

*“Therefore if any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

II Corinthians 5:17

Armstrongism professes to tell the plain truth, but it is not at all truth. This sect is fundamentally unsound. This sect's heavy emphasis on prophecy is completely misleading. Armstrong claims to be the only true leader in the world. But, he is one of the satanic counterfeits. The Holy Bible warns of such false apostles and deceitful workers:

*“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of CHRIST. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”*

II Corinthians 11:13-15

## **12.8 THE UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY**

This is one of the largest and the worst gnostic cults of the 20th century. They think that they have the spiritual knowledge, but they have not. They think that they have the knowledge of spiritual things, but they have not. They think that they have the knowledge of spiritual matters, but they have not. They pervert the doctrine of the Trinity. They divide JESUS and CHRIST.

They pervert the Word of the living GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. They pervert the ways of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. They pervert the glorious Gospel of CHRIST. Those who pervert the Gospel of CHRIST will be accursed.

The apostle Paul severely warns those who are turning to a different gospel, and those who are perverting the Gospel of CHRIST. Paul warns,

*“I marvel that ye are so soon removed (turning away) from HIM that called you into the grace of CHRIST unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of CHRIST.*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

*As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed (eternally condemned).”*

Galatians 1:6-9

## 12.9 THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

This is also one of the worst cults of the 19th century. It was founded by a married woman. Their fundamental doctrine is called 'The Great Controversy'. The name of their doctrine itself reveals that the Seventh-Day Adventists' doctrine is a great controversial one, and that it is a doctrine of devils (demons), and that it is a doctrine of great apostasy. **Apostasy** is the deliberate and permanent rejection of the Christian faith and Christianity. Their doctrine of great apostasy comes through a hypocritical liar, whose conscience has been seared with a hot iron. The devils (demons) expound their doctrines, not directly, but indirectly through such people, especially through such human ministers.

Also the name of their doctrine itself shows that the Seventh-Day Adventists are a great controversial people and they are giving heed to deceiving spirits and they have no faith in the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST and they are not the godly people and they are not the saved people and they are not willing to be saved.

Paul, the apostle's predictions of the great apostasy about the latter times are true and he warns,

*“Now the spirit speaketh expressly (clearly), that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing (deceiving) spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”*

I Timothy 4:1-2

The Seventh-Day Adventists mainly insist on the observance of the Seventh-Day Sabbath. The main positions taken by them are as follows:

(1) Sabbath-keeping is commanded in the Decalogue (The Ten Commandments).

(2) The Decalogue is binding on all men for all time.

(3) The churches have changed a seventh-day for a first-day Sabbath.

(4) Sabbath-keeping in addition to faith is essential to salvation.

The Holy Scriptures, the Holy Bible, does not support these things. So, we believe not for the following reasons:

(1) Sabbath-keeping was given on no nation other than Israel, to whom it was given as a sign from GOD (Exodus 31:13, 17) and as a memorial of Egyptian bondage and GOD's deliverance (Deuteronomy 5:12-15).

(2) In the Decalogue we look for essential things or principles. The Christian 'LORD's Day' upholds the principles of rest and worship. In this the Jewish Sabbath was set aside. The LORD's Day reminds believers of their new creation and deliverance from bondage through the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST on the LORD's Day or the First day.

(3) The Decalogue is connected with the Old Covenant, while we are now under the New Covenant (Galatians 3:24-25; 5:13-14; II Corinthians 3:7-11; Hebrews 8:9).

***“In that HE saith, A new covenant, HE hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”***

Hebrews 8:13

(4) In the New Testament, each commandment of the Decalogue is reiterated and expanded in its application, except the fourth relating to Sabbath (Romans 14:1-7; Galatians 4:10-11; Colossians 2:14-17). The Holy Bible gives exhaustive lists of sins, but in not one of them does first-day observance appear.

(5) Sabbath-keeping is expressly stated to be not obligatory on Christians.

***“Let no man therefore judge you ... in respect of ... the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; ...”***

Colossians 2:16-17

(6) When the question of the great commandment in the law was brought before our LORD JESUS CHRIST, HE summarized all the law and the prophets in two commandments. HE said,

***“Thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”***

St. Matthew 22:37-40

(7) When the subject of law observance was brought before the council at Jerusalem, the only matters stipulated to be observed were: abstaining from food offered to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication (Acts 15:29), and it is clearly stated,

***“It seemed good to the HOLY GHOST (the HOLY SPIRIT), and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”***

Acts 15:28

(8) In Galatians, the apostle Paul denounces those Jewish Christians who wanted to supplement the gospel faith with Jewish legalism. The observance of 'days' is one of the marks of this legalism.

***“Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.”***

Galatians 4:10-11

(9) In Colossians, the apostle Paul classes the Sabbath as an integral part of a disappeared law which CHRIST nailed to HIS cross.

***“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to HIS cross.”***

Colossians 2:14

'The handwriting of ordinances' means 'the laws of Old Testament'.

Thus, the Jewish sabbath was neglected by the church in favour of the LORD's Day, and the Old Covenant was superseded by the New Covenant.

Following the death and resurrection of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Feast of Passover (Leviticus 23:4-5) was superseded by the LORD's Supper (I Corinthians 11:20); the Feast of First-fruits (Leviticus 23:10-14) was superseded by Easter, the festival of the resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST (St. Luke 24:5-8); the Feast of

Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:15-16) was superseded by the Feast of the descent of the HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:1-4); and the observance of the old Sabbath day was superseded by the observance of the LORD's Day, the first day of the week in commemoration of the resurrection of CHRIST (St. Matthew 28:1-6).

After HIS resurrection, HE met with HIS disciples on the first day (St. John 20:19); and again a week later, HE met with them on the first day (St. John 20:26). It was on the first day of the week, the day of Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT descended to constitute the church. This was the history of the birth of the LORD's Day.

The Seventh-Day Adventists falsely claim that the keepers of the seventh day have 'the seal of GOD' while the observers of the first day have 'the mark of the beast'. Now, at this juncture, it would be reasonable to ask them the following questions concerning their own Sabbath-keeping.

1. Do they keep the whole of the law strictly themselves?
2. Do they stone any who gather sticks on the Sabbath?  
See Numbers 15:32-36.
3. Do they kindle a fire on the Sabbath? See Exodus 35:1-3.
4. Do they observe the other Sabbaths of Israel?
5. Do they observe circumcision which is the other covenant sign between them and GOD? See Genesis 17:10-12.

If not, the curse of GOD will rest on them.

*“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.”*

Galatians 3:10

## **12.10 THE SALVATION ARMY**

This is also one of the cults of the 19th century. It was started to help poor people. 'Saved to Save' is its fundamental doctrine. But they are not the saved. They do not know anything about the saved or anything about salvation or anything about baptism or anything about the Word of GOD. So, they totally deny and neglect baptism.

Its ministers wear military uniforms and they have military ranks. Men and women are working in this army. Men and women have military ranks. When joining in this army, they sign in the 'Salvation

Army Articles of War'. Now, GOD wants all of them to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth about JESUS CHRIST, our Saviour (I Timothy 2:4).

