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Spiritual Discernment & Vigilance Against End-times Deceptive Cults & Occult

John in 1Jn 4:1-3 warns us, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world”.*

We are living in darkening last days of great spiritual deception and declension that is affecting the church, Bible colleges and Christian families. The following practices are considered to be occultic from a biblical perspective:



(a partial list, in alphabetical order, taken from Jack Sin, Examining and Exposing Current Cultic and Occultic Movements, MBPC: 2001,4)

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| Alchemy | Geomancy | Satanism |
| Animism | Horoscopes | Shamanism |
| Astrology(horoscope) | Hydromancy | Soothsaying |
| Cabalistic knowledge | Incantations | Sorcery |
| Calling up the dead | Kabbalah | Spells (casting, conjuring) |
| Channeling | Magic, | Spirit-guides |
| Clairvoyance | (magical arts) | Spiritistism |
| Crystalmancy | Mediums | Spiritualism |
| Demon worship and consultation | Necromancy | Tarot cards |
| Divination | Neo-paganism | Vedic astrology |
| Enchantments | Omens | Vodun (Voodoo) |
| | | White witchcraft |

Fortune telling
Freemasonry
Gnostic wisdom

Ouija boards
Paganism
Palmistry
Rosicrucianism

Wicca
Yoga
Wizardry



Consider one of them for an example, the popular Astrology (ie horoscopes) is a pseudo-science based on the view that the stars and planets exert a strong spiritual or metaphysical influence on human affairs. **It claims that the relative positions of the heavenly bodies at an individual's birth determine his or her basic makeup, and that changing astral positions can be used to predict the future.**

However, because the heavens were never intended for these purposes, astrology is a dangerous and wrongful practice. Stars were created for declaring God's glory. To use them otherwise is idolatry, as warned against throughout Scripture (Deut. 4:19; 2 Kings 23:5; Isa. 47:13). **Astrology or the use of Chinese or western zodiac signs should not even be encouraged, used or consulted for guidance or for amusement. It is connected with the forces of evil and can lead to other occult practices and bondage to sin.**

It is impossible for the created stars to have an effect on a person as it is not designed by the Creator for this purpose, much less on world events. The gravity of stars and planets is the only force that acts through space distances, and its physical effect if negligible on Earth.

Local Cult Talk

I was attracted to this advertisement in the Strait Times dated 10 March 2025 on a Christian Science talk.

There are cults like that Mormons, Jehovah Witness (though banned), SDA, Freemasons and an unknown Korean cult in Woodlands actively promoting their false teachings and recruiting members. Some years ago, a mother from another church approached me and asked me about Armstrongism and share that her son was attracted to this strange teachings and practices. (A young person from one of our BPCs has defected to the Greek Orthodox church in Singapore).

We have a masonic lodge in town (Freemasons) in Singapore which we visited during an open house a few years ago in their outreach to get more to join them. The cults are very much alive in Singapore as evidenced by this latest cultic Christian Science talk. Christian Science was exposed in our book "Examining and Exposing Cultic and Occultic Movement" written some years ago after

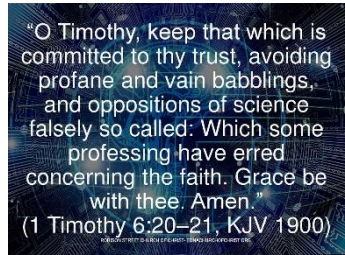


teaching at a seminar in Tangkak BPC, Malaysia. (This book is available from SHBPC Resource Ministry and is used as a textbook in a course on Cults in a Bible college.)

Vulnerable Youths

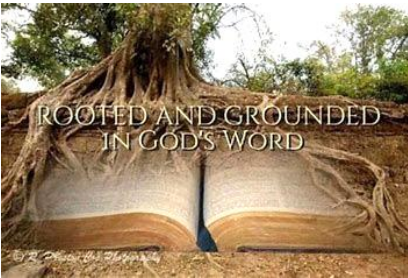
The younger generation are vulnerable as they are often curious, quite disillusioned with the traditional denomination and often looking for something different that appeals to them emotionally, intellectually and socially.

