Freemason himself [illegible]

B) Edward Irving [illegible] 'Worthy Master' in Free Masonic terms. [illegible]

C) Joseph Wolff, the close friend of both Drummond and Irving and a leading figure at the Albury Circle, was a Freemason.

D) John Nelson Darby spoke in mysterious ways about Freemasonry. *"Supposing we were a body of Freemasons, [illegible]"*

E) Lewis Way, a leader at the Albury and a pioneering member and key financial supporter of the London Society for Promotion of Christianity amongst the Jews (LJS / LSPCJ / CMJ), was 5x speaker at the Freemasons' Hall for the LJS.

The Freemasons' Hall in London can be considered a headquarters / home of (English) Freemasonry, specifically as the administrative center and meeting place for the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and other Masonic bodies. It includes 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 Freemason's Hall, namely Daniel Wilson (2x), James Gambier (3x), James Haldane Stewart, Lewis Way (3x) and William Marsh (2x). It is more, actually the first five (!) meetings of the LJS all took place at the Hall.

F) This Society for Promotion of Christianity Among Jews, where actually most of the Albury leaders (Henry Drummond, Joseph Wolff and Lewis Way) and the Albury participants Charles Sleech Hawtrey and James Haldane Stewart were involved in, was founded in 1809, and was thus another breeding ground for the CAC. — [1] [2]

In 1813 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'.

The LJS 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 moving cause of this society. While the annual income of the LJS was substantial and exceeded that of most of the other missionary societies, it almost went bancrupt and had to be saved.

Lewis Way supported for the translation of the NT into the Yiddish language Benjamin Nehemiah Solomon, whom he helped simultaneously to divorce from his wife and family, and to be ordained as Anglican priest, before the same later embezzled funds of the LJS.

The principal founder of the LJS, 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 Jewish convert, 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.

This LJS and specifically their community called 'Benei Abraham' was the forerunner of the Messianic Jews movement / religion. — [1] [2]

15 Very close connection with the Roman Catholic church (RCC), with at least 2 founding members of the CAC having had papal audiences in Rome (Joseph Wolff in ~1815 and Lewis Way in 1823)! — [1] [2]

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). Both Samuel Taylor Coleridge and his mentee Edward Irving were initially drawn to the 'Society of jesus', and both later distanced themselves from their doctrines. This could be a diversionary tactic which is very typical for actual Jesuits.

C) Tim Grass wrote about Henry Drummond that *"there was a group of seceders from the Church of England, the 'Western Schism' [which was a schism within the Roman Catholic Church, but not in England ...], under whose auspices he was baptised by immersion at Tauton about 1816."* — [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; he wanted to become like Francis Xavier - the co-founder of the Jesuits; he personally met the Pope; he traveled widely propagating Zionism well before the first Albury conference where he was the 'Jewish expert' beside Irving; he was a very close friend to both Drummond and Irving; he falsely prophecied the Second Coming in 1847 et al . . . — [1] [2] [3] [4]

Through his story we also learn that Wolff first attended a Jesuit college (Roman College), and soon after (in 1815; one year before Drummond's baptism(!), and 1 year after the Jesuits were restored by Pius VII) met Drummond at the College of Missionary Propaganda (= Pontificio Collegio Urbano de Propaganda Fide, a Catholic seminary established in Rome in 1627 by Pope Urban VIII. and directed after 1836 by Jesuits).

He would then be fully sponsored by Drummond to come to England. But it is unclear at this point how Drummond came into the position to overhear a long conversation of Wolff with the rector of the Propaganda (which was steps away from the Vatican) - if he was allowed to visit it, actively attended this college or rather freely walked in those circles.

E) It is also striking that Drummond founded, or was active in various societies such as the Continental Society and the London Jews Society, a designation which was of course otherwise used throughout history, but is at the same time often a pointer to Jesuits, officially called the '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). — [1]

An obituary described him splendidly as *"the champion of essentially Roman Catholic doctrine, and yet ... the fierce antagonist of Papal supremacy"*. In 1840, Drummond wrote: *"I feel persuaded that the regeneration of the church can never come out of Protestantism, and that it can only come out of Popery"* (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) Lewis Way, who hosted together with Drummond the Albury Conferences and who preached in 1821 already about the 'Latter Rain', met Pope Pius VII (Gregorio Chiaramonti) in 1823 in Rome. The Pope then offered the old Jesuit College premises on Mt. Lebanon at Antoura to be suitable for their London Jews Society. Even before Way left Rome, he received already the papal appropriate papers. — [1]

Way received on this papal visit also a letter of introduction to Lady Hester Stanhope (who adopted a unique syncretic faith blending Christian, Islamic, and local Syrian elements, which she believed gave her prophetic powers and a connection to the supernatural, including magic and spirits; deeply ingrained superstitions; belief that she would ride 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 premise of the Roman Catholic church. Its founder, Irving was heavily influenced by a Jesuit (= very close to Catholicism). Their liturgy included RC elements, and also lights, incense, vestments, holy water, chrism et al. — [1] [2]

I) The website CCEL.org describes well how the CAC absorbed Roman Catholic customs: *"The apostles who had been traveling on the Continent had come there into contact with R. Catholicism, and the result was a definite assimilation to its ways of the 'Catholic Apostolic Church', as it was now officially called. All traces of Scotch Presbyterian or English non-conformist traditions were gradually eradicated. Altars were now erected separated from the body of the church by a rail at which the communicants knelt. The people were taught to regard the Eucharist as [...] the body and blood of Christ [...] The same tendency appeared in the liturgy introduced in 1842 [...] The eucharistic vestments were adopted practically as in the RCC; extreme unction was introduced in 1847; from 1850 the consecrated elements were reserved in a tabernacle and every morning and evening exposed, not as objects of adoration but 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."* — [1]

J) The terms 'Catholic' and 'Apostolic' are used in both the CAC and the RCC in the exact same sense and as 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 speeks 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 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 as my belief that the Protestant churches are as certainly in the state of Babylon as the Roman church"*, the Irvingians considered the Protestant church as -more- fallen than 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 metamorphosed, never left the protective cacoon 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) Edward Irving saw Mormonism as part of the Restorationist Movement (later with some critical observations).

I) John Alexander Dowie wanted to become a Mormon [illegible]

J) [illegible] copied the doctrine of 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.

K) Some Pentecostals borrowed British Israelism and also Election from the Mormons.

L) Joel Osteen considers Mormons legitimate Christians. — [1]

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

N) Both cults started in the very same decade.

O) Both had a strong emphasis on Zion (Zion City vs. Zion City).

