



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

CULT THEOLOGY APOL/THEO6306

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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2024 Defend Apologetics Conference

Seminary Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This course involves a theological analysis of groups that are classified as cults, or cultic in nature, from the perspective of evangelical Christianity. Groups covered include The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, New Age Movements, the Watchtower Society, the Unity School of Christianity, the Word-Faith Movement, Armstrongism, the Unification Church, and Scientology.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Understand the history, leadership, doctrines, ethics, and organization of the cults studied through academic study and field observation;
2. Be aware of the significance of these cults for their own members, for Christians, and for the history of religion;
3. Be able to relate more effectively to members of the cults, for discussion and evangelistic witness; and
4. Recognize the new cults which will surely come into expression in the future.

Required Texts

Watchman Fellowship Profile Notebook. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 2000.

<https://www.watchman.org/store/general-topics-doctrine/watchman-fellowships-digital-edition/>

House, H. Wayne. *Charts of Cults, Sects, and Religious Movements*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

Course Requirements

1. Lecture Attendance. Students are required to attend all sessions of the *Defend 2024* Christian Apologetics Conference.

2. Required Reading. Students are required to read all of the required textbooks. Students may not review either of the required books in lieu of one of the books listed for book reviews.

3. Book Reviews. Each student is required to review **2** of the following books. **Students may not duplicate book reviews from any other course for this course.** If a student wishes to substitute another book in place of one of the books on the list below, he or she must get the professor's permission in an email to do so.

Beckwith, Francis J. Carl Mosser, and Paul Owen, eds., *The New Mormon Challenge: Responding to the Latest Defenses of a Fast-Growing Movement*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

Blomberg, Craig L. and Stephen E. Robinson. *How Wide the Divide?: A Mormon & an Evangelical in Conversation*. Downer's Grove: InterVarsity, 1997.

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Understanding Jehovah's Witnesses: Why They Read the Bible the Way They Do*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992.

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Jesus' Resurrection and Joseph's Visions: Examining the Foundations of Christianity and Mormonism*. Tampa: DeWard, 2020.

Hanegraaf, Wouter J. *New Age Religion and Western Culture: Esotericism in the Mirror of Secular Thought*. Albany: SUNY, 1998.

McKeever, Bill and Eric Johnson, *Mormonism 101: Examining the Religion of the Latter-day Saints*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

Newport, John P. *The New Age Movement and the Biblical Worldview: Conflict and Dialogue*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

Reed, David. *Answering Jehovah's Witnesses Subject by Subject*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.

Rhodes, Ron. *Reasoning from the Scriptures with Jehovah's Witnesses*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2009.

Reviews should include: (1) some professional biographical data concerning the author; (2) a summary of the book; (3) an assessment of the author's aim or purpose and of the degree of its fulfillment; and (4) a critical evaluation of the book. All grammar and citations in the reviews should follow Turabian form. Reviews should be 4-6 double-spaced pages (which won't be difficult if students include all of the above criteria). **Book Reviews are due 6 weeks after the final day of the *Defend 2024* Apologetics Conference (February 16, 2024).**

4. Cult Theology Field Project. Each student is required to (1) attend a public worship service of a cult; or (2) interview either the local leader/minister of one of the cults to be studied or with an active, loyal, participating member of the cult; or (3) to have a witnessing encounter with a cult member. (A witnessing encounter is defined as a dialogue which leads to the student sharing the Gospel with the cultist, not simply a dialogue on theological differences or a debate as to which position is correct.) **The student is required to prepare and submit a written report**

and analysis of the visit/ interview or witnessing encounter. The report-analysis should be both a narrative of what occurred during the service/interview and an analysis of the beliefs and practices in comparison with one's readings and the class lectures on that cult. The report portion of the interview need not be a verbatim record but should identify and interpret all the substantive questions and answers set forth during the interview in comparison with one's readings and the class lectures on that cult. The analysis portion should address what sort of language problems, group behavioral characteristics, or theological differences are observable during the visit/interview. **The field projects are due 11 weeks after the conclusion of the Defend 2024 Apologetics Conference (March 22, 2024).**

