Beware the False Prophets

Matthew 24: 3-11, 23-25;
Matthew 7: 15-23

Self-Help Guru Charged with Manslaughter in Arizona
Elvis: Evidence suggests Elvis worship is ‘embryonic’ religion

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Candlelight processions, devotions on churches, native offerings at the Wall of Love: The 20th anniversary of Elvis Presley’s death celebrated earlier this month in Graceland was more like a pilgrimage than a memorial to a rock ‘n’ roll star.

There may be a good reason for that. Accumulating evidence suggests that Elvis worship is an embryonic religion that could lead into the next century or beyond. According to anthropologists and religious historians, it already has passed a crucial test in converting a new generation to its fold.

Elvis “sightings” seem to have diminished but what endures, and strengthens, so they say, is the John Struthers points out that early Christianity took 300 years to become fully established. Elvis is moving a little quicker, probably because of modern communications technology.

John Struthers even discerns an epicentrical hierarchy. The 150 registered Elvis impersonators fill the function of a priest-ness. They even have a liturgy, the singer’s words taken verbatim from 72 concerts filmed live in the thousands he gave.

and religious books, and one about the Turin Shroud, was found beneath his body.

A particular interest was the pre-Christian, prehistoric religious founder Zoroaster, or Zarathustra, whose adherents believe that a permanent war exists between the spirits of light and darkness. Elvis saw visions and believed he could heal, above all, for strange he had sent him to Earth with a mission to bring happiness to those in pain.

The faithful forecast Elvis’ return in 2001. The timing is based on numerology, another Elvis interest, with contributions from Zarathustra.

The 1970s concerts began with the inspirational feature most people know as the theme from the 1968 film, “Viva Las Vegas.”

II Timothy 3:16- 4:4
I Timothy 4:1

Matthew 7: 15-23
4 categories of Cults

1. Pseudo-Christian Cults
2. Oriental Cults
3. New Age Cults
4. Occult - Spiritistic Cults

1. Pseudo-Christian Cults
- Claim to be Christian,
- Claim to believe the Bible,
- but add some “new revelation” or “man-made teaching” over the Bible, through which they interpret the Bible
- Deny basic doctrines of Christianity

What deceives most People about the Cults?

The Cults all use Christian Terms, but
They **REDEFINE** the Words!

[Newsweek](https://newsweek.com/)

[Mormons](https://newsweek.com/)

[The Making of the Mormons](https://newsweek.com/)

[Beyond Prophecy and Pollywog The Entire Of a Booming Faith](https://newsweek.com/)
How do we know if a religious teaching is true or not?

How can we tell a true prophet of God from a false prophet?

* God has given us a test for truth!

God

- Bible
- “Cult” Revelation

1. God is Immutable: does not change
   - Malachi 3:6
   - Hebrews 6:17,18

2. Therefore, must TEST “younger revelation” by God’s oldest revelation, the Bible.

3. The Bible must be our Authority!
   - II Tim. 3:16,17
   - Heb. 4:12
   - Jude 3

Why is this test for truth so essential for the Christian?

II Corinthians 11: 3-4

- A different Jesus
- A different spirit
- A different gospel

The “Jesus” of the Cults

Mormonism (L.D.S.): Spirit brother of Satan; man who evolved to become a god; one god among many gods; born through physical incest; blood and cross foolishness

Jehovah’s Witnesses: Michael, the Archangel, the first creation of God. Came to Earth as man, died on a stake, and rose as a spirit.

Christian Science: A Divine Idea

Sun Myung Moon: A man who failed; Moon is second coming of Christ to unite the world

Bahai: One of nine great world manifestations

Unitarian/Universalist: a good man mistakenly deified

Freemasonry: Moral teacher only; no better Buddha, Confucius, Moses or Mohammed
Spiritists: Advanced Medium in 6th sphere astral projection

Unity: A man who perfected a divine idea

Rosicrucians: Manifestation of Cosmic Consciousness

Transcendental Meditation: Enlightened Guru who never suffered or died for anyone.

The Real Jesus

I John 4: 1-3
John 1: 1, 14

Word was God (vs.1)
Word became flesh (vs. 14)

The Real Gospel

• John 14: 6
• Acts 4: 12
• John 3: 16
• Eph. 2: 8-9

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God became Flesh (Incarnate)