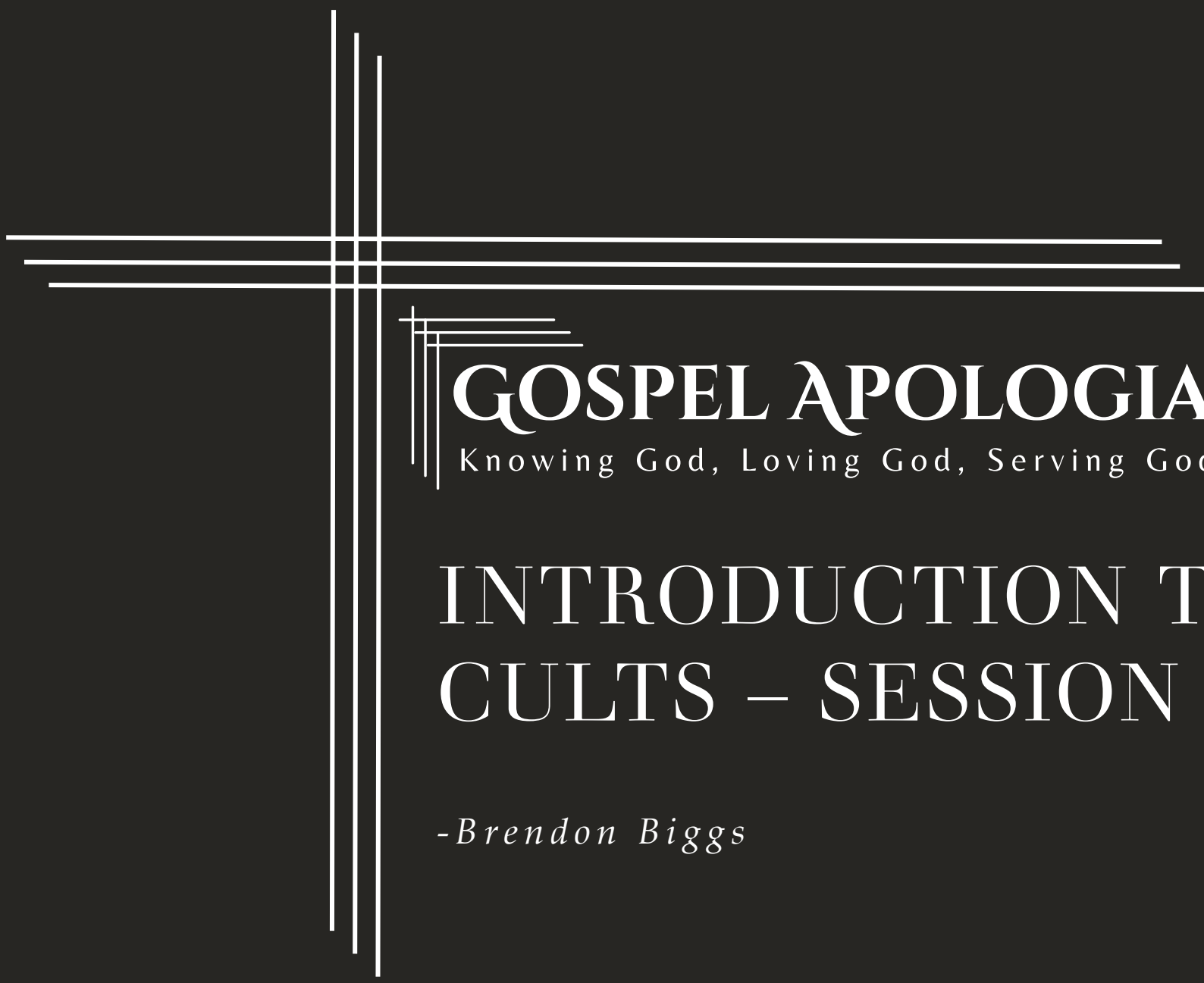




GOSPEL APOLOGIA

Knowing God, Loving God, Serving God

INTRODUCTION TO CULTS – SESSION 3

-Brendon Biggs

There are many groups that claim to be Christian or are against Christians who deny the essential teachings of the Christian faith.

They all use very similar techniques to twist Scripture and make assertions to get people to follow their teachings instead of the historical Christian teachings that are backed up by the Bible and church history.

