

A
Study
In
False Religions
Of
America
And
The world

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How to Study Your Bible

1. Begin in Prayer 1 Cor 2: 9-14
2. Read the Bible Neh. 8: 1-3
3. Study the Bible Neh. 8:8
4. Meditate upon it Deut. 6:6-9; Ps. 1
5. Pass the Bible on to others Heb. 5: 12

How to Study Each Chapter

1. The Theme
 2. The most important verse
 3. The most prominent word
 4. The teaching about Christ
 5. The command to obey
 6. The promise to claim
 7. The new truth learned Psalm 119:18
- Also every verse or passage has at least 3 applications
1. Past: this is the historical application
 2. Present: This is a devotional or spiritual application
 3. Future: This is a doctrinal or prophetic application

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THE TRUTH FROM GOD'S WORD

We will cover 7 areas of truth

In our comparison we will look at seven areas that they state makes them equal to Christianity.

1. God- "Deuteronomy 4:35" says that "he is God, there is none else beside him." So our comparison must be about how each false religion views God and their god.

2. Christ John 1:1-8 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. These are God's inspired words about who Jesus is and what He has done in the beginning. That beginning goes as far back as you would want to put your little time marker down and He will still be coming out of eternity past to meet you. Therefore our comparison is about how each false religion views Jesus.

3. Holy Spirit "John 14:26" the comforter, who is the Holy Spirit he shall teach you all things. Then there is the Holy Spirit and how they view Him, since He is the third person of the trinity.

4. Sin "Romans 3:23' For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." 1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. how do these religions view sin

5. Redemption Eph 1:7_We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. How do they reach a state of redemption.

6. Salvation Acts 16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. We as Christians believe that faith in Jesus and His atoning work on the cross is the means of

salvation. What does each of these see as a means of salvation?

7. Retribution: The Bible in Romans 6:23 says The wages of sin is death. This is the fate of unrepentant sinners, so what do each of these religions see as man's fate.

These seven doctrines are the basis and foundation of the Christian faith and will be the basis of comparison with 9 major false religions.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The founder: MARY BAKER EDDY

The founding year: 1866 Mrs. Patterson later known as the above suffered an accident causing intense pain, so much so that she gave up hope until she found Matthew 9 and the account of the palsied man being healed by Christ. Supposedly she was immediately healed by reading this. Mary began to study the scriptures the result of which was what she called Christ Science later Christian Science.

There were other circumstances besides the above that caused her to search for relief, such as her spinal weakness as a child. This caused her great mental and physical pain. Also at 22 she married Col. George Washington Carver who died after only seven months due to yellow fever.

Ten years passed and she married Daniel Patterson a traveling dentist. He deserted her in 1866; it was seven years later before they divorced. During this time she started visiting a drugless healer by the name of P.P. Quimby he healed people by dipping his hands in water and rubbing patients head. He said to Mary that all diseases and ailments could be traced to the invisible world of the mind; that mental thoughts produced powerful changes in the processes of the body. He claimed to be able to make a sort of connection to take his patients ills upon himself and desrot them. Mary wrote down what Quimby said and added her own conclusions even when she lapsed back into pain. These writings of Quimby mixed with her own are the basis for Christian Science.

In 1877 Mrs. Patterson married Gilbert Eddy, one of her followers the first to openly state that he was a Christian Science practitioner and held a Sunday school about it. Six years into the marriage Mr. Eddy died. For the rest of her life she denied sickness and death; however in 1910 she left this life at 89 years of age. The year 1879 is when she officially organized her church known as the "The first church of Christ, Scientist. Today this is the Mother church and all the others around the globe are members of this one.

The founding principle: this came from a man by the name of Phineas P. Quimby. He healed without medicine using the "Science of Christ." Her book: "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" this book is held in equal status with the Holy Word of God. the followers of this religion are encouraged to read the bible but only in accordance to the

above book. Mrs. Eddy claims she received her book by direct, divine verbal inspiration, even though she made numerous revisions of the original manuscript.

