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Jehova's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell (1852-1916) founded 1879	Jesus opened the door for us to "earn" Salvation	Members of their church	One person	Michael the Archangel who became a man	Keeping the commandments being in their organization	No	Studies in the scriptures, Watchtower, Awake Magazines & New World Translation
Mormonism	Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805-1844) founded 1830	Jesus' atonement plus the laws and ordinances of the gospel	Members of their church	A triad: 3 Gods	The brother of the devil and all people	Resurrected by grace, saved by doing works	Yes	The Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine & covenants, pearl of great price
Christian Science	Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910) founded 1866	Religious beliefs of Jesus teachings, not the atonement	A collection of spiritual ideas	Impersonal universal presence	A man in tune with the "divine consciousness," not the Christ	Correct thinking	No	Science and health – key to the scriptures miscellany
Buddhism	Siddhartha Gautama (563-483 B.C.) A "Hindu," later – Buddha	Enlightenment, the extension of consciousness towards nothingness called: Nirvana	Monks & those who practice it, usually in a temple or at home	No personal or infinite God – millions of finite Gods	N/A	None – Karma and Reincarnation	N/A	"Developed" nearly 1,000 years after his death
Muslims (Orthodox)	Muhammed (570-632 A.D.) founded 610 A.D.	To live by the "five" pillars of Islam – to pray 5 times to the east, etc.	Members of their mosque – those who submit to Allah	Allah: pre-Islamic (moon God) not the trinity	A great teacher & prophet	By trying to do more good deeds than bad (no guarantee)	No	Quran nearly 150 years after his death – also over 700,000 Hadiths
Nation of Islam (unorthodox) also called Black Muslims	Wallace D. (Dodd) Fard – a white man, Elijah Poole founded 1930	The black man is God – the original deity. The white man is a devil (YaKub Theory)	Members of their mosque	Allah: (Material) Farrakhan through succession	A mere man teacher/prophet	By trying to do more good deeds than bad (no guarantee)	No	Quran, Bible, some Watchtower teachings and message to the black man

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Word of Faith (word faith movement)	E. W. Kenyon founder: Kenneth E. Haggin #1 successor: Kenneth Copeland	We are "Little Gods", faith healing, prosperity, faith is a force calling things into existence	Members of their church	God is about 6'2", 6'3", a couple of hundred pounds with a handspan 9" across, said Kenneth Copeland	Jesus took on satan's nature, went to hell, was born again and rose with God's nature again	By having faith in faith	Yes	Bible, health & wealth
Masonry (Freemasonry)	Established in 1153-1547 during the reign of Henry I-VIII, re-established in 1717 as freemasonry	Universalism: every religious path leads to salvation good works, morals & character	Members of their lodge who believe in a supreme being	"The Almighty Parent" (Polytheistic: belief in many Gods)	One of many prophets/teachers	Personal character & good works	Depends on religion...	Poem of the craft of masonry (1410) constitutions, Handbuch (1822) & any sacred book as holy
Hinduism (out of Brahminism)	Founded through priestly ritual around 1500 B.C.	Moksha: to be liberated from the wheel of life, death & rebirth	Those who strive for enlightenment	Brahman (impersonal/being beyond all distinctions even morality)	N/A	None...Karma and Reincarnation	N/A	The 4 Vedas, Upanishads & Bhagavadgita (Modified between 200 B.C. – 200 A.D.)
Christa-delphanism	John Thomas (1805-1871) founded 1848	Faith in Christ and Baptism	Members of their church	One person rejects the Holy trinity	A man with a sin nature	Baptism is required – also can lose Salvation	Yes	Bible, Elpis Israel, Eureka
Scientology	L. (Lafayette) Ron Hubbard (1911-1986) founded 1950	Man is a deity who has "forgotten" he is divine	Members of their church	(undefined) referred to as: nature, infinity all theta life, the 8 th dynamic	A legend, an implant in "pre-clears" a million years ago	By auditing: a methodology toward self-realization reincarnation	No	Dianetics: mind & body Scientology: spirit, also others...
Baha'i Faith	Mirza' (Bab) Ali Muhammad (1819-1850) founded 1844	All the worlds 9 major religions are progressive revelations from God	Members of local spiritual assemblies	God and the universe, which is an emanation of God are co-eternal	Only one of nine prophetic manifestations of the "Divine Being"	To practice the principles by Baha'u'Llah, prayer & be in accord with "Your" God.	No	Writings of Baha'u'llah, Abdu'l'baha, & the major holy writings

