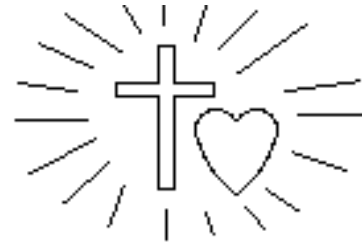


# ADDoration Ministries



God is SO GOOD; although I have ADD,  
Attention Deficit Disorder

**NEW AGE OR GOD:**

**WHICH OFFERS MORE POWER?**

**HOW ABOUT OTHER IMPOSTORS OF CHRIST?**

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Here's an overview of how New Age beliefs compare to Christianity:

## **God**

*New Age:* God is a transcendent, impersonal force, neither good nor evil. Everything is divine. By extension, that means even perverse acts are sacraments; anything is permissible.

*Christianity:* God alone is divine. He is perfect goodness and love. He is personal and cares about each of us. He knows our thoughts. He wants good things to happen to us. The more we get to know Him and live the way He tells us to, the more we will have supernatural power in our lives.

*O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! [Psalm 31:19 NRSV].*

## Jesus

*New Age:* Jesus was one of many enlightened masters who achieved a high level of spirituality. He can help us find our own divinity. Some **believe** He was a spirit-being from outer space. Some call Jesus, a guru.

*Christianity:* Jesus is God's only divine son. He was both man and God at the same time, born miraculously without the sperm-seed of a human father. He offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, then returned to life by the power of the resurrection. He leads us to a personal relationship with God our Father.

*And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. [I John 4:14, 15 NRSV].*

## Creation

*New Age:* All is one. Everything is interrelated: the cosmos, the spirit world, humanity, God, nature. All the world's problems result from not recognizing this unity.

*Christianity:* God created diversity. Even His own being is three in one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is superior to all; therefore we are not equal to God. Likewise, we are not one with nature, since He made us masters over it.

*God created the heavens and the earth ... Male and female he created ... God said to them ... have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing [Gen. 1:1, 27, 28 RSV].*

## **Ourselves**

*New Age:* We are all God. We are one with the universe, nature and each other. We have the power to heal ourselves.

*Christianity:* If we were God, we'd be omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, but we are not. We are God's creation. He made us in His image; therefore we reflect His goodness. However, because of the wrong we do, we separate ourselves from God and also reflect evil. This separation robs us of the spiritual gifts God intends to share with us, including eternal life.

*All men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God  
[Romans 3:23 NAB].*

## **Salvation**

*New Age:* Salvation is discovering your higher or divine self. There is life after death for all with no punishment for the wicked. Reincarnation is how we reach perfection. In other words, we save ourselves.

*Christianity:* Since we are all sinners, we are all headed for death. But Jesus traded His life for ours on the cross so that anyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness. Only then can we have eternal life.

*Jesus the Messiah ... There is salvation in no one else! ...  
there is no other name for men to call upon to save them  
[Acts 4:11, 12 TLB].*

## **Supernatural Power**

*New Age:* Crystals harmonize mental, physical and spiritual energies. Colors can heal. Charms ward off evil. Entities from other dimensions work miracles and predict the future. Pyramids collect power. Magic is within your mind.

*Christianity:* The powers of the occult are counterfeits of God's greater gifts. Some are phony, all are misleading. Good and lasting supernatural power comes to us through Jesus Christ, who said:

*Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, and will perform even greater works [John 14:12].*

## **New World**

*New Age:* The world is in bad shape and will be saved by a new, universal religion where everything is one.

*Christianity:* There is a new world coming, even better than the one imagined by New Agers, but it cannot be brought on by human consciousness-raising. It will arrive when Jesus Christ returns in power and glory to judge the world, destroy all evil, and create a new heaven and new earth. Only the Father knows when this will happen.

*I saw a new heaven and a new earth ... God himself will be with them ... death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain [Rev. 21:1, 3, 4 RSV]*

Bible translation legend:

NAB, New American Bible

NRSV, New Revised Standard Version

RSV, Revised Standard Version (not New Revised Standard Ver.)

