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DISCERN TRUTH  
FROM ERROR?

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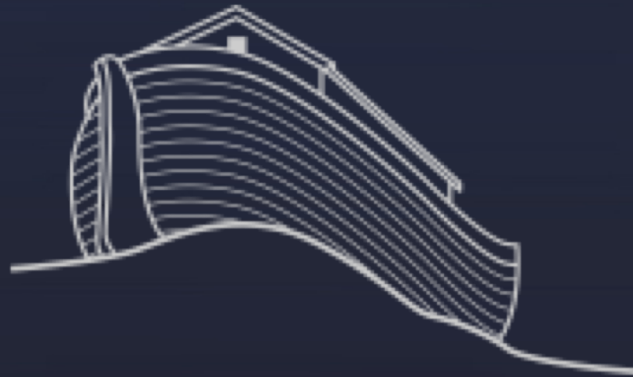
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BIBLE EDITION



TRUE OR FALSE?

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NOAH'S ARK TWO BY TWO



# TRUE OR FALSE?

## THE ANIMALS ENTERED

### FAKE NEWS!

## NOAH'S ARK TWO BY TWO

*“Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their kinds alive throughout the earth.”*

GENESIS 7:2-3



TRUE OR FALSE?

DELILAH CUT OFF  
SAMSON'S HAIR



# TRUE OR FALSE?

## DELILAH CUT OFF FAKE NEWS! SAMSON'S HAIR

*After putting [Samson] to sleep on her lap,  
[Delilah] called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair,  
and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him.*

JUDGES 16:19



TRUE OR FALSE?

GOD CREATED HELL  
TO PUNISH SINNERS



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FAKE NEWS!

TO PUNISH SINNERS

*“Then He will say to those at the left hand,  
‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire,  
prepared for the devil and his angels.’”*

MATTHEW 25:41



TRUE OR FALSE?

KING DAVID'S FATHER  
WAS NAMED JESSIE





JESSIE TAN



## Jessie Tan

Pastor

Ps Jessie enjoyed serving the Lord in the music and creative ministry since she was a teenager. Growing up in BBTC, she received the conviction from God to serve as a full-time staff with the Church since 1998. Currently, she serves as the Worship Pastor. Blessed with a pleasant voice & personality, she is leading thousands to praise and worship God during combined services. Ps Jessie desires for many to encounter God in worship and experience the power of His manifest presence in tangible ways.



CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR PRIZE IS ...

TREASURES IN HEAVEN!



WHY WE  
MUST LEARN TO  
DISCERN TRUTH  
FROM FALSEHOOD

# OUR SOULS ARE AT STAKE

## *Peter on false prophets & false teachers*

*“Their condemnation has long been hanging over them,  
and their destruction has not been sleeping ...  
the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to  
hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.  
They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done.”*

2 PETER 2:3-13

# OUR SOULS ARE AT STAKE

Singapore

## 21 people arrested after unregistered Singapore chapter of South Korean Shincheonji church resumed activities 'covertly': MHA



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SALT & LIGHT



## “They seemed so genuine”: How one woman fell into the trap of alleged Singapore chapter of Shincheonji

Gracia Lee // March 7, 2020, 1:24 am



Photo from ShincheonjiChurch's Facebook page.

# OUR CHURCH IS AT STAKE

**MBC ADVISORY 5 October 2021**

**Dear Esteemed Pastors, Elders and Leaders,**

**With our warm greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am writing to bring to your attention an alleged cultic group known as Salt n Light Fellowship which disguises itself as an innocent independent groups of students wanting to study the bible and inviting many of our young people to join them. Kindly take note to differentiate this alleged cultic group, Salt n Light Fellowship from another authentic Christian group, Salt & Light Ministries based in Singapore.

With this, I request all pastors, elders and leaders to make every effort to warn our people as we are seeing this group reaching out aggressively and deceptively to young people and church leaders.

**Name of alleged cult in Malaysia: Salt n Light Fellowship**

**Actual name:** Shincheonji Church of Jesus the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony (SCJ)

**Founder:** A South Korean national, Lee Man-Hee (88 years old)

Therefore, I am writing to inform our Baptist family that Salt n Light Fellowship belongs to the Korean cult: ShinCheonji (SCJ).

For your information, **Salt n Light Fellowship** (the alleged cult) is different from **Salt & Light Ministries based in Singapore** which is an authentic Christian ministry.



