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**Kingdom of the cults 6th edition**

The leading reference tool on non-Christian religions, now completely updated! At a time when religious ideas are confused, Christians need information they can trust. And as Western culture moves further and further away from its Christian roots, there is an even greater need for awareness of the beliefs of those around us. The Kingdom of Cults allows readers to understand the claims of many cults, sects and religions - including some that pose as Christian denominations - contrasting these claims with biblical teaching. This new edition, updated largely by experts Jill Martin Rische and Kurt Van Gorden, builds on Dr. Martin's authoritative original text and contains useful information on changes and developments in belief systems around the world in recent years. Readable and reliable for teachers, pastors and lay readers, The Kingdom of the Cults will certainly remain the must-read reference book on non-Christian religions for years to come. Dr. Walter Martin (MA, New York University; PhD, California Coast University) has obtained four degrees and has authored a dozen books. He was internationally recognized as the host of The Bible Answer Man, a unionized radio show popular in the United States and Canada. He was also the founder and director of the Christian Research Institute. 1965 book by Walter Ralston Martin The Kingdom of the Cults Cover of the first editionAuthorWalter Ralston MartinCountryUnited StatesLanguageEnglishSubjectNew of religious movementsPublie1965Media typePrint (Hard cover and paperback)Pages703 (revised edition 2003)ISBN978-0764228216 The Kingdom of Cults, first published in 1965, is a reference book of the Christian counter-cult movement in the United States, written by Baptist minister and counter-cultist Walter Ralston Martin. [1] Starting in 2019, the book is in its sixth updated edition (hardback ISBN 9780764232657). Summary Martin examines a large number of new religious movements; includes major groups such as Christian Science, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrongism, Theosophy, Baha'i Faith, Unitarian Universalism, Scientology, as well as minor groups, including various New Ages and groups based on Eastern religions. The beliefs of other world religions such as Islam and Buddhism are also discussed. It covers the history and teachings of each group, and contrasts them with those of mainstream Christianity, from a resolutely critical and evangelical point of view. [1] Martin a cult such as a group of people gathered about a specific person — or a person's misinterpretation of the Bible, while admitting that despite distorting Scripture, the teachings of these groups may contain considerable truths that have biblical support but have become de-emphasized by mainstream Christianity, such as divine healing and prophecy. [1] Influence and reception In 1989, The The Cults had sold more than 500,000 copies and was one of the ten best-selling American spiritual books. The book has been described as being considered by evangelicals as the authoritative reference work on major religious systems for nearly 40 years. [3] However, he was criticized by members of some of the groups he discusses, particularly Mormons, upset that their faith should be labeled a cult. [3] [4] [5] There have been several editions over the years with some changes. In the 1985 edition, the Nation of Islam was not mentioned, and in the 2003 edition it was presented in a chapter on Islam itself. After Martin's death, a revised and expanded edition was published that listed Ravi K. Zacharias as co-author. [7] References - a b c Michael J. McManus, Eulogy for the godfather of the anti-cult movement, obituary in The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, VA, August 26, 1989, p. 8. 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Nova Religio. 13 (3): 128–131. doi:10.1525/nr.2010.13.3.128. Excerpt from © 1996-2015, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates Start your review of The Kingdom of the Cults: The Definitive Work on the Subject I first heard about Walter Martin while seeking to learn more about Jehovah's Witnesses. In this search, I was not disappointed by what I found. This piece is a work to which every believer should have access as a resource. Martin gives a long history of cults in general before proceeding to give stories about the great cults in today's society. It breaks down what each organization believes in Jesus Christ, the Bible and key orthodox issues. In doing so, it shows how they differ from those I first heard of Walter Martin while seeking to learn more about Jehovah's Witnesses. In this search, I was not disappointed by what I found. This piece is a work to which every believer should have access as a resource. 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Supported by capable theologians such as Athanase, Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, the Fathers of the Church, the Cappadocian Fathers, and many others, the Church stood her ground. This book may not be in the same position as the ancient beliefs of ancient times, but it highlights the differences of the different cults of Christianity. Martin gives us a lot of historical analysis so that we understand the context; theological assessment and comparison; and how we could respond in apologetic contrast. The concern is that the Church as a whole is less and less able to discern cults. Not only do we embrace them openly, at the risk of compromising our beliefs. That is a concern. This manual also serves as a book of for the language and vocabulary we need to understand. Even basic terms such as sin, guilty, justification need to be redefined. With a good understanding of terminology, we would then be able to ask questions about what people mean when they use certain semantics. It is not surprising that even Christians themselves to give a definition themselves. That is why this book is not only about understanding cults, it is also understanding what we believe. We learn the psychological structure of worship. A good point is to learn not to use the terms we know to start an argument. Instead, the way to interact is to learn to communicate love and sincerity in a climate of theologically conditioned reflex. Some crucial notes to remember are: Cults tend to be characterized by closed mind so that we should lower our expectations; They tend to practice authentic antagonism towards dominant Christian beliefs to the point of rejecting even the believer; The way forward would be to differentiate theology from the person; (aka