### **12.11 CHRISTADELPHIANISM**

This is also one of the worst cults of the 19th century. It denies and rejects most of the fundamentals of the Word of GOD. It denies the Scriptural doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It denies the person of the HOLY SPIRIT. It denies that CHRIST is the eternal GOD. It ridicules the Scriptural doctrine of the substitutionary atonement of CHRIST. It denies the Rapture—the LORD catching HIS people to the FATHER'S House. Christadelphians have no assurance of salvation themselves. Beware of Christadelphians.

### **12.12 ARMINIANISM AND CALVINISM**

**Arminianism** is a theological doctrine of the Dutch theologian, Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609), and subsequently developed by his followers, which differs widely on the five basic points of **Calvinism**, the theological doctrine of John Calvin, a French Protestant Reformer (1509-1564) which lays special stress on the sovereignty of GOD in the conferring of grace. Calvin says there is no freewill. This is completely wrong. His tenets are causing great confusion. Calvinism's surprising Catholic connection is awful. Now, Arminianism says:

1. Atonement is granted universally.
2. Predestination is not absolute; it is only conditional.
3. Believers have the inherent power to resist the advances of sin, but may fall from grace.
4. For all human efforts the support of divine grace is required, but it need not be irresistible in man.
5. Regeneration is possible with the aid of the HOLY SPIRIT. Collectively the emphasis on these GOD and man relations indicates the need and existence of the freedom of man's will.

The Arminians called themselves Remonstrants and established an independent church and their views were shared by the Methodists. The followers of John Calvin are called Calvinists and they are of different types with different confused doctrines.

The debate regarding Arminianism and Calvinism falls along five simple lines that we call T.U.L.I.P.: Total depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace and Perseverance of the saints—the acronym TULIP. Let us focus on the Biblical foundations of this acronym.

Man is **totally depraved**. Man's **total depravity** is an ugly concept that divides the church as no other doctrinal teaching in regards to salvation. Man is totally depraved means that every human being is sinful and they are incapable of saving or redeeming themselves. Total depravity means that everyone is by virtue of their own free will and their own power and their own choices, incapable of salvation or redemption. But Arminianism wrongly says that "man is capable". The Holy Bible clearly says that we are dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1), and dead people cannot make themselves alive and they have no capacity within themselves to get salvation or redemption.

In the case of **unconditional election**, the Holy Bible teaches that the people who are saved are saved because they were chosen by the will of GOD apart from their own merit. But Arminianism wrongly holds that the people are saved and redeemed by acts of their own will.

Now, **election** is a wonderful doctrine and a marvellous promise. Election is required for anyone to be saved. It is a necessary part of GOD's magnificent salvation plan for mankind. A corollary doctrine in the Holy Bible of GOD's elective plan is **predestination**. Election ensures success as we bring the gospel of GOD's salvation. Through the gospel message, GOD will seek and save those whom HE has predestined to be saved. HE will call them; HE will justify them; and HE will glorify them (Romans 8:30). This is the absolute promise of GOD. This is unconditional election. The doctrine of election and predestination is wonderful. The doctrine of election and predestination does not foster fatalism. What a wonderful doctrine it is!

Further, man desperately wants to be sovereign in his own right, which was the nature of Lucifer (Satan, the devil) when he fell into sin. By man's nature it is reprehensible to him to acknowledge the

sovereignty of GOD. However, the doctrine of unconditional election, underscores that GOD is sovereign and GOD's will concerning salvation or redemption is completely sovereign.

Again, in the case of **limited atonement** or **particular atonement**, CHRIST's payment at the cross was effective for only those who were elect of GOD. There was no provision made for those who would not believe on HIM. But Arminianism wrongly says that everybody's sins have been paid for, all across the world, whether people believe or not.

Moreover, in the case of **irresistible grace**, GOD irresistibly draws us to HIMSELF and we are saved by the grace of GOD alone. When the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD works on the heart of a sinner, the sinner cannot resist. But Arminianism wrongly says that the sinner can resist.

Furthermore, in the case of **perseverance of the saints**, the last in the five points, is the concept that if we are saved (St. Matthew 24:13), we are going to persevere to glory. Perseverance of the saints is also called **Eternal Security**. But Arminianism does not accept this Eternal Security.

In view of the above facts, anyone can very well understand that Arminianism is not Biblical and it is not Christian.

Arminius was one of the false teachers. And now there are a variety of false teachers. Their sphere—they will be among the people and among the church. Their secrecy—they will secretly bring in the church destructive heresies. Their sacrilege—they will deny their heavenly Master, the LORD JESUS CHRIST who bought them. Their success—many will follow their pernicious ways. Their sensuality—their habitual sexual immorality and unrestrained debauchery. Their stigma—the way of truth will be blasphemed and slandered and defamed by them. Their ulterior motive—in their greed (an uncontrolled and covetous desire for money and wealth) they will exploit people with false and deceptive words. Their end—they will bring swift destruction on themselves.

*“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the LORD that bought them,*

*and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: ...”*

II Peter 2:1-3

## **12.13 FREEMASONRY**

Freemasonry is a worldwide secret society or semi-secret society or brotherhood. Masons deny that Freemasonry is a religion. However, they admit that it is religious. Freemasonry source is heathenish source. Freemasonry's rules, symbols, and rites are much the same as the ancient mysteries of paganism. But, some rites are exclusively for professing Christians. Some of the degrees in Masonry are supposed to be the continuation of orders dating back to the old Crusades. There are thirty-three degrees, through each of which a Mason must pass before he attains the secrets of the Mystic Shrine. Masons are sworn to secrecy. Our LORD JESUS has said,

*“Swear not at all; neither by heaven; ... nor by the earth; ...”*

St. Matthew 5:34-35

Masonry claims to fit men for 'The Grand Lodge Above'. But, in the above there is no such lodge. Masons have first of all the social fellowship for which the hearts of all evil men crave (Proverbs 21:10). In the gatherings of their lodge, their social instincts are satisfied.

Charles G. Finney was the greatest evangelist of the first half of the 19th century and he himself was an ex-Mason. In writing against the Freemasonry, he said:

"The fact is that Freemasonry is the most anomalous, absurd and abominable institution that can exist in a Christian country; and is on the face of it, from the fact that it will not allow its principles to be discussed and divulged, a most dangerous thing in human society".

Many churchgoers have become involved in the Masons, and they claim that Masonry is Christian! What a dangerous thing it is!

Freemasonry is incompatible with (not suited for association with) Christianity while it pays lip service to a god; it is not the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST of the Holy Bible.

### 12.14 HUMANISM—HUMANISTS

Humanism is one of the worst cults. Humanists are the ugly cults. Humanism is contrary to the Word of GOD. It wrongly teaches that there is no life after death. So, humanists wrongly advocate everyone to find the ugly life of the flesh here and now. They wrongly advocate sexual activities and promiscuities for the young, as well as the old. They wrongly advocate free use of pornography and drugs. They wrongly endorse prostitution, homosexuality, lesbianism, miscarriage, and abortion. So, they are hostile to morality, and they are hostile to Christianity.

