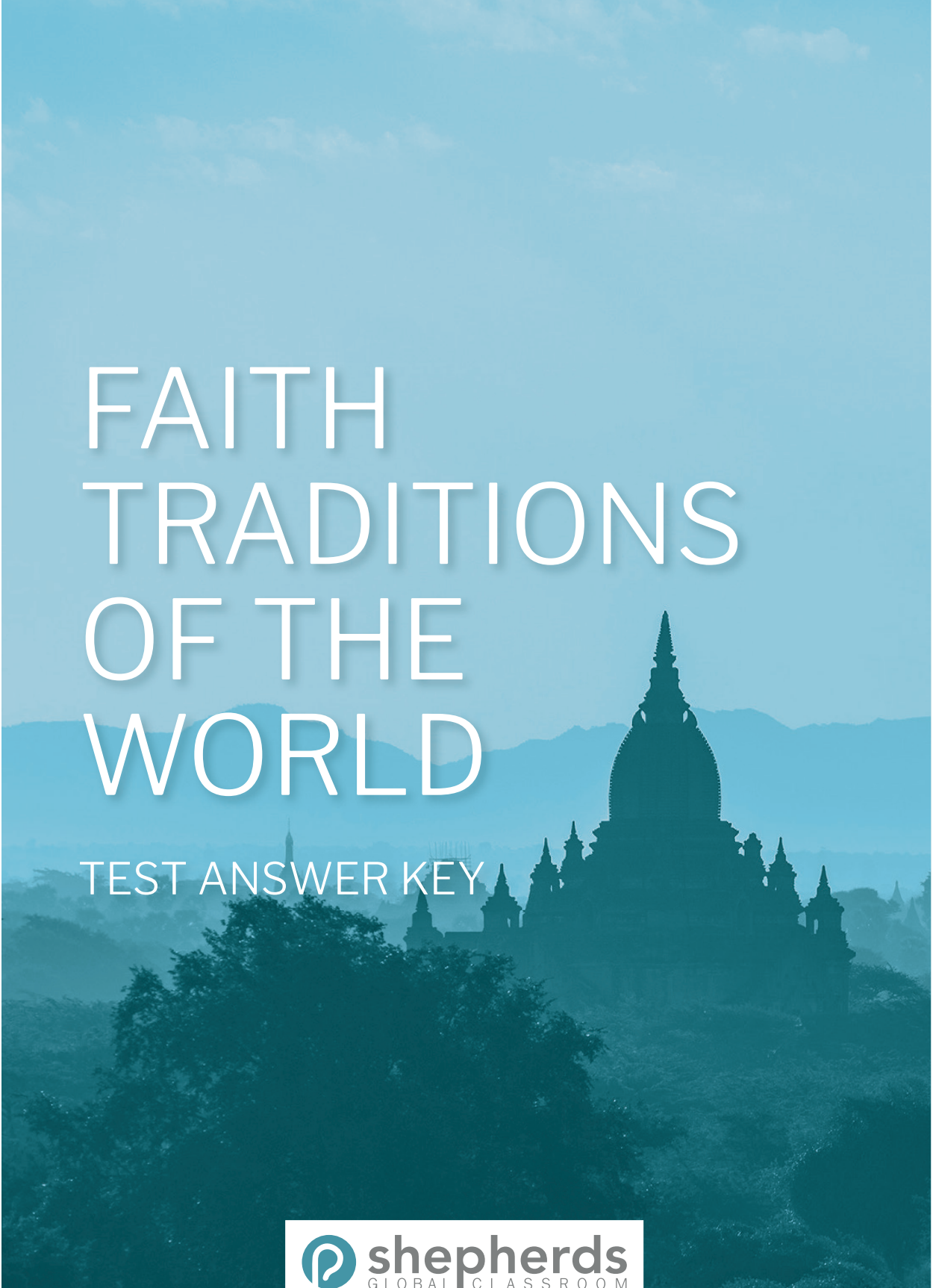


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LESSON 3

MORMONISM

1. What do Mormons believe about the history of Christianity?

Real Christianity ended with the death of the apostles and did not exist on the earth again until Smith started the Mormon church.

2. What is the ultimate goal of a Mormon?

To become a god after death

3. Who do Mormons believe Jesus was before his birth?

He was a spirit, like other angels; he was not God.

4. What do Mormons think of other churches?

All other churches are Satanic.

5. What is the highest authority for a Mormon?

The revelation of Joseph Smith

LESSON 4

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

1. What do Jehovah's Witnesses think of other churches?

All other churches are Satanic.