Definitions

Religion- A religion is a system of beliefs and practices that direct a person toward transcendence and thus provides meaning and coherence to a person's life- Winfried Corduan

Cult – Groups that grows out of, and deviates from, a previously established religion. – Ron Rhodes

Heretic – a person that deviates from, a previously established religion. It is in opposition to the Bible

Heterodox –The collective term for opinions or doctrines that vary from orthodoxy, i.e., the official position. It can be more biblical. For example, Martin Luther salvation by grace through faith was against Catholic doctrine but it was more Biblical. Or worship on a Saturday is non-orthodox but it is ok as long as it is not taught as part of your salvation.

Parent –Christianity. A cult of Christianity would be organizations such as Jehovah Witness, Latter Day Saints/Mormons, Unitarians, Oneness,

Parent –Islam. A cult of Islam would be something like the Nation of Islam or Sufi

Parent-Hinduism. Cult would be Hare Krishnas

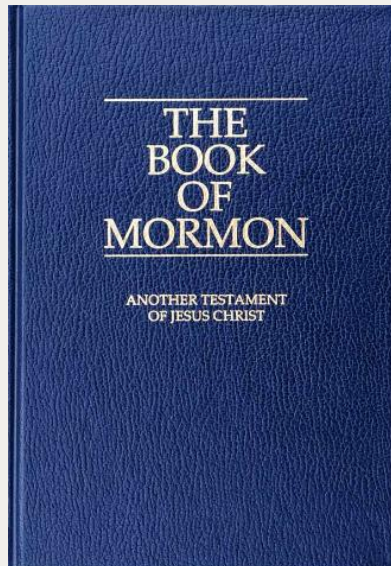
It can be headed by a person or organization.

Due to the negatively associated with the word “Cult,” it better to call a cult a “New Religion”

CULTS

These are the types of organizations that say that the Bible has been read wrong and their organization is the correct teachings. They are wrong.

Mormon/
Latter Day Saints



Jehovah Witness



Church of Satan



Unitarian



Test Everything to Scripture

We treat all groups the same way!

Our standard is the Bible. We test everything to the Bible. The teaching must be consistent and not in conflict with the Bible.

We have great evidence that the Bible is accurate and we have early manuscripts that can prove it has not been corrupted.

Test Everything to Scripture

When Paul spoke to the Bereans in Acts 17:11 they tested what he said to Scripture

We must test all claims that cult groups say to scripture. The old and new testaments are finished. There are no new Scriptures. God said to not add anything to Scripture (Revelation 22:18)

1 John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

The Bible warns us of false teachers:

2 Corinthians 11:4-15

“For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, *this* you tolerate *very* well!... For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore, it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”

Test Everything to Scripture

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.”

Matthew 24:5

“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will mislead many people.”

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

“If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes *true*, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let’s follow other gods (whom you have not known) and let’s serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer of dreams;”

Deuteronomy 18:22

“when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”

Test Everything to Scripture

In Islam there are Sunni Muslims, Shiite Muslims and Sufi Muslims. Typically, the Muslim Country will adopt one of those traditions and not allow other teachings. This is why there are no Islam cults in some Countries.

Christianity may be adopted by a country, but they do not prevent other faith traditions from practicing so it is common for a group claiming to be Christian will come in and try to convert Christians into their false beliefs.

You do not need to study all the different kinds of cults. You just need to remember to test everything to the Bible. If their teachings contradict the Bible, it is false.

We are Christians and we follow Jesus Christ. Our authority is the Bible.
The Bible is our sole infallible rule of faith. We test everything to the Bible.

Topic	Christian Belief
Trinity	Yes. He exists eternally in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are one in essence and equal in power and glory. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 43:10, Is 44:6, Is. 44:8, Isaiah. 45:5, 1 Timothy 2:5
Creation	There is one being of God who is creator and maker of the universe. Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Ps. 102:25-27; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 10-12; Psalm 33:8-9; Psalm 148:5; Rev. 4:11
Bible	The 66 books of the Bible is the inspired Word of God, His revealed truth and is the infallible rule of faith for our lives and the standard we test truth claims. Generally most affirm the Chicago Statement on Inerrancy. 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 18:18; 1 Corinthians 2:18; John 14:26; John 16:13; Acts 17:11; Matthew 15:3
Human Sinfulness	Man was created by God in His image, free as to choice and responsible to his Creator. Tempted by Satan, he separated himself from God by voluntary disobedience. As a consequence, all men are born with a sinful nature and have need of reconciliation with God. Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:10, 23
Salvation	Man can be saved from the consequence of sin, which is eternal death, by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and in repentance of sin. Man cannot earn nor work for his salvation. When one is saved he is said to be “born again” by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. We affirm the 5 Solas: sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone). John 1:11, 12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 4:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:15-3:14
Virgin Birth (birth normal/conception by Holy Spirit)	Yes. Matthew 1:18