18 One of their core doctrines is the imminent Second Coming of JESUS CHRISTOS. But the Bible declares those as 'deceivers' who teach such things: 2The 2:3-4 *"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]

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. — [1] [2] [3]

20 Pentecostalism treats the biblical prohibition of female Presbyters / Overseers carelessly. — [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]

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 organisation) 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 biblical 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 these 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 the lost tribes and that the UK & US have great Israel lineage [Parham extended this to Scandinavia where the Germanic race originates]. Frankly, 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]

Name	Function	About	Discernment	Sources
	Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil			Download PDF document for clickable links.
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)	Continuation from previous page: - 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, C hurch of G-d in Christ, Foursquare G-spel Church, Pentecostal Holiness Church (they ordained Oral Roberts). 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 Olumiyi Oyedepo (Prosperity G-spel; resurrection claims; ordained by Kenneth Copeland; declared Kenneth Hagin his mentor), David Yonggi Cho (former Pastor of the world's formerly 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; standup comedy insulting Jesus; writer for Brian Simmons; TPT), Ede Nweeh (Prosperity G-spel, financial fraud, self-promotion through biographical film, condemnation of interracial marriage, heretical teachings), 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), Fayene Grasseschi (NAR; Dominionism; false 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; Re-marriage; 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'; Impartations 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), Bernhard Romiko (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 Bonnke, Reinhard Hürter (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) ...	[1]

24 Pentecostalism was rightly judged – even from within the rows of Methodists and the Holiness Movement: [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] JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE'S STUDIES IN EDINBURGH AND HIS BACKGROUND WITH THE CAC LED HIM TO BECOME A FAITH HEALER. 1) HIS CHURCH WOULD CARRY ITS NAME, 2) THE CITY'S NAME REFLECT THEIR ZIONISM AND 3) HE WOULD ALSO CALL HIMSELF APOSTLE DOWIE CALLED IRVING 'HIS PREDECESSOR'.

[1896] 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 DOWIES VAST FOLLOWING.

[1901] 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] 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] CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT – 2ND WAVE (US)
HAROLD 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 MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, VAN NUYS).

[1980] 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] 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] TITHING INTRODUCED IN THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

[1838] 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] 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.

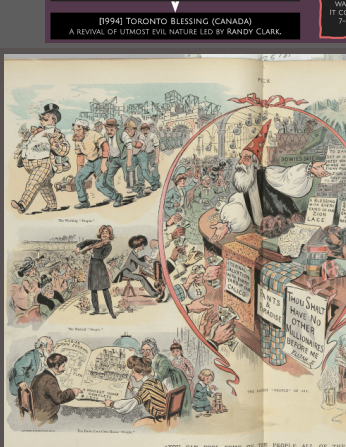
[AFTER 1888] TITHING ADOPTED BY PENTECOSTALS
JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE REQUIRED EVERY FOLLOWER TO TITHE 10%. HE DIRECTLY COPIED THIS FROM THE MORMONS BEFORE THEY REJECTED HIM AS MEMBER.

[1896] 'FIRE–BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH' (US)
WAS FOUNDED BY BENJAMIN HARDIN IRWIN (METHODIST), WHO NOW ALSO ADOPTED THE 'BAPTISM OF FIRE AND BAPTISMS OF DYNAMITE, LYDITE, OXIDITE AND SELENITE. HE WOULD STRONGLY INFLUENCE PARHAM, AND WAS PART OF THE AZUSA ST REVIVAL.

[1905] HEAD COVERING (WESTERN EUROPE)
PENTECOSTALS IN WESTERN EUROPE WERE THE FOREUNNERS IN THE ANTI-BIBLICAL ABOLISHMENT OF HEAD COVERINGS.

[1975] 7–MOUNTAIN–MANDATE (LABRI, SWITZERLAND)
WAS FOUNDED BY FRANCIS SCHAEFFER (PRESBYTERIAN), TOGETHER WITH BILL BRIGHT AND LOREN CUNNINGHAM. FURTHER TO BE POPULARIZED BY THE NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION.

[1994] NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION (US)
WAS FOUNDED BY C. PETER WAGNER. IT COMBINES PENTECOSTALISM AND THE 7–MOUNTAIN–MANDATE INTO ONE UGLY MONSTER.



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 (~3 YRS); ACTIVE MILITARY OFFICER (AT LEAST 23 YRS); 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 (CATHOLIC 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 (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 (ECC PRIEST). WHILE INITIALLY HIGHLY REGARDED, HE BEGAN IN 1825 TO TAKE ON THE ROLE AS A SELF-ASSUMED APOCALYPTIC PROPHET. AFTER HE WAS INFLUENCED BY THE COUNTESS LAWYER HATLEY FROST AND THE JESUIT PRIEST MANUEL LACUNZA (DJUMMOND INTRODUCED IRVING TO HIS WORK), LEARNED FROM THEM ABOUT CONJECTURAL PROPHECY / ZIONISM / THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST AND EVEN TRANSLATED LACUNZAS HERETICAL WORKS.

[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: ~50 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. THE JOURNALS FINAL ISSUES DEDICATED MUCH SPACE TO THE STUDY OF ANCIENT CALENDARS (E.G. ANCIENT EGYPTIAN, EDOMITE & EGYPTIAN CHRONOLOGY, CHINESE SEXAGENARY CYCLE & ASTRONOMICAL 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 FIDDLESOMELY SPECULATION, RELIGIOUS NARCISSISM AND BETRAYAL EXACTITUDE.
IT CAN BE CONFIDENTLY SAID THAT WITHOUT ALBURY AND ITS MEGAPHONE MORNING WATCH; LIKELY NEITHER OF THE FOLLOWING DOCTRINES AND MOVEMENTS WOULD EXIST (EXCEPT THE BRETHREN WHICH MET INFORMALLY IN EARLIES YEARS):

--- 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 D.
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 FRIENDS DEMONIC VISIONS (WEST SCOTLAND, OCCURED IN A FURTHER CHURCH OF THE CAC), BUT ALSO IN THE SAME MANUEL LACUNZA, WHOSE WORKS EDWARD IRVING HAD TRANSLATED AND PROPAGATED.

(1831 AD) SYNAGOGUE WITH BRETHREN
FIRST CONGREGATION ESTABLISHED, AFTER LADY POWER, SECOND PATRONESS AND GAVE CHILDAMP TO THE FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT DARBY'S HOME, "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 BY HENRY DRUMMOND, SPIRITUALLY FOUNDED BY EDWARD IRVING.
JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE CALLED IRVING HIS PREDECESSOR AND WAS AT THE CAC EDINBURGH IN 1869. LATER FOUNDED ZION, IN TOWN (~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 FRANCOIS GAUSSEN TO COME TO GENEVA, HE ABSORBED 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 FOREUNNERS 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 SDA.