**saltandlight.sg**

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# OUR WITNESS IS AT STAKE

**mothership** News Covid-19 Lifestyle Abroad Weekend Environment + More

## Woman in S'pore, allegedly influenced by church friends, takes ivermectin for Covid-19 & ends up in A&E

*Her friends from the church also convinced her that mRNA vaccines are against their religion.*

Zi Shan Kow | October 04, 2021, 01:16 PM



ALL of them! Stand FIRM n dont allow them (that's what satan wants) to waver u....dont ALLOW SATAN to win!!! As faithful belivers GOD, this is BATTLE with satan n this is the pain n suffering WE HV TO ENDURE!!! Will continue to pray for u....just remember God also allow satan to work amongst our loved ones, testing of our FAITH n TRUST! GOD WILL WIN. SO

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TRUST IN JESUS....dont be stressed....tell all the kaypoh, or whatever u call them: UNLESS U CAN ASK JESUS TO TELL ME PERSONALLY, THAT HE COMMANDED/ASK ME TO GO AHEAD N TAKE THE otherwise be silent.

# HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

We need to “recognise the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood”. (1 JOHN 4:6)

A. By what they PROFESS

B. By what they PURSUE

C. By what they PRODUCE



HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

## 1. What they say about Jesus

*Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

***This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.***

*This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.*

1 JOHN 4:1-3

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# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

## 1. What they say about Jesus

*Many deceivers who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.*

*Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.*

*If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.*

# HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

## 1. What they say about Jesus

**Founder:** A South Korean national, Lee Man-Hee (88 years old)

**Key Claims:**

Lee Man-Hee has claimed to be the second coming of Christ, who would bring 144,000 people to Heaven with him on the Day of Judgement. He has also claimed to be the only person who can interpret the Bible, and SCJ allegedly regards all other churches and pastors as belonging to Satan.

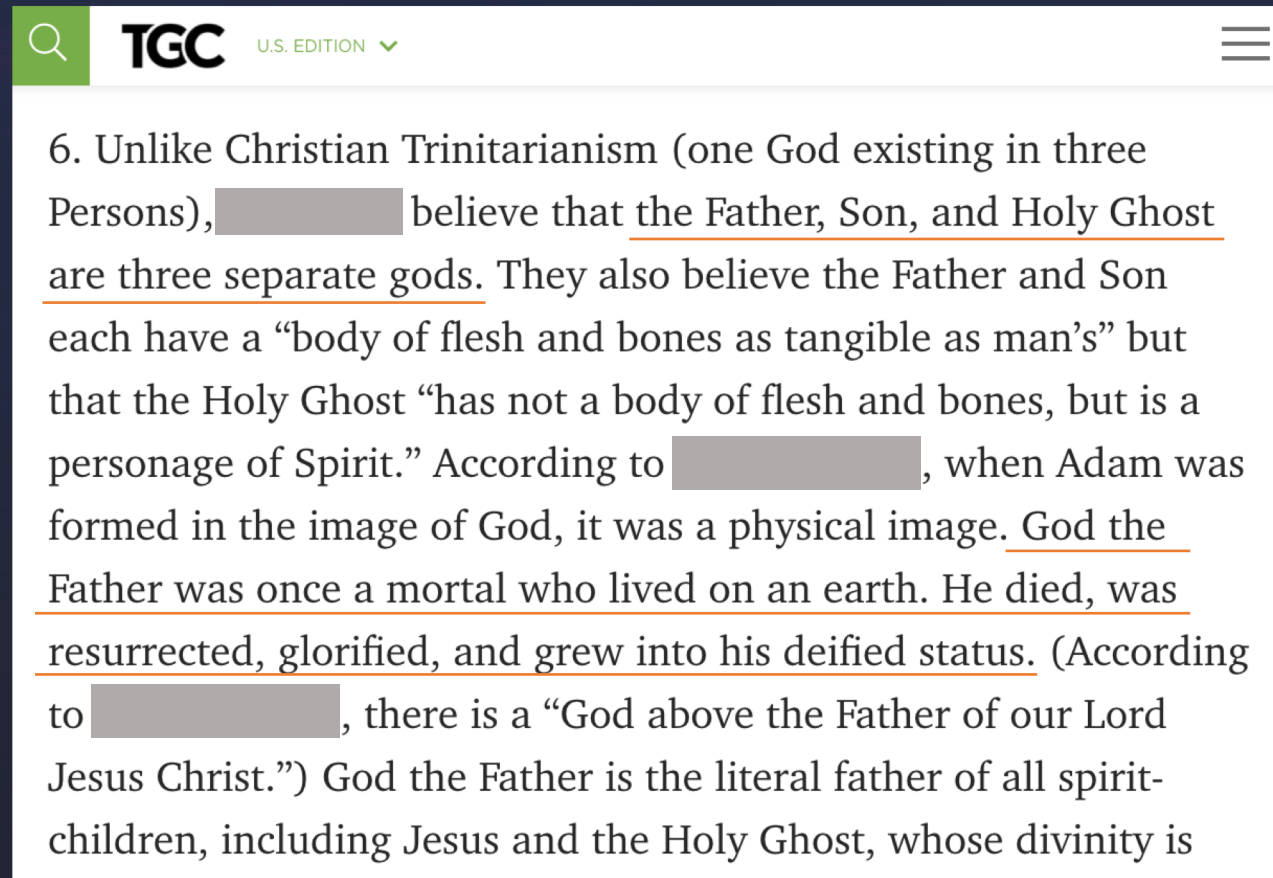
Amongst some key teachings received by a number of students who participated in the bible study classes run by Salt n Light Fellowship in Penang are:

- "Jesus' Return will be 'spiritual' – not a physical return
- "Trinity is False"
- "Jesus isn't God because Mary cannot carry God in her womb"
- It is acceptable to use deceit and lies if it serves God's purposes
- A Christian needs to accurately 'perceive' Jesus' parables in the Gospels in order to be saved.

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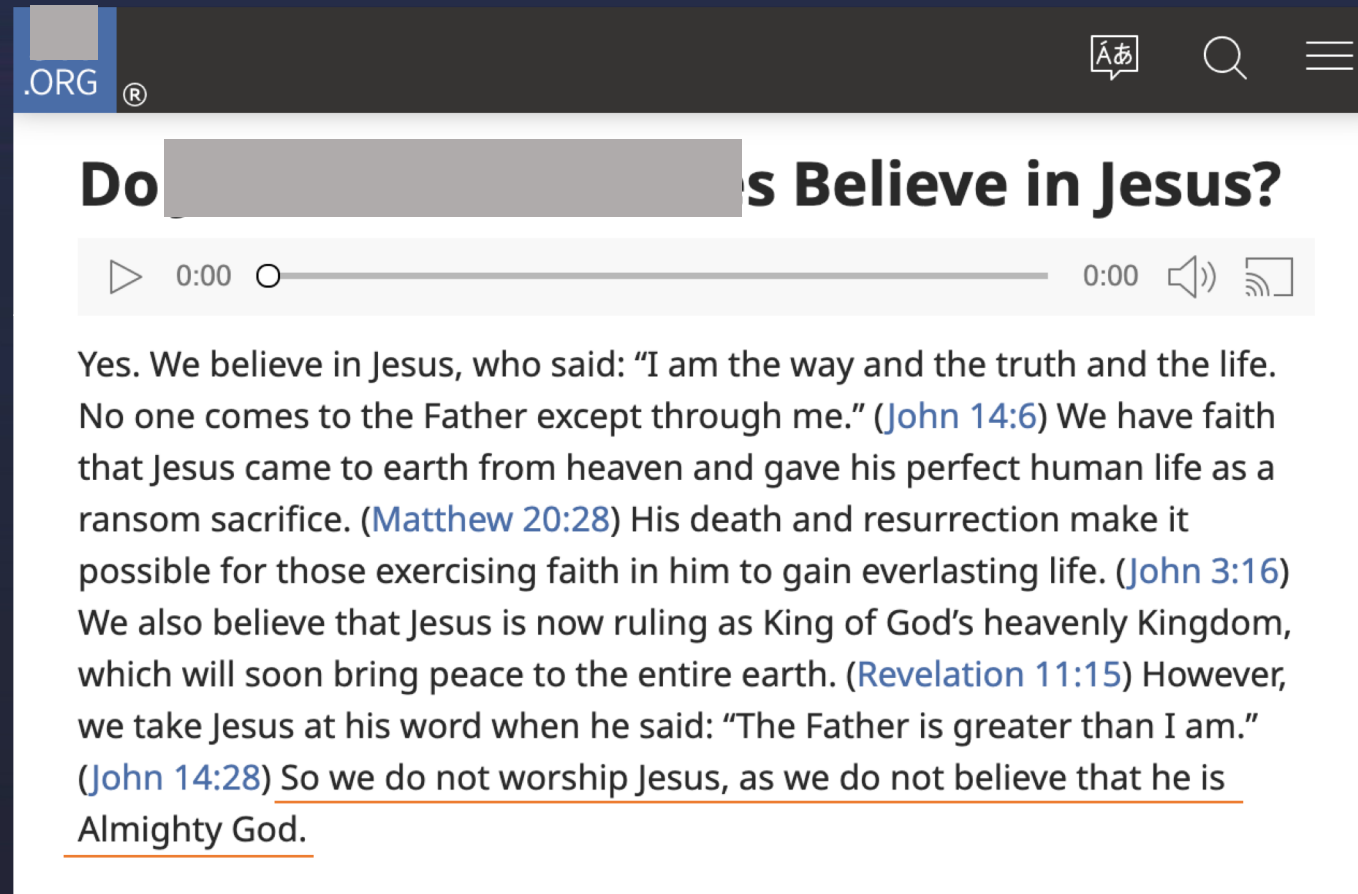