A cult is an aberrant religious group that has deviated from one or more cardinal doctrines of the historic biblical Christian faith. It could be on the deity or humanity of Christ, concept of the Trinity, Soteriology, Eschatology (prediction of the exact date on the second coming of Christ like the JW's) and even Bibliology (ie. addition to the Bible such as the book of Mormon). We need to educate our worshippers to be grounded on the Word as the lack of it will render them possibly



vulnerable to spiritual deception and bondage.

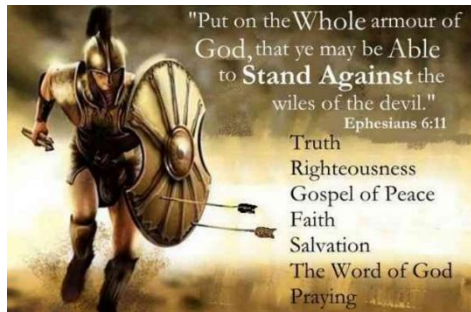
But the sad truth is that the greater part of Christianity is not well rooted in the sound doctrines of the Word of God. How can we detect error when we do not even know the truth? We need to be prayerful and diligent in the Word and to stay discerning and vigilant in these end times deception that is prevalent even in Singapore and on the internet.



Peril in the Last Days

The last perilous days have been characterised by widespread spiritual and moral deception in the areas of medicine, health, education and entertainment. Even some church leaders have compromised to employ some of these questionable techniques. Unsuspecting Christians have gravitated to these newer

and less painful methods, and hope for a complete cure without knowing the grave consequences. Those who are unsure should search the Scriptures and read the following first: Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Jeremiah 27:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:5-21, 1 Timothy 6:20, 1 Peter 5:7-8, and our Lord, in Matthew 24:1-24, warns others to be discerning. **We need to be discerning and to Pray and ask**



the Lord for protection, wisdom and guidance first if you come into contact with these things; and put on the full armour of God (Eph 6:10–18).

Jesus said in John 14:6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”* Salvation comes not from works or morality or spirit guides, no matter how real it can be. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. We need to be watchful, alert and vigilant to the deception of the last days. I believe the **New Age movement is the devil’s chief weapon in drawing men away from Christ by giving him a spurious spiritual substitute. It is a counterfeit god, a false spiritual experience that does not save. You may feel good or even experience so-called serenity and tranquility, but it will not last.** Beware of the wiles of the evil one. Be discerning and examine things biblically (1 Thess 5:21). Pray and ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment and appraise and test all things (1 John 4:1).

There is a **4-Step Process** that is required to keep away from diabolical activities that once we may have engaged in our lives.

- **Confess** the specific activity before God as a sin and ask for His forgiveness.
- **Renounce and repent of** the specific activity before God and tell Him you will never ever participate in that activity again and mean it.
- **Remove or throw away** all occultic books, objects or items associated with this activity (with the help of a pastor if necessary).
- **Read and apply the Word of God** and keep close to the Lord Jesus in daily prayer and regular Sabbath worship in a Reformed church and fellowship with saints of God and do not go back to our old ways again.

Conclusion

We live in these last perilous times of grave spiritual danger. If one is outside the kingdom of God, one **needs to come before God and acknowledge him as his personal Saviour and Lord first with sincere repentance of sins. (Rom 10:9,10. Eph2:8,9). There is no other salvation found outside the finished work of Christ for us at Calvary’s cross (Acts 4:12. Jn 14:6), not of works or morality or any philosophy of man.**

Once you confess your sins and this occult activity before God as a sin, never do it again and throw away any items associated with this activity. Seek and serve and worship your God as a born-again believer and consciously keep away from all these malevolent activities like the occultic coming Lady Gaga concert in may this year and warn others of the same as well. He will preserve and protect us if we sincerely and humbly put Him first and as our Sovereign king and Lord. **Do it Now before it is too late!**

Jack Sin

(For deeper studies, read Ron Rhodes, The Challenge of the cults and New Religions, 2001 and Jack Sin, Examining and Exposing Current Cultic and Occultic Movements, MBPC: 2000)



Who is a True Christian?

