

## World Religions And Cults 101 A Guide To Spiritual Beliefs Christianity 101

World-renown cult experts Ron Carlson and Ed Decker combine their extensive knowledge to give readers quick, clear facts on the major cults and false teachings of today. Short, informative chapters contrast the cults' theologies with the truth found in God's Word. Readers will discover the key facts on— Atheism Buddhism Evolution Hinduism Islam Satanism And more Fast Facts® on False Teachings is an easy-to-use resource that provides powerful insights for sharing the biblical gospel with people ensnared by false religions and philosophies.

This second edition examines all aspects of Roman history, and contains a new introduction, three new chapters and updated bibliographies.

'a smart, daring and refreshing book' - Weekend Australian 'deliciously sinister' - Herald Sun Why would anyone join a cult? Maybe they're unhappy with their current religion, or they want to change the world, or they're disappointed with their lives and want to find something bigger or holier that makes sense of this confusing, chaotic and dangerous world. Or maybe they just want to give themselves the best possible chance of having sex with aliens. Whatever the reason, once people are in, it's usually very difficult for them to leave. Cults have ways of making their followers do loopy, dangerous stuff to prove their loyalty, and in return they get a chance to feel secure within the cult's embrace, with an added bonus of being utterly terrified of the outside world. From the tragic JONESTOWN Kool-Aid drinkers to the Australian cult THE FAMILY to the fiery Waco climax of THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS, this book is a wide-sweeping look at cults around the world, from the host of the popular podcast ZEALOT. 'a piss-taker of rare boldness' - Weekend Australian

Christianity & Culture: A Christian Perspective on Worldview Development is a historical, scriptural, and comprehensive examination of the dynamics in secular and Christian education in light of the current cultural philosophy. With transformative, stimulating and revolutionary principles, this book challenges Christians to integrate Judeo-Christian values in an atheistic and pluralistic society. If you have been inundated by humanistic, liberal and secular indoctrination, the redemptive solutions in this book will ensoul the tools necessary to produce a Christian worldview. It will impart a commanding sense of purpose, passion, and appreciation for the teaching profession. Christianity & Culture will enable you to ... [Deepen and broaden your understanding of the core presuppositions of the Christian faith [Effectively face the challenges presented by a hostile world [Take heed to your God-given mandate to influence this world for Christ [Build, stimulate and develop a biblical and theocentric worldview of education [Assume your responsibility as a steward of the mysteries of God [Discover the dynamics of an education that is Christian A practical teacher, minister, college professor, author, speaker, counselor and husband, is the president and founder of Higher Call Ministries International, a multi-faceted ministry with its headquarter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. William Valmyr is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University (B.S., M.S. and ED.S.), Knox Theological Seminary (M.A.), and South Florida Theological Seminary (Ph.D.), and is a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) candidate at Oral Roberts University. He is a member of the Evangelical Training Association and a member of the American Counseling Association. He serves as Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Fort Lauderdale. His careful research and study over many years has resulted in this scholarly work on Religious Education, Spiritual Formation, Christianity and worldviews in higher education.

For years, international apologist Josh McDowell has been alert to the challenge of Islam—and how Muslims' objections to Christianity can raise deep doubts in believers' minds. His recent on-the-ground research with Muslims in the Middle East has crystallized into this practical resource focusing on Jesus and the gospel. Aided by Islam expert Jim Walker, McDowell lays out the evidence on the crucial issues: What kind of prophet was Jesus? Was he the Messiah? "Son of God"? "Son of Man"? What's that about? How are God and Jesus related? Can they both be God? The gospel—how could God dishonor his Son by letting him die horribly? What good did his death do? Aren't the Bible's accounts of Jesus corrupt? With all this, as well as backgrounder appendixes on the basics, believers will have authoritative evidence from Scripture and history to intelligently deal with Muslims' questions about and challenges to Christianity.

Mormonism is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. For those who have wondered in what specific ways Mormonism differs from the Christian faith, Mormonism 101 provides definitive answers, examining the major tenets of Mormon theology and comparing them with orthodox Christian beliefs. Perfect for students of religion and anyone who wants to have answers when Mormons come calling.