Original name of the group: First Church of Christ Scientist 1879

The Comparison:

God: god is all in all (S&H 113:16) God, Spirit is immortal truth, Being, All is infinite mind, and matter is mortal error (S&H 113:18)

Jesus Christ: Jesus is the human man and Christ is a divine idea (S&H 473:15, 16) the virgin mother conceived this idea of God and gave to her idea the name of Jesus. Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with god (S&H 29:17-18)

Holy Spirit: the Holy Spirit; is divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love (S&H 588:78)

Sin: All reality is in god and His creation, harmonious and eternal. That which he creates is good, and He makes all that is made. Therefore the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring belief, is incapable of sin, sickness, and death (S&H 478:28) evil is unreal (S&H 339:9-10) the real man cannot depart from holiness (S&H 475:29)

Redemption: One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin (S&H 23:3-4) Because, Christian Scientists do not believe that sin exists, they also do not believe it is necessary to accept Christ as the sinners substitute. Mrs. Eddy teaches the following "Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in immortality, boundless freedom, and sinless sense, is not reached through paths of flowers nor by pinning one's faith with without works to another's vicarious effort"

Salvation: Sin, sickness and death must be deemed as devoid of reality as they are from a good, God (S&H 525 :28-29) the material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when flowing in his veins. The overwhelming flaw in Mrs. Eddy's plan of salvation is that it requires faith in Christ's work, as interpreted by her, plus man's own work towards salvation.

Retribution: death is an illusion, the lie of life in matter, the unreal and untrue (S&H 584:9-10) The body cannot die, because matter has no life to surrender (S&H 426:30- 31) sin makes its own hell, and goodness its own heaven (S&H 196:18-19) Christian Science as is evidenced here is neither

Christian nor Science; it is the inane ramblings of a very deluded woman!

SPIRITUALISM

Founder: unknown in its more ancient forms. Modern spiritualist founded by Margaret and Kate Fox.

The Founding year: Ancient in Chinese, Hindu, and Babylonian writings.

Modern began March 31, 1948

The Founding Principles: Philosophy of continues life, based on the demonstrated fact of communication, with those who live in the spirit world.'

The book used: The Spiritualist manual, in England nearly a quarter million people attend meetings. In the united states only slightly less (173,000) practice on a regular basis. In South America, Brazil has nearly 10 million followers

Comparison;

God: Infinite intelligence pervades the world and controls the universe, it is impersonal, omnipotent and omnipotent

" Just as I am, not poor, nor blind, nor bound by chains in soul or mind. For all of thee within I find" Spiritualist hymn

Jesus Christ: Christ himself was nothing more than a medium of high order.

Jesus Christ was not divine; He is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere.

Hole Spirit: The Holy Spirit from God is the spirit of some holy person who has once been in the flesh.

Sin: man never had a fall. Whatever is right, evil does not exist. A lie is the truth intrinsically. Death is not a violent result of sin.

Redemption: there is no atoning value in the death of Jesus Christ. Salvation by vicarious atonement is a wicked and soul-destroying delusion.

Salvation: man becomes a spirit after death, doing both evil and good, but he may be saved as he progresses from one spirit level to the next. Even the most degraded personality can in time attain the greatest heights.

Retribution: hell does not exist. We do not believe in such places as purgatory and hell communicating spirits have merely graduated from this form of life into another. That life can be heaven or hell like.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES

THE Founder Charles Taze Russell

The founding year; 1884

The name: Watch tower Bible and Tract Society, also Russellite, Millennial Dawn, Rutherfordites (Joe Franklin Rutherford)

The founding Principle; The major issue before all heaven and earth is the vindication of the name and sovereignty of Jehovah. This is more important than the salvation of men.

The Book: Studies in Scriptures seven volumes. Make sure all Things 2 magazines Awake (10,125,00) Watchtower (9,200,000) in 82 languages

Comparison:

God: Personal name Jehovah (truth shall make you free pi7)

Only Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting (m.s. p486)

Jesus Christ is not one god with the Father (m.s. p485)

Holy Spirit is God's active force not a person (m.s. p487)

There was a time when Jehovah was all alone in space (l.g. p25)

Satan is the origination of the trinity doctrine (l.g. pi 01)

Jesus Christ: Not God, first son brought forth (l.g.p32) First of Creation by God (m.s.p282) Jesus had a pre human existence (l.g. p34) Michael the archangel is no other than the only begotten son (n.h. p30)

Jesus was born October 1 b.c. 2 (l.g. p36)

Jesus was anointed to become messiah (l.g. p38) God raised him as a mighty immortal spirit (l.g.p40) Christ was not raised in flesh, but with a spiritual body (m.s. 426)

Holy Spirit: the Holy Spirit is the invisible active force of almighty god. Which moves his servants to do his will. (l.g. PI08)

Sin: sin is falling short of God's mark of perfection, transgression of his righteous law (m.s. p 456) At death Adam was to return to the dust, a return to non existence (N. h. 88) All are born in sin (m.s. p 456).