2. What do Jehovah's Witnesses believe a person must do to be saved?

Join their organization, learn their doctrines, and begin practicing their requirements

3. What do Jehovah's Witnesses believe about the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is not God, but an impersonal force that comes from God.

4. What false beliefs about Jesus are taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses?

Jesus was the first thing God created, and he was merely a perfect man, not God.

LESSON 5

IGLESIA NI CRISTO

1. What is the translated name of Iglesia ni Cristo?

Church of Christ

2. What is the most important belief of Iglesia ni Cristo?

It is the true church, restored by Felix Manalo.

3. What does Iglesia ni Cristo teach about Jesus?

Jesus was a special man but was not God.

4. According to Iglesia ni Cristo, what two things must a person do to be saved?

Join the church and keep the church's requirements

5. What large cult is similar to Iglesia ni Cristo in doctrine?

Jehovah's Witnesses

LESSON 6

EASTERN LIGHTNING

1. What is the official name of the cult called Eastern Lightning?

Church of Almighty God

2. What does Eastern Lightning teach about Jesus?

- The name of Jesus is now obsolete and powerless.
- Deng is now the Christ.

3. According to Eastern Lightning, what must a person do to be saved?

Give up his faith in Jesus and instead follow Deng, the female Christ.

LESSON 7

APOCALYPTIC CULTS

1. How do apocalyptic cults try to meet people's emotional and spiritual needs?

By explaining the condition of the world and what we should be doing to prepare

2. How do apocalyptic cults misuse the Bible?

They say the Bible teaches their ideas, but really they are depending on new revelation to add meaning to the Bible that was not there already.

3. What are four ways in which apocalyptic cults are destructive?

- They attract people from Christian churches to false doctrine.
- They disappoint their followers and cause them to lose their faith completely.
- They claim to be Christians, but have unchristian behavior which mars Christ's reputation.
- They cause people to doubt the scriptures about God's kingdom and the return of Christ.

4. What is the great theme of prophetic scriptures from the Bible?

God is in control and will eventually establish his kingdom and reward the righteous.

LESSON 8

HINDUISM

1. How is the moral character of the gods of Hinduism different than the moral character of the one true God?

The gods of Hinduism do both good and evil.

2. What is Brahman, according to Hindus?

The soul or essential self in every living thing

3. What is the Hindu view of Jesus?

Some Hindus believe that Jesus was a person who practiced the principles of Hinduism and was a great teacher. They do not believe he is the unique Son of God.

4. What is the ultimate goal of a Hindu?

To find release from the cycle of reincarnation in an eternal condition called nirvana

LESSON 9

BUDDHISM

1. What do Buddhists believe in instead of God?

An ultimate reality that is the total of everything that exists

2. Name and define the ultimate goal of the Buddhist.

The Buddhist's ultimate goal is to enter nirvana, which means nothingness, the end of self.

3. What explanation do Buddhists have for suffering in life?

Suffering is the result of desires.

4. Why do Buddhists practice mental and spiritual exercises?

To help them move from self-centeredness

LESSON 10

TAOISM

1. To whom do Taoists pray?

Gods, spirits, and ancestors

2. Who are the two supreme gods in Taoism?

- Yu-huang (Jade Emperor) rules over all other gods and spirits.
- Yuan-shih T'ien-tsun (the First Principal) has the absolute qualities of God but is not involved in the world.

3. What is the goal of the Taoist?

To bring himself into harmony with the forces of the universe, in order to improve his health and lengthen his life

4. According to Taoism, who was Jesus?

A person who was spiritually advanced and showed the way for people to become gods

LESSON 11

ISLAM

1. Name the god, the prophet, and the holy book of Islam.

- God: Allah
- Prophet: Muhammad
- Holy book: the Qur'an

2. What four truths about Jesus do Muslims deny?

- He died on the cross.
- He was the Son of God.
- He was God incarnate.
- He is the Savior of the world.

3. What do Muslims believe about the Bible?

The Bible is from God, but it is less authoritative than the Qur'an.

4. What do Muslims believe about salvation?

Salvation is earned by fulfilling the requirements of Islam (the Five Pillars).

LESSON 12

JUDAISM

1. What scriptures do Judaism and Christianity have in common?

Judaism and Christianity both believe in the Old Testament scriptures.

2. What is the concept of salvation in Judaism?

Salvation means deliverance from situations of oppression or conditions that keep them from serving God as they should.

3. Who was Jesus, according to Judaism?

Jesus was a controversial teacher who was not the Messiah and was not God.

