

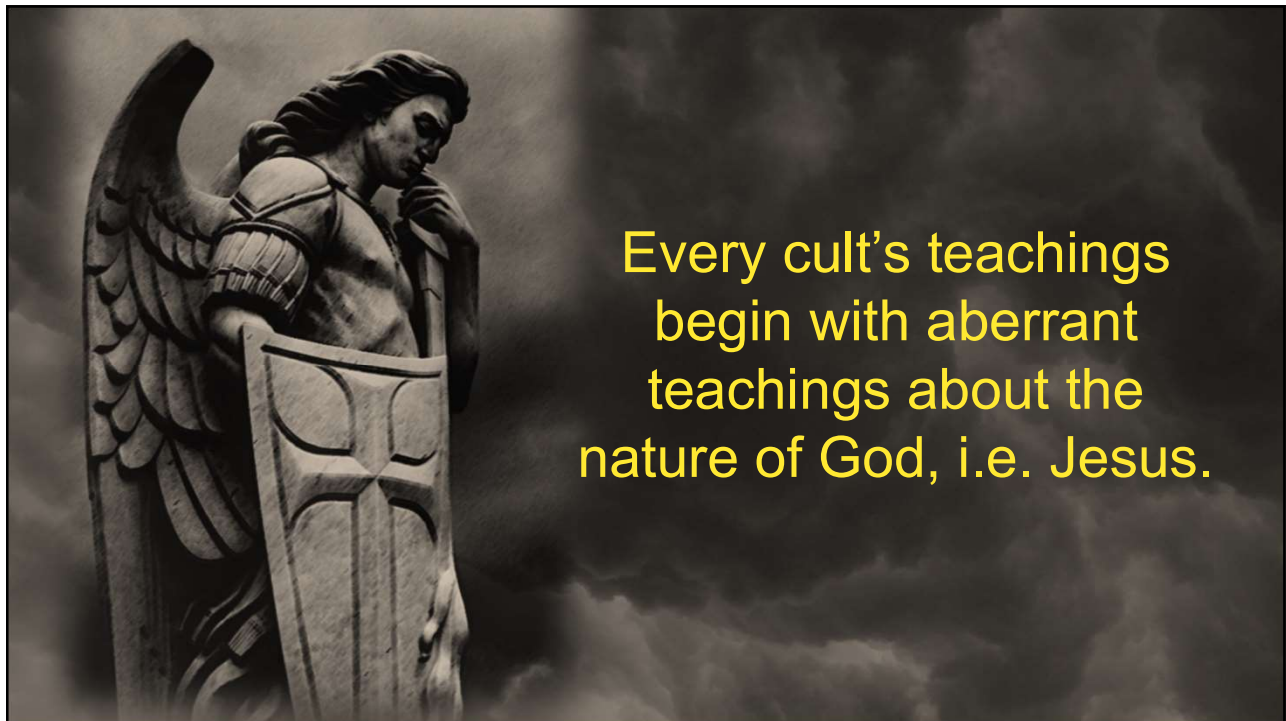


Angels:

God's secret agents

Lesson 3: The Prince of Angels

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Every cult's teachings
begin with aberrant
teachings about the
nature of God, i.e. Jesus.

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Jim Jones, People's Temple, Indianapolis, IN

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“Jesus never claimed to be God.”