Free. Unearned. A gift. God's acceptance comes with no strings attached as you trust in His Son, Jesus. This is the whole gospel. But for 2000 years, Christians—including the first-century Galatians—have often believed they must add performance requirements to the gospel in order to truly earn God's approval. Listen in as the apostle Paul blows the lid off this selfdeception by explaining...: why the Good News becomes bad news when you mix it with rules, how to sniff out people who are promoting a false, "rules-added" gospel, why adding requirements to God's grace actually subtracts from your enjoying Christ, why trust is the only thing needed to receive God's grace and live in it day to day, Galatians shows you that life in God's Spirit, through His grace, is still His plan for freedom—so you can live out your full potential as His child. Book jacket.

Newly updated, this definitive reference work on major cult systems is the gold standard text on cults with nearly a million copies sold.

Across America and the world dangerous New Age cults and religious groups are growing in strength and numbers. Here is the authoritative guide to the New Age cults and religions infecting and threatening our society. It carefully analyzes these groups and provides answers to the questions most commonly asked about them.

In the new Christianity 101™ series, Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz provide their easy-to-understand explanations about facets of the Christian walk in a style that invites believers and seekers to discover God, His Word, and His promises for daily living. This book is brimming with joy! Readers of all backgrounds will love the inspiring descriptions of God's nature, His personality, and His activities. Curious inquirers and earnest seekers will find straightforward responses to essential questions about God: Eternity--where did God come from? The trinity--is God three people, or is He one? The Bible--did God really communicate His own thoughts to us? Perfect for personal study or group use. Formerly titled Bruce & Stan's® Guide to God

Authors John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs continue their exciting What's the Big Deal? series with concise, informative answers to the many questions people are asking about the major religious groups in the world. The groups

in this book are so widespread that readers are likely to encounter their followers in their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Which makes it important to understand what they believe, and why. Included in this volume are Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, and the Jehovah's Witnesses. And for each group, readers will discover... the origins and history the key teachings and leaders the major writings the traditions and special observances how they differ from Christianity Ankerberg and Burroughs are masterful at focusing on the key essentials readers need to know. And they include many exclusive interviews with experts, as well as numerous fascinating insights--all of which makes for compelling reading.

With all of the different religions, sects, denominations, and belief systems out there, it can be difficult to separate the facts from mere opinion, especially if one is relying solely on online sources which may or may not be vetted and which often have an ideological or political slant to them. How can we truly understand if we cannot even be sure we are getting the facts straight? In this comprehensive resource, more than 75 evangelical scholars offer a thoroughly researched guide to Christianity, other world religions, and alternative religious views, including entries on movements, theological terms, and major historical figures. Perfect for pastors, students, and anyone who wants ready access to information on today's religious landscape.

Family Violence: Legal, Medical, and Social Perspectives examines the entire spectrum of family violence, focusing on social processes and social relationships. The eighth edition is a multidisciplinary introduction to the study of domestic violence that guides readers to a better understanding of the challenges involved in reducing or eliminating violence. The new edition includes more information on PTSD and head trauma, a new section in children witnessing domestic violence, more international perspectives, which allow students to understand that family violence crosses borders and cultures, and a series of Promising Practices boxes that bring professional knowledge and accomplishments into the classroom.

Why are there so many religions? Do they basically teach the same thing? Bruce and Stan address these questions and more as they take a close look at some of the world's major religions and belief systems. From Islam to Jehovah's Witnesses and from New Age Spirituality to Atheism, Darwinism, and Naturalism, World Religions and Cults 101 features— key teachings of each religion quick-glance belief charts brief biographies of leaders study questions for group or individual use suggested reading Readers will also discover why spiritual searching is universal, how each religion compares to Christianity, the characteristics of cults, and what makes Christianity unique. Formerly titled Bruce & Stan's® Guide to Cults, Religions, and Spiritual Beliefs

This book identifies what is living and what is dead in Max Weber's analyses of China, India and Ancient Israel.

Provides Old and New Testament text, accompanied by articles and features to help young students better articulate and defend their faith as they begin to approach young adulthood.