Topic	Christian Belief
Humanity of Jesus	Yes. God has revealed Himself to man in the person of Jesus Christ. He is fully man in his added human nature. John 1:14; Phil. 2:8-10; Heb. 2:17-18; Heb. 4:15; Was born-Luke 1:35; 2:6-7; needed food Luke 4:2, needed rest-John 4:6; Needed sleep Luke 8:23; Died-John 19:33
Deity of Jesus	Jesus is fully God in His eternal divine nature. He is fully God and fully man. John 1:1, Titus 2:13; Jer. 17:10/Rev 2:18; Ps. 102:25-27/Heb. 1:10-12; John 1:14
Substitutionary Atonement	Yes. Isaiah 53:5; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24;1 Pet. 3:18;
Bodily resurrection of Jesus	Yes. Mark 16:19; Matthew 28;Luke 28:6,9;Luke 24:31-43;Matt. 25:1-30; John 20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Return of Christ	The Lord will come visibly again for both salvation and judgment. Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30; 1 Timothy 2:5-8; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22-23; John 9:39;1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15;
The Church	The Greek word for church is Ekklesia which is an assembly of believers (followers of Jesus). The assembly of believers joined to Christ's spiritual body by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) at the moment of regeneration (Tit. 3:3-6), when an individual place their faith in the Lord Jesus as their savior (Acts 16:31). If still on earth they are members of a local church that meet regularly (Heb. 10:25) for edification (Eph. 4:12), worship (John 4:24), and participation in the ordinances. Paul addresses most of these in his epistles (e.g. "to the church of God which is in Corinth"- 1 Cor. 1:2). The local building is the physical church and the invisible Church is the Spiritual House – Christ is the chief cornerstone and the apostles are the foundation. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:11-21; Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8; Eph. 2:20

Here are just a few examples from the Old testament:

Christian Essential Beliefs

Core Christian doctrines:

God

There is one God who is creator and maker of the universe. He exists eternally in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are one in essence and equal in power and glory.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Jesus

Second person in the Trinity. God has revealed Himself to man in the person of Jesus Christ. He is fully God and fully man, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, sinless in His life, making atonement for our sins by His death on the cross and vindicated by God in His bodily resurrection, ascended to heaven to sit at God's right hand as our Intercessor and as our Advocate.

John 1:1; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; 1 Timothy 2:5- 6)

Holy Spirit

Third person in the Trinity. God is present in the world today in the person of the Holy Spirit who draws us to faith in Jesus and who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. He indwells the believer which empowers him to manifest the likeness and character of Christ. He gives spiritual gifts to the church for our mutual edification.

Acts 5:3-4; John 16:7-15; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 12:7

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, His revealed truth and is the infallible guide for our lives.

2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Christian Essential Beliefs

Mankind

Man was created by God in His image, free as to choice and responsible to his Creator. Tempted by Satan, he separated himself from God by voluntary disobedience. As a consequence, all men are born with a sinful nature and have need of reconciliation with God.

Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:10, 23

Sin and Salvation

Man can be saved from the consequence of sin, which is eternal death, by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and in repentance of sin. Man cannot earn nor work for his salvation. When one is saved he is said to be “born again” by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

John 1:11, 12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 2 Peter 3:9

Test Everything to Scripture

Jesus warns people against using mans traditions.

Scripture has final authority because it is a direct revelation from God and carries the very authority of God (Galatians 1:12).

2 Tim 3:15-17- "...All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work"

Matthew 5:18-19- "for truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished"

John 10:35- "Scripture cannot be broken"

Mark 7:13- "Neglecting the commandment of God you hold to the traditions of men."

Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ"

Test Everything to Scripture

Cults will add works to the gospel, change scripture, give false teachings, and say they have new prophets and new revelation from God. They sometimes have new books to the Bible. They are very deceptive. They will use the same words that Christians use but they have different meanings. You must ask them to provide their definition to the words.

