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	<u>Jehovah Witnesses</u>	<u>MORMONISM</u>	<u>UNIFICATION CHURCH (MOONIES)</u>	<u>7th DAY ADVENTISTS</u>	<u>SPIRITISM</u>	<u>Christadelphians</u>
THE BIBLE	Have their own interpretation of the Bible	Have their own interpretation of the Bible by Joseph Smith	Replaced the Bible with the revelations of Sun Myung Moon (Divine Principle)	Have their own interpretation by Ellen White	Reject the divine authority of the Bible	Recognise the supreme authority of the Bible BUT have rejected some of the which Christians believe are derived directly from the Bible most basic Christian doctrines
GOD THE FATHER	God is singular 'Jehovah God' The Trinity of God is rejected	Believe in a plurality of gods Three separate gods capable of eternal increase	God exists in dual character - positive & negative, masculine & feminine	Believe in the Godhead	No understanding of Father God God is an infinite intelligence	Father God alone is God in full sense so they reject the doctrine of God as Trinity i.e. that God is one but three Persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit
JESUS CHRIST	His deity is not Accepted. The archangel Michael and Jesus are one	Came into being born of the virgin Mary First born son of God	Born a man no different to us Attained sinlessness. Will return again in the east as a man	Believe in the deity of Jesus (but also regard him as archangel Michael)	Believe Jesus was a medium who had oneness with God through mediumship	Reject Christ's deity. He is divine but in a derived and secondary divine status. He only came into existence when Mary gave birth Jesus-he was just a thought in God's mind. He did not become the Christ/Messiah until he was baptised . He was a man until he was raised from the dead and then was transformed from a man to being divine. Do not believe that Jesus is the God-man
HOLY SPIRIT	Not accepted as a divine being - an invisible active force of Jehovah God	Unlike Father and Son he does not have flesh & bones. Is an influence of deity	Is the female spirit of God working on earth cleansing sin	Believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit	Denies the personality of the Holy Spirit	He is only a power or force of God. Used by God to uphold all creation 'an unseen power emanating from the Deity' Gave apostles power to do miracles but doesn't do it today as we don't see it happening! Do not believe that people are converted to Christ by Holy Spirit.
SALVATION	By good works and faith in Jehovah God	Every living thing is redeemed by virtue of Calvary	All people can attain spiritual life & go to paradise through a belief in the Jesus of Moonie teaching	Claim exclusivity of salvation	Man becomes a spirit after death but must work out his salvation	Combination of intellectual grasp of the Bible's teaching and a life of good works. Don't believe in justification by grace alone but by mental agreement with Christadelphian teachings and their baptism and a good life.
HEAVEN & HELL	Heaven is for 144,000 'Witnesses' The remainder will have everlasting life on earth There is no hell	Two spheres - highest celestial and lower terrestrial	Heavens gates will be opened after Jesus returns again as a man for his bride	Deny hell Believe in a state of soul sleep for the lost	There are higher & higher heavens Also lower plains of one's making	Man's soul is not immortal-everything perishes therefore his only hope of a future lies in resurrection so those incapable of response like babies, mentally handicapped etc or found unworthy will not be raised. Therefore No assurance of salvation Heaven is only where God lives but human beings do not go there at any time. Belief in 'soul-sleep'- equivalent to non-existence between death and resurrection <u>No Hell</u>
OTHER BELIEFS	All who reject the the J.W. doctrine will be annihilated after earthly death	'Perdition' is for Satan & the fallen angels, also for men who commit the unpardonable sin	The death of Jesus was murder by Satan who took his body	Jesus Christ will make Satan the scapegoat for the sins of mankind	Hell does not exist No judgement	Jesu's death on the Cross Simply a declaration of God's righteousness. Don't believe that Jesus' died for us or that He paid the price for our sin