TLB, The Living Bible

## **HISTORY ON THE EVOLUTION OF NEW AGE**

This history used as a source a pamphlet Bible Flip Answers from R. Warren Marketing in Bradenton, Florida, obtained from a Christian bookstore. World Book Encyclopedia is the source of New Thought information.

New Age was not founded by any specific person. There is not any clear date when New Age started. Commonly, people say that The Vietnam War was about when New Age started. 1968 is when the show, Hair, opened on Broadway, and 1969 was the Woodstock festival.

New Age is a misnomer, in that it is nothing new. New Age has evolved from roots that go back to pre-Christian philosophies of Babylon, Egypt, and Greece. Later there was ancient gnosticism, which was a blend of Christianity with occult and pagan philosophies. The word "gnosticism" was derived from the Greek word for knowledge. That is that salvation is gained from "gnosis" (knowledge), instead of faith in Jesus's justifying sacrifice on the cross. New Age has also been influenced by Hinduism and Buddhism. Many New Age ideas are old ideas from way back; however there now are new names for the old ideas.

The earliest American popularity was Transcendentalism of the 1800s. Typical of Transcendentalism was the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, who evidently was ADD. Emerson was from a family with a long line of clergymen. After three years as a Unitarian pastor, Emerson resigned from the clergy, because he was too independent a thinker. Concord, Massachusetts, was a center of Transcendentalism activity. Concord was where Emerson resided, along with Henry David Thoreau, who was another transcendentalist. Thoreau also was evidently ADD. Until the mid-1800s, Massachusetts was a bastion of Puritanism, that emphasized Calvinistic predestination. Transcendentalism protested against Puritanism (as evidenced by that the original Concord church seceded from the Congregational denomination). Emerson was critical of organized religion and opposed formal Christianity's emphasis on ritual. Emerson and his followers taught that human beings find the truth within themselves. And that fits today's New Age teaching that you are God. Transcendentalism taught followers to reject Christianity and gain knowledge of God through reason -- that is throw out the baby with the bath water.

In the mid-1800s, the New Thought movement was perhaps an offshoot of transcendentalism. Supporters of New Thought

believed that the human mind is superior to all material conditions and circumstances. They asserted that each person is an individualized center of God, which sounds similar to the New Age belief that you are God. Phineas Quimby (another Massachusetts resident) and his principal disciples, Julius Dresser and Warren Felt Evans, were early leaders of the New Thought movement. Quimby had a large following, and his methods were sometimes called mesmerism (though Quimby honestly admitted that the methods weren't Christian). For a while, one of Quimby's followers was Mary Baker Eddy (founder of Christian Science), before her spiritual healing; however Eddy and Quimby parted company over philosophical differences. Mary Baker Eddy founded Christian Science that was partially molded by New Thought, but there are important differences.

The New Thought practitioners developed theories of mental healing. They argued that sickness is a wrong belief and can be eliminated by channeling the power of the mind toward the correct idea of health. New Thought was somewhat gnostic (calling it "understanding"). Of course, we all agree that sickness is sometimes caused by simply believing that you are sick.

Modern popularity of New Age is a result of the cultural revolution of recent decades. The 1960s was known as a decade of protest and the "hippie" movement. The 1968 Broadway musical, Hair, had the song, "The Age of Aquarius." That song from Hair was partially based on astrology with the line, "When Jupiter aligns with Mars." "The Age of Aquarius" predicted peace, harmony, and a utopia, which fits today's New Age. In the 1970s, there was fascination with gurus, Transcendental Meditation, and hallucinogenic drugs. Back then, a guru was a mediator between the person and God (today the word means somebody knowledgeable on a topic). In 1971 was the first modern popular New Age book, Be Here Now, by Baba Ram Dass. There have been very many books written on New Age. The 1980s were marked by therapies, self-improvement techniques, and human potential. That no doubt is how New Age got a foothold in ADD support circles and other self-help movements. The 1980s also were marked by New Age proselytizing by celebrities, especially Shirley MacLain, who made use of the news media. Time magazine December 7, 1987, issue had a cover story on New Age.