Humanists are the immoral people. Sexual immorality and all other abuses are their final goal. So, they do not like to retain GOD in their knowledge. They have no fear of GOD. They have no fear about judgment or hell. Hence, GOD gives them up to all forms of uncleanness and its consequences; and HE gives them up to all forms of sexual depravity and its consequences; and HE gives them over to a debased mind to do those things which are not fitting (Romans 1:24-32). So, if they do not repent of their sins, they will be destroyed in hell, the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

*“Whose end is destruction, ... and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”*

Philippians 3:19

### 12.15 THEOSOPHY

Theosophy is one of the worst cults of the 19th century. Theosophists are the mystical cults. It was also founded by a married woman. Their teaching is based on mystical insight. They attempt to get union with GOD through ecstasy and contemplation without reference to the Holy Word of GOD. Theosophy is anti-Scriptural, for the Holy Scriptures clearly teach that

*“He that is of GOD heareth (hears) GOD’s Words: ...”*

St. John 8:47

### 12.16 HINDU-BUDDHIST CULTS

These cults have made inroads among young people in the West. Exposure to demonic influences, promiscuous sex and use of drugs

have damaged many lives. The Holy Bible clearly teaches that our LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST came to call these sinners to repentance.

*“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

St. Luke 5:32

## **12.17 ROMAN CATHOLICISM—THE CULT OF MARY**

*“Howbeit in vain do they worship ME, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*

St. Mark 7:7

Most people, including Catholics, do not know that the Catholic religion is the worst cult of Mary. Much of the world's idolatry includes the mother-child cult. In Catholic religion also there is the mother-child cult of Madonna-Child cult. The Catholic religion propagates a false religious system (apostasy) and oppresses GOD's people (the saved). Molestations are not new to Catholic priesthood. People just happen to hear a number of scandals lately.

In Catholic religion, there are multiple gods (now called saints or angels), goddess (Mary) and statues. Roman Catholics have also a Pope god. They have so many Marys and so many apparitions of Marys. Mary worship is their main goddess worship. No one should worship the fake gods or goddesses of Romanism or Roman Catholicism. Everyone should worship the real LORD JESUS, the LORD JESUS of the Holy Bible, not the one of men's wicked imaginations and counsels and synods.

The mass—the heart of Roman Catholicism, is blasphemous, heretical and damnable. It is filled with heresies, paganism, pantheism and mysticism. Roman Catholic church and its auxiliary churches (Latin Catholic, etc.), are not Christian. These are no churches.

Modern Protestants have completely forgotten what a Roman Catholic was and what a Roman Catholic is and what a Roman Catholic will be. They wrongly consider Roman Catholic as church. Hence, the modern ideas and beliefs of **Protestantism** tend to coincide with Roman Catholicism. What an awful thing it is!

Most of the modern Pentecostals have also completely forgotten what a Protestant was and what a Protestant is. The modern idea that

**Pentecostalism** coincides with Protestantism is wrong because Pentecostalism is part of Protestantism and not a substitute for it.

Everyone should worship the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST and HIM only should everyone serve (St. Matthew 4:10). Mary worship and other worships anger GOD (Psalm 16:4). Mary never saves souls (Psalm 116:8; 121:7). Mary is not a co-redeemer; there is no co-redeemer (Acts 4:12). Mary did not remain a virgin after she had given birth to her first-born Son, JESUS (St. Matthew 1:25).

At this juncture, everyone should remember the mystery about Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth (Revelation 17:5). The Holy Bible says she's a mother—the one conceiving, gestating, reproducing, delivering and rearing harlots, whores, sodomites, homosexuals, lesbians and all other abominations. Let him/her who has understanding understand the mystery.

*“The LORD is ... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

II Peter 3:9

## **12.18 CAN CHRISTIANS (THE SAVED) REMAIN CATHOLICS ?**

Can Christians or the saved remain Catholics? Can Christians or the saved remain in the Roman Catholic church?

Its worship is idolatrous. Its dogmas condemn Christians. Its rituals are rooted in paganism. Its authority is not divine. Its doctrines are demonic. Its teachings deny CHRIST. It advocates Mariolatry. Thus, Roman Catholics are not Christians. They are cults. Hence, the Roman Catholic church is one of the worst cults.

The Holy Bible, the Holy Scriptures, does not teach Mariolatry—Mary worship. It presents Mary as blessed. But a Saviour is needed for a sinner. So Mary said,

*“My soul doth magnify the LORD, And my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my Saviour. For HE hath regarded the low estate of HIS handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”*

St. Luke 1:46-48

Can Catholics be saved? Of course, they can. But, if they are saved they should leave the Roman Catholic church, for no

Christian can pray to Mary; no Christian can pray to the saints; no Christian can pray to the angels; no Christian can partake of the Mass, for CHRIST died once for all; and no Christian can go to a priest to ask forgiveness of sins, for CHRIST is the Forgiver of sins. Hence, no confessional is necessary. The saved should repudiate and separate from Romanism. They should repudiate and separate from Romanists' false teachings.

To repudiate and separate from the false teachings of various 'isms' and 'cults', we need godly wisdom, which is not earthly or sensual or devilish (James 3:15). We need much wisdom, the wisdom from above which is

*“...pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”*

James 3:17

This is a deep spiritual matter, and spiritual things must be "spiritually discerned" (I Corinthians 2:14). We need the wisdom and grace of the HOLY SPIRIT to repudiate and separate from false teachings of various 'isms' and 'cults'.

At the present time, 'cults' and 'isms' are growing more and more. The Illuminati, a body of Satan worshippers formed in 1776, merged with Freemasonry in 1782. Their common objective is to establish a new world order. So, they work towards one world government, one world religion, and one world economy. Billy Graham was selected for membership by the Illuminati to promote and bring about a global church based in Rome. Most of the Christians, and non-Christians, are totally unaware of Billy Graham's antichrist position. They do not know of his strange, unscriptural false teachings and statements. The kingdom of heaven is not for any preacher, or priest, or pastor, or prophet, or apostle, or evangelist, or self-professed Christian, but "he that doeth the will of MY FATHER which is in heaven" (St. Matthew 7:21) only will enter into the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of GOD. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

## **12.19 NEW AGE**

The New Age Movement is one of the worst cults. It is connected with a way of life that rejects modern Western values and is based

on astrology, eastern mysticism, reincarnation, self-awareness, Western occultism, etc. New Age travellers are some people in Britain who reject the values of modern society and travel from place to place, living in their vehicles.

New Agers reject the glorious salvation by GOD's grace through faith in JESUS CHRIST who paid for all our sins by HIS great suffering and death on the cross (Ephesians 2:8-9; St. John 3:16).

The New Age Movement is preparing people to recognize and receive the coming world ruler, the antichrist. It fits the description of the antichrist's religion—a rejection of the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST and the declaration that self is GOD. Its philosophy is against all Christian beliefs. New Agers have a pantheistic belief. So, they claim to embrace all beliefs and all religions. Astrology also plays an important role in the New Age beliefs. All these beliefs are against GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. So, these unwanted beliefs are sins.

Our LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST is very eager to save these New Agers also. So, they should repent, turn to GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and do works befitting repentance.

*“...They should repent and turn to GOD, and do works meet for repentance.”*

Acts 26:20

## **12.20 SCIENTOLOGY**

This is one of the worst cults based on the acquisition of a good knowledge of oneself and spiritual fulfilment through courses of study and training. But, no one can attain spiritual fulfilment through these theological courses of study and training; no one can attain spiritual fulfilment based on getting a knowledge of himself/herself or by one's own ability, effort or behaviour.

