

Biblical Answers to the World Mission Society Church of God

ENCOUNTERING THE CULT OF AHNSAHNGHONG ?

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits, whether they are
of God; because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.--*

1 John 4:1

Do you need Biblical answers about:

- the World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCoG or CoGWMS)
- their founder Ahnsahnghong (Ahn Sahng/Sang-Hong)
- their current leader "Mother Jerusalem"
(a.k.a. "Heavenly Mother God")
 - Zang/Zahng Gil-Jah
 - Chung Gil Cha)?

I hope this blog helps you. Questions and comments are always welcome.

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Links Specifically about the **World Mission Society Church of God**

www.examinethewmscog.com -- A site
with several authors and where you
should go for **an ex-member's**
perspective. There is a **forum** also.

www.laverdaderaiddsimm.com --

SPANISH site about the Iglesia de Dios
Sociedad Misionera (IDDSMM = WMSCOG)

www.letusreason.org/WorldR2.htm

-- An **overview and critique of WMSCOG** at Let Us Reason Ministries.

www.belovedspear.org/2011/08/world-mission-society-church-of-god.html

-- A blog post with a fantastic **summary of what makes the WMSCOG a cult.**

www.english.watv.org/truth/truth_life/list.asp

The **official church website** where you can read their own words--sermons, essays from members (called "Fragrances"), and summaries of some (but not all) of their doctrines.

About mind control
and cults in general:

[Cult Tactics & Mind Control B.I.T.E.](#)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3FOopAj528

Steven Hassan

www.odan.org/hassan_excerpt.htm -- An excerpt from
chapter 2 of Steve Hassan's book, *Releasing the Bonds*.
(Look for similarities with the WMSCOG.)

www.Coping with Cult Involvement: A Handbook for Families and Friends.htm

-- An **online book** by Livia Bardin.

www.Coping with Cult Members.htm-A **resource from
intervention specialist** Rick Ross at the Ross Institute

www.Spiritual Abuse Resources.htm--Provides information and
resources **about spiritual abuse**, a program of the
www.International Cultic Studies Association.htm

www.vimeo.com/15963095.htm

-- Another video from

Steven Hassan talking about mind control. Pay special attention around minute 19-20
the turning point in his experience.

Informational videos about mind control and how it works, very revealing (and not too long):

www.Mind Control Made Easy.htm

Mind Control Techniques.htm

(refers to the Jehovah's Witnesses, but covers mind control in general)

**THE WMSCOG AS/"IS" A CULT
__ FALSE-NEAR CHRISTIANITY __**

The World Mission Society Church of God founded by Ahn Sahng Hong (Ahn Sahng Hong), does not seem to mind being called a cult. They will take some of the known characteristics of cults, such as a change of personality for its members, and say that Christianity itself is also a cult if you follow those guidelines.

from Walter Martin's *The Rise of the Cults*,

"A cult, then, is a group of people polarized around someone's interpretation of the Bible and is **characterized by major deviations from orthodox Christianity** relative to the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith, particularly the fact that God became man in Jesus Christ."

from Josh McDowell and John Stewart's *Handbook of Today's Religions*, features that characterize cults include:

"New Truth....God has revealed something special to them. This is usually truth that has never before been revealed and supersedes and contradicts all previous revelations."

"New Interpretations of Scripture....[They] believe they alone have the key to interpreting the mysteries in the Bible."

"A Non-biblical Source of Authority....sacred writings or a source of authority that supersedes the Bible."

"Another Jesus....false teaching about the person of Jesus Christ in the light of historical biblical Christianity."

"Rejection of Orthodox Christianity....They argue that the church has departed from the true faith."

"Double-Talk....they say one thing publically but internally believe something totally different."

"Non-biblical Teaching on the Nature of God (Trinity)....deviation on the doctrine of the Trinity and the nature of God."

"Changing Theology....[members] will learn a doctrine only to find that doctrine later changed or contradicted by further revelation."

"Strong Leadership....central leader figures who consider themselves messengers of God with unique access to the Almighty....This strong leadership leads the cult follower unto total dependence upon the cult for belief, behavior and lifestyle."

"Salvation by Works....No one is taught in the cults that he can be saved from eternal damnation by simply placing his faith in Jesus Christ. It is always belief in Jesus Christ and 'do this' or 'follow that.'"

"False Prophecy....Cult leaders, who believe they have been divinely called by God, have made bold predictions of future events, supposedly revealed by the inspiration of God. Unfortunately, for the cult leaders, these predictions of future events do not come to pass. The one who prophesied is exposed as a false prophet."

If you are a Bible-believing Christian, then there is no doubt that the doctrines of the WMSCOG deviate from traditional Christianity. From that perspective, Ahnsahnghong's church is a cult. Watch out for it.

"Which church is the True Church?"

"Where do I go for salvation?"

"I know I should leave, but if the WMSCOG is not true, then no church can be true.

What will I do?"

"Meeting WMSCOG members made me want to go back to church, but how do I find one?"

I hear questions like these regularly. Sometimes it's from a World Mission Society Church of God member trying to make their point. Sometimes it's from a member who realizes something is wrong, but they are afraid to leave. Sometimes it's from a person whose encounter with the WMSCOG makes them want to get closer to the true God.

No matter the reason or what form the question takes, it's a good question, and one that deserves attention.

First, let's define "church." For our purpose here, there are three basic definitions:

1. The worldwide group of people who truly believe in Jesus (God), not confined to a building or location
2. A denomination of Biblical Christianity, example: the Baptist church
3. A local Biblical congregation, example: First Baptist Church on Main Street

Which church is the True Church?

That is definition #1, the body of true believers worldwide. (John 10:27)

Where do I go for salvation?

It is not a church of any kind that can give you salvation, it is Jesus Himself. Go to Jesus for salvation. (John 14:6; Acts 16:31)

Then what about denominations and local congregations?

Local congregations (most of which are part of a larger denomination) can help you with your walk of faith. They can help you get to know the “real” Jesus and have a closer relationship with God. But your salvation is about your relationship with *God*, not your relationship with a particular *church* (definition #2 or 3).

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What will I do?

Here's a question for you to think about--If your particular church is teaching you to worship a false god-false Jesus, should you stay there? Of course not! There are good churches that teach truth out there, but you won't find one until you leave and search for one, even if leaving is emotionally difficult.

While denominations have some differences, all true Christian churches that preach the truth about the Bible will share these same fundamental beliefs:

The Bible is the inspired word of God.

There is one true God, creator of heaven and earth, who has been revealed as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus is God. He lived a sinless life, was crucified for our sins, and was bodily resurrected.

All humans have sinned and can only be saved by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Salvation is received by God's grace, through faith in Jesus, not by any works (*perform certain tasks*) of our own.

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