



SPIRIT CHALLENGE

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Activity

Look at the list in the Composition section. Do you know members of any of these false religions?

Biblical Insight

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible affirms Satan’s existence, purpose, and character. He is called the tempter, the enemy, the evil one, the murderer, the father of lies, etc., in the pages of Scripture. His purpose is clear: Satan is devoted to the overthrow of God and His Kingdom. Satan and his demons influence and control much of this world’s systems, for he is the prince of this world.

Popularization of Satanism has resulted in new cults, and more recently a movement called the “New Age.” Some cults

can easily be identified as satanic in origin and purpose, but others counterfeit biblical Christianity, having gained respect in the community. New Agers utilize contemporary psychological jargon and avoid being associated with any religion. Their spokespersons lead seminars for businesses, industries, and hospitals to show employees how to reach their potential. “Potential” to New Agers includes a type of mysticism in which Jesus is an example of how to unlock the deity within each of us. The Bible warns against false teachers who “secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them” (2 Peter 2:1).

Composition

Write down a fact you know about each cult or occultic practice listed below.

- Mormons _____
- Jehovah’s Witnesses _____
- Satanism _____
- Moonies _____
- New Age Movement _____

Discussion

The spirit of antichrist is at work in the world. Lessons in this unit will help you discern the spirit of antichrist in many otherwise popular religious practices.

Have the advances in technology, communication, and increased mobility led to a more accessible “shrinking global village?”

How can you hope to avoid the deceptions?

Do you know very much about the cults listed above?

Evaluation

As we are exposed to a broader spectrum of people and ideas, the need for spiritual discernment becomes more vital than ever.

How do you plan on becoming more spiritually alert?

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- A: Answers will vary.
- C: Answers will vary. If the boys are unsure of any information then this will be a time to encourage them to study them under the direction of strong spiritual leaders. Numerous resources are available at local Christian book stores and Gospel Publishing House.
- D: Answers will vary.

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