The Holy Bible, the Holy Word of GOD, says,

*“...Ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service (sensible worship).”*

Romans 12:1

This shows that Christian life begins with total commitment and irrevocable presentation of our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and

acceptable to GOD, since our bodies have been instruments of sin. Again, we must present not only our bodies but also our soul and spirit a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to GOD, to keep our whole spirit, soul, and body blameless, unreprouvable, irreproachable, faultless and guiltless, spotless and blemishless at the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

***“... Your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.”***

I Thessalonians 5:23

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST not only saves us through HIM, but HE also gives us the faith to believe on HIM. If we pray to HIM, HE will give us the faith in HIM (JESUS CHRIST) as our Saviour.

***“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD.”***

Ephesians 2:8

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST works particularly through the Holy Bible, the Holy Word of GOD, to give us that faith. So, give heed to it with all your heart; hear and study the Holy Bible faithfully.

***“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of GOD.”***

Romans 10:17

Scientologists are not spiritual people. They are natural people. Now, the natural man (the fleshly man or an unspiritual man) without the Spirit of GOD does not accept the things of the Spirit of GOD, for they are foolishness to him and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The natural man does not accept the truth in his heart, since he has no spiritual discernment. He does not have the ability to sift the facts. This spiritual discernment is produced only by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD.

***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of GOD: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”***

I Corinthians 2:14

Now, these theological courses of study and training defy the things of the Spirit of GOD. They defy the spiritual things. They defy the spiritual matters. The theological courses of study and training bear bad and bitter fruits. These bad and bitter fruits of humanistic

philosophies (ideals) are now being harvested in moral decay, widespread drug abuse, mindless violence, rejection of authority, disorientation, spiritual vulnerability, etc. These theological courses of study and training by the exposure to demonic influences damage and kill many precious lives.

**Mysticism** is an anti-Scriptural belief. Scientologists are mystics. Scientologists are cult promoters. The cults—Christian Science, Mormonism, JEHOVAH's Witnesses, Scientology, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Theosophy have originated in the United States of America. Mysticism is greatly found in these cults. Thus, the USA is greatly under these cults or sects. A pagan culture is found in the USA. Most of the US people have no real knowledge of the contents of the Holy Bible. A respect for the Holy Bible without a knowledge of or obedience to its divine contents and an interest in Christianity without a holiness to suggest it are some of the devastating things in the USA. Humanists, homosexuals, lesbians, new age enthusiasts, pro-choice abortionists and such other aberrant groups are growing more and more in the USA. Thus, the inscription on every US Coin, '**In GOD We Trust**' has no reality, and it is fading fast. Atheists are growing more and more in the UK. What a sorrowful thing it is!

**Occultism** is the practice of knowing and using evil spirits. Witchcraft, divination, and sorcery are types of occultism. These evil practices are strongly forbidden by the Holy Bible, the Holy Scriptures. See Deuteronomy 18:10-12; II Chronicles 33:1-6. The USA is also under this occultism. The US people are interested in the occult practices. But, our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST hates these sinful practices. No people should follow occultism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

Now, everyone must understand these cults and cultists. All people must safeguard themselves from these cults and cultists, by the grace and guidance of our LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. When we beg HIM to forgive us, we glorify HIM, and we will be safeguarded. When we ask and believe, we glorify HIM, and we will be safeguarded.

Only the Holy Bible, the Holy Word of GOD, teaches us the Scriptural belief. It teaches us that he who is of GOD hears GOD's Words.

*“He that is of GOD heareth GOD’s Words: ...”*

St. John 8:47

Further, the Holy Bible, the Holy Scriptures, says,

*“...They have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, ...”*

II Peter 2:20

Now, by acquiring a knowledge of yourself, you cannot escape the pollutions of the world. But, only through the knowledge of the LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, you can escape the pollutions of the world. Thus, Scientologists and other cults cannot escape the pollutions or sins of the world by getting a knowledge of themselves. Scientologists and other cults will face destruction for lacking in the true spiritual wisdom. Because they have rejected the knowledge of the LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, HE will also reject them.

*“MY people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ...”*

Hosea 4:6

At this juncture, I boldly give you the same warning of the apostle John, the personal follower and witness of CHRIST. He warns,

*“We are of GOD: he that knoweth (knows) GOD heareth (hears) us; he that is not of GOD heareth not (does not hear) us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*

I John 4:6

‘The spirit of error’ is ‘the spirit of deceit or the spirit of falsehood’.

## **12.21 THE CHRISTIAN MIND SHOULD NEVER BE SEDUCED**

Various isms seduce the Christian mind. They affect us individually as believers and corporately as the church.

**In heathenism**, some people have found their main root in the worship of dead ancestors; some people have found their main root in the deification of animals—cats, rats, bulls, cows, lions, jackals, crocodiles, snakes, and the rest; and some people have found their main root in the belief in a vast world of evil spirits. The evil spirits show mysterious dreams; the evil spirits suggest mysterious experiences; the evil spirits dwell in trees or animals or human beings; and the evil spirits move in springs and rivers and wind and storm. The heathens should believe the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD

JESUS CHRIST. HE is the Saviour; HE is the Redeemer; HE is the Mediator; HE is the Way, the Truth and the Life. No Christians should follow heathenism and their mind should never be trapped into seduction.

**Anti-authoritarianism** wholly usurps the authority of GOD. Many people, especially many church leaders and their believers are influenced by anti-authoritarianism. They reject the authority of the church; they refuse to submit to the authority of the Word of GOD; they refuse to submit to GOD; they have a self-centred, rather than a Christ-centred, concept of the gospel; they lack humility in the presence of GOD; they have a reduced concept of their own sinfulness; they have a reduced concept of salvation, thinking GOD's grace is cheap and easy; and they have a reduced concept of GOD, the holiness of GOD. Anti-authoritarianism is the doctrine of the devils. No Christians should follow anti-authoritarianism and their mind should never be trapped into seduction.

**Antinomianism** is also the doctrine of the devils. The logic of antinomianism is:

"If we are saved by grace through faith, and if GOD no longer takes our sin into account, and sin can no longer condemn us to hell, then it doesn't matter if we sin". The Holy Bible clearly says:

*"...The soul that sinneth (sins), it shall die."*

Ezekiel 18:4

*"For the wages of sin is death; ..."*

Romans 6:23

'Death' means 'the second death, the fiery lake of burning sulphur'.

No Christians should follow antinomianism and their mind should never be trapped into seduction.

**Evolutionism** throws GOD completely out. It has no basic principles. Evolutionism, the atheistic theory has been completely disproved. No Christians should follow evolutionism and their mind should never be trapped into seduction.