5. Cult Overview. Students will prepare a doctrinal overview comparing the beliefs of a particular cult to orthodox Christianity. Students *can* (but are not required) address the doctrines of a cult in the format of a traditional systematic theology—covering revelation, God, Christ, salvation, the Church, and eschatology. Students will then critique those beliefs biblically, with a mind to rebutting the cult position, and formulate an approach to witnessing to adherents of the chosen cult. The doctrinal overview should be not less than 2,500 words nor more than 5,000 words. **Cult Overviews are due 13 weeks after the conclusion of the Defend 2024 Apologetics Conference (April 12, 2024).**

6. Session Summaries. Write one-page, single-spaced summaries of 10 different breakout sessions from the Defend 2024 Christian Apologetics Conference. Students taking more than one Defend 2024 course for NOBTS credit may not use any session summaries that they use for another course. Summaries should be submitted via Canvas. **Summaries are due 15 weeks after the final day of the Defend 2024 Apologetics Conference (April 19, 2024).**

Grades will be assigned on the basis of the NOBTS grading scale: 93-100, A; 85-92, B; 77-84, C; 70-76, D; 0-69, F.

The final grade will be determined accordingly:

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| Conference Attendance and Required Reading | 10% |
| Book Reviews | 20% |
| Cult Field Project | 20% |
| Cult Overview | 30% |
| <u>Session Summaries</u> | <u>20%</u> |
| Final Grade | 100% |

Extra Credit may be earned as listed below. All extra credit will be added to the final grade.

(1) **Additional Reading.** Consideration for extra credit will be given for significant reading over and above the class assignments within the field. Consideration will be given not only to the amount, but also to the quality, of the material read. Students must read all of the assigned readings in order to be eligible to earn extra credit for additional reading.

(2) **Additional Book Reviews** may be done for extra credit. Reviews must be of a book listed by the instructor for reading reviews unless the instructor has approved another book. Reviews should include: (1) some biographical data concerning the author; (2) an identification of the major elements of content; (3) an assessment of the author's aim or purpose and of the degree of its fulfillment; and (4) a critical evaluation of the book *which includes some*

documented research on the general topic. The reviews should follow Turabian form. Book reviews should be no less than 4 pages and no more than 7 double-spaced pages.

Suggested Cult Bibliography

General Works on the Cults

Brown, Harold O. J. *Heresies: The Image of Christ in the Mirror of Heresy and Orthodoxy from the Apostles to the Present.* New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1984. An excellent general work on heresy—not specifically a *cult* book.

Hoekema, Anthony A. *The Four Major Cults.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963. Offers very good treatments of Latter-day Saints and Watchtower theology. Two other groups, Christian Science and Seventh Day Adventism, are also treated. One, Adventism, is not treated as a cult in this course. The other is no longer a major cult, and thus only touched on in the treatment of the Unity School of Christianity.

House, H. Wayne *Charts of Cults, Sects, and Religious Movements.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. A very useful book not only of charts, but charts with brief explanations of terms and beliefs on a number of cults.

Hutchinson, Janis. *Out of the Cults and Into the Church: Understanding and Encouraging Ex-Cultists.* Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1994. An excellent author, who herself came out of the LDS church, that will be of interest to those who wish to understand cults from a practical and psychological basis.

Martin, Walter. *The Kingdom of the Cults.* Minneapolis: Bethany, 1985.

Martin, Walter (edited by Ravi Zacharias). *The Kingdom of the Cults.* Minneapolis: Bethany, 2003. A revision and updating of the original.

Sire, James W. *Scripture Twisting: Twenty Ways the Cults Misread the Bible.* Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1980. A good general introduction to evangelical hermeneutics. Sire uses examples of hermeneutical mistakes from the cults to show how one ought (or ought not) to read the Bible.

Tucker, Ruth A. *Another Gospel: Alternative Religions and the New Age Movement.* Grand Rapids: Academie Books, 1989.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Abanes, Richard. *One Nation Under Gods: A History of the Mormon Church.* New York: Basic, 2003.

