

How to Detect Cult-General Guidelines For These Confusing Times!
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- They claim that you **MUST** join their group. They claim to be the exclusive holders of salvation. TRUTH-ROMANS 10:19. JOEL 2:32.
- They claim that there's in the **ONLY** true church and anyone not in it cannot be saved. That true church is usually theirs. D and C 1:30. Thus it's no longer a belief and trust in Messiah but an affiliation. Speaking collectively not individually. This is how we can accept a book without the ecclesiastical structure. Truth John 10:1-3! Many cults **HAVE DEPARTED FROM THE PRIMARY BOOK OF THEIR OWN SCRIPTURES** and beliefs!
- They usually believe in some kind of personal and only **ONE** Pope, **ONE** PROPHET, **ONE** HIGH Priest that **CAN** speak for Yah to the assembly alone. That Yah will not speak to the sheep! They may not deny the gifts of the Ruach, but only **ONE PERSON** is authorized to prophecy for the collective majority and to transfer, distribute and dispense it. Violates John 10:13.
- They claim that the Ruach cannot be gotten simply from childlike joyful trust in Yahushua but from the assigned prophet! See Acts Ch. 8 where Shimon Magus wanted to decide who gets the Ruach. John 14:16-17. **ONLY YAHUSHUA GRANTS AND TRANSFERS THE RUACH** to whom HE wills.
- They rely on dreams and visions over and above the Word of YHWH. Usually the only visions that are accepted are the ones by the main head of the group, or a past main head. These are elevated above the Word; others in the group are discounted, or discouraged when they receive dreams and visions. Acts 2:17-18.
- They claim that in order to receive the sacraments such as mikvah, marriage and gifts of the Ruach you must come to them as Yahushua has appointed them alone! That no one else on earth or in heaven has the power to sanction your faith and walk with Messiah!
- That only their priesthood or council can **ORDAIN** others. That the power to ordain lies with them **ALONE** and not with Yahushua. All ordinations not done by them are rejected. John 15:16.
- They claim that they are personally appointed by Messiah over and above anyone else and Yahushua will give you nothing except through them His only true reps on earth. So it doesn't matter how many souls you won and disciplined if it wasn't done through them those souls don't count and neither are you saved. Wolves in sheep's clothing draw you to themselves for the Holy Spirit endowment not Messiah, who draws all to Himself without any priesthood. Acts 20:29. We become priesthood but don't need priesthood to get the Ruach. Matthew 7:15, Luke 10:16, the you are the disciples, they are the narcissist leaders. First Peter 2:8-9.
- They usually believe in some form of apostolic or papal succession, that the authority over the Holy Ghost, power and even salvation itself is bestowed in some form of succession or endowment. This can be anything from Poppery to Mormonism, Rabbinical Judaism or JWs.
- They reject openly or covertly the equality and priesthood of all believers including set apart women. Galatians 3:28-29. Romans 16:7.
- They hold to doctrines of demons lies forbidding to marry and eating unclean foods. First Timothy 4:1-2.
- A cult can also be seen in isolationism or collectivism. A man who claims he needs no public assembly with other believers and yet accumulates individuals on his own terms that he desires to follow him while he himself is out of fellowship, is the leader of a family cult of one or a few. A single family can also make up a cult-the Manson family. A cult

leader issues statements such as I follow and I am led by no man and tends to steal sheep as spiritual impotence pervaded their life. Matt. 7:17-19.

-A cult leader has no fear to speak evil against dignity and dignitaries and other leaders getting the job done. Jude verse 8, 12, 13, 19! Hebrews 9:25. Isolation is a sign of spiritual quackery as much as is popery! Psalm 105:14-22, Can a cult be one leader with no sheep? Yes as he is positioned himself as one!

-They usually claim that it is more important to obey the laws of the land than YHWH's word which they insinuate must be broken if land laws disallow it. Acts 4:18-19.

-A group that conducts animal sacrifices as a means of appeasing a holy Elohim are a cult and fail to understand grace. Believe it or not such groups still exist in all faiths. Hebrews 9:11-12. Hebrews 10:1-6.