**Existentialism** discards the anchor of GOD's Word. It seeks mystical things. It does not seek the factual things. No absolute truth is found in existentialism. No Christians should follow existentialism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Faithism** is putting faith in our faith. It does not see merit in faith, the gift of GOD. But, it sees merit in human endeavour. No Christians should follow faithism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Hedonism** is the belief that worldly or fleshly pleasure is the most important thing in life. In hedonism, sinful lusts dictate. No Christians should follow hedonism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Legalism** is despising the gift of GOD's grace. It teaches about human effort. This is common to all other religions and cults. It does not teach about the gift of GOD's grace. Only by the gift of GOD's grace, anyone can be saved. Legalists observe the letter of the law rather than the Spirit. No Christians should follow legalism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Materialism** emphasizes on material objects and needs with little or no interest in spiritual things. It is pushing CHRIST fully out from our lives. No Christians should follow materialism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Mysticism** prefers anti-Scriptural inner impressions. It is fully against GOD's Holy Word. No Christians should follow mysticism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Nihilism** is total rejection of moral judgments or value statements. In Latin, 'nihil' means 'nothing'. Nihilism as well as postmodernism desperately says, 'there is nothing there to know—no meaning, no purpose, no reality'. No Christians should follow nihilism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Pantheism** is the worship or toleration of worship of all gods of various cults. Its basic concept is everything is god; god is everything. All New Age is pantheistic or monistic. No Christians should follow pantheism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Relativism** says: there is no absolute truth; there is no absolute right or wrong; and there is no absolute reality. It is fully against the Holy Word of GOD. No Christians should follow relativism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Secular humanism** is living in the absence of GOD. It exclusively concerns with human interests and human activities. The human being, not GOD, is the centre and measure of all things. No Christians should follow secular humanism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Subjectivism** is seeking truth in one's own mind and feelings. The difference between objective and subjective is the difference between facts and feelings. The Holy Bible says,

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”*

Proverbs 3:5

No Christians should follow subjectivism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Traditionalism** is covering completely the Word of GOD with human ideas. It is one of the original enemies of GOD's truth. So, everyone should learn to distinguish between harmful and harmless traditions. We should be CHRIST-centred in our understanding. No Christians should follow traditionalism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Pelagianism** is the theological doctrine of a fifth century British monk who denied Original Sin and the doctrine of divine grace. What a dangerous and untruthful doctrine it is! No Christians should follow Pelagianism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

**Word of Faith Teaching** is twisting the Word of GOD. Here we confront mysticism, faithism, New Age pantheism and visualization, subjectivism, hedonism, materialism, existentialism, legalism, anti-intellectualism, emotionalism, relativism, heathenism, anti-authoritarianism, evolutionism, antinomianism, traditionalism, nihilism, occultism and Christianized secular humanism, all merged together and masquerading as true Christianity. This teaching is fooling evangelical churches, Charismatic churches and so many other churches. Many televangelists are also fooling many people by this teaching. No Christians should follow this false teaching and their mind should not be trapped into seduction. The Christian mind should never be seduced.

No one should believe the ultimate cosmic consciousness of mormism. No one should believe the mystical god-within of pantheism and the New Age. No one should believe the fear-generating spirit gods of animism. No one should believe the man-made gods of idolaters. No one should believe the heathen gods. No one should believe the god of deism and Islam. Everyone should believe the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. HE is the ONLY GOD of Christianity. HE is the Light of the World and apart from HIM all people walk in darkness, sinful darkness. No one should believe any other god of any other religion.

**Shamanism** is a religion dominated by shamans, based essentially on magic, spiritism and sorcery. No Christians should follow shamanism and their mind should not be trapped into seduction.

## **12.22 APOSTOLIC AND EVANGELICAL AND CHARISMATIC AND PENTECOSTAL AND PROTESTANT CHAOS**

**Apostolic** teachings relating to the Roman Catholic church are filled with **apostasies** and blasphemies and this church is an **apostate** church of this world, filled with **apostates**.

**Evangelicals** are of three types: Evangelical Protestants, Evangelical Catholics and Evangelical Orthodox. These Evangelicals do not have a valid conversion or born-again experience. So, no one should follow these evangelicals.

**Charismatic Movement** is a lying movement that began in the United States in 1950s. Charismatics exercise **glossolalia**. In Greek, glossa means tongue; lalia means speech. They especially stress that all people speak in tongues in times of prayer. Their speaking in tongues is full of chaos and folly and pretence. Many so-called Pentecostals are also stressing all people should speak in tongues in times of prayer. Their speaking in tongues is also full of chaos and folly and pretence. Some Protestants are also stressing people speak in tongues in times of prayer. Their speaking in tongues is also full of chaos and folly and pretence. They even stress small children speak in tongues in times of prayer. What a sorrowful thing it is!

In the United States in 1995, the **Pensacola** revival, the counterfeit revival began with very strange things—the preacher couldn't walk, the preacher fell to the floor, the preacher knocking people out, unscriptural music, orchestrated meetings to heighten emotions,

bewitching, kids couldn't stop shaking even when they go to school, people falling out while simply introducing themselves, congregation being hypnotized by being told to keep looking at a banner (a big wavy flag), etc. None of this is found in the Holy Bible, the Good Book. It is 'like a false story straight out of the Holy Bible'. So, beware of this devilish parties (St. Matthew 7:15).

In the first century, on the day of Pentecost (on the 50th day of our LORD's resurrection), about 120 saved people (not the unsaved) including men and women, assembled together with one accord in prayer and supplication to be anointed by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD or to be baptized by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD (Acts 1:13-15). Their anointing by the HOLY SPIRIT is clearly explained in Acts 2:1-4.

When they were anointed by the HOLY SPIRIT, they spoke to GOD in tongues of the wonderful works of GOD (Acts 2:11); they spoke to GOD in tongues of the mysteries of GOD (I Corinthians 14:2); they spoke to GOD in tongues for their edification (I Corinthians 14:4); and they spoke to GOD in tongues for a sign, not to those who believe but to those who are unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:22). All things were done for edification (I Corinthians 14:26). All things were done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40).

On the day of Pentecost, when they were anointed by the HOLY SPIRIT, they never thudded their bodies to the floor; they never barked like dogs; they never oinked like pigs; they never laughed so hard by laughing their heads off; they never rolled around on the floor senselessly without knowing their nakedness; they never acted like the drunkards without any understanding; they never jumped up and down to some heart throbbing music. No seductive music or seductive lights seduced their mind. No women lifted up (upraised) their hands to showing their awkwardness (I Timothy 2:8).

Further, they never attempted to get rid of the evil spirit by knocking people down with a touch or push or press. They never told any false prophecy. They never did any kind of counterfeit miracles and signs. They never did any lying wonders (II Thessalonians 2:9). They never cheated anybody by calling some names of the known people. They never asked the people to practise or to speak in cheating tongues or false tongues like, "Thu-Thu-Thu; The-The-The". They never lied or cheated the people by such things. Charismatics

and many of the so-called Pentecostals and some Protestants as well are indulging in these abominable things. Our GOD is not the author of confusion but of peace (I Corinthians 14:33) and these things are certainly confusions and these things are certainly lunacies.

What was our LORD JESUS doing while HE was in this world? HE was preaching and teaching the kingdom of GOD and doing good works. HE asked HIS followers to wait and pray for the HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 1:4-5). What was Paul doing? He was preaching the gospel of GOD's salvation and asked the people to get anointed by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD (Acts 19:2).

Hell is not a laughing matter. What about Charismatic preachers and many so-called Pentecostal preachers and some Protestant preachers? Falling down in the pulpit, weeping and wailing falsely, laughing their heads off, slaying in the evil spirit—knocking people down with a touch or push or press, prophesying about worldly things, doing lying wonders and speaking in false tongues while nobody knows for what purpose they are doing such things. We certainly should not be laughing. The SPIRIT of CHRIST would not make us laugh.