The image is a screenshot of a webpage from The Gospel Coalition (TGC). The header shows the TGC logo, "U.S. EDITION" with a dropdown arrow, a search icon, and a menu icon. The main text is a paragraph starting with "6. Unlike Christian Trinitarianism (one God existing in three Persons), [redacted] believe that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate gods. They also believe the Father and Son each have a "body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's" but that the Holy Ghost "has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit." According to [redacted], when Adam was formed in the image of God, it was a physical image. God the Father was once a mortal who lived on an earth. He died, was resurrected, glorified, and grew into his deified status. (According to [redacted], there is a "God above the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.") God the Father is the literal father of all spirit-children, including Jesus and the Holy Ghost, whose divinity is

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# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

## 1. What they say about Jesus



The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top left is a logo with ".ORG" and a registered trademark symbol. To the right are icons for a speech bubble, a magnifying glass, and a hamburger menu. The video title is "Do [redacted]s Believe in Jesus?". Below the title is a video player with a play button, a progress bar at 0:00, and icons for volume and full screen. The transcript text is as follows:

Yes. We believe in Jesus, who said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ([John 14:6](#)) We have faith that Jesus came to earth from heaven and gave his perfect human life as a ransom sacrifice. ([Matthew 20:28](#)) His death and resurrection make it possible for those exercising faith in him to gain everlasting life. ([John 3:16](#)) We also believe that Jesus is now ruling as King of God's heavenly Kingdom, which will soon bring peace to the entire earth. ([Revelation 11:15](#)) However, we take Jesus at his word when he said: "The Father is greater than I am." ([John 14:28](#)) So we do not worship Jesus, as we do not believe that he is Almighty God.

HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

**1. What they say about Jesus**

**2. Their unwillingness/inability to listen to God & His people**

*They are from the world and therefore speak  
from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.*

*We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us;  
but whoever is not from God does not listen to us.*

*This is how we recognise the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.*

1 JOHN 4:4-6

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## 1. What they say about Jesus

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Cults typically practice indoctrination rather than education. Shincheonji offers free Bible classes, which of course are slanted toward their theology. However, those involved in SJC are also taught that counter-evidence or other forms of discussion are tests of their faith. This causes them to ignore facts, reasons, and evidence that contradict Lee Man-Hee's teaching. In some cases, Shincheonji disciples are discouraged from reading the news or using the internet, as these media can contain potentially damning challenges to their faith.



HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PROFESS

**1. What they say about Jesus**

**2. Their unwillingness/inability to listen to God & His people**

**3. How they despise (spiritual) authority**

*The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. This is especially true of **those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.***

*Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings ... these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand.*

2 PETER 2:9-12

HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PURSUE

## 1. They seek followers – more than they seek to follow God

*I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.*

*Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth **in order to draw away disciples after them.***

*So be on your guard!*

ACTS 20:29-31



HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PURSUE

1. They seek followers – more than they seek to follow God
2. They seek to satisfy with human wisdom – not Godly wisdom

*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

COLOSSIANS 2:8

*“Now, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of their own imagination. Prophesy against them and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the women who sew magic charms on all their wrists and make veils of various lengths for their heads in order to ensnare people.’”*

EZEKIEL 13:17-18

HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PURSUE

1. They seek followers – more than they seek to follow God
2. They seek to satisfy with human wisdom – not Godly wisdom
3. They seek gain – their ministry is transactional, for-profit