## **WHY I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED FOR THE ADD PERSON**

I became concerned about New Age distraction, when I was doing market research for ADDoration Ministries. At an ADD support group, I learned of a newspaper for twelve step self-help groups. I then thought of advertising ADDoration Ministries in that newspaper. Somebody at the ADD support group commented that the newspaper has New Age philosophy in it. I learned of a store where I can buy one of those newspapers. When I went into the store, the atmosphere felt like, "Eeek." The store was fraught with way out stuff, that I suppose are charms to New Age people. The store smelled of incense. When I read the newspaper, I saw what he meant by New Age stuff being there. This educated me that New Age has invaded the self-help field, including ADD support circles.

I have talked to people with experience in twelve step programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous. Twelve step programs emphasize a higher power. When AA was founded in the mid-1930s, the emphasis was on Jesus as the higher power. But today, New Age has permeated some twelve step programs. Somebody was telling me that it depends on the local group, as for whether they have evolved to New Age. It is believe in a higher power, but we don't care what kind of higher power. Sometimes the leader of the 12 step meeting will insist that you don't specifically mention Jesus. In the name of inclusiveness, throw out the baby with the bath water. In total view, 12 step programs are very good and have a track record. Be careful of whatever spiritual ideas are presented at 12 step meetings. Perhaps another local 12 step group, would be more Christ centered. A web site for Christ centered AA is <http://dickb.com/>. For Christian nurture, you might have to look to your church, instead of 12 step. Two 12 step programs for guiding the higher power toward Jesus are OO (Overcomer's Outreach) and Christians In Recovery, with respective websites <http://www.overcomersoutreach.org> and <http://www.christians-in-recovery.com>

More recently, a newsletter for ADD support activities promoted Buddhist meditation. The writer believes that the ADHD mind could be calmed by Buddhist techniques. That figures, because repeatedly speaking a mantra can have a hypnotic effect. Meditation techniques are popular, because specific techniques are taught. Christian prayer, properly done, also can calm ADHD mind -- and also ADD and LD mind.

However prayer techniques are not so clearly defined. I agree that bowing head and closing eyes does not in itself produce prayer. Various Bible scriptures have pointers about prayer. Prayer is learned from experience over a period of time. Briefly speaking, prayer is communicating with God. To communicate with God (read, a higher power) can be very meditative.

Meditation techniques and mantras have their place, as a meditative tool. Meditation can be a way to hear Jesus. However, the danger is that the meditative techniques very possibly could divert you from the real God that I know. The techniques could even be mistaken to be the Lord himself. Labyrinths is another meditative tool that is today often used within mainline Christian denominations. Labyrinths can help you focus. Regardless of whichever meditative tool you use, beware of it distracting you from seeking the real Lord. A labyrinth web site is <http://www.geocities.com/risingphoenix1/>.

Of concern to me is the ADD person's distractibility tendency. Distractibility can make a person more vulnerable to New Age and other occult philosophies. Stimulation seeking is another ADD tendency that can lead to counterfeit religions. The poor self-esteem of ADD persons could make them receptive to such New Age philosophies as that you are God, which is a distortion of the Bible verse that the kingdom is within you. The life of an ADD person is chronically uncertain. Some ADD people are drawn to risk taking and living dangerously.

This concern also applies to other impostors of Christ. The ADD mind is vulnerable to smooth talking promoters, who promise to be "the light."

As for that the life of an ADD person is chronically uncertain, I pray for that to become an aid to trusting in the Lord. Jesus can greatly help you tolerate uncertainty.