Many people search for spiritual meaning, hope, comfort, and inner peace in their personal lives. The most common path to spirituality around the world is through religion. Although the variety of religions may seem endless, many similarities exist among the major religions of the world, including the belief in one or more gods and the honoring of rituals, stories, ceremonies, codes of conduct, and doctrines, or sets of teachings. In this well-balanced report, respected authors Margaret O. Hyde and Emily G. Hyde take an honest look at religion in the lives of young people. This book explores the many different religions around the world, from the ten most common religions—Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Baha'ism, Confucianism, Jainism, and Shintoism—to modern expressions of spirituality and more. It also offers fascinating information on a field of research known as neurotheology, the study of the neurobiology of the brain and religion. Scientists are learning more about where in the brain religious thoughts take place and what it means to be human.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7 You've likely scratched your head over this verse, wondering how literally to take it. Could Jesus have been serious about His over-the-top declaration? Can you really ask for anything? If you think these words can't possibly mean what they say, Craig Hazen wants to reveal the astonishing reality of this promise. You'll learn why Christians hesitate to embrace this powerful statement and how you can put it to work in your life for the sake of God's kingdom. According to the Lord himself, "asking" is the center point of prayer. He wants us to bring our fruit-bearing requests to him boldly and with expectation for the blessing of his answer. He wants to hear our Fearless Prayer!

This 6-session (30 minutes each) DVD-based curriculum leader's guide is for small groups that wish to study the differences between various religions and cult groups from a Christian perspective.

Examines the complex realities of religious belief, practice and institutions, ranging from the high growth rates of successful minority religious movements such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, to the phenomenal rise of Pentecostalism, the challenge of 'fundamentalism' and the apparent turn from religion to spirituality.

With extensive biblical knowledge and a fresh, contemporary perspective, Bickel and Jantz provide an easy-to-understand approach to God's written message. Also includes insights into unusual customs of Bible times, a personal three-month study plan, and much more.

Up-to-date, well-documented, comprehensive coverage of cults, sects, and world religions, from the historical to the contemporary INCLUDES • Well-known groups and world religions, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Islam, and Baha'i • Groups with a significant North American influence, including Santeria, Rastafarians, Haitian Voodoo, white supremacy groups, Wicca, and Satanism REVISED, UPDATED, AND EXPANDED TO INCLUDE NEW ENTRIES AND NEW INFORMATION • Updated information on Islam and its global impact • New entries: the Branch Davidians, Native American religions, Heaven's Gate, Aum Supreme Truth, the Boston Movement, the Masonic Lodge, and many others • Developments in the world of cults and the occult Encyclopedic Dictionary of Cults, Sects, and World Religions is arguably the most significant reference book on the subject to be published. Formerly titled Dictionary of Cults, Sects, Religions, and the Occult, it provides reliable information on the history and beliefs of nearly every form of religion active today. This extensively revised edition includes new topics, updated information, and a brand-new format for a clearer, more organized approach. The authors evaluate the beliefs and practices of each group from the perspective of the Bible and the historic creeds of the Christian church. You'll also find group histories,

numerous illustrations, charts, current statistics, websites, bibliographies, and other useful information.

You may probably be wondering why another book on leadership training has been published. It is true you may have read or even written hundreds of books on leadership training. But this book is unique. It is not like any other book you may have read or written! Other books write about the need for leadership training and offer the same old courses which have been in use for years. Yesterday's methods may not always produce the results they used to. The methods of yesterday may not always accommodate all the generations living in the world today. This book discusses the benefits of leadership training and suggests nine areas of training which can comfortably benefit the premodern, modern, and the postmodern mindsets. Some people in this generation may be premodern, modern, or postmodern due to various reasons. Probably they were born during the time when those generations were in existence, or probably they have been shaped into those generations by the education system or by influence of others from across the world due to the ease of communication made possible by the internet. This book first discusses the general views held by people concerning whether training of Christian leaders is important or not. Some few people feel that it is not important because the Holy Spirit is their only teacher! Majority of people acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit but believe that training is important and can make leaders more effective. The Holy Spirit uses people to accomplish his desire to have others trained. Second, the book discusses the benefits of leadership training which affirm the need to have leaders trained for God's own glory. Finally, the book discusses nine areas of training which have been tested and found to be effective in equipping Christian leaders for more successful work of ministry and leadership in the church and its organizations.

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ZondervanCharts are ready references for those who need essential information in a hurry. Accessible and highly useful, the books in this library offer clear organization and thorough summaries of issues, subjects, and topics that are key to Christian students. Titles in this growing series include Charts of Ancient and Medieval Church History; Charts of Reformation and Enlightenment Church History; Charts of Modern and Postmodern Church History; Charts of Bible Prophecy; Charts of Cults, Sects, and Religious Movements; Charts of World Religions; Charts of Christian Ethics; Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine; Charts of the Gospels and the Life of Christ; Taxonomic Charts of Theology and Biblical Studies; Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament; Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament; Chronological and Background Charts of Church History; and Timeline Charts of the Western Church.