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5% Nation (offshoot from NOI)	Clarence (13X, Father) Smith 1928-1969) founded 1964	The Black Man is God & only 5% of all Cyphers know the truth	Members of their organization	Allah	A great teacher	Through knowledge of "self"	No	Quran, Bible, Supreme Mathematics & Alphabets
Nation of Yahweh or Black Hebrew Israelites	Hulon Mitchell, Jr., aka Yahweh Ben Yahweh Born 1935 still incarcerated - founded 1979	"YBY" is the son of God "Blacks" are the true Jews. God & Jesus are black, white people are devils	Members of the brotherhood	"Yahweh," the true name of God - emphasis on the letter "J" not being in existence until 500 years ago	Yahshua (Yahweh is Salvation)	By keeping the Sabbaths & keeping the commandments	No	Torah the Bible (Emphasis on the 1 st five books)
Rastarianism (Rastafari or Rastas)	Out of Marcus Garvey's Back to Africa philosophy funded in 1930 - no true leader	Attain cosmic consciousness by smoking ganja to stand against Babylon, go back to Africa	N/A	JAH or H.I.M: Ras Tafari Malonnen aka: Emperor Hailse Selassie I (1892-1975)	Emperor Haile Selassie was the Messiah of the Bible who became immortal after his death	No life after death, Ethiopia is heaven on earth, true Rastas are immortal	No	Bible
New age movement	A "social" compilation of 19 th century mind science cults, Hinduism, mysticism and the occult	Man is God through self-realization (Monism: all is one and one is all)	N/A	An impersonal force pervading all creation	Not the Christ, one of many Avatars/Teachers who "achieved" his innate divinity	At-one-ment: to be freed from ignorance of one's own Godhood by Personal transformation	No	Revelation: the birth of a new age, the Aquarian conspiracy, nine stories
Gnosticism (Gnosis: knowledge)	A world view shaped by Hellenism, Neoplatism, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, & the heritages of Egypt & Mesopotamia	To be liberated from matter by gaining Gnosis: secret knowledge to discover the "inner" self or soul	Members of their church	Unknowable Godhead: God the Father Sophia the Spirit Part of God & Jesus the Son of God	A messenger of "Gnosis," a product of God & the Holy Spirit who joined them to make up the trinity	The Body/matter is an evil prison, the spirit alone is good, knowledge of "self" is salvation	No	Nag Hammadi, Cathar texts ,the copies of Hermeticum,

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Theosophy	Madame Helena Blavatsky (1831-1891) founded 1875	Man is an emanation of God, thus man is a God in the making	N/A	God is an impersonal essence/principle	A great world teacher among many sons of God	By the "law of causation" ... by Karma and Progressive Reincarnation, we save ourselves	No	The secret doctrine, Isis unveiled, the key to Theosophy & the voice of silence
Unity School of Christianity	Charles & (1854-1948) Martle (1845-1931) Filmore founded 1889	God is a "Divine Consciousness," man is a part of that consciousness thus man is divine in nature	Members of their church	God is the name of the everywhere "principle" God is within us all as well as creation	Jesus was a man, not the Christ, but we all possess the "Christ" consciousness within us	Earned by bringing forth the perfect "inner man" to obtain eternal life with reincarnation	No	Unity Magazine, Metaphysical Bible, Dictionary
The Way International	Victor Paul Weirwell (1917-1985) founded 1942	Immutable laws: positive/negative "confessions" will come true, prosperity law, teach to speak in tongues...	Members of their church	The Father is the one true God who created Jesus & the Holy Spirit	Is not God made by God sinless, having "dominant" genes from God – died with four others not two	By works: doing the will of God – Salvation is confirmed by speaking in tongues	Yes	Jesus Christ is not God, power for abundant living
Oneness Pentecostalism (Apostolic)	Frank Ewart founded 1913	Speaking in tongues is necessary evidence of the Holy Spirit, & total sanctification	Members of their church	Modalism: God manifested himself through the "offices" of Father, Son & Holy Spirit	Jesus is God incarnate, but not the 2 nd person of the trinity	Water baptism in Jesus' name only & speaking in tongues – also can lose Salvation	Yes	The Bible (emphasis on Acts 2:38)
Iskcon (Hare Krishnas)	Srila Prabhupada (1896-1977) founded 1966	Chanting Krishna's names, the 9 processes of devotional service & the rejection of the four pillars of sinful life	Members of their temple	Krishna has 3 aspects: the ultimate personality, is localized in all creation & the impersonal Brahman	Not the unique son of God but one of the "demi-God" manifestations of Krishna	Samsara: removing ones "Karmic Debt" through right actions and reincarnation	No	Bible, Vedas, Bhagavadgita, & books by Srila Prabhupada