- Branch, Rick. "Pre-Visions, Visions and Revisions: The Historical Context of Joseph Smith's First Vision." A Paper Presented at The Christian Institute for Mormon Studies, June 9, 1994. A good paper that presents the social climate out of which Mormonism grew.
- . "The Influence of Utopian Societies on Joseph Smith, Jr.: A Preliminary Report." Arlington, TX.: Watchman Fellowship, 1992. A good paper that presents a further picture of the social climate out of which Mormonism grew.
- Brodie, Fawn. *No Man Knows My History: The Life of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1945. A classic book on the founder of Mormonism by a Mormon. Brodie was excommunicated after writing it.
- Crosby, Jay. *Well . . . Are Mormons Christians?: Answering LDS Scholar Stephen E. Robinson*. Marlow, OK.: Utah Missions, Inc. An evangelical response to a book by a Mormon professor that argues that Mormonism is Christian.
- Davis, Tal and Gary H. Leazer. *Light on the Latter-day Saints: Interfaith Witness Associate's Manual*. Atlanta: Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1991. A very worthwhile collection of data concerning LDS theology.
- Geer, Thelma. *Mormonism, Mama, and Me*. Chicago: Moody, 1986. A classic by an ex-Mormon.
- Hutchinson, Janis. *The Mormon Missionaries: An Inside Look at Their Real Message and Methods*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1995. An excellent book by a former Mormon that details the Mormon missionary presentation and how LDS evangelism (proselytization) works.
- Larson, Charles M. *By His Own Hand upon Papyrus: A New Look at the Joseph Smith Papyri*. Revised Edition. Grand Rapids: Institute for Religious Research, 1992. A thorough rejection of Mormon claims for the authenticity of the Book of Abraham.
- Marquardt, Michael H. and Wesley P. Walters. *Inventing Mormonism: Tradition and the Historical Record*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1994.
- McKeever, Bill. *Answering Mormons' Questions: Biblical Explanations to Mormon Misinterpretations*. A good and practical book that offers legitimate responses to trick questions that Mormons commonly use in dialogue with Christians.
- McKeever, Bill and Eric Johnson. *Mormonism 101: Examining the Religion of the Latter-day Saints*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000. Up to date treatment of Mormonism, topic-by-topic and doctrine-by-doctrine.
- . *Questions to Ask Your Mormon Friend: Challenging the Claims of Latter-day Saints in a Constructive Manner*. Minneapolis: Bethany, 1994. A very good and useful book for dialoguing with Mormons.

- Ostling, Richard N. and Joan K. Ostling. *Mormon America: The Power and the Promise*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1999. Widely regarded as a monumental book on the nature of Mormonism and Mormon growth.
- Palmer, Grant. *An Insider's View of Mormon Origins*. Salt Lake City: Signature, 2002.
- Quinn, D. Michael. *Early Mormonism and the Magic World View*. Salt Lake City: Signature, 1987. A very scholarly treatment by an excommunicated Mormon professor (former chair of the history department at BYU, Ph.D. from Yale) on the social climate out of which Mormonism grew.
- Reed, David A. and John R. Farkas. *Mormons Answered Verse by Verse*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992.
- Rhodes, Ron and Marian Bodine. *Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Mormons*. Eugene: Harvest House, 1995. A book that does what the title implies.
- Roberts, B. H. *The Mormon Doctrine of Deity*. Utah: Zion Book Store, 1903. A book by a former LDS Church Historian on the LDS doctrine of God.
- Robinson, Stephen E. *Are Mormons Christian?* Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1991. An apologetic by a Mormon scholar that is woefully lacking in truthful or relevant documentation, but is nonetheless a very popular book among Mormons and one worth reading by those who work with or among Mormons.
- Ropp, Harry L. *Are the Mormon Scriptures Reliable?* Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1987. A classic (formerly titled The Mormon Papers) that goes to the heart of the issue and provides very useful information for witnessing to Mormons.
- Scott, Latayne C. *The Mormon Mirage: A Former Mormon Tells Why She Left the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1979. An excellent and very readable treatment by a former Mormon concerning the inherent problems of Mormon theology and church life.
- . *Why We Left Mormonism: Eight People Tell Their Stories*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1990. Very readable. Brief testimonies that provide insight into Mormonism and some of the things that bother honest Mormons.
- Shields, Steven L. *Divergent Paths of Restoration*, 2d ed. Bountiful, Utah: Restoration Research, 1982. An excellent treatment of the fracturing of Joseph Smith Jr.'s sect.
- Southerton, Simon G. *Losing a Lost Tribe: Native Americans, DNA, and the Mormon Church*. Salt Lake City, Signature, 2004.
- Stewart, Robert B. "Is Mormonism Christian: An Evangelical Critique of LDS Scholar Stephen E. Robinson's Arguments for Recognizing Mormonism as Christian" in *Journal of Christian Apologetics* Vol. 1, no. 2 (Winter 1997): 15-33.
- Tanner, Jerald and Sandra. *3,913 Changes in the Book of Mormon*. Salt Lake City: Utah Lighthouse Ministry, n.d.

