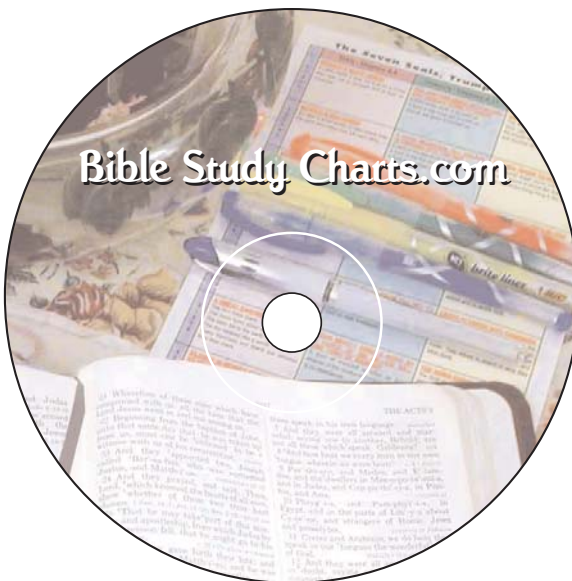


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# Comparing “The Word of God” with Heresies, Teachings and Quotes Found in “Wicca” Writings

## “Wicca” Teachings about - GOD.

- Contemporary Wiccans worship the Great Mother Goddess and her partner the Horned God (Pan), but these and a host of other pagan deities are said to represent various aspects of an impersonal creative force called “The One” or “The All”—reflecting the current influence of Eastern monism popularized in New Age thought. Wiccans regard all aspects of nature—plants, rocks, planets—as having spirit (*Christianity Today*, 10/23/00, p.28).
- “The One is the all encompassing unity of all things which exist. This includes that which is manifest to our limited awareness and understanding as well as that which is not. The One is infinite to a point that the human mind simply cannot comprehend its vastness” (wicca.com).
- Believe in polytheism (many gods) or pantheism (god/gods are part of nature). Wicca “...is polytheistic, recognizing a plurality of divine beings...” (Prudence Jones, *Paganism Today*, p.34).
- “As Wiccans, we acknowledge and worshiped the old gods and goddesses in the form both pleasing to them and meaningful to us...” (Cantrell, *Wiccan Beliefs and Practices* p.18).
- “As polytheists, they may use many other names for Deity. Individuals will often choose Goddesses or Gods from any of the world’s pantheons whose stories are particularly inspiring and use those Deities as a focus for personal devotions” (U.S. Army’s *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231-236).

## “Wicca” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- Jesus is not discussed as deity in Wicca. Rather “The Goddess and God are seen as a manifestation of the feminine and masculine forces of nature” (wicca.com).
- “Jesus is seen as an enlightened person or a wizard by some. He is not the Son of God or virgin born. He was a great prophet or a religious leader but this all. He did not die for the sins of the world because the concept of sin and Satan does not exist in Wiccan beliefs” (christianaresenal.com).
- Everyone has his or her own spiritual path to follow.

## “Wicca” Teachings about - THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- “It really matters little whether we associate with the divine as the ‘Father, Son and Holy Ghost’ or ‘The One, Goddess and God.’ Ultimately, the concept is the same” (wicca.com).
- Divine forces or nature spirits are invoked in rituals.
- Wiccans believe in multiple spirits rather than adherence to one Holy Spirit; “For tread the Circle thrice about to keep unwelcome spirits out” (Wiccan Rede).
- “Wiccans employ such means as dance, chant, creative visualization and hypnosis to focus and direct psychic energy for the purpose of healing, protecting and aiding members in various endeavors” (U.S. Army’s *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231-236).

## “Wicca” Teachings about - SIN.

- Wiccans essentially believe that if no one is hurt any action is acceptable: ‘And it harm none, do as ye will” (*Wiccan Rede*).
- “We do not accept the concept of ‘absolute evil,’ nor do we worship any entity known as ‘Satan’ or ‘The Devil’ as defined by the Christian tradition” (Principles of Wiccan Beliefs,” in *Drawing Down the Moon*, pp.100, 103).
- “What is good for one may be evil for another and vice verse” (*Covenant of the Goddess at cog.org/wicca/faq.html*).
- “Evil is only an appearance...like good” (Crowley, *Magick in Theory and Practice*, p.144).
- Wiccans believe in the Law of Three, which states that whatever we send out into our world will return to us threefold either good or bad.

## “Wicca” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.

- In Wicca, there is no sin and therefore no need for forgiveness.
- “Our only animosity towards Christianity...is to the extent that its institutions have claimed to be the ‘only way’ and have sought to deny freedom to others and to suppress other ways of religious practice and belief” (Guiley, *The Encyclopedia of Witches & Witchcraft*, 2nd ed., p.65).

## “Wicca” Teachings about - SALVATION.

- “All religions lead in the same direction, simply taking different paths to get there. Witches feel that all should therefore be free to choose their own path” (Raymond Buckland, *Buckland’s Complete Book of Witchcraft*, p.99).

## “Wicca” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.

- “Many, but not all, Wiccans believe in reincarnation. Some take this as a literal, description of what happens to people when they die. For others, it is a symbolic model that helps them deal with the cycles and changes within this life” (U.S. Army’s *A Handbook for Chaplains*, pp. 231-236).
- Summerland is “a place of peace and paradise that all spirits go after death where they are rejuvenated and reflect upon their previous life before proceeding on to another incarnation” ([www.carm.org/wicca/terms.html](http://www.carm.org/wicca/terms.html)).
- “Satan is a Christian creation and they can keep him. We do not need a paranoid creation of supreme evil and eternal damnation to scare us into doing the right thing and helping others” ([wicca.com](http://wicca.com)).

# “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).