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# Cults & World Religions

A survey of world religions, major cults, and other deviant doctrines & false teachers. Why are there so many religions? Is there only one path to God, Heaven, and ultimate fulfillment? How does Christianity compare to other religions? Does it really matter what others believe?

Students will learn about various world religions and how their belief systems differ from Christianity. You will journey from Islam to Buddhism, from LDS to Jehovah's Witnesses and from New Age to Scientology.

- Learn the characteristics a cult and discover what makes Christianity unique. Students will be trained how to defend the exclusive truth of Christianity as they study the basic beliefs of major cults and world religions followed by biblical critique. There will also be special emphasis on "The Church of 'Jesus Christ' of Latter Day 'Saints'" and why they persecute the New Testament Christian Church and believe God used to be a man. Suggested for all grades through adults. Prerequisite: none

## Required supplies for this class:

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Larry has been on staff with Apologia Educational Ministries, Inc. for a decade. He studied Pastoral Theology at Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College in Southern California where he received his B.A. He pastored for 15+ years as a Youth Pastor, Cult-Evangelist, and Christian Apologist. After years of witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other people deceived by false religions and various aberrant groups, Larry developed a counter-cult ministry reaching many Jehovah's Witnesses for Christ. This led him to seek out further education in the area of apologetics – defending the Christian faith.

Larry earned his M.A.A. (Master of Arts in Apologetics) from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC. In 2003 he and the president of the Seminary started Southern Evangelical Church and ministered as the Assistant Pastor & Christian Education. He developed numerous ministries of the church including "Educational Hour," "Institute for Biblical Studies" (lay Bible & Apologetics), and many other core programs of the church. Larry is one of the editors of the Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics.

When he is not directing Apologia Online Academy, lecturing and speaking at Homeschool Conferences conducting Teen & Adult Tracks, and guest speaking at other events, Larry plays competitive Pickleball, visits Disney World, performs Christian Illusions & Juggling, plays with his grandchildren Elijah, Aedan, & Reagan Gordon, and dates his wife Jane. He has been doing amateur paleontology for a few years and has a large collection of marine fossils he has dug from the mountain tops & valleys around the U.S.A. Larry and Jane, live in Matthews, NC.