

The Spirit of Truth and The Spirit of Error

"What God has said on Seven Fundamentals", and "What men are now saying!"

The Truths of Christianity Compared to:

Christian Science, Spiritualism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrongism, Mormonism, Eastern Mysticism, The Way International, Unity, Unification Church

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Compare The "Truths" of The Word of God to the "Errors" of Unity

The following links provide a side by side, topical comparison of the Truths of Christianity, "What God Has Said on Seven Fundamentals", and the Errors of Unity, "**What Men Are Now Saying**".

"What God Has Said on Seven Fundamentals"

- God
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"What Men Are Now Saying"

Unity is the truth that is taught in all religions, simplified and systematized so that anyone can understand and apply it (Freeman, *The Story of Unity*, p. 61).

Unity began with the "healing" of Myrtle Fillmore. Its firstfruits were the healing of her friends and neighbors, accomplished by realization of the Christ Power within (*SU*, p. 14).

The Word of God

Personality Of The Godhead

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- He is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Go. . . and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus was baptized; the Spirit descended; the Father spoke (Matthew 3:16-17).
- Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech (Genesis 11:7).
- From the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord
- God, and his Spirit, hath sent me (Isaiah 48:16).

Unity

God

- God is not a person having life, intelligence, love, power. God is that invisible, intangible, but very real, something we call life. God is the total ... of all good, whether manifested or unexpressed (Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 6).
- I believe the Hottentot, or the truest heathen that ever lived, he who worships the golden calf as his highest conception of God, worships God (*LT*, p. 126, cited in Martin, p. 279).
- God is the always present, indwelling Mind. The Father within you.... is in The spiritual realms which underlie all creative forces (Fillmore, *The Science of Being and Christian Healing*, p. 9).
- God is. Man is. We are now in the presence of the eternal Is-ness -- Osiris and Isis are now our Father-Mother as fully as they were of old Egypt (*SB*, p. 229).
- God is Principle, Law, Being, Mind, Spirit, All Good, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Unchangeable, Creator, Father, Cause and Source of all that is (*SB*, p. 15).
- God is the substance, or real thing standing under every visible form of life, love, intelligence, or power. Each rock, tree, animal, everything visible is a manifestation of the numberless manifestations, or individualities. Each.... contains the whole (*LT*, pp. 8-9, cited iii Martin, p. 281).

Jesus Christ

- In the beginning was the Word, . . . and the Word was God (John 1:1).
- When, as His mother, Mary, was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore, he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25). This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven (Acts 1:11; cf. John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Jesus Christ

- The Krishna of the Hindu is the same as the Christos of the Greeks and the Messiah of the Hebrews (*SB*, p. 22).
- There were in the person of Jesus two distinct regions -- the fleshly, mortal part which was Jesus, the son of man; then there was the central, living, real part which was Spirit, the Son of God, the Christ, the Anointed. So.... each one of us has two regions of being -- the fleshly, mortal.... and at the very center of our being there is the.... Christ Child, the Son of god, the Anointed in us (Fillmore, *The Unity Treasure Chest*, p. 49).
- This Christ or perfect-man idea existing eternally in divine mind is the true spiritual, high-self of every individual (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, p. 150)
- This same Christ lives within is the "beloved Son" the same as it was in Jesus (*UTC*, p. 51).

Holy Spirit

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, . . . he shall testify of me (John 15:26).
- When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, . . . he shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9; see also vv. 14, 16).

Sin

- There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Roman, 3:23).
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (I John 1:10).
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8)
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4).
- All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death (I John 5:17).
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

Holy Spirit

- Definition: The very Spirit of truth lying latent within us, each and every one (*Unity Magazine*, February 1918).
- The Father is Principle, the son is that Principle revealed in the creative plan, the Holy Spirit is the executive power of both the Father and the Son, carrying out the plan (*MBD*, p. 629).
- Spirit is substance.... that invisible, intangible but real something which as its indestructible core and cause stands under, or at the center of, every visible thing in existence (Cady, *God a Present Help*, pp. 53 54).

Man and Sin

- Man is made in the image of God ... the divine spark at the center of his being . . . is very part of God Himself (*GP*, p. 57).
- God is within you. You can find Him there (*UTC*, p. 29).
- Every man in reality, is the Son of God, not a Son of God. We are all one in the One Mind, and do not exist as individualities in Divine Mind. Man is the manifestation of the "only begotten Son" of God, or the Christ idea Man. Therefore he is the Christ of God (*UM*, February 1918, p. 127).
- God is good and God is all. Therefore I refuse to believe in the reality of devil or evil in any of its forms.... God is life ... I refuse to believe in the reality of loss of life, or death.... I refuse to believe in inefficiency and weakness.... in ignorance, the reality of lack or poverty.... hate or revenge (*SB*, pp. 58-59).
- In its virgin purity, (the flesh) is the immaculate substance of Being. If it appears corrupt, or subject to corruption, humanity has made it so through ignorance (*SB*, p. 208).
- The forgiveness of sin is an erasure of mortal thoughts from consciousness (*SB*, p. 56).
- Sin, sickness, poverty, old age, and death are not real, and they have no power over me. There is nothing in all the universe for me to fear (*LT*, p.35).

Redemption

- We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- Unto him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us a kingdom of priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).
- Made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
- This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God. . . For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:12, 14).

Salvation

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:3 1).
- But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).
- He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the . . . only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
- Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).
- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Justified freely . . . through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth (Romans 10:4).

Redemption and Salvation

- Jesus of Nazareth played an important part in opening the way for every one of us into the Father's kingdom. However, that was not through His death on the cross, but through His overcoming death (*UTC*, p. 67).
- That which died upon the cross was the consciousness of all mortal beliefs that hold us in bondage -- such as sin, evil, sickness, fleshly lusts, and death -- which He overcame (*UTC*, pp. 68-69).
- The error lies in the belief that He was the only begotten Son of God, and that He overcame for us, and that by simply believing on Him we are saved (*UTC*, pp. 68-69).
- Paul is responsible for.... this throwing of the whole burden upon the blood of Jesus -- that He was the great once-for-all bloody sacrifice, and that no other would ever be necessary. Jesus said.... "Follow me." He meant; do as I do. I have overcome, now by following in my footsteps you shall overcome (*UTC*, p. 69).
- Being born again or from above is.... the establishment of that which had always existed as the perfect man idea of Divine Mind (*SB*, p. 25).
- To "know thyself" is to know that you are I AM and not flesh and blood. It is this I AM that is born of the flesh and born of Spirit (*SB*, p. 206).
- The eternal life taught and demonstrated by Jesus is not gained by dying, but by purifying the body until it becomes the undying habitation of the soul (*UM*, July 1922).
- We believe the repeated incarnations of man to be a merciful provision of our loving Father to the end that all may have opportunity to obtain immortality through regeneration as did Jesus (Unity Statement of Faith, art. 22).

Retribution

- **The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).**
- **Those who sleep in the dust . . . shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).**
- **And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).**
- **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. . . . And the dead were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works (Revelation 20:12).**
- **The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel. . . ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).**
- **If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter lame into life than, having two feet, to be east into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched (Mark 9:45).**