———. *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality*, 4th ed. Salt Lake City: Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1982. The classic work on Mormonism. A must for anybody who intends to work with or among Mormons. The format is encyclopedic in form. The most information in any single book on Mormonism anywhere, ever!

Walker, James K. "The Developmental Nature of Mormon Christology." Arlington, TX.: Watchman Fellowship, 1991. A paper originally presented as an assignment at Criswell College by the director of Watchman Fellowship in Arlington.

White, James R. *Letters to a Mormon Elder: Eye-Opening Information for Mormons and the Christians Who Talk with Them*. Minneapolis: Bethany, 1993. A useful book that asks hard questions for Mormons.

White, O. Kendall, Jr., *Mormon Neo-Orthodoxy: A Crisis Theology*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Signature Books, 1987. A brave and unique attempt by one Mormon to redefine Mormonism. Ultimately, however, it is a kinder, gentler Mormonism that emerges, not Neo-Orthodoxy, and certainly not orthodox Christianity.

The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses)

Barrett, Arthur and Duane Magnani. *From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Come*. Clayton, CA.: Witness, Inc., 1982.

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Jehovah's Witnesses, Jesus Christ, and the Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1989. An excellent book that provides a good, readable, not overly technical, but not superficial or shallow discussion of the New World Translation.

———. *Understanding Jehovah's Witnesses: Why They Read the Bible the Way They Do*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1992. Insights into the background of the Watchtower Society and why its followers think the way they do.

———. *Why You Should Believe in the Trinity: An Answer to Jehovah's Witnesses*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1990. Written as a refutation of the Watchtower Society's popular booklet "Should You Believe in the Trinity?"

Cetnar, Bill and Joan. *Questions for Jehovah's Witnesses Who Love the Truth*. Kunkletown, PA.: William J. Cetnar, 1983. A useful paperback filled with photocopies of embarrassing facts compiled by former Watchtower members.

Countess, Robert H. *The Jehovah's Witnesses' New Testament: A Critical Analysis of the New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures*, 2nd. Ed. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1982. A scholarly analysis of the New World Translation by a first rate linguist. Knowledge of biblical languages is required of the reader.

Finnerty, Robert U. *Jehovah's Witnesses on Trial: The Testimony of the Early Church Fathers*. Phillipsburg, N. J.: P & R Publishing, 1993. An interesting book that deals with the (mis)use and abuse of Patristic theology by the Watchtower Society.

