

*Is LHMM (Laymen's Home Missionary Movement ) a cult? If yes, how to bring out someone who got caught by this group?*

LHMM is a cult in that they deny the deity of Jesus Christ (Jn 1:1). Similar to Jehovah's Witnesses they claim that Jesus is the archangel Michael. LHMM claims that the earth must be "restored"; whereas, the bible says that this world will be destroyed and made new (Re 21:1). The apostle Peter wrote: The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat (2 Pe 3:10). The world will not be harmed until God allows it. God said: While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night shall not cease (Ge 8:22).

The world will become darker; but, Christians will continue to shine brightly (Is 60:2). Believers are described as aliens and strangers who are just passing through (1 Chron 29:15, 1 Pe 2:11). Christians are seated in the heavenlies with Christ (Eph 2:6). Though they live *in* the world, they should not be *of* the world (Jn 17:16).

Believers should be found working when Christ returns. Jesus said: That slave whose master finds him working when he comes will be rewarded (Mt 24:46)." Christians are to "occupy" until he returns (Lk 19:13). There *is* a remnant of beauty which remains from the Garden of Eden. That paradise which was lost will be restored (Re 21:1).

For now, Satan is the prince and power of the air. He has dominion in the lives of individuals and in even in whole cities which people have given him (Eph 2:2, 6:12).

LHMM claims that they do not view others who disagree with them as "doomed" or "unsaved".<sup>1</sup> Only God and an individual himself knows if he is saved. Those led by the spirit, belong to God (Ro 8:14). Other believers rightly judge the fruits of professing believers (Pr 31:9, Mt 7:20). Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (Jn 14:6).

LHMM claims to be nonsexist. Historical biblical Christians are nonsexist, as well. God made men and women equal (Ge 2:18, 20). Matthew Henry said: "The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."

LHMM is concerned about the environment. The Christian should be, as well. In fact, there should be no *better* steward of the planet as God told Adam and Eve to care for it:

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. Ge 1:28–31

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<sup>1</sup> A Progressive Alternative To Jehovah's Witnesses Or Laymen's Home Missionary Movement  
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LHMM has an informal dress code. The apostle Paul said that women should dress modestly (1 Tim. 2:9) and men are to remember that God is holy.<sup>2</sup>

LHMM is “seeker friendly”. Peter said that we ought to please God rather than man (Ac 5:29); and Paul warned *not* to be a people-pleaser (Ga 1:10). LHMM is another sign of the end times and a fulfillment of prophecy. Paul wrote: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2 Ti 4:3–4).

Like Jehovah’s Witness’ LHMM stress an importance in knowing God’s name. Moses had asked the Lord what to say to the children of Israel should they ask his name:

Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? What shall I say unto them?<sup>3</sup> Ex 3:13

There is no evidence that the children of Israel *ever did ask* God’s name; so, this prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. Moses and Elijah will return as the two witnesses of Revelation to restore a pure language and the children of Israel will know God’s name at that time (Ex 34:10, Zep 3:9, Mal 4:5, Jer 51:21, Re 11:3-6). God is known by different names throughout the world and he is aware of the thoughts and intents of men’s hearts (Heb 4:12). One does not go to heaven or hell based on knowing God’s name (Gen. 11:5–9). He goes to heaven or hell based on a right relationship with Jesus Christ.

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<sup>2</sup> Tassels were to remind the Jews that God is holy and that they were not to go after other gods. Regarding Numbers 15:37-14 J. Vernon McGee wrote:

“That border of blue, which is a heavenly color, was to remind them of the fact that they were God’s people and they were to have a heavenly walk down here on this earth. There are many believers today who need to have that “border of blue” to remind them that as God’s children they are set apart and are to live for the Lord Jesus Christ.” McGee, J. V. (1991). *Thru the Bible commentary: The Law (Numbers)* (electronic ed., Vol. 8, p. 103). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: King James Version*. (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Ex 3:13). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.