They deny Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God

They deny the Trinity

They say you must do works to be saved and belong to their organization

They do not let their members research claims on their own

They threatened people that leave their church

They have false prophecies

They often will write a new books and add them to the Bible or use a new corrupted translation of the Bible – Mormons have their Book of Mormon and Jehovah Witness have their New World Translation bible.

Gospel

The true Gospel
Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

Galatians 1:8

“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed”

Cults try to add works as a requirement for salvation. Cults believe In Jesus plus works or Jesus plus belonging to their organization

We do not need an organization. Only Christ is the mediator (1 Timothy 2:5), not an organization.

Gospel- “Romans Road”

“Romans Road,” which can be distilled into a one-minute summary.

Our Problem: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

God's Solution: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Our Response: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Example- Jehovah Witness

	Christian Teaching	Watchtower/Jehovah Witness Teaching
Authority	Bible alone	Watchtower society
God	Trinity	No Trinity
Who is Jesus?	God. Second person of Trinity	Michael the arch angel/ a created being
Jesus death	Died as the God-man	Died as a man
Jesus resurrection	Physical	Spiritual
How will Jesus return?	Physical in the future	He already came back spiritually in 1914
How are you saved?	By grace alone through faith	By good works and deeds
Who goes to Heaven?	All Christians	144,000
Hell	Yes	No

Example- Mormons/Latter Day Saints

	Christian Teaching	LDS/Mormon Teaching
Authority	Bible alone	Latter Day Saints/Mormon church. New Book of Mormon
God	Trinity	3 Separate gods. God was a man who became a god.
Who is Jesus?	God. Second person of Trinity	Jesus is the Father's greatest Spirit-son. He is spirit brother of Lucifer/. Jesus is progressing to become a god.
Who goes to Heaven?	All Christians	Celestial kingdom (highest) , terrestrial kingdom (average Mormon or good people), telestial kingdom (evil people). Satan, demons and apostatized Mormons in hell. Evil people (non-Mormons) go to hell for period then released into telestial. humans can become angels who then become god. Same species

