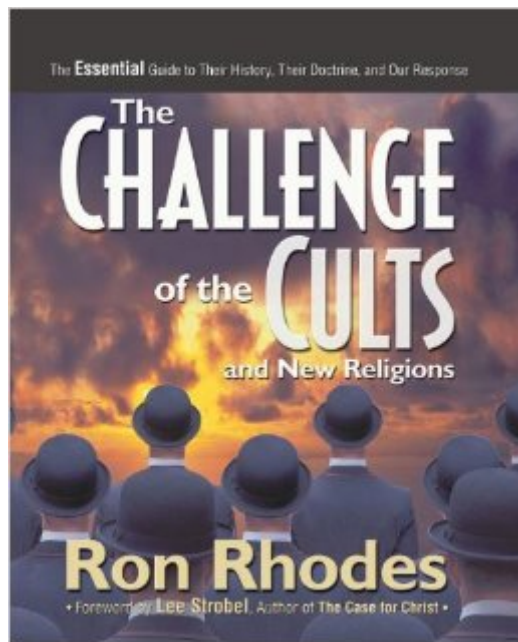


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The Challenge Of The Cults And New Religions: The Essential Guide To Their History, Their Doctrine, And Our Response



Synopsis

Cults and New Religions Aren't Hard to Find They're in your neighborhood . . . your workplace . . . your school . . . maybe even your family. Cults are flourishing across America. Chances are, you've encountered one, perhaps even know someone who is involved in a cult. Can you discuss knowledgeably the critical differences between Christianity and the teachings of Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Scientology, the New Age movement, Hindu-based cults, and other prominent groups and religious movements? In this essential resource, preeminent cult authority Ron Rhodes explains what cults are, why they are cause for concern, and why in the 21st century, as never before, their numbers and memberships are exploding nationally and worldwide. Drawing on his extensive experience as a cult researcher, Rhodes offers to-the-point, cutting-edge information on twelve major cults and new religions: Mormonism Jehovah's Witnesses Mind Sciences New Age Movement Church of Scientology Hindu-based Cults Unification Church Baha'i Faith Unitarian Universalism Oneness Pentecostalism Masonic Lodge Satanism Learning the distinctives of these groups will equip you to deal with any of the thousands of other less significant cults you may encounter. The Challenge of the Cults and New Religion includes Color photos Scripture Index Subject Index Glossary Bibliography And your resources don't end at the last page. You can supplement your knowledge whenever you choose by visiting the author's Web site at www.ronrhodes.org for free, thorough, up-to-the-minute information on each cult discussed in the book. If you're concerned for the temporal and eternal welfare of others, The Challenge of the Cults is a must. It will help you confront the deception of false Christs and lying doctrines with the clear, well-grounded truth of biblical Christianity.

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Ron Rhodes has attempted to write a user-friendly book aimed at overviewing the major cults found in the United States. Certainly this has been done a number of times, including Walter Martin's Kingdom of the Cults which, despite its recent revision, is a little dated. Rhodes writes on such topics as the Mormons, JW's, Scientology (note the paragraph placed at the beginning of this chapter to prevent getting sued by the suit-happy cultists), and even Satanism. One flaw is that much of the information he presents is from second-hand resources. While it is certainly OK to get some information from Christian experts, I'm not quite sure why the author doesn't look up and list the information himself from original sources. It would mean so much more. The bibliography itself is also limited, as I believe he misses out on some very important books written by both Christians as well as those from the individual cults. Rhodes does give easy-to-use charts to illustrate his points, and he includes good, accurate information that appear basic to the individual cult. (I didn't read closely, but what I did look at was fair, honest, and correct.) The book contains two glossy picture sections, which is nice, but I wonder how much this added to the cost of the book. Instead of these pictures, I would have rather had conclusions to each section as well as possible witnessing scenarios and glossary tables. He did this in his other books ("Reasoning With..."), and these ideas seemed to work well. The reader is left hanging at the end of each chapter, and I think Rhodes would have better served his audience by taking this one additional step.

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