

I was speaking with a gentleman this week that mentioned a Christian cult called the Brotherhood of Mans. Do you have information about them?

The *Brotherhood of Mans* or *Holy Order of MANS* was a cult that has since changed its name to *Christ the Savior Brotherhood*.

CI Cult Education Institute stated:

The Holy Order of MANS ("MANS" standing for Mysterian, Agape, Nous, and Sophia in Greek, or mystery, love, mind, and wisdom in English) amassed numerous critics in the early 1970s due to its occultic theological position and practices.

In an early critique of the group by Spiritual Counterfeits Project (SCP) of Berkeley, California, researchers brought out the fact that HOM believed it was their mission to "unite all faiths." They believed Jesus was a great teacher (but mere man) who had attained contact with an impersonal kind of "Christ-consciousness." They also embraced the classical occult "sciences" of alchemy, tarot, Kaballah, and astrology, according to the SCP.¹

There will be a one world religion and government in the end times when the Antichrist is worshiped (Re 13:11-12).

Jesus said that he is: the way, the truth, and the life and that no one comes to the Father except through him (Jn 14:6-7).

So-called *Christ consciousness* is a New Age movement rooted in pantheistic Eastern religions and 19th century Western occultism (He 13:9)² which is false (2 Pe 2:1). Only Christians (Rom. 8:9–11) indwelt with the Holy Spirit who have placed their faith in Jesus (Eph. 3:14–19) have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

Occultic practices are forbidden in scripture.³ When one desires to know more about God and his wishes for mankind, he should refer to the scriptures (Ro 1:2) which are the final authority (1 Pe 4:11).

¹ Holy Order of MANS sect changes name, joins Eastern Orthodox Church: Christian Research Journal/Summer 1988. Web. 10 May 19: <https://culteducation.com/group/975-holy-order-of-mans/9813-holy-order-of-mans-sect-changes-name-joins-eastern-orthodox-church.html>

² Index of Cults and Religions. Watchman Fellowship, Inc. Web. 13 May 19: <https://www.watchman.org/index-of-cults-and-religions/>

³ E.g. astrology (Is. 47:13), divination (Deut. 18:14) or soothsaying (Is. 2:6).