



<i>Reference Guide to Alternative Belief Systems</i>					9781493421817
<i>Cult Shock: The Book Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons Don't Want You to Read</i>	Mark Stengler, Jr.; Mark Stengler, Sr.	Morgan James Publishing		2017	9781683504849 E-text 9781683504856

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**This course includes an Automatic eBook. Should you wish to purchase a print copy remember to opt out by the due date.**

**Other Books and Periodicals:** Student will also need a Bible of any translation recognized by mainstream Christianity. The professor may provide additional articles and websites for you to read throughout the course of the term.

The student is responsible for turning in all required assignments. If a student misses a class when an exam is given, arrangements must be made by the student with the professor to take the exam. Tardies and/or early departures will also count towards an

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academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

### **Tentative Schedule: Course Outline and Calendar**

**Week 1      01/13/2025    Introductory Issues and Understanding Worldviews**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 1-3

**Blackboard Discussion 1: Student Posting due 01/18 Student Response due 01/20**

**Week 2      01/20/2025    Martin Luther King Day No Face to Face and No Collaborate Spiritism, Theosophy; Wicca; Church of Satan**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 7-8, Appendix A

**Blackboard Discussion 2: Student Posting due 01/25 Student Response due 01/27**

**Week 3      01/27/2025    Mormonism**

Required Reading: Martin Chapter 6

**Blackboard Discussion 3: Student Posting due 02/01 Student Response due 02/03**

**Week 4      02/03/2025    Christian Science, Unification Church; Unity School of Christianity**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 5, 11, 12, 13

**Midterm Exam Due 02/10/2025**

**Week 5      02/10/2025**

Required Reading: Martin Chapter 4

**Discussion Board 4: Student Posting Due 02/15 Student Response due 02/17**

**Week 6      02/17/2025**

**Scientology; New Age Movement; UFO Cults**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 14, Appendix B

**Discussion Board 5: Student Posting Due 02/22 Student Response due 02/24**

**Book Review Due**

**Week 7      02/24/2025    Miscellaneous; Cults View of Jesus; Cult Evangelism**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 17-18

**Research Paper Due and Teaching Presentation if needed**

**Week 8      03/03/2025    Final Exam Due and Teaching Presentation**

**Additional Information:**

**Method of Instruction:** Lecture/Split level: This is a Hybrid Class and will have online work. The student will need to have internet access.

**Classroom Disruption**

Students who disrupt a class will be directed to leave immediately and report to the external campus executive director/dean or dean of students, who will discuss with the student the cause of the disruption. The student will return to the class only with permission of the executive director/campus dean or dean of students and faculty member involved.