

# Knowing Heresies and Cults

- **Heresy**

- An opinion, doctrine, or practice contrary, to the truth.
- A deviation from the truth.

- **Cult**

- People gathered about a specific person or person's misrepresentation of the Bible.

- **Cult's Characteristics**

- Close mindedness
- Pronounced intolerance for any position but their own
- Isolation
- Violence and irrationality

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- **Jehovah Witnesses**

- “The true almighty God, Jehovah is not a Trinity”
  - **Rcv: Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8**
- Jesus is not Jehovah God; He is the “first and only” direct creation of God . In John 1:1 their translation says “...the Word was a god”.
  - **Rcv: Isa 9:6; John 1:1, 14; Rev. 1:17:18**
- “Jesus was not raised physically from the dead but as a spirit”
  - **Rcv: John 20:6-7, 27**
- Salvation is obtained “...by being faithful having good will”
  - **Rcv: Acts 2:21; Rom. 5:9-10; 10:9, 13**
- The Holy Spirit is “...God’s active force...”
  - **Rcv: Acts 5:3-4; John 14:17; 16:13**
- “Only 144,000 will enter the Kingdom of Heaven”
  - **Rcv: Rev. 12:11; 14:1**

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- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
  - **No Triune God but many gods**
    - “In the beginning the head of the gods called a council of gods.”
      - **Rcv: Isa. 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4; 1 Tim. 2:5**
    - “God was once mortal and rose up step by step in the scale of progress...and is now an exalted man”
      - **Eph. 1:3-4; Rev. 22:13**
    - “Adam is also a god who in a celestial body with Eve conceived humanity”
      - **Rcv: Gen. 1:26-27**
  - **Jesus Was Just a Man**
    - “Jesus was not begotten of the Holy Spirit”
      - **Rcv: Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18**
  - **Salvation**
    - “Exaltation to Godhood must be earned through self-meriting works”.
      - **Rcv: Acts 2:21; Rom. 5:9-10; 10:9, 13**