- Franz, Raymond. *Crisis of Conscience*. Atlanta: Commentary Press, 1983. Written by the nephew of former Watchtower president and chief translator of the New World Translation, this book provides an insider's view to the behind the scenes machinations going on in Brooklyn. It is, however, somewhat laborious reading.
- Leazer, Gary H. *Jehovah's Witnesses: Interfaith Witness Associate's Manual*. Atlanta: Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1984. A manual for use in studying Watchtower theology.
- Magnani, Duane. *The Watchtower Files: Dialogue with a Jehovah's Witness*. Minneapolis: Bethany, 1985. A very useful book for those looking for information about Jehovah's Witnesses.
- Metzger, Bruce. *Jehovah's Witnesses and Jesus Christ*. Princeton, N. J.: The Theological Theological Book Agency, 1953. An excellent article, by the world's foremost Greek scholar (editor of the NRSV), originally in the Princeton Seminary Journal, that deals with the New World Translation concerning the person of Jesus Christ.
- Reed, David A. *Answering Jehovah's Witnesses Subject by Subject*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996. A collection of alphabetically arranged articles dealing with various topics of concern for those dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses.
- Walker, James K. *Jehovah's Witnesses New World Translation: Is It the Word of God?* Arlington, TX: Watchman Fellowship, n.d.

New Age Spirituality

- Abanes, Richard. *Embraced by the Light and the Bible: Betty Eadie and Near-Death Experiences in the Light of Scripture*. Camp Hill, PA: Horizon Books, 1994.
- Albrecht, Mark. *Reincarnation: A Christian Appraisal*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1982.
- Andrews, Ted. *How to Uncover Your Past Lives*. St. Paul, MN: Llewellyn Publications, 1994. A typical brief NAM book directed to NAM beginners.
- Capra, Fritjof. *The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels Between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*. Berkely: Shambhala, 1975. A classic New Age work attempting to relate physics and Eastern Pantheistic religions to one another.
- . *The Turning Point: Science, Society and the Rising Culture*. London: Flamingo, 1983.
- Chandler, Russell. *Understanding the New Age*. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1988.
- Chopra, Deepak. *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind: The Quantum Alternative to Growing Old*. New York: Harmony Books, 1993. Rapidly becoming a New Age standard thanks to Chopra's

frequent appearances on PBS and CNBC. Basic Hinduism taught by an Indian with an Ivy league M.D. degree.

———. *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success: A Practical Guide to the Fulfillment of Your Dreams*. San Rafael, CA: New World Library, 1994.

Ferguson, Marilyn. *The Aquarian Conspiracy: Personal and Social Transformation in the 1980s*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1980. A classic New Age primer. Well written by a leading and influential New Age author.

Gray, William D. *Thinking Critically about New Age Ideas*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1991. A very interesting book that lays out and refutes New Age ideas at the same time that it teaches the basics of logic and philosophical thought. This book is strongly recommended for those wishing to pursue doctoral work in philosophy or with an interest in formal logic.

Groothuis, Douglas. *Confronting the New Age: How to Resist a Growing Religious Movement*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1988.

———. *Revealing the New Age Jesus: Challenges to Orthodox Views of Christ*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1990.

———. *Unmasking the New Age*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986.

Hanegraff, Hank. *Christianity in Crisis*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993. A thorough expose of the cultic (New Age/Gnostic) characteristics of the Health and Wealth Gospel, written by Walter Martin's successor.

House, H. Wayne and Richard Abanes. *The Less Traveled Road and the Bible: A Scriptural Critique of the Philosophy of M. Scott Peck*. Camp Hill, PA: Horizon Books, 1995. This book uncovers the Jungian background behind the New Age (often confused as Christian) philosophy of M. Scott Peck.

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Klimo, Jon. *Channeling: Investigations on Receiving Information from Paranormal Sources*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987. The definitive book on trance channeling.

McConnell, D. R. *A Different Gospel: A Historical and Biblical Analysis of the Modern Faith Movement*. Peabody, MS: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1988. The best book on the Health and Wealth gospel, written by a former ORU professor. Available in an updated and revised edition.

Noll, Richard. *The Jung Cult: Origins of a Charismatic Movement*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994. An excellent, but difficult book on the societal structure and personal background of one of the primary influences behind the more intellectual aspects of the New Age Movement. A fair knowledge of European history, philosophical

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Braden, Charles S. *Spirits in Rebellion*. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1963.

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Armstrongism (Worldwide Church of God)

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DeLoach, Charles F. *The Armstrong Error: The Plain Truth on Herbert W. Armstrong*. Plainfield, NJ: Logos International, 1971.

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Unification Church

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