Regardless of whether anybody has ADD, there is a need for Christians to be careful of whatever they read. There is much reading material out there that masquerades as Christianity, but it instead is New Age philosophy. Sometimes it is subtle. The title of the publication might sound Christian; although it is a masquerade. Somebody told me about a book titled, Conversation With God, that is fraught with New Age. The Prophet's Way isn't about New Age as such; however it leans toward New Age. The author of The Prophet's Way, Thom Hartmann, is much respected among the

authors about ADD. Thom and I have agreed to disagree. Jesus loves Thom too. Thom is the ADD author who came up with the concept of the cave man versus the farmer.

I began this pamphlet by listing some New Age philosophies, to help you identify New Age whenever you see or hear it.

## **ADDORATION MINISTRIES COMMENTARY ON NEW AGE**

This commentary is not Terry Ann Modica speaking; however she explains the folly of New Age extremely well. And she tells why Christianity is much better than New Age. Terry Ann has studied the problem much more than I have.

New Age is hard to define. It is not any one institution, nor is it any organization. New Age is a loose movement. Carriers include books, communities, and music. New Age promises a utopian era of harmony and progress, as evidenced by the lyrics of the song "The Age of Aquarius," from Hair.

Especially insidious is the New Age belief that says there are no distinctions between good and evil, nor between right and wrong. In other words, anything goes. That is like saying, "It is no better to save a drowning man than to kill him."

As for ourselves being God, New Age persons distort two scriptures and take them out of context. One is the Genesis scripture that man was created in God's image. Terry Ann effectively explains the rightful interpretation of "created in God's image." The other distorted scripture is in Luke, when Jesus said that the kingdom is within you. ADDoration Ministries believes in the Jesus within us; however that is different from believing that you are the Lord himself. For you to learn that distinction might take time. Unfortunately, the belief that he/she is God will cause the person to not seek God's help and guidance. That false belief is likely to also prevent recognizing the love of Jesus.

New Age rejects Christianity as old-order, broken down, and irrelevant. No wonder -- they don't know Jesus and they don't have a personal relationship with Jesus. As for old-order, so are many New Age ideas old-order. While New Age does not have any one person as founder, Christianity clearly

has Jesus as founder; therefore Christianity is more solidly based. Very commonly, New Agers focus on the imperfections and sins of Christians. For instance, they might focus on such incidences as Jimmy Swaggart's downfall at a Louisiana motel and disparagingly deride, "That is Christianity?????" Those people are just looking for excuses. A beauty of Christianity is that imperfections are forgiven. In some cases, New Agers once were church members, but somehow that church missed the mark -- so they condemn the whole Christian movement. When that church missed the mark, forgiveness was probably one of the marks that was missed. Try another church. But bear in mind that there will be sins and imperfections within any church, because Jesus forgives us all, who are not perfect. A church is for imperfect people.

Instead of focusing on sins and differences within Christianity, become receptive to the awesome triumphant benefits from Christianity. Look for the love that is evident in people that you meet in any Christian organization. A relationship with Jesus can do that.

About the name New Age, the word "new" is often used to exalt progress and to disparage anything that has been around for two thousand years. Whatever is today called New Age could change ten years from now. Jesus was born two thousand years ago. The scriptures have withstood the test of time, because they are the truth. So has Jesus's love withstood test of time. The Old Testament has been around much longer. Abraham and Isaac were four thousand years ago, and they are still very much current today. Burning bushes still happen (probably not literally), whenever God choses to hit us over the head.

Between New Agers believing that they themselves are God and New Agers disparaging Christianity, those people shut themselves off from the awesome benefits of a relationship with Jesus. In addition, New Agers teach that there isn't any right and wrong. That blinds them to the possibility that Jesus will forgive sins that are bound to happen. The sins are because humans always will miss the mark. Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross to save us from our sins and to forgive us.

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS ABOUT NEW AGE**

Perhaps you have heard the argument that nobody has a monopoly on the truth. That argument is anti-Christian in intent. That argument is understandable, especially to a person who has not found the legitimate Jesus. To find the legitimate Jesus takes much prayer, much practice of discipleship, much worshipping with a body of believers, and much study of scripture. The words of Jesus, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," might seem hollow. However in order for those words to mean much, you need the experience of a spiritual walk over a period of time. During this period of time, look for experiences that reveal, "On what basis is Jesus the way, truth, and life?" Only God can reveal that to you. To me, Jesus is very much the way, the truth, and the life.