Redemption and Salvation: Jesus Christ laid down in sacrifice a perfect human life equal to that which Adam forfeited. The ransom price with which redemption is made, is "the man Christ Jesus (l.g. p 113) that which is redeemed or bought back is perfect human life with all rights and earthly prospects (l.g. 114) The Bible plainly shows that 144,000 will share in heavenly glory while the others will enjoy the blessings of life here on earth

(l.g. p 298)

Retribution: the doctrine of a burning hell where the wicked are tortured eternally after death cannot be true (L.g. p 99) The soul itself is dead (m.s. p 143) the millennial judgment day (1000 year judgment) will take place after Armageddon (l.g. 28-286)

ARMSTRONGISM

The Founder: Herbert W. Armstrong followed by Garner Ted Armstrong his son.

The Beginning: Started out as a Bible Study 1924

The Founding: 1934 as Radio Church of God - world wide Church of God over 75,000 members with t v over 30 million viewers' income of 75 million dollars.

The magazine: the Plain Truth Circulation of 2 million

The Book: all volumes written by Worldwide Church of God

Basis of existence: 10 lost tribes went to England and to her satellite countries (U.S. Canada)

The comparison:

God: god is a family, a Kingdom, not a limited trinity. God is reproducing himself and man was created too literally become God.

Jesus Christ: god the creator (Jesus Christ) himself wills never quantitatively equal god the Father (wmeg p 45)

Christ' body disappeared, Christ was raised a divine spirit being.

Holy Spirit: The Father and son are in definite locations with respect to each other. The spirit proceeds from them and fills the entire universe. The false doctrine that the holy spirit is a third person - the heresy of the trinity

Sin: sickness is only the penalty of physical transgression and whenever one is sick, he is paying that penalty. Healing is nothing more or less than the forgiveness of sin. God is the only real physician! Scripture labels other modes of healing idolatry. Medicine has a pagan origin. (Does god heal today)?

Redemption: We- will generate eternal life intrinsically within ourselves (wmeg p44) Furthermore, we will counsel and advise our creator Father. Physical human beings in tomorrow's world will worship before the feet of God's present day human servants. (Your destiny p370)

Salvation: Jesus alone, of all humans has so far been saved (wwyb pi 1) The blood of Jesus Christ does not finally save anyone. Baptism is an essential ordinance for salvation. You must be baptized to become a true Christian. When Christ returns to this earth he will for the first time set his hand to save the world.

Retribution; When a human being dies, he is dead, which means that his body, mind, and soul are all dead. The wicked will be raised at the close of the millennium but only to be annihilated. Everlasting means age ending it is misleading since the fire itself will not burn forever. The concept of hell is part and parcel folklore and mythology.

MORMONISM

The founder: Joseph Smith, he received visions in 1820-1829

The year founded 1830, in Fayette, New York with 6 members now more than 3 million with 14000 missionaries.

Visited By: Moroni -resurrected person, John the Baptist 1829. Peter, James and John supposedly conferred the Melchizedec priesthood on him.

