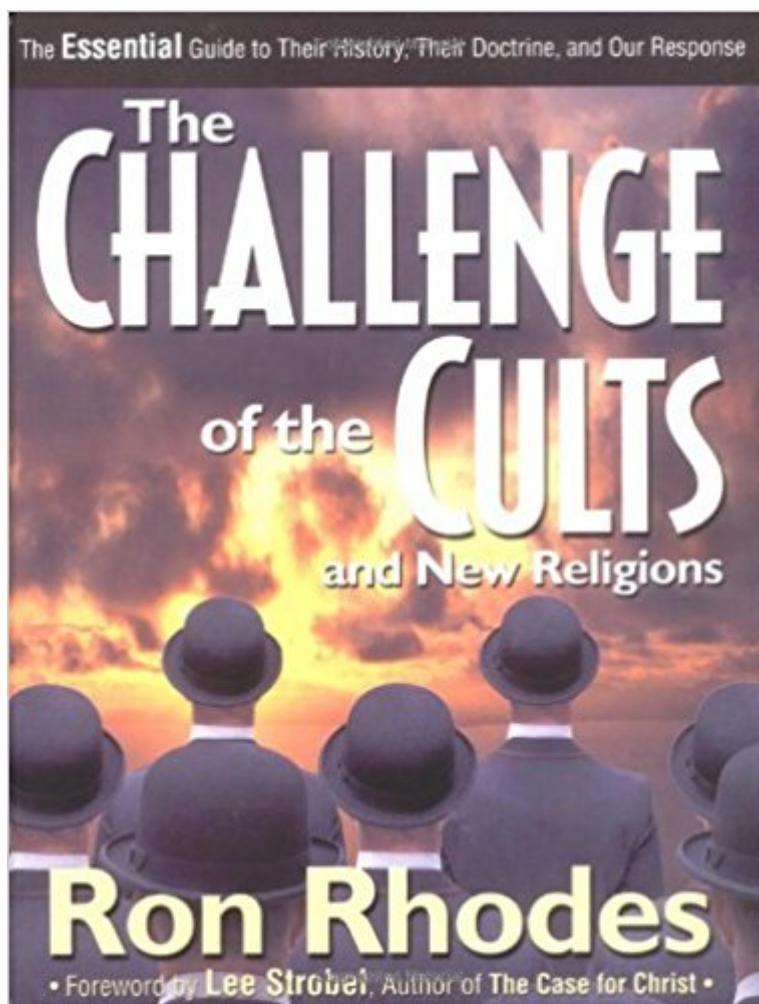


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# Challenge Of The Cults And New Religions, The



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Even though cults do not make the news these days as they did some years ago, they are still of concern to many people. Rhodes, an author, radio personality, and president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, addresses this concern from the viewpoint of an evangelical Christian. His thrust is to show where these groups go wrong for Christian ones, how they twist Scripture and how to counter them. He writes very clearly and does an excellent job of defining cults and new religions as well as introducing the 12 groups with which he has chosen to deal. Even readers not sharing the author's viewpoint can learn a good deal about these groups. However, one might wonder why some were included, for example, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses, Unitarian Universalism, and Freemasonry. They are certainly not new, and few would categorize them as cults, but perhaps their inclusion is justified by their evangelical approach. A good addition to the literature on cults, in particular for evangelical Christians. John Moryl, Yeshiva Univ. Lib., New York Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This text would make a great resource to pastors, evangelists, teachers and lay leaders. It covers all of the major cults, sects, and movements making waves in Western Culture today. Rhodes (the author) does a fantastic job of covering all the necessary details of each cult, yet writing in a style that is easy to grasp. We used this as one of the textbooks for a class during my master's degree studies. (M.A. in Apologetics) I thought so highly of it that I bought my own copy, tabbed and labelled all the chapters, and now have it on my shelf as a reference resource. It defines what a cult is, then covers the essential doctrines of Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Mind Sciences (positive thought), New Age Occultism, Scientology, Hinduism, Hare Krishna, Transcendental Meditation, Unification Church (Moonies), Baha'i, Unitarian Universalism, Oneness Pentecostals, Freemasons, and Satanism. The pages also have a nice margin on the outsides, which becomes very handy for note-taking. I love my copy, and use it frequently. I would advise every Christian pastor to get a copy for their library as well. It is well worth the money.

The book is a good reference book for most of the cults we find today in our society. I used much of the material in teaching my Sunday School class on how to defend our faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). The only criticism I would have of the book is that some of the subject matter could have been more informative. I did like the section on Scientology.

This book contrasted Christianity with major cults and new religions. Especially with those most prominent and growing in the US. The author first explained the origin and fundamental belief of a cult or new religion and what are their beliefs in who was the person of Christ, the Bible, God and men. After that the author clearly contrasted the biblical position on Christ, the Bible, God and men with those of the specific cult or new religion. This method helped readers to see with clarity the differences between the two. I recommend this book as a good one to have in your library.

Great and concise book, very fair in expressing the truth about the beliefs of each cult

Excellent resource

I love this book! It is very informative.

Dr Ron Rhodes is metaphorically one of many the sons and daughter of Dr. Walter Martin - Ron is a concise and careful scholar. Fundamentally, you either believe God created all (theism), god is all (pantheism - the eastern family of religions), or no god at all (atheism). The God Who is there, hasn't defined idolatry out of existence. The simple Gospel (1 Corinthians 15: 1-3) is the good news of amazing grace - simply take the free, no strings attached pardon, Jesus offers you in His outstretched hand. The rise of militant atheism, apostate television preachers, interfaith idolatry, and scripture twisting by the cults destroys the lives of tender - minded people. Logic is the truthful ordering of ideas. The Bible properly understood, is the true-truth revelation of the God Who is there (csntm.org, deadseascrolls.org).....mt

Good thorough overview of today's prominent cults. Clear explanation of why these new religions are considered cults. A good source for anyone interested in better awareness of current religious movements.

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