*“Will you ensnare the lives of my people but preserve your own? **You have profaned me among my people for a few handfuls of barley and scraps of bread.** By lying to my people, who listen to lies, you have killed those who should not have died and have spared those who should not live.”*

EZEKIEL 13:18-19

*“As for the prophets who lead my people astray, **they proclaim ‘peace’ if they have something to eat, but prepare to wage war against anyone who refuses to feed them.** Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money.”*

MICAH 3:5, 11

HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PRODUCE

## 1. They cause division & dissension

*Watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine you have been taught; avoid them.*

*Such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.*

ROMANS 16:17-18

*If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.*

*He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-5

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## 1. They cause division & dissension

*For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because **they are disrupting whole households** by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. TITUS 1:9-11*

Once a Christian is convinced that they are legit, he | she become a member of the local chapter, a controlling influence is then exerted over these young people, requiring them to comply with strict instructions to conceal the local existence of SCJ and their involvement with it. Members are not allowed to contact one another, verify teachings with other churches, or inform their families of their involvement. At this point, they will tell you that their founder, an 88 years old man is Jesus Christ.

HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PRODUCE

1. They cause division & dissension
2. They discourage people from righteousness & repentance

*“Because **you disheartened the righteous with your lies,**  
when I had brought them no grief, and because  
**you encouraged the wicked not to turn from their evil ways**  
and so save their lives, therefore you will no longer see false visions  
or practice divination. I will save my people from your hands.  
And then you will know that I am the Lord.”*

EZEKIEL 13:22-23



HOW TO DISCERN FALSE TEACHERS

# BY WHAT THEY PRODUCE

1. They cause division & dissension
2. They discourage people from righteousness & repentance
3. They produce unholy fruit

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. **By their fruit you will recognise them.** Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and **a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them.”*

MATTHEW 7:15-20

SOME OF THE BAD FRUIT IS VERY OBVIOUS ...

Cult leader who claims to be  
reincarnation of Jesus arrested in Russia

Former traffic officer Sergei Torop, AKA Vissarion, arrested in  
special operation in Siberia



**South Korean cult leader arrested for  
hiding Covid-19 data, embezzlement**

**'DIVINE POWER'** Cult leader Lee Jae-rock  
jailed for raping megachurch followers  
'on God's orders' in South Korea

*Their idea of pleasure is to **carouse in broad daylight**. They are blots and blemishes, **revelling in their pleasures** while they feast with you. **With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed** – an accursed brood! They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness.*

2 PETER 2:13-15

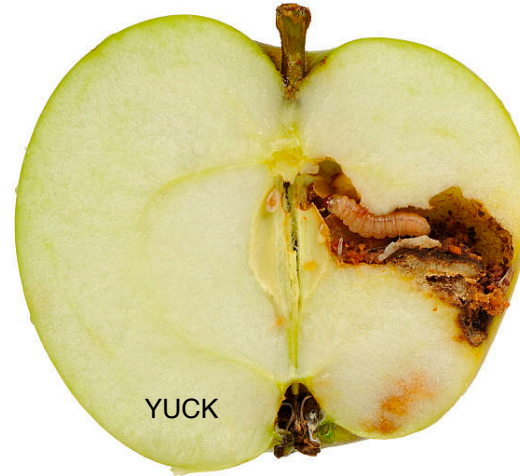
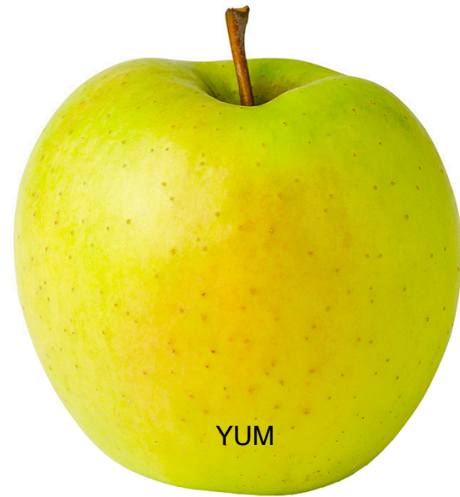
BUT OFTEN, THE BAD FRUIT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS



### **SOME EXAMPLES THAT ARE ALL AROUND US ...**

- Those who misquote Scripture to mislead others
- The leader who leads others into sin and spiritual apathy
- The Bible teacher whose teaching puffs others up with intellectual pride, not brokenness before God
- The constant critic who starts to make you hate your church

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### **SOME FILTERING QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK:**

Does this person's influence make me more Christlike?  
(Measured by the Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23)

Does it point me towards loving God and Church?