More Resources

<https://www.pedaeducation.com/powerpoints>

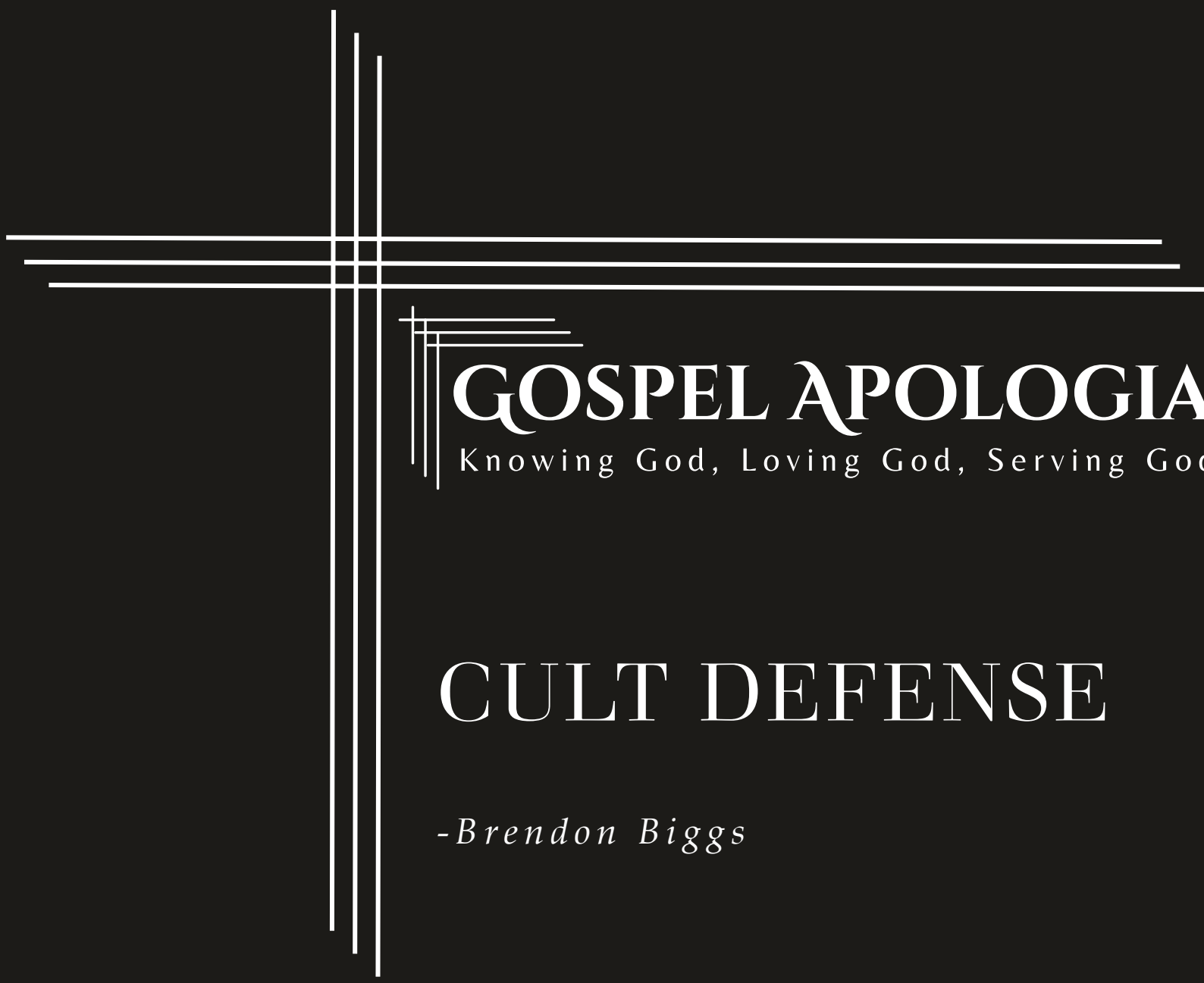
Next Session - Apologetics

We will cover the main attacks from Cults and how to respond next set of slides,

Always ask them how they came to their conclusions or to give evidence for their assertions

Always ask “if I show you that you are wrong, would you change your view?”

When you show them a verse, it is ok if they want to go study it and meet with you again at a later date. Give them time to think about it. Do not try and give too much information at one time. Plan for multiple meetings.



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CULT DEFENSE

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We will look at two major cults that are trying to convert Christians in Pakistan:

1. Jehovah Witnesses
2. Latter Day Saints (LDS) called Mormons

Common Terms they Misunderstand

Begotten

The Greek word for begotten is monogenes comes from two Greek terms: monos meaning “one” and the noun genes which means “kind” or “type.” So, you put these two words together and you have monogenes which means: “unique,” “only,” or “one of its kind.” That’s what Jesus is talking about in John 3:16. He is not saying that God the Father created Him. He’s saying that He is God’s only, unique, one of a kind Savior. He has the same DNA/essence. He is like a clone in that way.

Heb 11:17

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten(monogene) son;”

Abraham had many made/generated/created kids. Only one was begotten so begotten does not mean made or created. It is something that is eternal; it is an eternal begetting like the river from the spring or the sun’s ray from the sun, not something that occurs at a moment.

Also, Philemon 1:10 Paul says “I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, who I have begotten in my imprisonment,...” This was not a literal child of Paul. He was a unique one who was now “useful to you and me...” (v11).

Nicene Creed-”We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in being with the Father. ..”

Jesus was not God because he is begotten

Answer: - Begotten is a Greek word that means one of a kind or unique one. In Hebrews 11:17 Abraham has a only begotten son but we know he had other kids like Ishmael.

Common terms they Misunderstand

First borne

First borne is the Greek word “prototokos” which means preeminent. A first borne does not mean first created. Christ parented creation. He produced creation. He is the supreme preeminent creator (i.e. God).

David was firstborn (preeminent) but was the youngest son of Jesse. Jesus, in His human nature, was to be firstborn (Ps. 89.27) as a descendent of David. Also, Col 1:18 Jesus is firstborn of the dead. Is he the first dead person? No, he is the preeminent of the resurrected dead.

Ps. 89:20 “I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him, “I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

Exodus 4:22 -Israel is Gods firstborn .

Jeremiah 31:9- Ephraim is God’s firstborn but he was not the first child born.

Jesus was not God because the Bible says he is a first borne

Answer: - First borne is a Greek word that means preeminent one. It does not mean the first one born. David was a first borne but not the first borne born, Israel is a first born but not the first nation.

Worship

Worship is Greek word “proskuneó” which can refer to bowing before a king or earthly lord.