Anybody now hooked on New Age still has a chance of acceptance into Jesus's legitimate kingdom. God has reached out to all of us since birth -- and this includes persons hooked on New Age. God reaching out to us since birth, John Wesley called that Prevenient Grace. When God reached to us since birth, he was hoping to bring us around to His kingdom. God has not given up on persons who are into New Age. In fact, persons into New Age have a perhaps vague idea that there is some kind of higher power. Therefore New Age people are looking for something. If they vaguely suspect that there is a higher power, then God has his foot in the door. With God's timing, the Lord reveals the legitimate spirituality. I pray for that to happen.

Oh yes, there are many devout and devoted Christians who formerly were into New Age.

I now quote what former New Age leader, Randall Baer writes in his book, Inside The New Age Nightmare:

"I wholeheartedly agree that prayer, patience, endurance, kindness, and love are powerful elements in Christian intercession on behalf of New Agers. It may take a long time, with much prayer, before the conviction of the Holy Spirit pierces the delusions."

Randall Baer continued:

"I testify to you, in love and compassion, that what I found when I accepted Jesus as my Lord and personal Savior opened my eyes to seeing truth in a totally different way, a much grander way than anything I ever knew in New Age. What

I have experienced as a Christian far surpasses even the most incredible, mind-blowing mystical experiences I had as a New Ager."

On the day his book was published, Randall Baer was killed in a tragic auto accident. I pray for other Christians to continue his work and his witness to hungering New Agers.

Oh yes, here is a web site with more information about the falacies of New Age. That is the Spiritual Counterfeits Project, <http://www.scp-inc.org/>

## **ESPECIALLY BEWARE OF CULTS OTHER THAN NEW AGE**

Cults are extremely hazardous, more so than New Age. According to Newsweek, tens of thousands of people have abandoned their families, friends, educations, and careers, to follow the teachings of a paranoid leader. I fervently advocate that ADD persons must steer away from cults, like the plague. Unfortunately cults have an attraction to ADD persons, who have self-esteem problems or are impulsive.

During recent years, there are or have been a multitude of cults. Two of the most well known cults resulted in a holocaust. (1) In 1979 there was the mass suicide of the followers of Jimmie Jones in Jonestown. (2) In 1993, the followers of David Koresh were incinerated alive in that fire near Waco, Texas. Another well known cult is The Unification Church led by Sun Myung Moon.

Jimmy Jones' People's Temple promised a utopia where all classes and all races of people may live in harmony. In truth, Jimmy Jones demanded such submission, that he was to be the only god and father to his followers. He used drugs to make sure they were submissive. Jones had Marxist ideas and demanded that property be handed over to the temple. Nobody was to survive Jimmy Jones, hence they had those rehearsals of drinking that infamous liquid. After the mass suicide, they would go to an eternity that is neither heaven nor hell, but is Jones' place of reward.

David Koresh was another demented leader who demanded total submission of his followers, including sexual demands. David Koresh claimed to be Jesus Christ himself; however his sexual promiscuity certainly didn't demonstrate Jesus. The followers of David Koresh cut all ties to families and

friends, in order to reside in that complex near Waco, Texas. When the Federal officers closed in on the Waco complex, they burned down the buildings, causing all followers to perish.

The Unification Church advocates that all the world's religions are to be merged into one religion, that is headed by Rev. Sun Myong Moon himself. Newsweek described the teachings of Rev. Moon as being a contorted blend of Christianity, Oriental philosophy, and Puritan morality. Moon also says that any independent thought is the work of the devil. Consequently, Moon controls the lives of tens of thousands of Americans. Moonies break all ties with their Families.

In some ways, all the cults are similar. The general story with cults is isolation from the rest of the world, breaking ties with your family, and total submission to a paranoid leader. Here are some signs of a cult.

