

Cults, Occult things, and Islam/Muslim Faith
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What is a Cult?

-Definition that Janet Reno gave:

“A cultist is one who has a strong belief in the Bible and the second coming of Christ, who frequently attends Bible studies’ one who has a high level of financial giving to Christian causes, who home school for their children, who has accumulated survival foods and has a strong belief in the 2nd Amendment, and who distrusts big governments. Any of these may qualify a person as a cultist, but certainly more than one would us to look at this person as a threat, and his family as being in a risk situation that qualified for government interference.”

-For our purposes it is a group of people/organization that wants to be classified as “Christian” and yet they do not hold to key teachings of the Bible.

- Another source other than that of the Bible (Theology Proper)
- Deity and works of Christ (Christology)
- Add to salvation something besides grace (Soteriology)
- The group and its’ members are the only ones going to heaven
- The group is the central figure in the Second Coming (Eschatology)
- Trinity is false and made up by Christians
- Authoritarian
- Oppositional
- Exclusivistic
- Legalistic
- Subjective
- Persecution-conscious
- Sanction oriented-sanctions against disobedient
- Esoteric-hypocrites
- Antisacerdotal-opposed to pastors, want just regular church members

We Will Look At

- Cults
 - Jehovah’s Witness
 - Mormons
 - 7th Day Adventists
 - Science Groups
 - New Age
 - Eschatological Groups
- Occult
 - Ouija Board
 - Witches/Vampires
 - Spirits (Ghosts, Haunting)

-Astrology

-Other Religions

-Islam