Charismatics are not the saved people. Hence, Charismatic Christians are not Christians. Such Catholics, Evangelicals, Pentecostals and Protestants are also not the saved people. So, they are also not Christians. But if anyone seems to be contentious about these things, I want you to remember I Corinthians 11:16 where apostle Paul says,

*“But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of GOD.”*

I Corinthians 11:16

Now, at this juncture, I want you to remember the Word of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. HE says,

**“...He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.”**

St. Matthew 19:12

### **13. THE DEITY AND HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

The Holy Bible, the Holy Scriptures teaches JESUS CHRIST as having divine nature and human nature. Many false teachers (modern theologians and liberals) preach heresies concerning the deity and

humanity of JESUS CHRIST. Liberals are liberal Protestants (Church of England, Episcopalians, Orthodox, Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Assemblies of GOD, Church of GOD, the Pentecostal Mission, and a host of others), together with Roman Catholics, Charismatics, Ecumenicals, Evangelicals, Promise keepers, etc.

'**Cults**' and '**isms**' teach heresies concerning the deity and humanity of JESUS CHRIST. So we need to know the teachings of the Holy Scriptures on the deity and humanity of JESUS CHRIST.

### **13.1 THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST exists from the beginning as the WORD (St. John 1:1). HE is the TRUE GOD and eternal life (I John 5:20). HE is the great GOD (Titus 2:13). HE is the only wise GOD (Jude 25). HE is the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD (Ephesians 4:6). HE is the living GOD, and the eternal KING (Jeremiah 10:10). HE is the blessed and the only Potentate, the KING of kings and LORD of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto (I Timothy 6:15-16).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is GOD manifested in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16; Colossians 2:9). HE is GOD, the SON (Hebrews 1:8, 10). HE claims power (authority) in heaven and in earth (St. Matthew 28:18). HE claims power (authority) over all flesh (St. John 17:2). HE claims power (authority) over all nature (St. Matthew 8:23-27). HE claims power (authority) over all devils (St. Luke 4:35-41).

Our GOD, JESUS CHRIST is called the LORD (Acts 9:17; Romans 10:13). HE is called JEHOVAH (Exodus 6:3). HE is called the LORD JEHOVAH (Isaiah 12:2). HE is called CHRIST (MESSIAH), the SAVIOUR of the world (St. John 4:42). HE is called the REDEEMER of the world (Isaiah 49:26).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is called Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8, 11). HE is called the First and the Last (Revelation 1:11, 17). HE is called the Beginning and the End (Revelation 22:13).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty GOD, the Everlasting FATHER, and the Prince of Peace

(Isaiah 9:6). HE is called EMMANUEL (IMMANUEL)—GOD with us (St. Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST carried out divine works—the creation of the worlds (Hebrews 1:2), the creation of the angels, the human beings, etc. (Colossians 1:16-17). HE is the upholder of the universe (Hebrews 1:3).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST forgives our sins, which only GOD could do (St. Mark 2:5-7). HE saves us from sins, which only GOD could do (Acts 4:12). HE redeems us from sins, which only GOD could do (I Peter 1:18-19). HE cleanses (purifies) us from all sin by HIS most holy blood (I John 1:7). HE cleanses us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). HE washes us, HE sanctifies us and HE justifies us in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST (I Corinthians 6:11).

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SON OF GOD, acknowledged by GOD, the FATHER (Acts 13:33). HE is the SON OF GOD, acknowledged by the angels (St. Luke 2:10-13). HE is the SON OF GOD, acknowledged by the devils (St. Matthew 8:29). HE is the SON OF GOD, acknowledged by the apostles (men) (St. Matthew 16:15-17; Acts 4:33). HE is the SON OF GOD, acknowledged by HIMSELF (St. John 5:25).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST accepted worship from angels (Hebrews 1:6). HE accepted worship from men (St. Matthew 8:2). HE accepted worship from all creatures (Revelation 5:13). Likewise, HE accepts worship from angels; HE accepts worship from men; HE accepts worship from all creatures. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST claims HIMSELF to be GOD (St. John 10:30). HE possesses all the attributes of GOD (St. John 14:9). HE is 'I AM' which can be claimed only by GOD (St. John 8:58).

Baptism is administered in HIS name (in the name of the SON) also (St. Matthew 28:19). Benediction is given in HIS name (in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST) also (II Corinthians 13:14).

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST has divine attributes and moral attributes of GOD. HE is omniscient (St. John 16:30). HE is omnipresent (I Corinthians 1:2). HE is omnipotent (Romans 4:17). HE is Sovereign (Philippians 2:9-11). HE is holy (St. Luke 4:34).

HE is sinless and guileless (I Peter 2:22). HE is righteous (I John 2:1). HE is faithful (Revelation 1:5). Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

### **13.2 THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST had human ancestry (St. Luke 3:23-38; St. Matthew 1:1-17). HE had a human birth (Galatians 4:4). HE was the WORD manifested in the flesh (St. John 1:14). HE was given human names, viz., JESUS and CHRIST JESUS (St. Matthew 1:21; I Timothy 2:5). Our LORD JESUS CHRIST was the holy child of the HOLY SPIRIT (St. Matthew 1:18; Acts 4:30). HE was conceived by the HOLY SPIRIT and born of the Virgin Mary. The Virgin Birth of JESUS CHRIST is a miraculous thing.

*“Therefore the LORD HIMSELF shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call HIS name IMMANUEL.”*

Isaiah 7:14

Hence, according to HIS human nature, HE had a mother. Our LORD JESUS CHRIST is the TRUE GOD and eternal life (I John 5:20). HE is the Creator and Sustainer of all things (Hebrews 1:2-3; Colossians 1:16-17). Hence, according to HIS divine nature, HE had no mother.

But, in order to save us from our sins, HE had to become a true and holy man, and to suffer all the temptations of man, though HE was sinless (St. John 8:46; I Peter 2:22); HE had to suffer all the punishment that we deserve; HE had to pay for our sins with HIS holy, precious, and divine blood. In order to do this, HE had to become a man. To become a man, HE had to have a mother.

Now, to be born as a true and holy man without sin and to live a perfectly holy life, HE had to be conceived by the HOLY SPIRIT. So our LORD JESUS CHRIST was conceived by the HOLY SPIRIT and born in this world. Then HE died as our substitute. There was no other way by which we could be saved from the power of sin, death, and the devil. There was no other way by which we could be saved from hell, the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST was called as man (St. John 8:40; Acts 2:22; Philippians 2:8). The SON OF MAN is the title by which our LORD JESUS CHRIST most often referred to HIMSELF (St. Matthew 8:20). HE is the last Adam from heaven and HE became a Life-giving Spirit and HE is the spiritual life (I Corinthians 15:45-46). Our

LORD JESUS CHRIST possessed a physical nature (Hebrews 2:14-15; St. John 1:14; I Timothy 3:16). HE had a body (St. John 1:14). HE had a soul (St. Matthew 26:38). HE had a spirit (St. Luke 23:46).

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST lived as a man. HE was subject to the laws of human development. HE grew (St. Luke 2:40). HE asked questions (St. Luke 2:46). HE possessed wisdom (St. Luke 2:52). HE encountered temptations (St. Matthew 4:1-11). HE humbled HIMSELF and became obedient to the point of death, even the death on the cross (Philippians 2:8).