Free of clichés or rhetorical arguments, a primer on Christian apologetics tackles vital questions people of all ages and beliefs are asking, presenting evidence from the world, history, and lives of people who have been changed by something bigger than themselves. Original. Cults and false religions are dangerous. They preach a false gospel and lead people into a false spirituality. Their victims are kept blinded from the true gospel of Christ while they are held in bondage to whatever false belief system and legalistic practices they must maintain. Major Cults and False World Religions reveals several key characteristics that makes them unbiblical. It exposes several major cults and false religions that have the majority of the world's population deceived and headed for Hell. This book is the result of thirty-four years of evangelism work, studying comparative religions, and apologetic research and debate. It will equip you with a basic understanding of what each group believes and how to clearly discern and refute many of their unscriptural teachings and attacks.

Completely revised and updated for the postmodern age, So What's the Difference? gives you easy-to-understand, nonjudgmental answers to the question, "How does orthodox biblical Christianity differ from other faiths?" Here Fritz Ridenour explains the basic tenets of Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, New Age, Mormonism, and other religions and belief systems of the world. You will also learn why relative thinking--the idea that there is no objective, absolute truth--has become the predominant mindset in our culture, and how you can respond. This bestselling guide will help you recognize the real differences between the Christian faith and other viewpoints and make it easier for you to explain and share your faith with others.

A compilation of the entire Facts On series, Cult Watch gives you facts about the major cults and movements in a format you can use in counseling or witnessing.

From Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz, authors of Knowing the Bible 101, a trim, 45-page booklet is perfect for new believers, Christians who want a handy evangelistic tool, and churchgoers who are ready to rediscover the essentials of the Christian life. Readers will immediately connect with Bruce and Stan's honest, encouraging responses to questions new Christians often ask: What do I do next? Am I expected to follow some rules and regulations? What have I gotten myself into? Brief chapters on eternal security, new life in Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit set the tone for this clear and compelling introduction to the faith. With their engaging, straightforward style, Bruce and Stan explain what God has done for humanity, what God wants people to do so they can know Him better, and how individuals can reflect the love of Christ to the world.

You Mean to Say You Don't Know the Meaning of \* Monophysitism \* Hypostatic Union \* Infralapsarian \* Traducianism \* Chilastic \* Pneumatomachian Cheer up! You don't have to have thousand-dollar vocabulary in order to grasp the priceless basics of Christianity. Christianity 101 bridges the gap between biblical scholarship and people who want to understand the Christian faith. This book presents eight basic doctrines of Christianity--The Bible, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Human Beings, Redemption, The Church, and The Last Things--in clear, simple language that gives seasoned Christians a fresh understanding of the Bible and its teachings and puts new Christians on familiar terms with Christian doctrine. Gilbert Bilezikian does not shape his analysis of these doctrines in the worn-out, rationalistic categories of older systematic theologies, but in vibrant, dynamic language designed to communicate biblical truths to contemporary believers.

How often have you encountered some bizarre doctrine only to be stunned to hear a Bible verse quoted to support it? With new religious cults springing up almost daily and old ones growing rapidly, this is more and more common. How are they seemingly able to twist Scripture to mean something orthodox Christians have never believed it to mean in two thousand years? James Sire, author of The Universe Next Door and How to Read Slowly, has isolated twenty separate kinds of reading errors which are characteristically made by cultists as they interpret the Bible. He covers the full range

from simple misquotation to complex argumentation which links one slightly eccentric interpretation to another, mixes in a few orthodox readings and ends with a conclusion totally foreign to the biblical world view. Sire also handles twisted translation, overspecification, virtue by association, ignoring the context and other flawed interpretations. A book to help us all become better readers of the Scriptures.

Explores recent high profile cases of new religious movements involved in violence.

