

Texas Baptist Bible College
Cults
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I. Course Description:

This course will be an overview of the prominent cults that can be found in America. This course is designed to familiarize students with the theologies and histories of major cults and new religious movements so that they may better understand (from a traditional Christian perspective) individuals professing controversial worldviews and be equipped to share the historic Christian faith with them in a love (Jude 3, Ephesians 4:14-15, Acts 20:28-31).

II. Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Help students define the term “cult” from a biblical and traditional Christian perspective.
- B. List and explain (with examples) the four “patterns” in the cults.
- C. Prepare their personal Bibles with notes and outlines designed to defend basic Christian doctrines when confronted with alternative beliefs.
- D. Effectively use their personal notebooks in discussions and dialogue with cult members in a non-confrontational and evangelistic manner.
- E. Understand the meanings of similar terminology used in the cults and Christianity.

III. Course Requirements:

- A. The student is required to memorize important, relevant verses to defend Biblical truth.
- B. The student is required to maintain a course notebook, including all: lecture notes, handouts, quizzes, tests, and course projects. Notebooks are due at the end of the semester.
- C. The Student is required to complete a course project by *December 10, 2013*.

IV. Grading Criteria:

- A. **Quizzes:**
 - 1. Memory Verses (Weekly)
 - 2. Random pop quizzes covering lecture notes and reading material.
- B. **Major Exams:** (Exam may include all material studied up to exam date)
 - 1. Mid-Term Exam - *October 15*. Review – *October 8*.
 - 2. Final Exam - *December 17*. Review - *December 10*.
- C. **Grade Structure:**

Average of Major Exams-	50% of final grade
Course Project -	30% of final grade
Average of quizzes -	15% of final grade
Notebook -	<u>5% of final grade</u>
	100% - FINAL GRADE

V. Textbook:

King James Version of the Bible.
Kingdom Of The Cults
Additional material will be provided.