But when used in a religious context it also means Worship of God

Rev 22:8-9 John "Fell down to worship (proskuneó) “ but the Angel said to get up "Worship (proskuneó) only God“

Jesus gets the same worship as the Father.

Matthew 2:2, -Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship (proskynētai) Him.”

Matt 2:11- After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped (prosekynēsan) Him

Matthew 14:33- And those who were in the boat worshiped (prosekynēsan) Him, saying, “You are truly God’s Son!”

Worship

Hebrews 1-3 shows Jesus was higher than angels. No angel was ever called Son. Jesus was called Son (Mark 1:11) Jesus is worshipped by the Angels (Heb 1:6)- "and when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship (proskynēsātōsan) Him."

Even the fallen angels fell down before Him: Mark 3:11-Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of God!"

Revelation 22:8-9

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

Rec 5:13

"And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Demonstrate that the Bible is a “Jesus Book.”

-In whose name should we meet together (Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 5:4)? -Jesus

-Demons are subject to whose name (Luke 10:17; Acts 16:18; 17:18)? -Jesus

-Repentance and forgiveness should be preached in whose name (Luke 24:47)? - Jesus

-In whose name are you to believe and receive the forgiveness of sins (John 1:12; 3:16)? -Jesus

-By whose name, and no other, do we obtain salvation (Acts 4:12; Isaiah 43:11)? -Jesus

-Whose name and authority was invoked by the disciples in healing the sick and lame (Acts 3:16; 4:7-10)? -Jesus

-Whose name did Paul tell us to call upon (1 Cor. 1:2, Rom 10:13 vs Joel 2:32)? -Jesus

-Whose name is above every name (Eph. 1:21; Phil. 2:9-11)? -Jesus

-According to Acts 1:8, who are we to be witnesses of? Isaiah 43:10 - Jesus

More Questions

Why are you Jehovah Witness? or What are you doing out here today?

What do you want me to know about the kingdom?

Does a person have to be a member of your organization to get into the kingdom?
If Jesus is the truth (Jn 14:6) how can their organization be the truth?

What happened to people before your organization?

Where does it say that in the Bible?

Is your organization the authority to speak for God or the Bible? Why should I believe that?

They are out there or at your door to talk to you so you can just ask questions and then leave.

<https://mamabearapologetics.com/how-to-talk-to-the-jehovahs-witness-at-your-door/>

Discuss the Gospel

- Ask what the Jehovah Witness Gospel is and is that really good news?
- Ask if the JW Gospel would be enough to save the thief on the cross or a dying person?
- Ask what they think grace is. Do they think it must be earned? If so, why is it grace or a gift?
- Was the church without a witness until the late 1800's? What happened to all the Christians and what is their evidence?

Ask: If I had 2 minutes to live and I do not know Christ, how can I be saved?

Jehovah Witness will tell you that you need to join the organization and do a bunch of works. That is not good news.

CHRISTIAN 30 SECOND GOSPEL

Problem: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Solution: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Response: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Discuss the Gospel of Grace not Works

- Eph 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast"

