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CAF INSTITUTE OFFERS COURSES ON CULTS

The primary goal of Christian Awareness Fellowship is to educate Christians about the dangers of cults, and consequently, to lead cult members to salvation in the true Jesus Christ.

Through speaking engagements at churches, counseling, and distributing literature and films, our ultimate purpose can be summarized in one word—education.

After much prayer and seeking of God's will, we have established the CAF Institute for the Defense of the Gospel. The Institute is therefore a concentration of the group's educational efforts by offering college-level courses on specific cults: Mormonism/LDS, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventism, the Radio Church of God (Armstrongism), and the New Age Movement.

In this special issue of *The Servant*, the four course instructors have written course outlines.

Each of the courses will have a special emphasis on witnessing to people ensnared in cults.

Because they are on a college level, the courses will be academically challenging, and will require a commitment to study and class participation.

The benefits of such learning cannot be overstated—leading deceived individuals to new life in the Lord Jesus will truly bring joy for eternity.

Registration and a get-acquainted open house will be held on Tues., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at Casas Adobes Baptist Church, 2131 W. Ina Rd., in Bldg. G. Tuition is \$20 per course and does not include required textbooks, which will be available during registration.

Classes on Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses will begin on Tues., March 5 at Casas Adobes Baptist from 7 to 9 p.m., and will continue each following Tuesday at 7 p.m. for five weeks, through Tues., April 9.

Starting Tues., April 16 through Tues., May 14, the courses on the New Age Movement and Adventism/Armstrongism will be taught at Casas Adobes Baptist, also from 7 to 9 p.m.

Students may register for these two courses at either the registration on Feb. 26, or at a second registration at Casas Adobes Baptist on Tues., April 9 at 7 p.m.

The Editor

MORMONISM/LDS

by Jack Gracie

If you want to find out how many wives Jesus had, how you can become a god and rule another planet, or see a first-hand re-enactment of the secret Mormon temple ceremonies—don't miss this course!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormonism, is different from all other non-Christian cults because of the sparkling public image that it promotes. Many uninformed Christians, and even pastors, believe that Mormonism is just another Christian denomination.

The church is growing at an alarming rate and must be confronted by Christians willing to share the true Jesus Christ.

The LDS Church baptized 478 people a day in 1984, and 75 percent of these converts claimed a Christian background.

I therefore encourage Christians with Mormon friends and acquaintances to enroll in this course.

The major objectives of the course are: 1. to study LDS doctrine in depth, 2. to become knowledgeable of the anachronisms found in the LDS Standard Works (*Book of Mormon*, *Doctrine and Covenants*, *Pearl of Great Price*), 3. to study the Temple ceremonies in light of the Bible, 4. to scrutinize the LDS false prophecies, and 5. to learn and practice effective strategies and techniques for witnessing to Mormons.

This course will be very challenging, and will include lectures, discussions, reading assignments, and a final exam. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be well equipped for defense of the Gospel in leading Mormons to salvation in Christ.

Jack Gracie has studied Mormonism for many years and has lectured on various aspects of the cult over 150 times in four states.

He has taught courses on comparative religious systems, has compiled a witnessing guide to Mormons, and is currently writing a book on the LDS Church.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

by Ande Anderson

Many of us have had the experience of confronting Jehovah's Witnesses at our doorstep.

With a Bible in one hand and a briefcase full of Watchtower literature in the other, they try to convince their listeners that their church holds all spiritual truth.

How can a Christian effectively witness to such deceived persons?

To learn how you can break through the cultic Watchtower dogma and lead a Jehovah's Witness to salvation, sign up for the CAF Institute course on Jehovah's Witnesses.

This college-level course will equip you to deal with those visitors at your door by learning what they believe and why. Specifically, the course will include the following topics: the Watchtower and the Trinity, the history of the Watchtower, prophecy, resurrection, and others.

There will also be a special lecture on the Arian Crisis and early Christology, and how they relate to this erroneous religious system.

Because this is a course designed to equip Christians for acting on their new, in depth knowledge of the Jehovah's Witnesses, an important part of the overall study will be role playing.

In such role playing, you will have the opportunity to apply the witnessing techniques you have learned.

The course format will consist of lectures, readings in a required textbook, discussions, weekly quizzes, role playing, and mid-term and final exams.