- (1) They want to separate you from your family and friends who don't believe what the cult is teaching.
- (2) They want you to keep their teachings secret.
- (3) They take away your freedom. Once you get inside, they make it difficult to leave. They threaten you by saying dire things will happen to you, if you leave.
- (4) They want to take your money and maybe your property.
- (5) They have a leader to whom you are to give your loyalty and trust. The leader is usually mentally unbalanced or even paranoid.

I pointed ask you and your children, "Would you give up your cherished freedoms to follow a paranoid dictator?"

## **DISCERNING OTHER COUNTERFEITS** **BESIDES NEW AGE AND CULTS**

Mormonism is one example. Christian Science was partially molded by the 1850s New Thought movement. There are other counterfeits, such as Jehovah's Witness. Let's just call them counterfeits, instead of cults.

The foremost tool for discerning against counterfeits is to really understand mainstream conventional Christianity. However, that takes insight that is accumulated from years of practicing Christianity, through a personal relationship with Jesus. As I have said earlier, ADD persons can be attracted to unconventional spiritualities, because of stimulation seeking.

To simplify how to identify counterfeits, think of two tenets of conventional Christianity. (1) There is the Trinity with one God, as three in one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (2) The other tenet is the Bible that is our all sufficient guide to spiritual matters.

To clarify the Trinity, the three forms of God are: (1) the Father creator, (2) the Son Jesus Christ who was God on this earth in the form of man, and who sacrificed himself on the cross to free us from our sins, and who lives within believers, (3) and the Holy Spirit to guide us in our relationship with the Lord. Caution, the Jesus within us doesn't mean that we are the Lord himself. To clarify what we mean by the Bible, we mean as canonized almost two thousand years ago with The Old Testament and The New Testament (and I accept The Apocrypha too).

If the religious group deviates from those two tenets, that is a sign that they don't represent conventional Christianity.

## **MORMONISM**

In honesty for ADD persons, I am much less concerned about Mormonism, compared to cults and New Age. The point is that Mormonism is vastly different from conventional Christianity.

In 2011, when Mitt Romney, a Mormon, was running for president, some noted pastor was bigoted enough to use the news media to call Mormonism a cult. By the way, that is not germane to whether Romney has the ability to be president.

The 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City was utilized by the Mormons as an opportunity to promote their religion. At that time, it came out that they don't want to be called "Mormons" and not even "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." Instead the Mormons want to be called the "Church of Jesus Christ." To many Christians, that is deception.

Granted, all Americans have the freedom to select that church. However the admonition is to not mistake Mormonism to be the genuine Christianity. The foremost evidence of distortion is a second scripture book, that they call The Book of Mormon. The Mormons believe that The Book of Mormon was delivered on tablets to their founder, Joseph Smith. This was after Joseph Smith heard a message (perhaps not from God) that none of the existing churches are right, and that all churches are apostate. In addition, Mormons believe in multiple Gods. Mormons don't accept the Trinity that is central to conventional Christianity. To me, it sounds like that their real Lord and Savior is Joseph Smith (or maybe Brigham Young), instead of Jesus. I have a hunch that The Book of Mormon prevails over the Bible.

Their past practice of polygamy raises questions, as for the basis of their spiritual guidance. Brigham Young had a number of wives, 16 of whom bore children. I see no biblical basis for polygamy, unless it be King Solomon. Granted, the Mormons abolished polygamy in the late 1800s.

The Mormon's deep interest in genealogy is further evidence that they are outside of mainstream Christianity. Whenever anybody joins the Mormon church, so does that person's ancestors. Where does the Bible say something like that???? There is a Mormon organization that would be glad to help anybody, regardless of membership, identify his/her ancestors. Mainline Christianity just says that all humans are God's children. If a mainline Christian is interested in genealogy, it is only a vague interest and isn't a focus of his/her relationship with the Lord.