The Book: Book of Mormon delivered by Moroni over a period of seven years. Also Pearl of Great Price and Doctrine and Covenants all from J. Smith

The Comparison;

God: God is an organized being just as we are who are now in the flesh. He is a progressive being, and possessed the capacity of eternal increase. Perhaps once a child and mortal like ourselves. (g.d. p 64, a.f. p529, j.d. 1:123). The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as mans, (d.&c 130:22) Every man who reigns in celestial glory is a God to his dominions. Each God, through his wife or wives, raises up a numerous family of sons and daughters (t.s. 1 num. 3 P37)

Jesus Christ: Among the spirit children of Elohim, the firstborn was and is Jesus Christ, to whom all others are juniors (s., g.d. p70) he is essentially greater than all others, by reason of his unique status in the flesh as the offspring of a mortal mother and an immortal, or resurrected Father Holy Spirit: He is the influence of deity, the light of Christ or of truth. He can only be in one place at one time although he "emanates from deity" like electricity or the universal ether which fills the earth and the air, and is everywhere present (McConkie, m.d. pp359, 753)

Sin: Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy (2 Nephi 2:25) We ought to consider the fall of our first parents as one of the great steps to external exaltation and happiness (Mormon Catechism Redemption)

Salvation: We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel (a.f. 3) Celestial marriage is the gate to an exaltation in the highest heavens within the celestial world (McConkie m.d. p 118) Baptism by proxy for the dead is a major activity. " The saints are—redeeming there (unbaptized) dead from the grasp of

Satan (Morgan, Plan of Salvation p 8)

Retribution: Perdition is for Satan, and the sons of perdition, angels who rebelled with him. Also for men who commit the unpardonable sin (Talmadge, d.c. p 410) "Endless punishment" is God's punishment and may endure for "one hour, one week, or one year, or an age" (Morgan, the plan of Salvation).

EASTERN MYSTICISM

Founder: Modern -Swami Vivekananda; ancient Upanishads 600 b.c.

Founding Year; 1893 parliament of world religions

Founding Principles: Vedants or ultimate knowledge

Book: Vedas, song Celestial of the Lord Krishna

Goal: to explain how man relates to ultimate reality

Comparison:

God: Brahma, the absolute, other than which there is nothing else. God is all there is, all visible objects are but modification of self existence which is called god". In his real nature man is divine; Vedanta teaches the divinity in man and his infinite evolution.

Jesus Christ: "I do not think Christ ever suffered or could suffer (Maharish Mahesh Yogi P 123) Christ is one of a long line of "Masters" who had themselves realize divinity. He is beside Buddha, Shankaracharyu, or Yogamanda or other recognized "divine leaders"

Current Movements:

Bahatism: From Persian Islam, all ways are of god, but Baha has the truth for this age.

Divine Light: Guru Maharaj Ji is the perfect master Lord of the universe

Krishna Consciousness (ishkon) devotion centers on the god Krishna

Transcendental meditation: Hindu, Sanskrit addresses Lord Narayana

Brahma. Intelligence within the individual

Vedanta Society (Dava Krishna mission)

Yoga: opens the mind to ascended masters (demons)

Zen Buddhism

Sin: Sin is unrealistic, sin is not defined, it consists of action which are contrary to ones Karma or duty. Past sins might induce an action in the present.

Redemption and Salvation: be still and know that you are God, and when you know that you are God you will begin to live in Godhood. Salvation comes through the realization that there is no duality. God is all in all, is all there is, and "that are the".

Retribution: heaven and hell are not accepted concepts. Karma the "law of the deed" sowing and reaping is allied with Transmigration (reincarnation) suffering (on earth) is the result of some wrong doing in the past, ones own repayment of deeds

ISLAM-ARABIC FOR A WARRIOR

Founder: Mohammed

Year of Founding: contrary to tradition Islam did not start with Abraham's son Ishmael. Muhammad blended 7th century Arabic law with traditions and claimed they were from Allah.

Books: Quran, given by Gabriel to Muhammad

Principle: Absolute control of every aspect of Arab life.

Comparison:

God: they call him Allah- Al "the' lah "god". Allah is found in pre Islamic writings one of hundreds of Meccan deities. Allah worship is an astral religion

With the sun as the female God and the moon as the male God or Allah.

Three daughters " al-lat, al-uzza, monat. These 5 are high God's

The reason for the crescent moon used on Islam, they practice moon God worship.

Jesus Christ: (suras 3:59; 4:157; 19:34-35; 9:30) Jesus was a created being as Adam, he was not crucified and did not die for our sins. He is not the Son of God. Jesus therefore is not the saviour

Holy Spirit: no such thing as the Holy Spirit. No trinity as we know it they worship Father Mother son.