- Rom 5:1-2

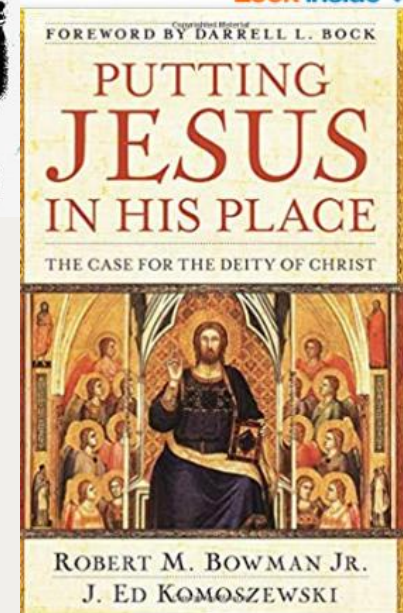
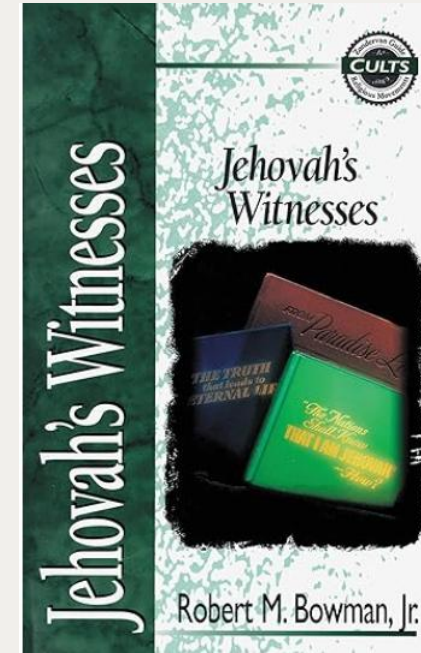
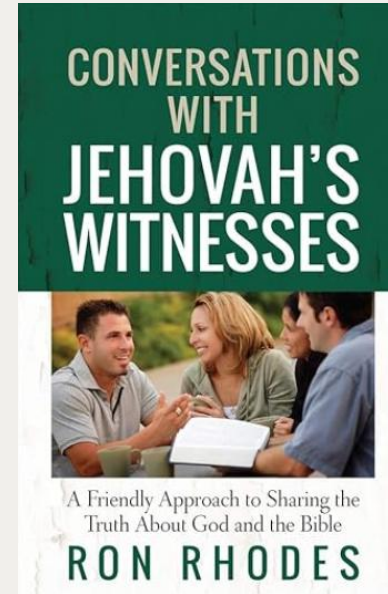
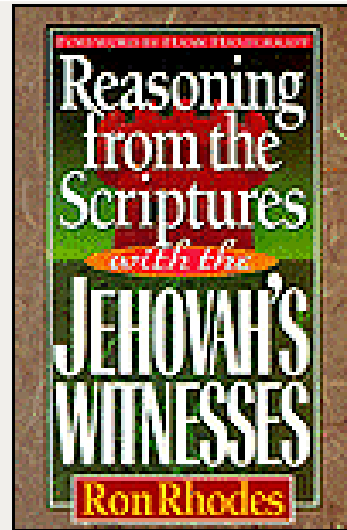
"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God

Rom 4:4-6 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due and to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, Just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

Rom 4:7-8- BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

- Ask if they are the blessed man? How do they interpret the passages above?

Resources



<https://carm.org/world-religions/jehovahs-witnesses/>

Short videos from Living Waters Ministry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3OLi44wsSE>

Go to minute 22:45 to 26

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NrwFW hn6dA>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTY0WbsMx9M>

Polytheism-many gods but they say they only pray to one god.

People preexisted in heaven before being born on earth

Salvation- Jesus saves “after all you can do.”

Doctrine of eternal progression- Humans will become gods

They baptize for the dead

They have 3 levels of Heaven.

2 Nephi 25:23, "For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do."

Joseph Smith said he saw God the Father. But the Bible says no man can see God the Father ([John 6:46](#); [1 Tim. 6:16](#)) Therefore, Joseph Smith did not tell the truth.

John 6:46

Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

LDS believes they are the restored church – we find no evidence in history of any LDS belief by the church.

LDS believe they are the new Aaronic/Levitical priesthood

The believe Peter, James, and John came down and restored Melchizedek priesthood to Joseph Smith

– Bible teaches Melchizedek is a type of Christ (Heb. 7:3). A righteous king/priest of peace. In Genesis he never conferred priesthood to Abraham.

Look at Isaiah. 40:13-18 – It is asking who taught God. The answer is no one. In LDS theology god was once a man who learned and grew. Who taught him? See also Isaiah 40-21-28 45:5-7 and 46:9-10

God is a man from another planet who has a wife. They have sexual relations in heaven and produce spirit babies. LDS teaches exaltation if you can keep celestial law and attain the level of the church of the firstborn in celestial heaven

Approach to Witnessing

Define the terms. What do they mean by God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit/ghost?

What do they mean by Jesus saves?

If they are Christian, why are they trying to convert you? What do they think is the difference and make them provide evidence

How do they know the Bible was corrupted?

Questions to Ask

Ask:

- 1) Do Christians believe in God? answer yes
- 2) How many Gods do Christians believe in? answer one. monotheist
- 3) Is monotheism important? They may say yes
- 4) How many Gods do Mormons believe in? they answer multiple. They think father, son, holy spirit are 3 gods plus they have more
- 5) If believing in 1 God is vital to Christianity and Mormons don't believe in 1 God then how can they be Christian?