Beware that Mormon proselytizers are smooth talkers, who are well rehearsed. They will tell you what they have been indoctrinated into believing; although much of the information is distorted. They might tell you that that Joseph Smith restored the original church in 1830 (which is nonsense). Mainline Christians reject the notion that the mainline church is apostate. Mormon literature distorts the quotations of past church pioneers, such as Martin Luther, John Wesley, John Knox, and Thomas Jefferson. Mormon proselytizers are not any more privy to the truth than anybody else.

A web site exposing the truth about Mormonism is <http://www.answeringlds.org/artBOMTest.html>

## **A LITTLE ABOUT OTHER IMPOSTOR CHURCHES**

Christian Science is another impostor church that I know a little about. As I said earlier, their founder, Mary Baker Eddy, had a little exposure to New Thought, before her miraculous spiritual healing. Soon after her healing, she went into seclusion for three years to develop their method. Going into seclusion means that nobody else was there to admonish her, "You are drifting away from the true Jesus." Consequently, Mary Baker Eddy was molded by New Thought, when she developed the Christian Science method.

Christian Science has a second Bible that is titled Science And Health. However, the official list of tenets of Christian Science speaks of the Bible as the sufficient guide. But that tenet doesn't conform to reality. That tenet really means the Bible as interpreted by Mary Baker Eddy. In truth Science And Health distorts scripture while prevailing over the Bible. Science And Health has some strange terminology, such as defining God as "Divine Principle." In truth, God is too awesomely great to define. In addition – the Gospels don't say HOW Jesus healed.

Christian Science rejects the Trinity. Mary Baker Eddy concluded that the Nicean Creed is when Christianity lost the ability to heal. Hence they reject Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The notion that 1,600 years went by without any spiritual healings – I don't believe that.

The foremost hazard of Christian Science is that their fervent belief in spiritual healing leads them to avoid medical treatments. Christian Science teaches that a perfect God cannot create disease. As for disease cannot exist with a perfect God — Oh but disease DOES exist in God's world. Their beliefs can cause the hazardous notion that God doesn't exist, according to their logic. Like New Thought, they counteract disease by substituting thoughts of health. It is tragic when a Christian Scientist dies of a disease when medical doctors could have saved the patient.

Christian Science would advise that ADD cannot exist, because a perfect God cannot create ADD (according to their beliefs). The hazard is that an ADD sufferer could conclude God doesn't exist whenever he has problems focusing or impulsiveness problems. God might heal by improving ability to compensate for ADD, but the person will always have ADD.

By the way, The Christian Science Monitor is a legitimate newspaper, with an excellent reputation for objective unbiased reporting. Mary Baker Eddy founded the monitor, decades after founding the church.

An offshoot of Christian Science is Unity, which also is New Thought. That is Unity, not Unitarian nor Unification. Unity's founder, Charles Fillmore had a falling out from Mary Baker Eddy. Unity isn't as gung ho about spiritual healing – they visit doctors. Unity is sometimes called a mail order religion, because of their popular publishing of spiritual literature. A friend of mine visited a Unity church and commented that it is odd that there isn't any cross in that church. That figures – Jesus dying on the cross isn't among their beliefs.

I could go on, but I choose to cut it short here. Just keep in mind the two criterion of (1) belief in the Bible as the sufficient guide and (2) God as three in one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **A PAMPHLET COMPARING THE IMPOSTOR RELIGIONS**

You can order a pamphlet that in chart format compares these dubious religions with conventional Christianity. It is titled Christianity, Cults, & Religions. The web site is <http://www.rose-publishing.com>. Their snail mail is Rose Publishing Inc.  
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## **I CLOSE WITH SOME SCRIPTURES.**

*Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."*

*Matthew 24:4-5 Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray."*

*Matthew 24:11 "And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray."*

*Matthew 24:24 "For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect."*

*John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*John 8:32 "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

*Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."*

*2Corinthians 11:14 "And no wonder! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."*

*2John 9 "Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God."*

*Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

*1Timothy 2:4 "who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

*Hebrews 13:8-9 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings."*

*John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."*

Yours In the Risen Christ,  
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founder ADDoration Ministries