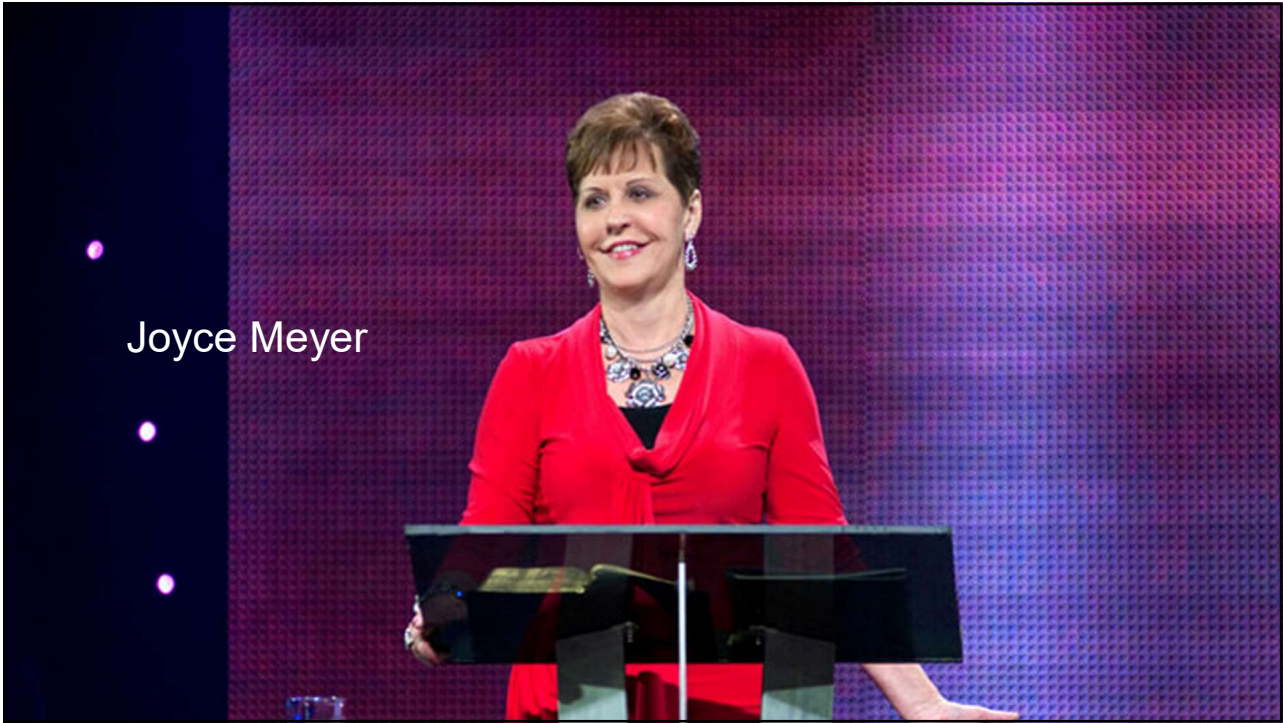
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1. Jesus is NOT an angel

- He created the angels:

Neh 9:6 You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

Ps 148:1-5 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! ²Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! ³Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord,

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

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- He is the head of all things:

Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

2:9-10 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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- **He is superior to the angels:**