Questions to Ask

- a) Are Father, Son, Spirit 3 gods?
- b) Is the book of Mormon a true, reliable account of the ancient past?
- c) What happened to the original "eyewitnesses" to the golden plates?
- d) Joseph Smith predicted the Lord would come in 1891. What happened?
- e) In this revelation given on September 22 and 23, 1832, Joseph Smith foretold of an LDS temple to be built in Independence, Missouri "Verily, this is the word of the Lord, and that the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation" this hasn't happened. When is it planned?
- f) Is grace a free gift or must it be earned? Do you have to be perfect?
- g) What is the Mormon Gospel?

Questions to Ask

H) Is this a true statement: Jesus was first “procreated” as a spirit child of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, then later conceived in an act of physical sexual intercourse between God the Father and Mary. He is the spirit brother of Satan, and is rather common in terms of His nature (in that he is one of many gods who share the same nature). Jesus was once sinful and flawed but earned His salvation through good works, eventually being exalted into godhood (like other obedient Mormons have been and will be). He is not a member of the triune Godhead but is instead a separate god from God the Father.

I) If Jesus was a created being isn't that 3rd party atonement? Is 43:11 says God is the savior.

How come the Bible provides so many examples in the New Testament where Jesus accepts worship from others? Did you know that in Revelation 5:13-14, the Lamb (Jesus) is given the same worship as the one sitting on the throne (the Father)?

Why can't we trust the Bible when it says that Jesus claimed to be God (Jn 10:30)?

Resources

J Warner Wallace interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdFrCjr9ECg>

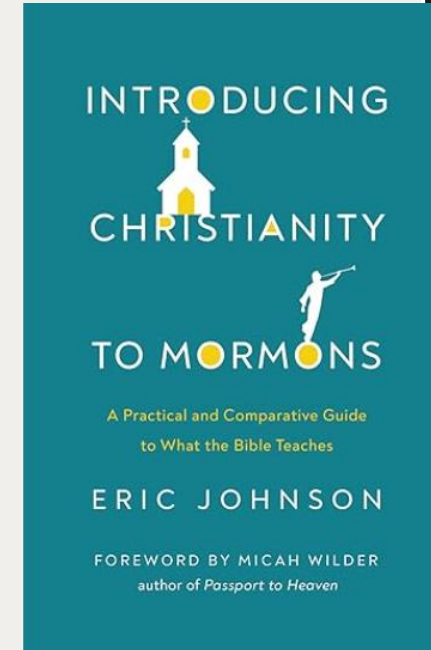
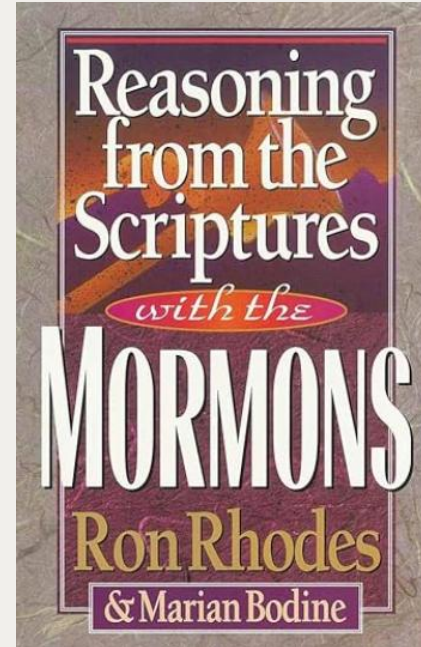
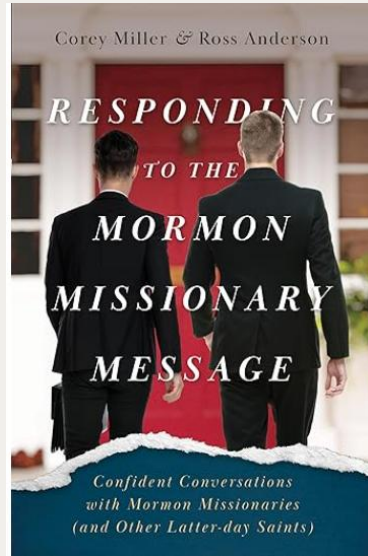
Mormon testimony approach- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-PlhHmB81Q>

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<https://thecultishshow.com/podcast-1>

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<https://carm.org/world-religions/mormonism/>

<https://www.str.org/blog/verses-your-conversations-mormons#.Wyz15PZFxPZ>

Mormons at your door:

<https://www.4mormon.org/questions-to-ask-mormon-missionaries-at-the-door/>

Questions