Who is a True Christian?

He or she is one who is a sinner
Admitting that they need a Redeemer
That Jesus is their only Lord and Saviour.

Who is a True Christian?

They are those not given to selfish stride
But fully humbled by their desperate plight
Clinging on to Jesus as their Eternal Guide.

Who is a True Christian?

One who knows that to be spiritually strong
That they need to repent of all wrong
And plead for divine mercy to press on.

Who is a True Christian?

One who is not bragging of their success
But conscious of their constant regress
And that only Christ can bring lasting progress.

Who is a True Christian?

One who is not claiming to be righteous
But that the free gift of salvation is precious
Knowing that God sanctifies the sinfully conscious.

Who is a True Christian?

One who is not playing the blame game
For we are all depraved sinners, the same
And we need to seek His Holy Name.

Who is a True Christian?

One who does not boast that they are the elect
But committed to seek His Word and reflect
For Christ came to die for our sinful defect.

Why Don't You Do the Same

And confess and call on Jesus' Blessed Name?
For He alone can give you an eternal frame
For in Christ, one can be delivered from all shame.

- Jack Sin -

10 March 2025



**Local Evangelism
- Macpherson Estate:
SHBPC Fishing Ground**



*Join us for
Evangelism
@ Macpherson
this afternoon.*



SOVEREIGN HOPE
bible presbyterian church

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
GOSPEL SUNDAY

Who is *Christ* to you?

BY REV JACK SIN

COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT
PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST AND WHAT HE CAN MEAN TO
YOU NOT ONLY FOR NOW BUT FOREVER.

**30 MARCH 2025
10:00 AM**

VENUE :
SOVEREIGN HOPE BP CHURCH
160, PAYA LEBAR RD, ORION
@ PAYA LEBAR #04-06, S(409022)

INFORM DN YUE KAY AT 97450311 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED



Thank God for the faithful preaching of God's Word by Rev Daniel Gan last Sunday with his wife, Grace and baby daughter Deborah.



Thank God for our visitors from Hope BPC, Adelaide – Dn Kevin & wife Christy. We rejoice with them on the commissioning of their son Nathan as an officer of the Singapore Armed Forces.



Praise God for the faithful Bible giving ministry of The Gideons International. There are 5 Gideons worshipping with us at Sovereign Hope BPC – Albert & Janet, Dn Yue Kay, John Wong and John Almon. Do continue to pray for the Gideons.

Memory Verse

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "**Protection for the Conflict of the Christian (Eph 6:11-24)**", continuing the quarterly study on the "**Book of Ephesians: Serving Christ & Exalting the Sovereignty of God in the Church**".
3. Next Sunday is Gospel Sunday, Pastor will preach on "**Who is Christ to You?**" (**Acts 16:5-20**).
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walking Through the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**].
6. **Evangelism @Macpherson will be held this afternoon** to invite the residents to our **Gospel Sunday Worship Service on next Sunday**. Invite your family and friends to this Gospel Sunday Worship Service too.
7. **2025 Annual Church Camp** will be held on **Jun 10-13** at **Forest City Marina Hotel**, Johor, Malaysia on the theme "**Wise or Foolish Living in a Smartphone Era**" and guest speaker **Rev Tan Eng Boo**. Register by 29 Mar 2025 with Dn Paul at hp:97314733.
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
9. Pray for:
 - **Medical: Mrs Philip Heng** [brain aneurysm post op], **Poh Suan** [fractured right ankle], **Dn Paul's mother** [medical conditions], **John W's sister Angeline** [lung Cancer], **Kim Meng** [fractured left wrist], **John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment].
 - **Myanmar Missions: Rev David Khobal** (Biblical Reformed Seminary), **Eld Habakkuk** (Gilead Balm Home), **Myitta** (Community Outreach), **Lapui** (Widows Ministry)
10. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.