4. What kind of Messiah is expected by Judaism?

The Messiah will not be an incarnation of God, but a specially anointed man who will bring peace to the world.

LESSON 13

NEW AGE RELIGION

1. How do New Age followers interact with the supernatural?

By using all forms of magic

2. How do New Agers view other religions?

New Agers tolerate any religious group except those that claim to have truth that everyone should believe.

3. What is the New Age concept of God?

The New Age concept of God is pantheistic.

4. What do New Age followers believe about Jesus?

Jesus was a man who knew how to use special powers and tried to teach others to do the same.

5. What do New Agers believe about sin?

New Agers do not believe in the reality of sin, because they do not believe in a God who sets a standard and judges.

6. What do New Agers believe about salvation?

New Agers reject the biblical concept of salvation and believe the solution to human problems is development of spiritual awareness and spiritual powers.

LESSON 14

NATURE RELIGIONS

1. Are the beliefs and practices of nature religions restricted to one particular religion? Explain.

No. Many beliefs and practices of nature religions can be found among worshippers in Hinduism, Buddhism, Voodooism, and Roman Catholicism.

2. How do those who practice nature religions interact with spirits?

By using special words, items, or actions

3. What is a superstition?

A superstition is the idea that a person must follow certain practices because particular objects, actions, or places have spiritual power.

4. Why are Christians not superstitious?

Because they trust the supreme power of God

5. Why do animists not pray to God?

Because they think having contact with him is impossible

LESSON 15

VOODOO

1. Whom do Voodoo practitioners worship?

Satan and evil spirits

2. From what church does the Voodoo religion borrow rituals, images, and saint names?

The Roman Catholic Church

3. What is the goal of a worshipper during a Voodoo worship service?

To become possessed by a spirit

4. What are some things used in Voodoo ceremonies?

- Animal sacrifices
- Dances
- Songs
- Prayers
- Food
- Drawn diagrams
- Snakes
- White clothing
- Face paint

LESSON 16

UNDERSTANDING SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM

1. What is the Adventist view of God?

Adventists believe in the Trinity, and the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

2. What is the Adventist view of salvation?

Salvation is by grace through faith, not by good works.

3. What do Adventists believe will happen to people at the resurrection?

At the resurrection those who are saved will receive eternal life, while those who are not saved will be judged and destroyed in the lake of fire.

4. For which doctrine are Adventists most known?

Their doctrine of the Sabbath: They believe that Saturday, the seventh day of the week, is the right day for Christian rest and worship.

LESSON 17

UNDERSTANDING ROMAN CATHOLICISM

1. What does Roman Catholicism claim with its name?

To be the complete church of God

2. What do Roman Catholics believe about God?

Roman Catholics believe in the Trinity, the deity, death, burial, and bodily resurrection of Christ and in the deity of the Holy Spirit.

3. Why are Roman Catholics accused of idolatry?

Because they pray to saints using pictures and statues of them

4. What is the Roman Catholic view of salvation?

Salvation depends not only on the atonement of Christ but on being part of the Catholic church, receiving communion, and doing good works.

5. What is the Roman Catholic doctrine of purgatory?

After death a person must suffer punishment for sins before entering heaven.

LESSON 18

UNDERSTANDING EASTERN ORTHODOXY

1. What does the name of the Eastern Orthodox Church claim?

It is the true church with the doctrines and practices that provide the right worship of God.

2. What does the Eastern Orthodox Church believe about God?

The Eastern Orthodox Church believes in the Trinity and in the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

3. What does the Eastern Orthodox Church teach about the Bible?

The Bible is the authority for their doctrine, but the Bible must be interpreted by the church.

4. Why do followers of Eastern Orthodoxy pray to saints?

Many consider God, and even Jesus, distant and unconcerned about them.

5. According to the teaching of Eastern Orthodoxy what happens in *theosis*?

In *theosis* a believer is gradually transformed to become like God, having his same nature of holy perfection.

LESSON 19

UNDERSTANDING PROSPERITY THEOLOGY

1. Name four common characteristics of false prosperity teachers.
 - They attract unbelievers by appealing to worldly goals instead of calling for repentance.
 - They do not give a realistic Christian view of human suffering.
 - They have a proud attitude that is disrespectful to other churches, older Christians, and even God.
 - They make pro-mises that God does not make, leading to disappointment and loss of faith.
2. According to false prosperity theology, what is faith?

The impersonal power and substance of the universe
3. According to false prosperity theology, who is God?

A physical man
4. According to false prosperity theology, what are people?

Copies of God

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