Religions in today's culture seem to be multiplying. Have you ever wondered why certain religions believe and practice what they do? Or how they view the Bible? This volume delves into these and other engaging questions, such as: How can a Christian witness to people in these religions? Do these other religions believe in creation and a Creator? How do we deal with these religions from a biblical authority perspective? Many religions and cults discussed in this first volume openly affirm that the Bible is true, but then something gets in their way. And there is a common factor every time—man's fallible opinions. In one way or another the Bible gets demoted, reinterpreted, or completely ignored. Man's ideas are used to throw the Bible's clear teaching out the window while false teachings are promoted. This book is a must for laymen, church leaders, teachers, and students to understand the trends in our culture and around the world where certain religions dominate, helping you discern truth and guard your faith. When you understand a religion's origins and teachings, you are in a better position to know how to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as you take the good news to those in false religions.

A comprehensive introduction to the religions of the world analyzed from a Christian perspective Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions covers more than 200 religions, sects, and cults, most of them ones the reader might encounter on any given day. It is the most complete and up-to-date Christian guide to world religions. Perfect for the student as well as the layperson. Written by leading expert in religions, James A. Beverley.

In this indispensable reference tool for parents, students, and pastors alike, Larson analyzes dozens of world religions and spiritual movements from Islam to UFOs, New Age movements to witchcraft. This volume helps address tough questions from a biblical perspective.

A masterful and eye-opening examination of Trump and the coercive control tactics he uses to build a fanatical devotion in his supporters written by "an authority on breaking away from cults...an argument that...bears consideration as the next election cycle heats up" (Kirkus Reviews). Since the 2016 election, Donald Trump's behavior has become both more disturbing and yet increasingly familiar. He relies on phrases like, "fake news," "build the wall," and continues to spread the divisive mentality of us-vs.-them. He lies constantly, has no conscience, never admits when he is wrong, and projects all of his shortcomings on to others. He has become more authoritarian, more outrageous, and yet many of his followers remain blindly devoted. Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert and a major Trump supporter, calls him one of the most persuasive people living. His need to squash alternate information and his insistence of constant ego stroking are all characteristics of other famous leaders—cult leaders. In *The Cult of Trump*, mind control and licensed mental health expert Steven Hassan draws parallels between our current president and people like Jim Jones, David Koresh, Ron Hubbard, and Sun Myung Moon, arguing that this presidency is in many ways like a destructive cult. He specifically details the ways in which people are influenced through an array of social psychology methods and how they become fiercely loyal and obedient. Hassan was a former "Moonie" himself, and he presents a "thoughtful and well-researched analysis of some of the most puzzling aspects of the current presidency, including the remarkable passivity of fellow Republicans [and] the gross pandering of many members of the press" (Thomas G. Gutheil, MD and professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School). *The Cult of Trump* is an accessible and in-depth analysis of the president, showing that under the right circumstances, even sane, rational, well-adjusted people can be persuaded to believe the most outrageous ideas. "This book is a must for anyone who wants to understand the current political climate" (Judith Stevens-Long, PhD and author of *Living Well, Dying Well*).

Bickel and Jantz, the coauthor team of the Christianity 101 series, share their answers to more than 200 questions posed to them about life and living the Christian faith.

Religions of the Far East like Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Age have been gaining a foothold in the Western world. We even see witchcraft on the rise and paganism infiltrating the minds of the next generation—even in Christian homes! Why is that? How can a Christian respond? We already know how the one true God has responded, and in this title you will learn: How a Christian can effectively witness for Christ How to refute these false religions What it truly is that these religions teach and why The Christ follower should be set at ease knowing that all other gods are false as the all-knowing God of Scripture has revealed that He is the only God. Therefore, this volume dives into these styles of religions and looks at their origins and their basic tenets as well as why they fall so short. Understanding the basic tenets of these religions helps the Bible believer see the flaws in these philosophies. In this way one can better discern how to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ while standing on the authority of the Bible.

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Spirituality is an important aspect of occupational therapy theory and practice, yet it remains little understood. This timely book adds to the current debate by exploring the meaning of spirituality within occupational therapy and by outlining evidence which supports this area of practice. Beginning with the three stances surrounding spirituality for the common good and the theology of occupation, throughout its 10 chapters the book goes on to cover topics such as: Spirituality of caring; Theories of spiritual development; Definition of spirituality from occupational therapy literature; Differences between assessing spirituality and religion; Spirituality and ethics; Spiritual and cultural diversity in the occupational therapy clinic; Therapeutic self. By the end of the volume the reader will have the toolset required to consider spiritual concepts and their application to health principles. *Occupational Therapy and Spirituality* is written in an accessible format and is designed for occupational therapy and occupational science academics, researchers, and graduate

students.

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