Does it fill me with hope, joy and peace? (Romans 15:13)

Or are there niggling feelings – Guilt? Shame? Pride?

# IT'S EASY TO BE DECEIVED ...

## **1. Because false apostles are well disguised: 2 Cor 11:13-15**

*2 Cor 11:13-15.* Satan masquerades as an angel of light, “servants of righteousness”.

## **2. Because false prophets can perform signs & wonders 🤪**

*Matthew 24:23-25, 2 Thess 2:9, Revelations 13:13-14.* “Miracles” to deceive people.

## **3. Because they appeal to our carnal desires**

*Jer 6:13-14, Jer 13:13-14, 2 Tim 4:3-4.* They give “itching ears” what we want to hear.

## **4. If we don't know what the truth is**

*2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 Tim 6:20-21.* Fabricated stories, of what they falsely call knowledge.

## **5. If we don't take this warning seriously**

*2 Cor 11:3-4.*



# IT'S EASY TO BE DECEIVED ...

## 5. If we don't take this seriously

*I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning,  
your minds may somehow be led astray  
from your sincere, pure devotion to Christ.*

*For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than  
the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from  
the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted,  
you put up with it easily enough. 2 COR 11:3-4*

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*"You happily put up with it!" NLT "This you tolerate very well!" NASB*

*"You are all too willing to listen!" ISV "You are ready to accept it!" CEV*

# HOW TO GUARD YOURSELF

1. **WALK: BUILD YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Worship God, not any man.

2. **WORD: KEEP READING THE BIBLE – ARM YOURSELF WITH TRUTH!**

How will you discern what is false if you don't know what is true?

3. **WISDOM: PLUG INTO HEALTHY COMMUNITY – CHURCH BODY-LIFE.**

Accountability & covering. Someone to watch over, even correct you.

4. **WEAKNESS: KNOW WHEN YOU ARE VULNERABLE.**

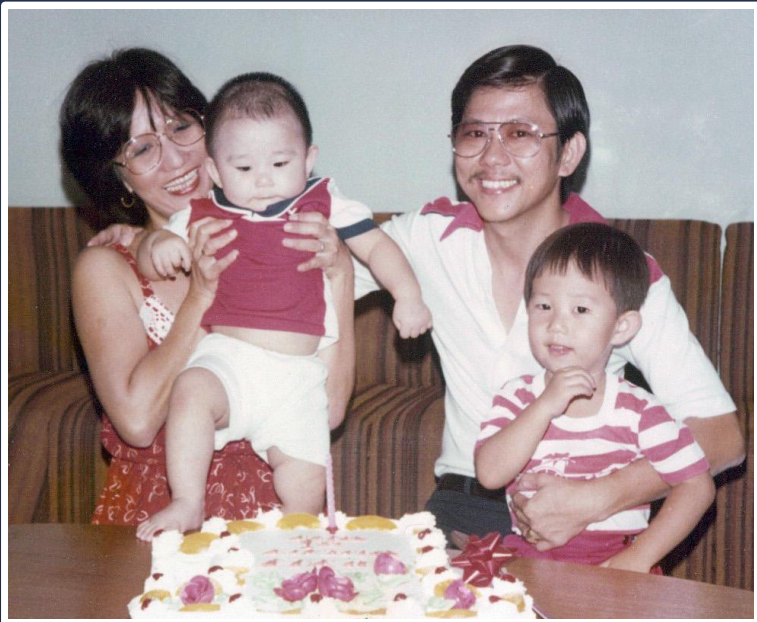
Cults target certain personality types at their low point.

(Lonely, depressed, uncertain, spiritually unfulfilled, distrusting authority/"mainstream")

5. **WARNING: DO NOT FALL IN THE SAME ERRORS OF PRIDE OR DIVISION**

True godliness forms someone who unites, not divides! Don't be a heresy hunter!





Discerning the Spirit of Truth  
from the spirit of falsehood/error  
is a matter of eternal life and death.

***“You can choose to believe  
what you want to believe, but you cannot choose  
the consequences of what you want to believe.”***

BILLY GRAHAM

# THIS WE BELIEVE

## IN THIS CHURCH, WE COMMIT TO:

- **Guarding ourselves by holding on tightly to His Word**
- **Holding everything else – our offences and pride – loosely**
- **Dealing with differences with love and grace**
- **In the spirit of unity, not division**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Said by all in unison*

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the holy church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.