[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 FAULTY ABOUT THE SECOND COMING. THEY EQUALLY TO EARLY PENTECOSTALISM BELIEVED IN TWOFOLD PEOPLE GOING TO HEAVEN ONLY (REMEMBER, THAT DRUMMOND'S CHURCH BEGAN ALREADY THE HOLY SEALING OF THE FIRST 1000 OF THOSE)

SECOND COMING PROPHESIED FOR THE YEAR:	NO DATE	1847 / 1864 / 1868	1843 / 1844	1874 / 1914

Not Recommended | Highly Problematic | Evil

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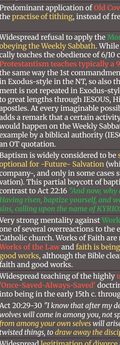
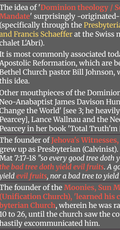
MASTER LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ALBURY CIRCLE & THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH / IRVINGISM / UNIVERSAL CHURCH

	Name	At Albury?	Function	Higher Society	Calvinism	Freemasonry	Society of Jesus	Presbyterian	Denomination Before Albury	Denomination After Albury	Function	Continental Society	Jews Society (LSPCJ / SPJ)	Links
	The Founders / Leaders of the 'Albury Circle'													
1	Henry Drummond (1786–1860, born in England)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	Close collaboration with Calvinists	Freemason (1809, certainty)	Many members and strong agent 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; apostolic active as Sacramento school long before, during and after the church's main phase, member of parliament, well known for his scathing attacks on political economists; active in the Gentle Art of Swindling et al. in 1827; he visited the Freemason 'Zeerts; he became a FRS (Fellow, Royal Society) in 1835. In 1847 he helped to fully collapse Henri Dunant (Founder Red Cross) with Masonic rescue efforts during the Swiss Sonderbund War.	Yes	-	beta
2	Edward Irving (1792–1834, Scotland)	Yes	Clergy	No	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	No definitive evidence he called on Jesus' name. Lacunza his Worthy Master (Masonic term)	Initially drawn to it; deeply later distressed	Presbyterian	Anglican (C. of England)	(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 Catholicism); he was known for his metaphysical speculations, (Catholic / German) Mysticism and Transcendental Poetry including the ideas of Menno Ecklaarth (b.C.) and he took on the role as a self-assumed apocalyptic prophet after he was heavily influenced by the Calvinist Lacunza. Hailey Perry and the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza.	-	-	beta
3	Joseph Wolff (1795–1862, Germany)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	Freemason (1809, 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 - when 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 ECC College of Missionary Propaganda; he also personally met the Pope.	Yes	-	beta
4	Lewis Way (1772–1840, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	He (only) opposed extreme Calvinism.	He was Scandalon at the Freemasons Hall for the 125, which can be considered 'multipurpose' home of English Freemasonry.	-	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 1821 in Rome. The Pope then offered the old Jesuit College premises on Mt. Lebanon at Antonio to be suitable for the London Jews Society, where the CAC leadership was heavily involved in. Even before 'Rev'ely Rome, he already received the papal paperwork for the building.	Yes	Yes. Founder. They chose as patron the Duke of Kent, who somehow unduly became the Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England.	beta
5	Hugh Boyd M'Neile (1795–1879, Ireland)	Yes	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Anglican)	-	Anti-Roman Catholic	No (but Calvinist)	Calvinist-Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican/Dean (C. of England)	Rector of Albury since 1832. Some of the very few participants he deliberately discouraged to attend early Albury conferences (see above). John Hooper replaced him there in 1834. M'Neile would then become very rich through preaching in the Anglican church, and was well known, for his flamed homosexuality and staunch anti-preaching.	Yes	-	beta
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).	-	-	beta
	Mentors to Edward Irving													
7	James Hatley Frere (1779–1866, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	English writer. Acquainted with Irving since 1824, probably with Drummond before than 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, Zechariah, Daniel and the Apocalypse into Journals and Gazettes …'	-	-	beta
8	Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772–1834, England)	No	Clergy; not ordained	-	Criticism	Criticism	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 development, particularly his unorthodox ideas about Christ's humanity and the emergence of charismatic gifts, can be seen as partly influenced by Coleridge's Romantic theology. Coleridge was seen as a key figure in the Albury Circle.	-	-	beta
9	Thomas Chalmers (1780–1847, Scotland)	He disliked their methods	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. Vigeon 101 is based in Arbroath. 1819: Irving became his assistant at St. John's in Glasgow 1820: 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'.	-	-	beta
	Mentees of Edward Irving													
10	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 by doing so, played 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'.	-	-	beta
11	John Nelson Darby (1800–1882, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	High Calvinist	Probably. He spoke in mysterious ways about Masonry	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Plymouth Brethren (Exclusive Brethren)	Scott's closest disciple was George MacDonald, who in turn would strongly influence the famous but highly problematic G.K. 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 ... she devil will eventually be redeemed."	-	-	beta
	The Twelve 'Apostles' (Now Buried at Albury)										He attended the Albury Circle and was mentored by Edward Irving since 1827. He married in 1830 with a small house in Enfield 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 these 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 is 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.			
12	Duncan MacKenzie (1789–1855)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	No	No	Presbyterian	Calvinist	Left clergy after he resigned as Albury elder in the Central Congregation.	Left clergy after he resigned as Albury elder in the Central Congregation.	-	-	beta
13	Francis Sitwell (1787–1864, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	Nobleman	-	-	-	No	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Anglican (C. of England)	Naphtali – Spain and Portugal; Angel in Lowick.	-	-	beta
14	Francis Valentine Woodhouse (1805–1901)	(Yes, later)	Child; also Actor	No	-	-	-	No	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Anglican (C. of England)	Reuben – Southern Germany and Austria; Interpr at the Jessie Temple in London.	-	-	beta
15	Henry Dalton (1805–1869, England)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Asser – France and Roman Catholic Switzerland. Allowed speaking in tongues and was excommunicated.	-	-	beta
16	Henry Drummond (1786–1860, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Set above; Benjamin – Scotland and Protestant Switzerland.	-	-	beta
17	John Bate Cardale (1802–1877, England)	(Yes, later)	Lawyer, suddenly the pillar of the apostles	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Zebulon; first apostle to be called (Judah – England and North America); he in turn 'anointed' Drummond, Perry and the 'called the pillar' of the apostles and 'ordained' Drummond and consecrated the Apostles' Chapel in Albury responsible for liturgies.	-	-	beta
18	John Henry King (C hurch) (1788–1863)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Elder)	No	No	Independent Church	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Issachar – Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium.	-	-	beta
19	John Owen Tucker (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 prophetic editor of the Liturgy.	-	-	beta
20	Nicholas Armstrong (1801–1879, Ireland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of Ireland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Zebulun – Ireland, Greece and the Orient.	-	-	beta
21	Spencer Perceval (1795–1859, England)	(Yes, later)	Layman	No	-	-	-	No	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Son of the former (assassinated) Prime Ministers; Member of Parliament; Messiah – Italy, 'angel'. He ran on the Select Committee into Lunatics 1827. His elder 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 open psychotic illness and spent most of his life in institutions, where he was kept in strict restraint and suffered a 'barbarous treatment'. He helped to found the Alleged Lunatics Friend Society in 1845, which was also supported by Henry Drummond.	Yes	-	beta
22	Thomas Carlyle (1803–1855, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Layman	no	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Simeon – Northern Germany. His ordained Heinrich Geyer and Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz. He was a friend of Thomas Carlyle, the famous essayist / historian of the same name, who was a close and influential friend of Irving and his intellectual sparring partner.	-	-	beta
23	William Dow (1800–1855, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	-	Calvinist (Presbyterian)	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	Dan – Russia, Finland and the Baltic States.	-	-	beta