Heb 1:1-14 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

10:12-13 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

- **He only has immortality:**

1 Tim 6:15-16 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

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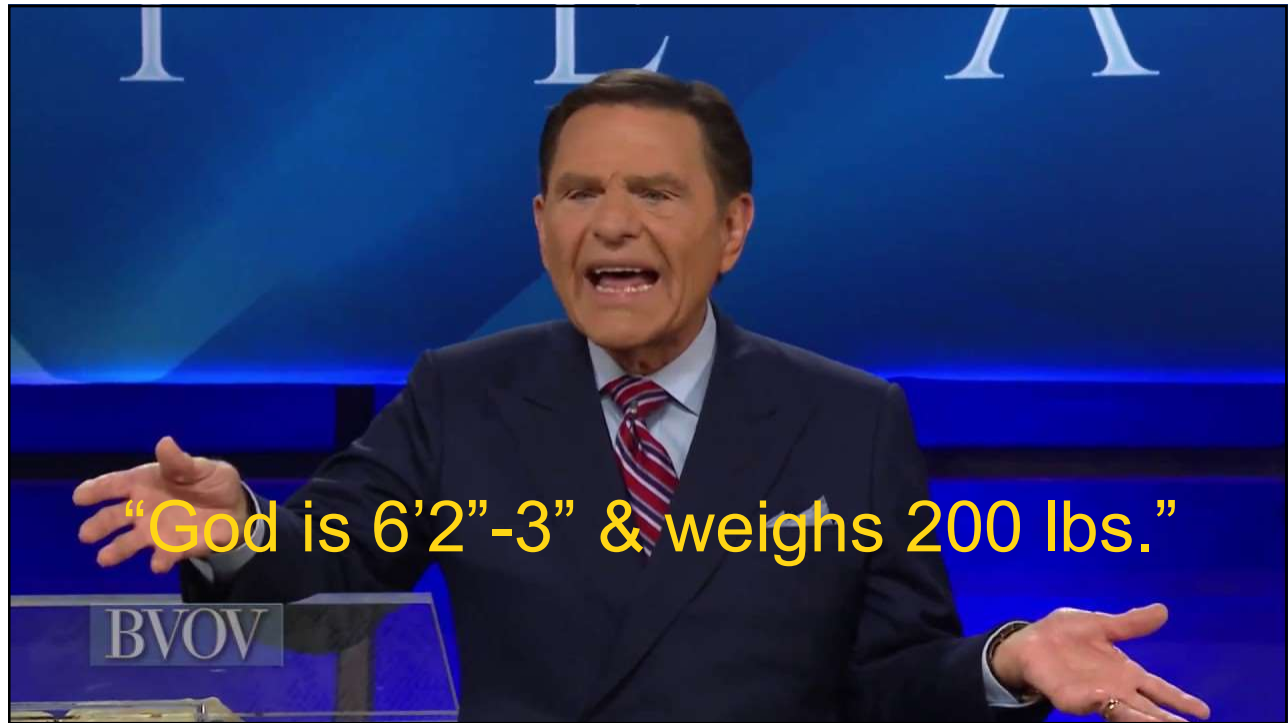
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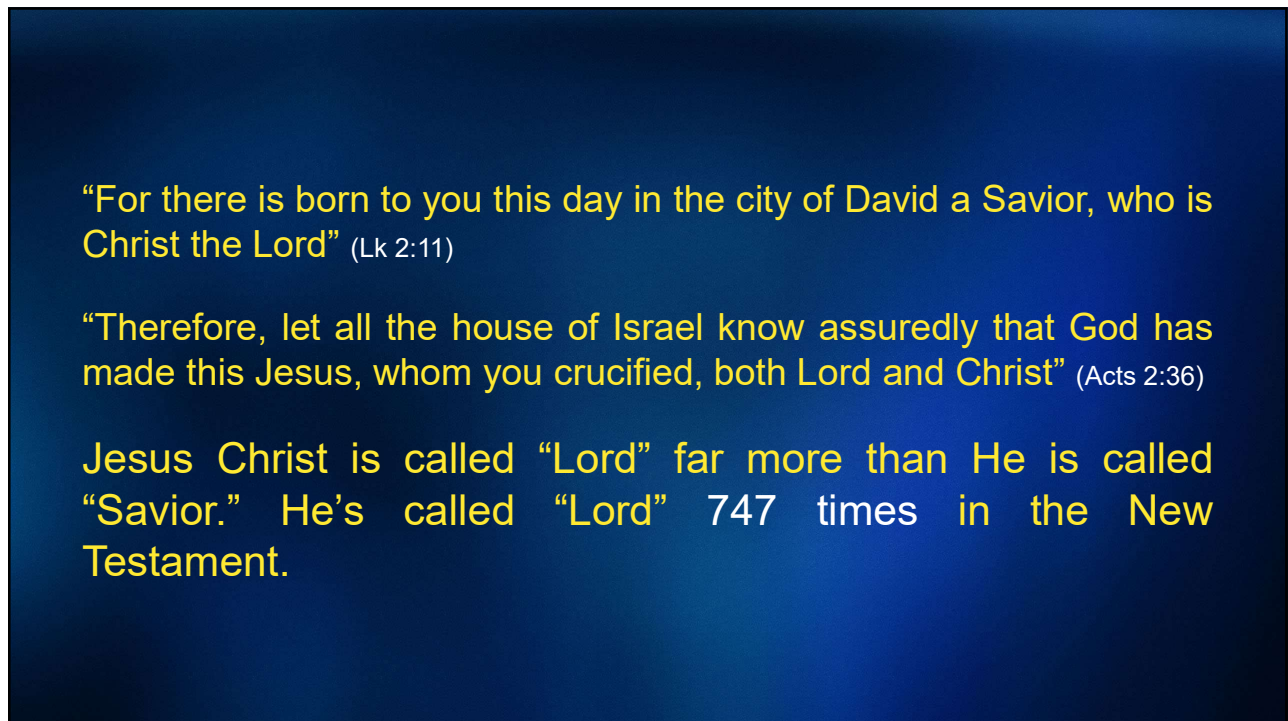
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2. Jesus is GOD

- **God with us:**

Is 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Mt 1:22-23 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

- **The Word was God:**

Jn 1:1,14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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- **What others said:**

(Jews)

Mt 21:9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

22:41-45 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'? ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

27:43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'

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(Peter)

Mt 16:15-17 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

(Thomas)

Jn 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

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- What Jesus said:

(I am)

Jn 8:58, 18:6 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." ... ⁶ Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

(Equality w/ God)

Jn 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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(at the crucifixion)

Mk 14:61-62 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

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- **Fullness of the Godhead:**

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

- **Image of the invisible God:**

Col 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

- **Great God and Savior:**

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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- Seated at God's right hand:

Mt 26:64, Acts 2:33-36, 5:31, 7:55-56, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20, Col 3:1, Heb 1:3, 13, 8:1, 10:1, 12:2, 1 Pet 3:22

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? (Ps 110:1)

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- Lord of Lords:

Rev 19:11-16 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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3. The Angel of the Lord

- Hagar, “God sees me”:

Gen 16:7,13 Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ¹³ Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?”

- Abraham and the “3 angels”:

Gen 18:1-2,17 Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ² So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ... ¹⁷ And the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

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Gen 19:1 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

- Jacob wrestling, “I have seen God’s face”:

Gen 32:24-30 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. ²⁵ Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶ And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” ²⁷ So He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And He blessed him there. ³⁰ **So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”**

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