

## Summit Bible College - Syllabus

Class: 210 Kingdom of the Cults

Text/Author: Kingdom of the Cults, Walter Martin

Professor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Grading System:

**40% Online Exams** – Take weekly online exams that test if you have read the required reading. [www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests](http://www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests)

**15% Reading** – At the end of the class, you will report to us by answering the question: What percentage of the text did you read? Please put this amount on your final. We will pray that God blesses you according to your integrity on this question.

**25% Attendance**, Lecture Notes and Participation course. If you are absent, you can watch the video, but may be required to do an essay that week. **20% Final Exam**

**Objectives of the Class** - Know the differences between cult beliefs and mainstream Christianity, Know the relevance of understanding aberrant religious groups, Know how to correctly respond to these cults effectively

**\*Important: The highlights in red are the only required tests to take. The rest of the tests are optional and will be considered extra credit.**

### Week 1 – Chapters 1 and 2

**Lecture:** The Kingdom of the Cults Nature of Apologetics (1), Scaling the Language Barrier (2),

**Class Discussion:** Page 26 Quick Facts About Scaling the Language Barrier

**Homework:** Take **Week 1 online exam over Chapters 1 & 2**. Read Chapters 3 & 4

### Week 2 – Chapters 3 and 4

**Lecture:** The Psychological Structure of Cultism (3), Jehovah's Witnesses (4), **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About the Psychological Structure of Cultism and Quick Facts About Jehovah's Witnesses page 34,48

**Homework:** Take Week 2 online exam over Chapters 3 & 4. Read Chapters 5 & 6

### Week 3 – Chapters 5 and 6

**Lecture:** Christian Science (5), Mormonism (6) **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Christian Science and Quick Facts About Mormonism pages 148,192

**Homework:** Take Week 3 online exam over Chapters 5 & 6. Read Chapters 8, 9, & 10.

### Week 4 – Chapters 8, 9 and 10

**Lecture:** Gnosticism (8), Buddhism (9), Baha'i Faith (10) **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Gnosticism-Page 280, Quick Facts About Buddhism-Page 298, Quick Facts About Baha'i Faith- Page 320

**Homework:** Take Week 4 online exam over Chapters 8, 9, & 10. Read Chapters 11, 12, & 13

### Week 5 – Chapters 11, 12, and 13

**Lecture:** Unitarian Universalism (11), Scientology (12), Unification Church (13) **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Unitarian Universalism Page 332, Quick Facts About Scientology 350, Quick Facts About Unification Church- Page 370

**Homework:** Take Week 5 online exam over Chapters 11, 12, & 13. Read Chapters 14 & 15

### Week 6 – Chapters 14 and 15

**Lecture:** Eastern Religions (14), New Age (15) **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Eastern Religions-Page 387, Quick Facts About New Age-Page 404

**Homework:** Take Week 6 online exam over Chapters 14 & 15. **Read Chapter 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.**

### Week 7 – Chapter 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

**Lecture:** Islam (16) **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Islam- Page 434

**Homework:** Take **Week 7 online exam over Chapter 16**. Read chapters 19 and 20

### Week 8 – Chapters 19 and 20

**Lecture:** Cult Evangelism (19), Road to Recovery (20), **Class Discussion:** Quick Facts About Cult Evangelism: Mission Field on Your Doorstep – Page 478

**Homework:** **Take Week 8 online exam over chapters 19 & 20.**

### Final

Pick one of the cults in your book. Research this cult and write a 2-3 page paper on it. Typed, dbl spaced 1" borders in Times Roman. Use personal examples of contact you have had with the cult, if possible. Use references from the Bible, the internet, your library or other books you have read.

In house students, only

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Option if sanctioned by the Professor: On one of the cults not discussed in class, you may prepare a 15-20 minute presentation on the cult using note cards, posters or an outline as needed. You must turn in what you have researched, outlined, or written information to the instructor.