

*Who is/was Jim Jones? What kind of doctrines did he teach to have convinced/manipulated so many people including a U.S. Congressman? Does this mean even the most educated person in worldly knowledge and biblical teachings are susceptible to errors?*

Jim Jones was a cult leader famous for a mass murder-suicide in “Jonestown” (Guyana, South America) in November of 1978. Over 900 people died in the incident. The figure of speech *drinking the Kool-Aide* comes from this tragedy. Cult members trusted Jim Jones and drank his Kool-Aide laced with cyanide.

Having faith in *faith* or hope in *hope* is not useful. If one’s faith is not grounded in Jesus (Jn 14:6), he errs.

The apostle Paul wrote: Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Ti 3:13).

Cults and ‘isms seek to mislead (Ga 5:9). Christians should expose any cult or world religion (e.g. Catholicism, Islam<sup>1</sup>) that seeks to undermine God’s word (Eph 5:11). Antichrists have long sought to murder believing Jews and Christians (1 Thess 2:15; Re 12:13). God; however, has always had a remnant to preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ (Ex 26:12, Deut 3:11, Am 1:8).

The apostle John wrote:

And on her forehead a name was written: *Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of all the abominations of the earth*. I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. Re 17:5–6

Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots refers to Rome. Her daughter harlots are any so-called church which would prostitute the true faith.

Cults and ‘isms have one thing in common—they get it wrong about Jesus (Jn 14:6). Gino Geraci said, “If you get it wrong about Jesus, it doesn’t matter what else you get right.”

No cult or ‘ism will ever get by Jn 1:1:

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. Life was in Him and that life was the light of men. Jn 1:1-4

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<sup>1</sup> Islam is a creation of Rome. Catholic monks in northern African wrote down what Mohammad supposedly saw. Arabs are genetically related to those in the Vatican. Edom is the Roman Catholic Church. The Mahdi doctrine is dangerous and it's exactly what Rome wants taught.

In our time when many seek to deceive (Eph. 4:14), it is important to be grounded in the truth of the scriptures (Jas 1:18). Jesus warned his followers that many false Christs<sup>2</sup> would arise (Mark 13:21–23).

The Gnostics taught that men needed knowledge. What men needed was a savior—and that is exactly what they received in Jesus (Jn 3:16, Jn 17:2–3).

Charles Sell wrote:

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.<sup>3</sup>

It is important for Jew and gentile alike to come out of the false teaching of heretics and deceivers so that they do not share in their sin (Re 17:5).<sup>4</sup>

John wrote:

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

Come out of her, my people,

That ye be not partakers of her sins,

And that ye receive not of her plagues.

For her sins have reached unto heaven,

And God hath remembered her iniquities. Re 18:4–5

Paul warned of a future age when the truth of scripture would not be tolerated. Men would surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they wanted to hear:

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<sup>2</sup> E.g. Antichrist means ‘substitute’ or ‘to stand in place of’ Christ. Vicar of Christ and antichrist are synonymous.

<sup>3</sup> Unfinished Business, Charles Sell, Multnomah, 1989, pp. 121ff

<sup>4</sup> The woman of scripture is Rome. Her daughter harlots are the compromised churches who pledge allegiance to her and her religious and militaristic system (e.g. Islam and the UN) known as the beast. Neither Jews in Israel nor gentiles in surrounding countries should support Rome’s infiltration into the holy land. The Vatican intends to rule the world from Jerusalem. They plan to internationalize Jerusalem—taking the city for themselves (Ge 27:38–41, 36:43, 1 Ki 11:16–19, Dan 9:26, Ob 1:1–21, Mal 1:4, Is 14:13, 63:1–4, Ps 83:1–6, Eze 35:1–3, 9–10, 13–14, Re 13:1–18, 17:5).

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

When one is grounded in the word of God, he is able to refute false teaching (2 Ti 3:16-17, 4:2).