don't take it personally); The members of the sect see it as their call to save us; There is a sense of isolationism among the different cults;... A valuable part of the book lies not in the details, but in the subtle psychological inclinations among the cults. Some observations are of great concern, such as that of the Jehovah's Witnesses who see the Christian clergy with pure hatred and their concern for Armageddon. Former Mormons are subject to blatant discrimination. Christian Science is the modern Gnostic belief of separating reality from the spiritual, so that any conversation about sin would be limited. The book covers spiritualism, theosophy, Bahai, unity, armstrongism, the Unification Church, Scientology, Unitarianism, Rosicruciaism, swedenborgianism, etc. Other religions include Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Eastern religions. Even Jesus according to cults are used and understood differently. Each chapter deals with a particular cult or religion with some quick facts, history, distinctive characteristics, comparative religious investigation, some key differences, followed by a conclusion. Each is a fascinating read. My thoughts first, there is both old and new material in this book. This classic textbook on the understanding of cults is now in its sixth edition. First published in 1965, it was a useful tool to enable Christians to learn more about the different variants of religious beliefs and cults. As many of us know, things change from time to time. After 55 years, it is necessary to update this book while preserving the format and intent of the original version. By using new material, readers familiar with the old edition would be able to easily compare and contrast past and present. Jesus has already told us that false prophets and erroneous beliefs will come as soon as possible. I appreciate the updates that help us stay in tune with the changes. It is important because it puts our credibility at stake. Second, recognize that the cults and beliefs of the new age are not new. That is why we must be vigilant. With each changing generation, beliefs and focus also change. Lest we go on a foolsh fool it is relevant to remember the words of Dr. Jan Van Baalen, that cults are the unpaid bills of the Church. This is because the Church has somehow failed to address concerns appropriately, which has led to the proliferation of religious beliefs. We have a lot to learn. Before we can oppose anything, we would need to know what we believe. We need to understand the concerns of those who oppose our beliefs. We have to let the scriptures speak. Unfortunately, many are still complacent about the Christian faith. Third, the best defense is always the Word of God. Well understood, we would have an answer against all forms of theological attacks. I must congratulate the author for the amount of homework and resources he has collected to show us that things in the book are not only what he said, but what he had meticulously collected from official sources. Just take a look at the bibliography of each cult or religious belief involved and you would be amazed. Anyone who wants to research cults will see this book as a useful primer. Walter Martin is the author of a dozen books and articles, particularly in the field of comparative religion. He was also the founder and director of the Christian Research Institute, an organization charged with equipping believers to meet the challenge of worship through apologetics and education. He has four earned degrees. Martin died on June 26, 1989.Rating: 4.25 stars of 5.conradeThis book was provided courtesy of Bethany House Publishers and NetGalley without needing a positive review. All of the opinions mentioned above are my own, unless otherwise or implied. ... More The sixth edition of Walter Martin's The Kingdom of Cults is the definitive reference for evangelical Christians who want to understand the great cults - what they believe, and even how to approach the ministry to them. Although it is somewhat academic in nature, the book is still the best reference available today, of a very complete nature, treating the subject with care and biblically and with solid research. More importantly, the book begins by defining what a cult is, and then proceeds to explain Walter Martin's sixth edition The Kingdom of Cults is the definitive reference for evangelical Christians who want to understand the great cults - what they believe, and even how to approach ministry to them. 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The opinions expressed are my own. ... more groups that claim to worship the same God than Christians have been around for a long time. Often they share similarities with Christianity, but they also stick to beliefs that are very different, and spiritually dangerous. In The Kingdom of Cults, 13 cults are described in depth, and 4 others are also examined. This is a revised edition of Walter Martin's work, written to include updates on the original. The history of every cult, founders and other important people, and how their groups who claim to worship the same God that Christians have been around for a long time. Often they share similarities with Christianity, but they also stick to beliefs that are very different, and spiritually dangerous. In The Kingdom of Cults, 13 cults are described in depth, and 4 others are also examined. This is a revised edition of Walter Martin's work, written to include updates on the original. The history of each cult, founders and other important people, and how their doctrines differ from Christianity are described. Answers on what the Bible says about false doctrines are given so that you can be ready if you ever have the opportunity to speak with a member of the sect. Although it focuses on cults, there is more than that. Ways to identify a cult, how to be careful when talking to a member of the sect, so that you do not lose the opportunity to share the gospel with them, and other general information is included. This is not a book that most people can sit and read throughout. It is vast and full of information. Even with all the information, it is well organized and easy to understand. It is written so that you do not need to have a theology degree to use it. Knowing how cults differ in their beliefs allows you to be better able to recognize problems and talk with people about them. I received a free copy from the publisher through NetGalley. All opinions are mine. ... more informative and written in a way that is easy to understand. Great resource when searching for different cults. Cults.

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