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST had the limitations and infirmities of normal human beings. HE slept (St. Matthew 8:24). HE was hungry (St. Matthew 4:2). HE felt thirsty (St. John 4:7). HE was wearied from HIS journey (St. John 4:6). HE wanted a quiet place to take some rest (St. Mark 6:31).

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST had the instincts of human beings. HE loved (St. John 11:36). HE had compassion (St. Matthew 9:36). HE was angry and grieved (St. Mark 3:4-5). HE groaned (St. John 11:38). HE wept (St. John 11:35). HE prayed (St. Matthew 14:23).

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST suffered like men. HE suffered on the cross like men (Hebrews 2:18; Isaiah 53:3, 5). HE died like men (Hebrews 2:9). HE was buried like men (St. John 19:38-42). HE was resurrected and still possesses a glorious body (St. Luke 24:39).

So, our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST alone is worthy of our adoration. We should worship and adore HIM only. We should love HIM with all our heart, with all our soul and with our entire mind. We should live for HIM only. We should worship and serve HIM sincerely with gladness, since HE is the LORD from heaven (I Corinthians 15:47). And no one should consider HIM a man. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

## **1 4 . C H R I S T I A N I T Y I S T H E O N L Y T R U E R E L I G I O N**

In this world, there are so many religions and religious groups. Among these, some religions are godless religions, not respecting or believing in GOD. Hence in these religions, there is no place for true godliness and true holiness; and there is no place for ONE GODHEAD or ONE GOD. In some religions, polytheism, the belief that there are so many gods, prevails. Thus in these religions also, there is no place

for true godliness and true holiness; and there is no place for ONE GODHEAD or ONE GOD. Again, some religions say about monotheism, the belief that there is one GOD only. In these monotheistic religions also, there is no place for true godliness and true holiness. These monotheistic religions do not fulfil the required divine qualities of the ONE GODHEAD or the TRUE GODHEAD or the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD; the ONLY SUPREME BEING, perfect in power, wisdom and goodness, the Creator and the ruler of the entire universe, and the eternal GOD, without beginning and without end. In Christianity or in the Christian religion only we see the true godliness and the true holiness and the TRUE GODHEAD and the ONE GODHEAD or the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD and the ONLY DIVINE GOD having the required divine qualities of GOD (Psalm 90:2; Leviticus 11:44). Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

Now, the only true religion of GOD must be a system of religious belief in the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD; and it must be a system of religious worship of the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD. Most religions teach that man can be saved and they can have eternal life by being good and by attending religious ceremonies and services. On the other hand, Christianity teaches that all people are sinners and they cannot do anything to save themselves, and that the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD became a man and came into the world in the name of JESUS CHRIST, and HE took our place as our substitute, and died on the cross to pay for our sins with HIS own blood. The most holy blood of the LORD JESUS CHRIST purifies us from all sin.

*“...The blood of JESUS CHRIST ... cleanseth us from all sin.”*

I John 1:7

The LORD JESUS CHRIST died and HE was buried, but HE rose from the dead on the third day. Christians put their trust in JESUS CHRIST, the ONLY SAVIOUR and the ONLY REDEEMER and the ONLY TRUE GOD, for forgiveness of sins, for salvation from sins, for redemption from sins, for godliness and holiness and holy life, for the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, for spiritual growth and for everlasting life in heaven, the kingdom of GOD. Christians obey the commands of

the LORD JESUS CHRIST and live a holy life, out of their love and appreciation for what the LORD JESUS CHRIST has done for them. As the LORD JESUS CHRIST said, if you love ME, you will keep (obey) MY commandments.

***“If ye love ME, keep MY commandments.”***

St. John 14:15

Again, belief in the existence of the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is clearly revealed in Christianity. Belief in the creation of the entire universe by the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is also clearly revealed in Christianity. Belief in the creation of human beings with soul in a spiritual nature by the ONE GOD and the ONLY GOD and the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is also clearly revealed in Christianity. Belief in the existence of this soul continually after the death of the body is clearly revealed in Christianity. The divine qualities of a divine religion are clearly revealed in Christianity. Hence, Christianity is the only divine religion of the ONLY DIVINE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST and it is the only true religion of the ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

Hence, everyone should obey the commandments of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

***“For this is the love of GOD, that we keep HIS commandments: and HIS commandments are not grievous.”***

I John 5:3

And everyone should be a true Christian; and everyone should be very religious; and everyone should be pious and godly to enter into the kingdom of GOD. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

***“If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before GOD and the FATHER is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”***

James 1:26-27

Without JESUS no one could be religious or pious or godly. Our LORD JESUS has said,

**“...Without ME ye can do nothing.”**

St. John 15:5

## **14.1 TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND SUFFERINGS**

**Those who persecute JESUS' followers, persecute JESUS HIMSELF (Acts 9:4-5).** HE always feels sympathetic towards us when we suffer (Hebrews 4:15). In this world GOD's people will have tribulations. Our LORD JESUS has said,

*“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

St. John 16:33

*“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted (tribulation), and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for MY name's sake.”*

St. Matthew 24:9

*“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated ME before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”*

St. John 15:18-19

The believers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST must go through many tribulations to enter into the kingdom of GOD.

*“We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of GOD.”*

Acts 14:22

Our LORD GOD hears the cries of the afflicted (Psalm 22:24; Hebrews 5:7). The people of the LORD are appointed to afflictions—hardships, trials, tribulations, sufferings, etc.

*“That no man should be moved (shaken) by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.”*

I Thessalonians 3:3

It has been granted for HIS people on behalf of CHRIST not only to believe on HIM, but also to suffer for HIS sake (Philippians 1:29). Our LORD JESUS CHRIST also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow HIS steps (I Peter 2:21). HE committed no sin and no guile was found in HIS mouth (I Peter 2:22). When HE was reviled, HE did not revile in turn; when HE suffered, HE did not threaten, but committed HIMSELF to HIM who judges righteously (I Peter 2:23).

If we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are blessed (I Peter 3:14). It is the will of GOD to suffer for doing good as a testimony to others (I Peter 3:17). Our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the righteous also suffered for us, the unrighteous on the cross (I Peter 3:18). Since CHRIST suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mind, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin (I Peter 4:1). And he should not live the rest of his earthly life in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of GOD (I Peter 4:2).

Our GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST calls us to HIS eternal glory and after we have suffered a while, HE will HIMSELF restore us and make us perfect, establish, strengthen and settle us (I Peter 5:10). Those who suffer according to the will of GOD should commit their souls to their faithful Creator and continue to do good (I Peter 4:19).

Do not be surprised at the fiery trial we are suffering, as though some strange thing is happening to us. But rejoice since we are going to partake of CHRIST's sufferings, and be glad with exceeding joy when HIS glory is revealed. If we are reproached because of the name of CHRIST, we are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of GOD rests upon us. On their part HE is blasphemed, but on our part HE is glorified. But let none of us suffer as a murderer or thief or an evildoer or even as a meddler (I Peter 4:12-15).

However, if we suffer as Christians, let us not be ashamed, but let us glorify GOD in this matter.