Sin: Any violation of the Quran is punished in extreme measures. During the Gulf war protesters were warned that they would be executed. Islam is second largest religion in North America with nearly 4 million Muslims. More than all Episcopal and Methodist and most Baptist combined except for southern Baptist.

UNIFICATION CHURCH

Founder; Sun Myung Moon born 1920

Founding of Church: 1954

Principle: Unification of world Christianity

Book: Bible plus Moon's revelation; the Divine Principle

Comparison:

God: A created universe as his external feminine object; this is from " I Ching of Taoism

Jesus Christ: Moon is Christ reborn as the 3rd Adam

Salvation: If Jesus had not been crucified he would have accomplished the providence of Salvation. "The kingdom on earth". There is no physical resurrection and marriage is essential to salvation.

Holy Spirit: This is a female spirit. There must be a true mother with the true Father

Sin: Adam and Eve tempted into forbidden love. Evil is selfishness

Redemption: God has chosen all to be saved. He must come again to complete his mission. Christ will come as a man and establish a family through marriage.

Resurrection and Eternal life: resurrection is the phenomenon occurring during the process of man's salvation.

SCIENTOLOGY

Founder: L Ron Hubbard; there are some 15 million members

Founded 1955 with the writing of his book

Book: Dianetics - pertaining to reason- man reasoning through his past determines his future. All mans problems (sins) come from prenatal or past lives, engrams being placed on our minds. Once dealt with you become "clear" or one who is free from problems, difficulties, no neuroses or illnesses. No heaven or hell.

One must progress through 7 stages with fees attached to the tune of 20,00 dollars. 1st self-dynamic 2nd sexual 3rd group 4th mankind 5th animal 6th universe 7th spiritual 8* infinity or God. Annual revenues from fees amount to 70 million dollars.

WITCHCRAFT WHY ALL THE INTEREST

Power: gives people who feel powerless the offer of great power and influence.

Knowledge: one participates to explain the unexplainable. They believe what they cannot see

Curiosity - just want to see if it really works 2 Cor. 2:11. 11:3

Satanism - comes in 3 forms

Religious Satanists - visible with leader structure organization

Satanic Cults: -hidden, come from the visible

Self styled - most dangerous, model after a variety of sources.

Illuminati - a centuries old group of elitist who delve into the occult to control the world. Hitler was an occultist who died on April 30

? Walpurgienacht or the spring solstice. Aleister Crowley - father of modern Satanism 1875 founded the "ordo Temple Oreintis" Gerald Gardner was next in line left to found the wiccans or white witches. There are 450 identifiable satanic groups

Look at Deut. 18:10-12

To pass through the fire refers to sacrificing children in order to secure favor.

The following are some of the practices used by the different groups.

Divination: telling the future using cards (tarot) or sediment in a cup, magical writings, and entrails of animals, dreams, and horoscopes.

Dreams-good ones are one of the great parts of prophecy. Witchcraft uses these too bring about their desire and forecast their futures. Observance of times: Tell the future by observing the seasons, birds, etc. Friday the 13th,

Oct. 31st is evil examples

Enchanter- casting spell, the binding of others by magical utterances to cause them to do what you want. Lev. 19:26

Witchcraft- influence people, through sorcery or magic such as voodoo or summoning the devil with black arts such as black mass or reciting the Lord's prayer backwards

Medium: One who communicates with the dead also channeling, seance, ouija board. Lev. 19:3 1 20:6,27

Spiritist- one who was close to the supernatural, knowing the effect forces would have on others future. Consulting the Dead: to tell the future
Wiccans practice all these, claiming they want love, power, wealth only the good out of life. However the Bible is clearly against these practices Galatians 5 declares witchcraft to be of the flesh, Revelation 21:8 says sorcerers will burn in the lake of fire, 2 Kings 17:17 says the Israelites did this and sold themselves to evil. 2 Kings 21:6 Manasseh is recorded as the evilest of all kings practiced these and provoked God. Also Zechariah 10:2 Other crafts: Voodoo - from Haiti

Zombies - the raising and controlling the dead by magic potion Voodoo doll - sympathetic (curse by long distance) magic mostly used by teen witches
Santeria - modified version of voodoo they use blood sacrifices to appease gods.