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (future Members of the CAC)													
24	George Cornish Gumbier (1795–1879, England)	-	Clergy	No	-	-	-	No	-	-	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)	-	-	beta
25	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 (1836).	-	-	beta
26	John Bayford (1774–1844)	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	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 ordained the apostles'). Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. One of Joseph Wolff's sponsors.	-	-	beta
27	Robert Cyprian Wolfe (England)	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Son of Reverend Robert Barker Wolfe. He was appointed vicar of Braithwell in Yorkshire in 1842. He was curate at Albury for 9 years.	-	-	beta
28	Thomas William Chevalier (1799–1835)	Yes	Layman	He held the 68th Taxatio	-	-	-	-	-	-	English surgeon. He served as an angel in the Catholic Apostolic congregation of Lowick.	-	-	beta
29	William Rennie Caird (1802–1876, Scotland)	(Yes, later)	Clergy	No (Tailor)	Presbyterian	-	-	Presbyterian	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	(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. 1854: death in Edinburgh. Caird became tutor to Drummond's children.	-	-	beta
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (future Members of the Brethren)													
30	John Nelson Darby (1800–1882, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	High Calvinist	-	He spoke in mysterious ways about Masonry	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Plymouth Brethren (Exclusive Brethren)	See above.	-	-	beta
31	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. Elevated living gave lectures at the castle and was a prominent author and was a participant in the Powerscourt Conferences.	-	-	beta
32	William Leonard Addington (1776–1864, England)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	-	2nd Viscount Sidmouth; Brethren/Anglican (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, Newnham Hooper Kearsley Burne .	-	-	beta
	Known Participants of the 'Albury Circle' (Non-Members)													
33	Alexander Haldane (1800–1882, Scotland, nephew of Robert Haldane)	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	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.	-	-	beta
34	Charles Robert Malden (1797–1855)	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	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.	-	-	beta
35	Charles Slesch Harvey (C.S. Harvey; 1752-)	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, CAC 1813, a college named for the blessed virgin.	-	Yes (7 years)	beta
36	Daniel Wilson (1778–1858, India)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	Freemasonry (100% certainty). He was also a speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the 125.	-	-	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.	-	-	beta
37	Edmund Poulyn (1788-1837, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Vicar of Longhope and Rector of Alvinghall in Gloucestershire. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	beta
38	Edward Thomas Vaughan (1777–1825, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	High 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.	-	-	beta
39	Elias Simon	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Director of the Jews' Asylum in London (1836-1855, later Norwood Jewish Orphanage).	-	-	beta
40	G. W. Phillips	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	beta
41	George Beckett (1793-1832, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	beta
42	George Montagu Viscount Mandeville (1799-1855, England)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	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.	-	-	beta
43	Henry Forster Burder (1783–1864, England)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	-	Nonconformist / Congregational	-	Nonconformist; classical tutor at Wymondley College; priest at St. Thomas's; Independent Congregational Chapel. He did not become a member of the CAC. His son converted to Roman Catholicism and became Abbot.	Yes	-	beta
44	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.	-	-	beta
45	J. White	-	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clergyman in London.	-	-	beta
46	James Gambier (1756–1833, Bahamas, 1st Baron Gambier)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	No	He was a speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the 125.	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Military officer, Royal Navy officer and colonial administrator. President of the Church Ministerial Society. He was the founding benefactor of the Episcopalian Kenyon College (US).	-	-	beta
47	James Haldane Stewart (1778–1854, Benton)	Yes	Clergy	Aristocrat, Chevalier of Appiic	He supported the Protestant Reformation Society founded by a Presbyterian.	Speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the 125.	-	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 352,000 tracts from 1830/31 onwards calling for a general prayer meeting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.	Yes	-	beta
48	James Stratton (Stratten) (1795-1872, England)	-	-	-	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.	-	-	beta
49	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.	-	-	beta
50	John Hookham Frere (1769–1846, England)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat, a landed noble	-	Scattered ref. to the Lodge of St John and St Paul, 1677-1846 in 1 MS	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Diplomat; Member of parliament; ambassador; author.	-	-	beta
51	John James Stuart (1796–1871, England, Baron / Lord Rayleigh)	Yes	Layman	Aristocrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	Member of Parliament. He did not become a member of the CAC.	Yes	-	beta
52	John Simeon (1756–1836, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	beta
53	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 helped ground-breaking the petition of the new Rector, the Reverend John Hooper.	-	-	beta
54	Robert Barker Wolfe (1804–1843, England)	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	No	Anglican (C. of England)	Anglican (C. of England)	Rector of Cranleigh from 1832-1843. He did not become a member of the CAC. In 1833, he warned his son, not to stray too far from Anglican orthodoxy. His support for the Irvingites at one point harmed him his ecclesiastical career.	-	-	beta
55	Robert Story (1795-1855, Scotland)	Yes (First two meetings)	Clergy	No	Presbyterian	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	-	Friend of Irving, pastor of Mary Campbell, West Scotland (Roseneath). Irving made various attempts to induce Mr. Story to join the CAC. "Oh Story', he wrote in 1832, 'thou hast grievously stirred its standing afar off from the work of the Lord, scorning it like a sceptic, instead of proving it like a spiritual man."	-	-	beta
56	Mr. Staples	Yes	Layman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	beta
57	T. Bartlewick (Scotland)	Yes	(Layman)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Later Member of Parliament.	-	-	beta
58	W. Bryan	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	-	-	-	beta
59	W. Loch (probably William Turnbull Loch (1805-1866))	Yes	-	-	-	See controversy	-	-	-	-	Unknown full name, but probably referring to William Turnbull Loch (1805-1866), 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). His further served at St Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons.	-	-	beta
60	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, whom 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.	-	-	beta
61	William Dodsworth (1798–1861, England)	-	Clergy	No	-	-	-	No	Anglican	Roman Catholic	Anglican clergyman in London. After many CAC-members had travelled in 1830 to Port Glagow, Dodsworth was part of a team that discussed the report. He had not yet joined the CAC but became a Roman Catholic by writer	-	-	beta
62	William Hodgson Cole (1806–1832)	Yes	Clergy	No	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	-	Vicar of Wonish, near Guildford in Surrey. Father in-law of Charles Robert Malden, who also attended Albury. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	beta
63	William Marsh (1775–1864, England)	-	Clergy	No	-	He was a speaker at the Freemasons Hall for the 125.	-	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.	-	-	beta
64	William Oxley	Yes	Clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	He graduated with a 'Doctor of Divinity'. He did not become a member of the CAC.	-	-	beta
	Others													
65	Edward Oliver Taplin (1800-1862, England)	Rather not	Clergy	No	-	-	-	-	Anglican (C. of England)	(Proto-) Pentecostalism	He joined Irving's Presbyterian congregation and attended their prayer meetings following the 1830 revival. In 1832 he first started 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.	-	-	beta
66	John Macleod Campbell (1800-1872, Scotland)	No	-	-	Yes, but preached against the Calvinist doctrine of election.	-	-	Presbyterian	Calvinist (C. of Scotland)	Calvinist (Independent)	As pastor of Row near Dumbarton he passed the way' (together with R. J. Scott) for the restoration 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.	-	-	beta