***“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify GOD on this behalf.”***

I Peter 4:16

If indeed we suffer with HIM, then we will also be glorified together (Romans 8:17). If we endure, we will also reign with HIM. If we deny HIM, HE also will deny us (II Timothy 2:12).

A Christian facing trials must have a joyous attitude (James 1:2), implicit faith (James 1:3), great endurance with an understanding mind (James 1:3), a submissive will for his/her endurance has its perfect work (James 1:4), divine wisdom (James 1:5), asking GOD with confident trust and with a stable believing heart in HIM (James 1:6-8), and humility with a very humble spirit that trusts GOD's provisions and HIS heavenly reward (James 1:9-12).

Now, the heart of endurance is prayer. Prayer is the heart of enduring trials. Prayer is the heart of getting relief from trials. If we want to endure trials or get relief from trials, we must depend on our GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who is the only divine source. Christians who successfully endure trials are truly happy, filled with inner joy in their hearts. Happiness comes through victory over trials.

*“Behold, we count them happy which endure. ...”*

James 5:11

'Happy' means 'blessed' or 'satisfied' or 'filled with inner joy'.

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST warns of the coming persecutions.

*“But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for MY sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your FATHER which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for MY name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”*

St. Matthew 10:17-22

Only those who are truly saved will endure to the end. They will be patient in tribulations (Romans 12:12). They will glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces patience and patience produces experience and experience produces hope and hope never disappoints, because the love of GOD has been poured out in their hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT who was given to them (Romans 5:3-5).

**Purposes of Suffering** are to make us like JESUS CHRIST (Philippians 3:10); to glorify GOD (St. John 9:1-3); to refine our lives (I Peter 1:6-7); to rebuke our sin (I Peter 2:20; Hebrews 12:5-9); to silence Satan, the devil (Job 1:9-12); and to produce spiritual fruits (I Peter 5:10).

The believers of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST should **suffer for the sake of righteousness**. Joseph, Job, Jeremiah and Paul suffered for the sake of righteousness.

**The sufferings of Joseph:** Joseph was hated by his brothers (Genesis 37:4-8); he was cast into a waterless pit (Genesis 37:24); his brothers conspired against him to kill him (Genesis 37:17-20); he was sold into slavery (Genesis 37:28); he was enticed by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:7-10); and was falsely accused and rigorously imprisoned for no fault of his (Genesis 39:11-20; Psalm 105:17-18).

**The sufferings of Job:** Job's 500 yoke of oxen and 500 female donkeys were stolen and all but one of his farm servants were killed (Job 1:3, 14-15); his 7000 sheep and all but one of his herdsmen were burned by a fire (Job 1:3, 16); his 3000 camels were stolen and all but one of his servants were killed (Job 1:3, 17); his seven sons and three daughters and all but one of his household servants died in a windstorm (Job 1:2, 18-19); and he was terribly struck with very painful boils from the soles of his feet to the top of his head (Job 2:7-8).

**The sufferings of Jeremiah:** Jeremiah was treacherously persecuted by his own family (Jeremiah 12:6); he was plotted against to be killed by his native villagers (Jeremiah 11:18-23); he was rejected and ridiculed and beaten by the false religious priests (Jeremiah 20:1-9); he was arrested, beaten, falsely accused of treason and rigorously imprisoned in a dungeon (Jeremiah 37:11-16) and he was imprisoned in a cistern having no water but only mire (mud) in it, to sink into the mire (Jeremiah 38:1-13).

**The sufferings of Paul:** Paul's enemies conspired against him to kill him (Acts 25:3); he was stoned and left for dead (Acts 14:19); he was beaten and jailed at Philippi (Acts 16:19-24); he was ridiculed (Acts 26:24); he was falsely accused (Acts 21:21); he was bitten by a serpent (Acts 28:3-4); and he was forsaken by all (II Timothy 4:16). The sufferings of Paul are clearly explained in II Corinthians 11:23-28.

The world was not worthy to GOD's people. The world will not be worthy to GOD's people.

*“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens*

*and caves of the earth.”*

Hebrews 11:36-38

Apostle Paul tells us about one of his prolonged sufferings: a chronic infirmity (a continuous physical affliction), which he refers to as his thorn in the flesh (II Corinthians 12:7). It was painful ("thorn") and shameful to him. But he has not only endured it but has also been able to encourage us to look at pain, trials and suffering from GOD's point of view instead of man's—from a divine perspective instead of a human one. This is evident from his following verse:

***“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for CHRIST's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”***

II Corinthians 12:10

If we go on in spite of our pain and suffering, we grow stronger. If we give in and give up we lose. In short, "No pain, no gain; No pain, no growth; No pain, no blessing." Sufferings lead us to divine growth in GOD (II Corinthians 12:10) and eternal reigning with CHRIST (II Timothy 2:12). But this can only be accomplished if we listen to our LORD's Word,

***“MY grace is sufficient for thee: for MY strength is made perfect in weakness.”***

II Corinthians 12:9

Suffering produces brokenness. Brokenness removes resentment and rebellion against GOD and man. Brokenness accepts criticism sweetly, without retaliation or resentment. All self-justification and self-defence, all discontent and irritation with circumstances of sufferings, reveal unbrokenness. Brokenness saves us (Psalm 34:18).

Trials teach us submission to our LORD JESUS CHRIST and deliver us from our own ways and thoughts. GOD's way of developing patience in us is trials (James 1:2-4).

If we fight against the trials, refusing to give us in the hands of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST (I Peter 5:6), we will be spiritually depleted, mentally depressed and physically weary. If we cast all our cares upon GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST for HE cares for us (I Peter 5:7), we will emerge from the trials victoriously, spiritually stimulated, mentally alert and physically sound.

To have peace and joy in times of trials, we must trust in the LORD and keep our mind on the LORD (Isaiah 26:3); we must keep in touch with GOD by prayer and supplication (Philippians 4:6-7); we must meditate upon the Word of GOD (St. John 16:33; Romans 15:4; I Peter 1:6-8) and we must meditate upon CHRIST's sufferings on the cross (Colossians 1:20); we must give ourselves to GOD's will (Hebrews 12:11); and we must believe that the LORD will sustain us (Psalm 3:5).

**The sufferings through fasting and prayer:** Fasting without prayer is not a fasting. Abstaining for a certain period of time from some important or necessary activity in one's life is fasting. Everyone must spend that time in prayer before GOD. The fastings of Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and Paul are a few of the examples of biblical fasting.

During fastings, everyone should spend his/her fasting period in continuous prayer without feeling sleepy but being wakeful and watchful, refraining from food, and in total avoidance of sex and sex-exciting thoughts and they should be concentrating and meditating constantly on spiritual aspirations.

To know the will of GOD, prayer and fasting are very essential. To know the will of GOD, submission to the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD is very essential. To know the will of GOD, counsels are also very essential. To know the will of GOD, the Holy Bible, the Holy Word of GOD is also very essential.

Now, our light and momentary afflictions and troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory (Romans 8:18).

*“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”*

II Corinthians 4:17

No one will separate us from the love of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. HIS people ask,

**“Who shall separate us from the love of CHRIST? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”**

Romans 8:35

Nothing can separate us from the love of GOD, which is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD (Romans 8:36-39).