All of us at the CAF Institute feel privileged to be supported by you: Christ's Church. We are here for your assistance in advancing the Kingdom of God, and hope you will take advantage of our educational services.

Ande Anderson has lectured widely on various aspects of Christian theology at Grace Bible College and the International Bible Institute. He has a B.A. in Theology, and is currently working on a Master's degree in Theology.



"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..."

ARMSTRONGISM/ADVENTISM

by Bob Palmer

Seventh-day Adventism and the Radio Church of God (Armstrongism), will be studied in a single course, with six to eight hours of class time devoted to Adventism and two to four hours dealing with Armstrongism.

Seventh-day Adventists are attracting more people into its membership than the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses combined.

By many Christians, Adventism is thought of as just another evangelical Christian denomination, but Adventists theology denies this. Seventh-day Adventists theology states that Christ's death did not provide final atonement for the sins of man, Saturday is the day believers are commanded to worship God, Saturday is the "seal of God", and Sunday is the "mark of the beast".

Adventists also believe that Christ's second coming will not take place until His people are "sinless", just prior to the Lord's return a special resurrection takes place, and that one Ellen G. White, an early Adventist, wrote "inspired, infallible counsel from the Lord".

This course will be both informative and helpful in preparing Christians to be effective witnesses when dealing with those caught in the cult of Adventism.

If you want to be a witness to the truth, I invite you to sign up for this course. It will include discussions, lectures, weekly quizzes, and required reading in *Judged by the Gospel* by Robert D. Brinsmead.

Like Adventism, Armstrongism has an emphasis on the Old Testament, as well as sharing other beliefs. Because the two religious systems are similar, they are taught together in this single course.

Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God, while appearing to be Christian, is in reality a perversion of Christianity.

The "plain truth" of this cult is that many of its beliefs are contrary to orthodox Christian teachings: the Mosaic law is binding on all Christians today, the seventh-day Sabbath is

the day on which God has commanded Christians to worship, Sunday worshipers will receive the mark of the beast, there is no Trinity, and men can become gods.

This course, therefore, is designed to be of value both to concerned Christians and to those who have been deceived.

This portion of the course will also include lectures and discussions, with weekly quizzes.

Bob Palmer is a former Seventh-day Adventist pastor. He has a B.A. in Theology from Pacific Union College and a M.Div. from Andrews University. He is currently a chaplain with the Arizona Department of Corrections, and will soon be ordained as a pastor through First Evangelical Free Church.



CAF CALENDAR

Fri., Feb. 22, KFLT 1450-AM, 7 p.m. - Jack Gracie, President of CAF, will answer questions on a live, call-in program on Family Life Radio's "Open Line", hosted by Ed Phillips



NEW AGE MOVEMENT

by Dr. Herbert A. Lee

Few people realize that today there is a worldwide spiritual, political, and social movement--the New Age Movement--that seeks to prepare the way for the antichrist.

It is the goal of this course, therefore, to stimulate the thinking of Christians about the counterfeit philosophies and spiritual movements that are currently weakening western societies and the Christian Church.

The mystery surrounding the New Age Movement will be replaced with clarity and understanding for students who desire to know

the truth. The topics to be covered include the network of corporations, political and educational organizations, and health groups that make up the Movement.

We will also discuss the goals of the Movement, other names it masquerades under, its various symbols, code names, and buzz words it uses.

Additional sessions in this course of study will focus on the pagan religious systems on which this pseudo-scientific cult is based.

The course material will be presented through readings in *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow* by Constance Cumbey, through lectures, discussions, and the film "Gods of the New Age". Also, there will be supplemental reading materials and guest speakers.

Ultimately, this course will prove conclusively to Christians that the New Age Movement is clearly an anti-Christian force that is bringing about a new world order, a new world religion, and a new world christ--the antichrist.

Herb Lee is an expert on "revisionist" history and the spiritual implications of politics and social trends. He has a B.S. in Education and is a local practicing chiropractor.

NEW AGE FILM TO BE PREVIEWED

CAF will preview the film "Gods of the New Age", an expose of the New Age Movement on Mon., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at Casas Adobes Baptist Church. It is a well documented, hard hitting film, and should be seen by all Christians who are concerned with the spiritual implications of world events.