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Cults & Religions

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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 (1560 AD-today)	(Protestant denomination) ▸ watch also the movie 'Shelley' (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] [6]
			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 LAbri). 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. 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].	[1] [2] [3] [6]
			3 The founder of Edward Winstanley 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 Pentecostalism, Edward Irving, was also a Presbyterian (also excommunicated). Two of his three mentors were Calvinists (Thomas Chalmers; Presbyterian; Church of Scotland) and James Hadley Frere; Calvinist; Anglican Church of England). All his known mentors 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. In short, without Calvinism / Presbyterianism, there would certainly not be any Pentecostalism, a fact not widely known today	[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 Episcopalian). 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] [6] [5]
			8 Known for its liberal stance on doctrine and its ordaining of women.	[1] [2]
			9 They widely practice Infant Baptism since its inception as a distinct denomination during the Reformation. Calvin argued that it is a "sign of G-d's covenantal grace, representing that G-d chooses us before we can choose Him". Presbyterians often argue that baptizing children is the continuation of a practice supposedly spanning the entirety of church history, but this was definitely not the case before Rome and its infamous church 'fathers'.	[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] [6] [5]
			11 Presbyterian ministers include: Eugene Holland Peterson, R.C. Sproul, Timothy Keller, .	[1] [2] [3] [6]
			Presbyterian Renewal Movement	
			12 Their evangelism program launched in the late 1980s was originally entitled 'New Age Evangelism'. 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 experiencend a New Agey mystical moonlight conversion at LAbri (see above), where she lived and studied, and first experienced the presence of a 'Sweet Jesus'.	[1] [2] [3] [6]
			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 without 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. While he started with very good ideas on paper, the reality soon took over and he showed a strong cognitive dissonance, or in biblical terms, hypocrisy, when he failed to teach one thing and practise the opposite. While he e.g. condemned Zwingli's militant approach, he urged the destruction and murder of an estimated 100,000 peasants. His unwavering love was abhorrent and he called for the burning of synagogues and the destruction of Jewish homes, and he went -theologically- as far as to publicly declare his disgust of approx. 10% of the New Testament (Jam, Jud, 1&2b, Rev), which makes it clear that he was most certainly also not saved. Yet 'Christian' history- and textbooks still paint a mythical portrait of Luther - as the champion of religious liberty and of Sola Scriptura, that is, the Bible alone. They also depict Luther as the man who brought back the historic Christian faith. Nothing could be further from the truth. The third figurehead of the Reformation, named by Heinrich Bullinger, was revealed as a fornicator with several of his wife's friends including at least one pregnancy, and was heavily influenced and mentored by Desiderius Erasmus, a humanist and hostile Catholic. He died in a battle of his own making, after having pushed for an aggressive religious + political campaign through military means. While the Reformation ended certain evils and was an improvement over the tyranny through the RCC, it is a fatal delusion to see Protestantism as the truth compared to the RCC. Neither is the case, and the way of salvation in CHRISTOS is certainly not found through a religion where essentially all figureheads are probably in Gehenna.	[1] [2]	1 Use of manipulated Bible texts (Proto-Masoretic texts manipulated in ~1Ys 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 (Ic. 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, ~1660 AD Ussher), the Protestant church now teaches today a 4000 BC creation date which includes 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 ignored multiple times as the Lord 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 the First Century. This is a tragic distortion of the Evangelium, which starts before Genesis and not with Matthew. Heb 13-3 *"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 most 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 major mouthpiece 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 Smart Sin 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 JESOUS, 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 first Salvation). This partial boycott of baptism stands in sharp contrast to Act 22:16 *'And now, why do you delay? Arise, be baptized, 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 cornerstones 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, which came into being in the early 15th c. through Martin Luther. 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']
			13 Prevalent adoration of the Apostolic Fathers without any discernment (Mat 23:9), and of the anti-Christs Jerome and Augustine. If the Protestant church truly wishes to separate itself from the Roman Catholic church, it must begin by rejecting the numerous false teachings and manipulations of the Bible by these key figures of the RCC, and no longer treating them as highly esteemed historical sources without any discernment.	[1] [2]
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Religious Science (1927 AD-today)	(Founded in 1927 by Ernest Holmes; a spiritual, philosophical and metaphysical religious movement within the New Thought movement)	[1] [2]		
Rosicrucianism (1688 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]	The Church of Scientology is a relatively modern phenomena. It was founded by the American Lafayette Ronald Hubbard (1911-86), who grew up as a Methodist and was a prolific writer of pulp science fiction and fantasy novels in his early career. Hubbard was a criminal (sentenced to four years in prison; he twice escaped sentences and died in hiding through a stroke), a pathological liar and falsified much of his history, background and achievements. He developed the Dianetics self-help program, a fringe psychology designed to reach mythic powers and a superhuman state (clear) after bankruptcy and losing the rights for the program, he slightly modified its doctrine and name to 'Scientology', which now even suggested achieving g-d-like powers in a state called 'Operating Thetan'. Hubbard introduced a device called an 'electropsychometer', having *'an almost mystical power to reveal an individual's innermost thoughts"*. The device was adopted from the great heretic / gnostic / occultist / twelve psychiatrist Carl Jung, while Hubbard farther cited Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis as a source for Dianetics and Scientology, while barely renaming some terms of Freud's teachings. His son revealed that the satanist Aleister Crowley was his father's most important source of inspiration. Hubbard also stole a yacht and much of the life sayings from a student of Aleister Crowley, and fled with the girlfriend of the owner on board, who soon later became Hubbard's second wife, while still being married to his first wife. This woman, who was an occultist and who was described as a 'vampire', then played a major role in the creation of Dianetics. *1946: Marriage to second wife.* *1947: Divorce from first wife.* *1950: Hubbard publishes Dianetics with his second wife.* *1951: Divorce from second wife.* *1952: Marriage to third wife.* *1952, Apr: Bankruptcy of Dianetics.* *1952, May: Hubbard publicly announced Scientology.* *1954, Feb: The first incorporated Church of Scientology (California).* *1954, Dec: Hubbard officially announced Scientology as a religion.* 1 Scientology's focus on self-betterment through a process called 'auditing' (one-on-one counseling) directly contradicts the Christian doctrine of salvation through JESOUS. This lengthy process can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, supposedly to protect their copyright and trademarked materials and ensure that the 'technology' is applied exactly as Hubard intended. Nevertheless and in Hubbard's own words, the financial policy of his organization was *"Make money, make more money, make other produce so as to make money"*. - *The 'Purification Rundown', a mandatory initial step, costs $2500-3500.* - *Fixed donations and materials are charged for further courses and 'auditing'. These costs increase as a member moves up to higher levels, with advanced auditing sessions costing hundreds of dollars per hour.* - *Reaching the state of 'Clear' and higher 'Operating Thetan' levels can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars (higher end over $500,000).* 2 Key Aspects of Salvation in Scientology (min. 8 levels): - *'Clear' (The Milestone): A member has rid themselves of their own reactive mind - the hidden source of irrational behavior, fears, and psychosomatic illnesses.* - *Operating Thetan (: Operating spirit): A member who can exist and handle things without relying on a body (knowing and willing cause over life, thought, matter, energy, space, and time).* - *A Godlike state of understanding, or 'total freedom', which involves freeing the 'Thetan' (spirit) from the cycle of reincarnation and the limitations of the physical universe.* - *An even higher state known as 'Cleared Theta Clear' is defined as a 'Thetan' who is completely rehabilitated and can create its own universe.* 3 Scientology does not believe in JESOUS as the divine Son of THEOS or Savior, viewing Him instead as a historical teacher who was not 'Clear' or fully enlightened. Higher-level Scientology teachings allegedly describe JESOUS unfavorably and the idea of His sacrifice as a *"false memory implant"*. Hubbard also insinuated that JESOUS had a bad temper, and he claimed that his personal mission was to prevent the Second Coming of CHRISTOS. 4 Its 'scriptures' are limited solely to the writings and teachings of Hubbard. Though scientologists will claim that Scientology is compatible with Christianity, the Bible is not even considered Holy Scripture or part of their official doctrine. 5 Their story of the origin of humanity is only revealed to upper-level members. It involves 'Xenu', a figure described as a galactic tyrant who brought billions of people to Earth (called 'Teegeeack') 75 million years ago, killing them with hydrogen bombs. These spirits (body thetans) are believed to cause spiritual harm, by adhering to humans and causing fears and mental blockages.	
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 clothes ...). 2 SDA places restrictions on consuming meat, advocating vegetarianism, Kosher food laws. Rejection of cheese, butter, coffee, tea, caffeinated drinks, condiments and sweets. 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. 4 Heretical teaching of incomplete atonement through CHRISTOS. 5 Members can only take the Lord's Supper on a quarterly basis, after Ellen White initially created the Lord's Supper as a replacement of Passover and celebrated it annually. 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. 7 Jehova's Witnesses (1970s) can be described as a branch off of Seventh-Day-Adventism (1863). 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.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [1] [1] [1]
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). What is UC? [1] [2] [3] [4]	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]	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. But this happened only 2 years after Moon began preaching his own, distinct doctrines including special revelations, meaning that he actively started this new religion within a Calvinist setting. 2 Rev. Moon and his wife presented themselves as Messiahs, the 'Holy 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'. 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. 4 Their 'theology' denies the Trinity. 5 They deny that JESOUS was raised from the dead. 6 Strong focus on ecumenism, including Buddhism. 7 Worship with gurus. Moonie involvement with bribery, bank fraud, illegal kickbacks, tax evasion and arms sales. 8 The former US president Nixon, the CIA and Republicans supported the cult simply because of their opposition to communism. The cult helped propel both George HW. Bush and George W. Bush into presidency. 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"*. 10 Intended sale of Trump's property 'Mar-a-Lago' to the Unification Church. 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"*. 12 Sun Myung Moon founded the Washington Times. 13 The Moon family owns the Tongil Group which produces heavy military equipment.	[1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [1] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [4] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [1] [1] [2] [1] [2] [3] [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 ... 2 Organizations include: Renovaré, Unification Church, et al	see individual discernment

