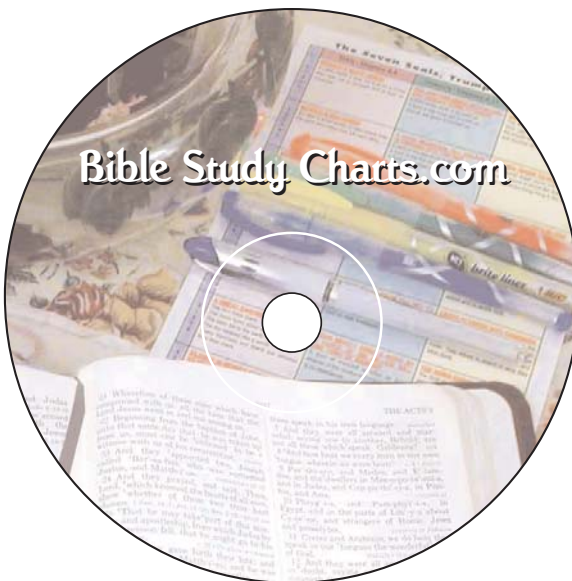


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Comparing “The Word of God” with Heresies, Teachings and Quotes Found in “Eastern Mystic Religions” Writings

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - GOD.

- Brahma, the Absolute, other than which there is nothing else—without qualities, unknowable, impersonal, beyond all appearances, changes, differences.
- God is all there is. “All visible objects are but modifications of self-existence, of an unconscious and impersonal essence, which is called God” (Walter R. Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults*, p.239).
- God is omnipresent and almighty, and is in the heart of everyone (*Transcendental Meditation*, p.61).
- In his real nature man is divine. The inner man is fully Divine. Vedanta teaches no other dogma but the divinity inherent in man, and his capacity for infinite evolution (*Transcendental Meditation*, p.58).

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- All religions from times immemorial are just different branches of the main trunk of the eternal religion represented by the Vedas (*Transcendental Meditation*, p.19).
- “I don’t think Christ ever suffered or Christ could suffer” (*Maharishi Mahesh Yogi*, p.123).
- Christ is considered to be one of a long line of “Masters” who had themselves realized divinity. They are recognized as “divine,” and addressed as such. Through such individuals at various times in history, the “divine truth” was transmitted to men. His picture is frequently to be seen beside that of Buddha, or of Shankaracharya, or Yogananda, or other recognized “Divine Leaders.”
- The “Masters” are considered to be realized expressions of divinity and, as such, are worshiped.

MAJOR EASTERN RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS.

- **Bahaim:** Emerged from Persian Islam but is essentially eclectic. All ways are of God, but Baha has the truth for this age.
- **Divine Light Mission:** Guru Maharaj ji is presented as the Perfect Master, the Lord of the Universe, who has come to uncover the light of knowledge that is within the disciple himself.
- **Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon):** Devotion centers on the god Krishna.
- **Transcendental Meditation:** Marketed as a nonreligious practice, this movement is deceitfully propagated as non religious, this clearly derives from Hinduism. Maharishi Yogi is the leader. Mandatory initiatory rites in Sanskrit address the Lord Narayana, Brahma the Creator. Daily meditation focuses on the Source of Creative Intelligence within the individual himself.
- **Vedanta Society (Rama Krishna Mission):** This group also teaches the Perennial Philosophy, that god is the essence of all that is, and salvation is to “realize” the god (reality) that is within you.
- **Zen Buddhism:** The major Buddhist activity solves eternity’s problems by illogical Koan to produce enlightenment—similar to Transcendental Meditation.

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - SIN.

- The subject is given little attention, and forgiveness of sin is unrealistic. By the Law of Karma, “sowing and reaping,” wrong actions inevitably produce punishment, good actions their reward. Salvation consists of doing good in excess of evil in order to evolve to the highest state through successive incarnations. This highest state is Enlightenment; the realization of oneness with the Word-Soul, Reality.
- Sin is not defined. It consists of actions that are contrary to a person’s “duty.”
- “Sin means wrong doing or wrong thinking due to discontentment. Suffering is the result of some wrong doing in the past...Past sins might induce an action in the present; some tendency of the past may come to us” (*Meditations of Maharishi*, p.121).

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.

- “Be still and know that you are God, and when you know that you are God you will begin to live Godhood (*Meditations of Maharishi*, p.178).
- A mystical experience reached through experiential methods, which blanks out all sense impressions and releases one into a sense of identity with the great All, the only Reality!
- There is no supernatural intervention. We bear the whole responsibility for our actions. If we attain the clear vision of what we are, “the Divine or Inner Light, and the god within,” we need not go elsewhere. “All may say, at the moment of Awakening, ‘I am the Way’” (*Kingdom of the Cults*, p.237).

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - SALVATION.

- Salvation comes through the realization that there is no duality. God is all-in-all, is all there is, and “that are Thou” (*Upanishads*).
- God-realization, of Self-realization, the highest of all states of being, is a real possibility by any of the suggested methods. 1) The way of Knowledge, usually involving, meditation focused within. This may be aided by silent repetition of a personal mantra, which is imparted by a “master” by which “inner light” is given, and the “current of real life” (The source of life) is turned on within us. Meditation is upon this “light experience.” 2) The Way of Works, following prescribed rules of conduct without desire. This is the more common way of India, much less emphasized in the West. 3) The Way of Devotion to a deity, involving continuous chanting of the chosen name.
- Transcendental Meditation is a path to God (*Meditations of Maharishi*, p.59).
- Self-realization is entry into the Kingdom of Heaven within, entry into the field of the Creator. “It is the gradual movement from Matter to Mind, and then to Super Mind. Once we reach the Super Mind, we reach union with the Divine.”

“Eastern Mystic Religions” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.

- Heaven and hell are not accepted concepts.
- Karma, the “law of deed,” of sowing and reaping, is combined with reincarnation to define the results of sin and rewards of good..
- Suffering on earth is the result of some wrongdoing in the past, one’s own repayment of deeds.
- One who has attained union with God, or “God-consciousness,” has reached the end of reincarnation. As the Buddha is reported to have said, “There is no rebirth for me.”

“The WORD OF GOD”

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Jesus in John 8:32

“The Word of God” Teachings about - GOD.

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- Know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).
- And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:16-17).
- I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I (Isaiah 48:16).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. (John 1:1).
- His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11; see also John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth...he shall testify of me. (John 15:26).
- And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 3:16; 1 Corinthians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9, 14,16).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - SIN.

- There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (1 John 1:10).
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4).
- All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death (1 John 5:17).
- Whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.

- In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22).
- Having made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
- But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Hebrews 10:12,14).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - SALVATION.

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).
- But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).
- He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
- Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).
- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Romans 10:4)

“The Word of God” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.

- For the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23).
- And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).
- It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrew 9:27).
- And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12).
- When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).
- If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell. (Mark 9:45).