Macumba- mingled with Roman Catholicism

Crystalism- power to heal, provide prosperity, or worn to attract positive energy, shaped as stars, pyramids, and triangles

Ying/Yang the unity of opposites or good and evil (black and white) negative and positive, female and male. New agers use it to erase distinctions this allows for equality of bisexuality and homosexuality. New age star of David- 2 triangles with one point up and one down the up point is the mother goddess and the down point is the father god. Placed in a circle it becomes a hexagram it is the most evil sign of all. Used to place a curse on someone or call up a demon. These and the rest of new age symbols have their roots in the mystery religions of Babylon of Nimrod's day.

HALLOWEEN

In ad 608 the Roman Emperor appeased the populace of heathens by Christianizing their high day Samhain day it was changed to all saints day. The original day was in May.

DANGER SIGNS OF SATANISM

HERE ARE SOME SIGNS TO WATCH FOR IN CHILDREN ESPECIALLY TEENS.

Grades drop, isolation, aggression, and anger surfaces. A wide circle of friends dropped for a select few. Sports and extra curricular activities are avoided. Suicidal thoughts are expressed. Secret agendas, self-mutilation, available time spent devoted to satanic literature.

October 31st was chosen because it is one of four major Sabbaths of witches or cross quarter days of Celtic calendars. The first is on February 2ⁿ or ground hog day this day honored Brigit the pagan goddess of healing. The second was in May and honored Beltane or Witchcraft's time to plant. The third was In August the harvest festival to honor the sun god Lugh and the fourth was Samhain, which marked the coming of winter. Rituals cooked up in cauldrons symbolized the abundance of the goddess. It was the time of betwixt and between

To druids October 31st Samhain came with the dead, they had to be appeased or treated. Huge bonfires were lit to ward off evil spirits.

Halloween Symbols:

Jack o lantern- man named jack turned away from heaven and hell doomed to walk the earth carved out a turnip put in a coal the harbinger symbolized a damned soul.

Orange and Black- connected to masses for the dead. Beeswax candles unbleached were orange, caskets covered by black cloth.

Halloween costumes- taken from Celtic druid's ideas of wearing these to gain power, animals provided strength

Trick or Treat- from Irish procession to levy contributions from farmers lest crops be cursed.

Dunking for apples - divining the future- get the apple have a fruitful romance

Black Cats- incarnated humans, the families of witches

Hazel nuts- romance divination hiding objects in food as a means of fortune telling.

Masks- animistic means of warding off evil spirits. Animal shelters see a lot of request for black cats at Halloween. Most shelters ban their adoption. Witches anti-defamation league usually protests.

RELIGIOUS SATANIST

There are 450 identifiable groups that fall into this category. It is a real religion. The Church of Satan is the best known of all and has 10,000 members. Anton Levy who encourages fleshly indulgences heads it. There are other groups such as the Temple of Set headed by Michael Aquino a retired army colonel who came out of the Church of Satan. There is also the Process Church spread across America its most famous member being Charles Manson

Satanic Cults- these are offshoots of the organized churches and are more open in their worship of Satan. They use real sacrifices and hold black masses.

Do it Yourself- self-stylized they are different than the other two. They are more bizarre in their actions. They go to taking human life to gain power. They gain their ideas from music movies and videos, fantasy role playing games and the local library.

Why Satanism - people become involved with Satanism in an attempt to cope with life's problems real and imagined. Chafing under a morality they see as being too strict. Most often they have been physically or emotionally hurt. We must always remember Satan's greatest tool is fear. The ability to help may appear to be there until the hook is set and then it's too late. Prevention:

1. Realize Satan is real Eph. 6:12 we struggle against spiritual forces. We need to take a stand and not be quite
2. Be alert to Satan's motives -he seeks to devour, he attacks from behind. He often appears as light or something that can be good.
3. Resist the devil- by making a clear testimony of your faith in Jesus Christ. Cultivate the fruit of the Spirit Gal. 5:22-23
4. Cling to the cross; never forget what Christ has done for you. The cross is far more powerful than Satan is; he must flee from it. Rev. 12:11 'they overcame by the blood of the lamb.

The reason so many are caught in false religious systems is that they appear on the surface to be very much like Christianity. So we will take those that are prominent in this country and then some that are fast rising including Islam and Witchcraft.