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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.** · **Removal of 65 verses in Daniel 3:24-90.** · **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] [5]
				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."* Following the death of Akiva's ~24000 students, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai (Rashbi) was among the new, select group of sages tasked with continuing the transmission of the Oral Law.	[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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				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.	
				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 Highly problematic doctrine on the Trinity. He essentially taught that the 3 persons are brothers, and essentially denied that the FATHER is the head of CHRISTOS and superior to Him. He furthermore taught the unbiblical doctrine of inseparable operations, meaning whatever one person of the Trinity does, all three persons do simultaneously.	[1]
				14 He was one of the first to argue for financial tithing based on Old Covenant law.	[1]
				15 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]
				16 He was a Ransom-Theorist (IESOUS was paying the devil to release us).	[1] [2]
				17 Erroneous doctrine that IESOUS had no brothers.	[1]
				18 He did not know Greek and started teaching before the Bible was translated into Latin.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				19 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)	(Humanist Lawyer, 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). > What a tragic deception, to assume that someone's parents or presbyters can declare saving faith for an infant. Baptism is always a conscious decision and must be related to active faith. Anything else is simply an empty ceremony for the sake of organized membership.	[1] [2] [3]
				2 Next to Augustine and to a lesser degree Luther, another important influence of Calvin was Stoicism, a Greco-Roman philosophy often opposed by early Christians, which he absorbed during his studies as a humanist lawyer. This philosophy teaches precisely that everything in the universe is predestined and that each of us has been given a role to play by fate or providence. Only 4 years before publishing his 'Institutes', he published a commentary on Seneca's De Clementia (On Mercy), a major work of Roman Stoicism, where he praised Seneca and demonstrated close familiarity with Stoic thought. Some scholars have suggested that Calvinism can be seen as a 'baptized' or 'Christianized' form of Stoicism, particularly in its emphasis on moral rigor and emotional control. There was a general and significant revival of Stoicism during the Renaissance (1200-1400 AD), known to scholars as Neostoicism. This term 'Neo-stoicism' was even coined by Calvin himself, in his main work 'Institutes of the Christian Religion'. However, it is (not) surprising that any connection between Calvin and Stoicism has been erased from the Wikipedia articles on Calvin/Calvinism, leaving one of the most important influences on his religion unmentioned, and Seneca's book is only briefly mentioned without the slightest reference to Stoicism.	[1] [2]
				3 *"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]
				4 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]
				5 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]
				6 Heretical doctrine that CHRISTOS died only for the elect and intercedes only for the elect. Even the membership in Calvin's church was limited only to the elect, while on the other hand everyone in Geneva was forced to attend church (he used the power of the state to compel church attendance), and thus acted as a hearer only. Those two roles were identical with the doctrines of Manichaeism (elect vs. hearers), which Calvin absorbed through Augustine and thus also shaped Calvinism.	[1] [2]
				7 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]
				8 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
				9 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]
				10 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]
				11 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]
				12 While the Bible teaches 'Blessed are the poor', Calvin's system was rather 'Blessed are the rich'. He taught that poverty is an indication of divine judgment on an individual or a nation.	[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, bearing 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 re-introducing 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]
Darby, John Nelson (1800–1882 AD)	(Aristocrat; Anglo-Irish Bible teacher; Hymn Writer; founding figure of the Plymouth Brethren and Exclusive Brethren; Father of Dispensationalism and of the Pre-Tribulational Rapture)	[1]	John Nelson Darby was a very controversial and polarizing figure. While he is revered by many conservative evangelicals for his profound impact on modern biblical prophecy, he was a deeply divisive and uncompromising figure during his lifetime. Even within the Brethren movement itself which he helped to found, Darby was highly polarizing. His rigid ecclesiology led to bitter arguments, notably splitting the movement into two schisms, the 'Open Brethren' which he then fiercely opposed and his 'Exclusive' Brethren. Darby's formalized system of theology dividing human history into distinct 'dispensations', and culminating in a 'pre-tribulation rapture', were a primary catalyst for the major schism within the Brethren, and for countless other rifts especially within North American denominations, after Darby had toured this region extensively in his later years.	
			1 John Nelson Darby developed the extra-biblical system of Dispensationalism in the late 1820s and early 1830s. After Edward Irving, the original founder of Pentecostalism, had translated the works of the Jesuit priest Manuel Lacunza in 1827 and taught his eschatological concepts at the Albury Circle (1826–30) where Irving's mentor Darby was also a part of, Darby further developed those teachings into Modern Dispensationalism. He was also influenced by a second Jesuit priest, Francisco Ribera (confessor and biographer of Teresa of Avila, the first female 'doctor' of the RCC, the one who levitated on a number of occasions at a height of about a foot and a half), who created the foundational framework to deflect Protestant claims that the Pope was the Antichrist by projecting these events to the distant future. Darby specifically adopted Ribera's wild-west-theology of splitting Daniel 9, verses 26 and 27 into two sections thousands of years apart, this famously placing Daniel's 70th week into a literal, future 3.5 to 7-year period, which became the very foundation for Darby's Dispensationalism. This concept of a chronological 'gap' or parenthesis in prophecy, is one of the strangest manipulations of Scripture and many, including the problematic teachers Watchman Nee and Witness Lee (see the separate discernment of their 'Local church') later adopted Darby's dispensational framework, particularly his eschatology and prophetic interpretations.	
			2 Darby further developed and propagated the un-precedented 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture' doctrine, which has since infiltrated the worldwide church tremendously. This occurred precisely after Henry Drummond (financier of the Albury Circle) had developed this doctrine in a tract called 'The Lord is at Hand', and after the Scottish teenager Margaret MacDonald had on her sick bed a 2-3 hour 'baptism in the spirit' and a probably demonic vision of a 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture'. Thus the false doctrine that followers of CHRISTUS will be raptured / whisked away -before the Great Tribulation, would most definitely not be known today without Darby, and the subsequent release of the Scofield Reference Bible (1909) which specifically promoted Darby's teachings, and Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins through their best-selling 'Left Behind' book series and movie.	
			3 Darby was a direct part of the highly problematic Port Glasgow revival, where Mary Campbell (in her 20s) was 'miraculously' healed on her death bed after prophesying and speaking for 1 hour in 'tongues' and where Mary's friend Margaret MacDonald had the above mentioned demonic vision. He travelled immediately with a small team to Scotland and lived 2-3 weeks at the Campbell home so as to verify the tongues and especially the vision of a 'Pre-Tribulational Rapture'.	[See the special discernment on the origins of Pentecostalism]
			4 Darby argued the christian church was not the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, but rather a complete 'mystery' which OT prophets never foresaw. Unlike the traditional 'Covenant Theology' of his day, which viewed the Christian church as the spiritual continuation of Ancient Judaism, Darby fiercely separated the two, which is a highly anti-biblical viewpoint. Contrary to Darby's erroneous teaching, the OT actually contains several foundational verses that prophesy the inclusion of non-Jewish nations into THEOS' covenant and salvation, such as Gen 12:3, Isa 49:6, Isa 56:3-7, Psa 22:27, Mal 1:11 and Zec 8:23.	
			5 Darby was originally an Anglican and became a staunch (High) Calvinist who held unyieldingly to predestination and the doctrine of the elect. Increasingly, Darby unleashed verbal warfare against anyone who gave credit to the view that CHRISTOS died for all men and women. A High Calvinist (following Hyper-Calvinism), is someone who holds to an extreme, hyper-logical interpretation of THEOS' sovereignty that effectively minimizes human responsibility. High Calvinists often clash with 'lower' or more moderate Calvinists, viewing their milder theology as inconsistent or bordering on Arminianism.	[1]
