



DUPED?

QUESTIONING THE LOGIC
OF POP SPIRITUALITY



Part 7: Pastor on the Hot Seat

INTRODUCTION — Why This Series?

Before we can get to any possibility of connection, unity, mutual learning and growing, before we can discuss different interpretations of the data our world gives us, we should try to be as clear as reasonably possible about the data itself. Rumour, false data, and outright lies frustrate any attempts at dialogue.

Matthew 7:15-20; Acts 17:16-34; Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jude 3-4

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Question #2 – How is Christ’s teaching evidence of his existence?

Question #3 – How is Christ’s teaching particularly unique?

In the teaching of Jesus we are watching the dismantling of a religion from the inside-out. This is unprecedented and stunningly original.

Sin is wiped away through Christ’s sacrifice, making salvation available and religion redundant.

Question #4 – How can we get the “big picture” of the Bible?

Cruciformity (part 7) & The Scripture Scandals

Question #5 – Doesn’t the parallelomania phenomenon caution Christians not to read too much into simple life coincidences?

Question #6 – What is the significance of December 25th?

Question #7 – Is the virgin birth a critical doctrine?

Question #8 – Is meditation biblical?

Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 19:15; 77:12; 143:5; 145:5; Psalm 119:15

THE WESLEYAN QUADRILATERAL: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, Experience

Question #9 – What about the rest of Zeitgeist?

ΙΧΘΥΣ = *Ichthus*, Greek for fish
"Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior,"
"Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Θεοῦ Υἱός, Σωτήρ"

CONCLUSION – The Cost of Discipleship

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Take time to review this week’s message. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Remember the closing question about the cost of discipleship. On the one hand, salvation is a free gift of sheer grace (a revolutionarily irreligious concept – see **Romans 6:23**). On the other hand, following Jesus will cost us our lives. Read the following verses about the high cost of following Jesus: **Luke 9:23-26, 57-62; 14:25-35**. a) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? b) How is Jesus’ evangelism technique different than many evangelical evangelists today? c) What might **9:23** look like in daily life? Brainstorm some examples from real life situations. d) What do you think Jesus means by “hating” in **14:26**? e) Notice that Jesus calls people to follow *him*, not a philosophy or set of teachings. Every other teaching flows out of that one central call to follow *Jesus*. In the process of making Jesus our Lord, we renounce our rights to relationships, possessions, and even our own lives. In what areas and in what ways is following Jesus most challenging for you?

SO WHAT?...

3. Choose a verse or phrase from these passages that stands out as being important for you to fully grasp. Invite God to speak to you while you take a few minutes to meditate on that verse or phrase. Share any new insights.
4. Talk about one change you have made or intend to make in your life in light of this series. Pray for each other’s continuing growth as Christ-followers.

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