

The Cults & Jehovah Witnesses Introduction  
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## **The Cults**

### ***What We Can Learn from the Cults***

“The unpaid bills of the church” – Anthony Hoekema

1. The importance of having definite convictions about matters of the faith
2. The importance of knowing Scriptures
3. Zeal for witnessing
4. Effective use of the printed page
5. Strong sense of urgency
6. They assign large roles to laymen
7. A sense of dedication
8. They teach definite techniques for witnessing
9. Cultists are willing to endure ridicule
10. The Christian faith has a contribution to make to good health

(From: *The Four Major Cults*, by Anthony Hoekema)

### ***Definition of “Cult”***

Religious group that denies the Trinity and especially the Deity of Christ. Teachings not consistent with Orthodox Christianity.

### ***Cults We Will Study***

Jehovah’s Witnesses

Mormons

Christian Science

Seventh-day Adventism

Unity School of Christianity

Oneness Pentecostal

Freemasons

Worldwide Church of God

Scientology

Word of Faith

Unitarian Universalist

New Age Movement

## **The Cults Jehovah’s Witnesses**

### ***History:***

Charles Taze Russell 1870-1916 (born 1852)

Joseph Rutherford 1917-1942

Nathan Homer Knorr 1942-1977

Frederick Franz 1977-1992

Milton Henschel 1992-2000

Don Adams 2000-