			6 He spoke in mysterious ways about Freemasonry. *"Supposing we were a body of Freemasons, and a person were excluded from one lodge by the rules of the order ... the unity of the Freemason system is gone ... the proposed remedy is the mere pretension of the superiority of the recusant lodge, and a dissolution of Freemasonry."* Darby also spoke at the Freemason's Hall in London, which can be considered the headquarters / home of (English) Freemasonry, specifically as the administrative center and meeting place for the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and other Masonic bodies. It includes a Grand Temple, lodge rooms, offices, library, and the Museum of Freemasonry with history and archives of Freemasonry. Not only did he speak there, but he and his followers attempted to hold an entire series of meetings at the hall, yet the gathering devolved into intense religious discord and protests with tumultuous scenes involving hundreds. Many of Darby's contacts were confirmed Freemasons, e.g. Henry Drummond, Joseph Wolff, or Lewis Way (1772–1840) whose prophetic writings helped shape Darby's Dispensationalism.	[1] [2]
			7 While Darby did not invent the name 'Jeh*vah', nor did he have any role in founding the Jeh*vah's Witnesses, he heavily propagated this false name both in his OT translation, and especially in the NT, where he intentionally removed the divine title of KYRIOS and replaced it with 'Jeh*vah'. In consequence, both Exclusive and Open Brethren including G-spel Halls still use the name Jeh*vah today in hymns, prayers, and traditional biblical readings. **Historical background**: In 1270 AD, the Roman Catholic monk Raymond Martini had first rendered this divine name into 'Jeh*vah' in his book 'Pugio Fidei'. Raymond was also accused of forgery and wrote two anti-Jewish books. Porchetus de Salvaticis, also a RC monk and also known for his anti-Semitic writings, continued this tradition soon later. William Tyndale then transferred this new title into English, where the King James Bible and J. N. Darby further popularized it. Later editors of Darby's 'Elberfelder Bible' then thankfully removed the name 'Jeh*vah' with the 1985 revision, but the KJV and particularly KJV-onlyism and Jeh*vah's Witnesses continue this heresy to date.	
			8 Although the Bible over and over endorses musical instruments in combination with worship, Darby firmly opposed the use of any musical instruments in a church, characterizing them as fleshly worldly aids that cater to human emotions. While he was certainly right in respect to today's church culture, he went too far by banning instruments altogether and thus preached plain legalism which divided the church.	
			9 Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton (translator of the Greek OT) remarked about Darby *"I never knew a man in whom the two Adams were so strong"*. He was describing a profound, often paradoxical, internal conflict in Darby's character, characterized by both intense, natural legalism / willfulness ("the old man / Adam") and the devotion to Christ ("the new man / Adam").	
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Historical Figures	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). There 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 strictly unbiblical office. This position of a bishop above Presbyters was very similar to the RCC hierarchy. 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 not only known to have been a Freemason, but is 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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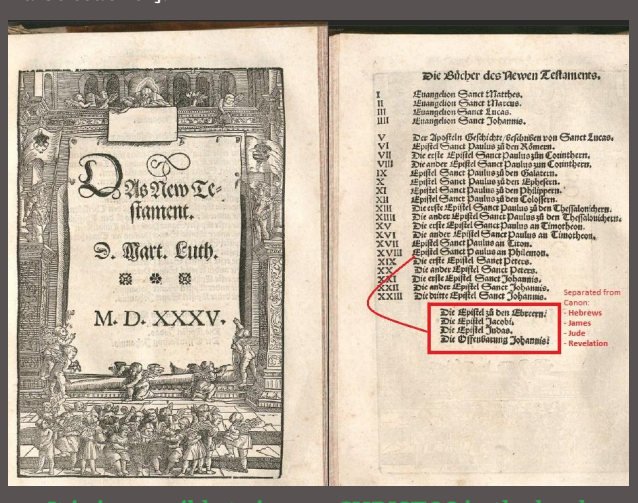
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Historical Figures	Jerome (of Stridon) (~345–420 AD)	(Early Christian Priest, Confessor, Theologian, Translator, and Historian; he is commonly known as Saint Jerome)	[1] [2] [3]	1 He was secretary to Pope Damasus. *"A great many years ago when I was helping Damasus, bishop of Rome with his ecclesiastical correspondence, and writing his answers to the questions referred to him by the councils of the east and west ..."*. The Catholic Church recognizes him as the patron saint of translators, librarians, and encyclopedists.	[1] [2] [3] [4]
				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 Jerome single-handedly (re-) moved 90 verses from the Book of Esther (today labelled as sections A-F) to a separate section and thus directly caused those passages to be excluded, which include 44 direct references to KYRIOS / THEOS, contrary to the still prevalent legend in Catholic and Protestant circles, that the Book of Esther does not contain any reference to the divine name.	[1]
				9 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]
				10 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]
				11 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]
				12 Jerome advanced and encouraged the anti-biblical concept of aestheticism to everyone who was surrounded by him.	[1] [2]
				13 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]
				14 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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				2 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]
				3 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].  **>> 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!**	[1]
				4 **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]
				5 While he condemned Zwingli's militant approach which ended in Zwingli's own death, he **urged the destruction and murder of an estimated 100.000 German peasants**. While he initially validated peasant grievances, who stood up against the harsh nobility, he later sided with the German princes and urged a brutal suppression and slaughter of the peasants without any mercy. He wrote: *"If a man is an open rebel, **every man is his judge and executioner**. Therefore, let everyone who can **smite, slay, and stab, secretly or openly**. Remember that nothing can be more poisonous, hurtful, or devilish than a rebel. A prince and Lord must remember in this case that he is G*d's minister, that he sins greatly against G*d if he does not **punish and protect**. If he can punish and does not, even though the **punishment consists in the taking of life and the shedding of blood**, then he is guilty of all the murder and all the evil which these fellows commit. Here then, there is no time for sleeping, **no place for patience or mercy. It is the time of the sword, not the day of grace**. [...] The rulers have a good conscience and a just cause. Therefore, they can say to G*d with all assurance of heart: 'These peasants have **deserved death many times over**.' Therefore, I will **punish and smite as long as my heart beats**."*	[1]
				6 Luther gave his **blessing to have Anabaptists executed**, simply based on their opposition of infant baptism and emphasis on adult baptism. *"The Anabaptists set up a ministry in congregation of their own, which is also contrary to the command of G*d. [...] From all this, it becomes clear that the secular authorities are **bound to inflict corporal punishment on the offenders**. [...] And when it is a case of only upholding some spiritual tenet, such as infant baptism, original sin, and unnecessary separation from the Church, then we conclude that **the stubborn sectarians must be put to death**".*	[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]
				7 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]
				8 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]
				9 **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]
				10 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]
				11 Serious theological errors. He implied it to be an open question if divorce is allowable. He erroneously taught that **divorced people should be allowed to remarry**.	[1]
				12 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]
				13 Luther threw out the ban on Christians charging interest, which proved to be a great economic 'blessing' to the German princes and the German merchants, and it **did pave the way for the emergence of modern-day capitalism**.	[1]
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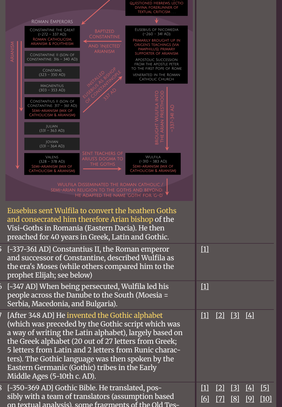
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Historical Figures	Origen (185-253 AD)	('Christian' Scholar, Ascetic, Theologian)	[1]	1 Heretical teaching of the preexistence of souls. *"When THEOS created the world, the souls which had previously existed without bodies became incarnate."*	[1] [2]
				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 attacked the Pentateuch and tampered manuscripts.	
				4 He excluded the books of James, 2 Peter, and 2&3 John from his canon.	[1]
				5 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]
				6 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]
				7 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]
				8 Universalist. *"All creatures - including perhaps Satan- might eventually be reconciled to G-d somewhere in eternity."*	[1] [2]
				9 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).	
				10 Ransom-Theorist (IESOUS was paying the devil to release us).	[1]
				11 He taught Purgatory.	[1]
				12 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. *But it has to be noted that the overarching 'Queen of heaven' worship (which encompasses several female deities) did not originate in Egypt, because Jeremiah 51 (chapter 44 in the Hebrew OT; written ~593 BC concerning the third and final deportation of Judah by the Babylonia Empire) makes it clear that specifically the Queen of Heaven-idolatry had already been practiced in Judea (probably adopted from local Canaanite religions).	[1] [2]
				13 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)	[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 'ΓΟΥΛΦΙΛΑ' (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 Vulfa; which is a title closely associated with the Roman Pope) of the minor Goths.	[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).	[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.	[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 teaching (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.	[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]
				
			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.	
			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)	[1]
			6 [-347 AD] When being persecuted, Wulfila led his people across the Danube to the South (Moesia = Serbia, Macedonia, and Bulgaria).	[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).	[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.	[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.	[1] [2] [3]
			10 [-376 AD] The Visi-Goths converted to Arian Christianity through their bishop Wulfila.	[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 Ioman 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 ...	[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 (on 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 Christianople, 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."	[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.	[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).	[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 'guþis') appears. The Gothic word 'guþs' ('G-d's') is the genitive of guþ ('G-d').	[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.	[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.	[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 Ruginwalduo Dwalakónéis (gothicized 'Ronald Tolkien').	[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.	[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 una 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', 2Coe 3:3 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙ ΘΕΟΥ ΖΩΝΤΟΣ / Pneumati Theou Zontos / The Living SPIRIT OF THEOS', 2Coe 3:17 'ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ / Pneuma Kuriou / SPIRIT OF KYRIOS. [1]	[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 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 lowering it new names for high priests, and actively facilitating the creation of a whole plethora of new offices.	[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: sequa 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."*	[1] [2]
			The word 'reginam' is the accusative singular of regina, a feminine word without masculine form, meaning queen, princess.	[1]
			Wikipedia: *'Queen of Heaven (Latin: Regina Caeli) 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 Caeli 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".*	[1] [2]
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