

Introduction

New Age is a group of spiritual movements which are founded in the modern times. As the founders of these movements claim, their goal is to spiritually help a person, to get insight into the truth or to reach salvation. But what is controversial about all those movements is that a person is supposed to reach salvation by himself, that is without God. In their spirituality they often use the name of God. The question is: Do they really speak about the true God?

Which movements belong to New Age?

The movements that belong to New Age are Yoga, Reiki, Scientology, Transcendental Meditation, Bruno Gröning movement, different meditations from Buddhism. We can also include Sai Baba and many other movements and spiritualities. Most of these spiritualities originate from India and Far East, but Scientology was founded in USA and Bruno Gröning movement in Germany. The roots of Transcendental Meditation are in India, but this movement really started to develop when it reached USA and Europe. On this website I will try to explain some of those movements from the Christian point of view.

Many of these movements proclaim peace, like Sai Baba does, but there were too many murders around him. Founders of other "religions" were close friends with Satanists and recommend their books, like in Scientology. All this shows that these are false religions and false teachings that are only misleading people.

Yoga

Yoga is a set of exercises and meditations that come from Hinduism. Hinduism is a religion that begins in the 16. century BC. The purpose of Yoga is to reach nirvana - the state of bliss, which should be achieved through exercises, meditation and fasting. Many teachers of Yoga instruct their followers to repeat mantra (which is usually in Sanskrit) during meditation. It is most often that people from Europe and USA do not even know what they are saying, and this can be very harmful for them. They also have breathing techniques which they call pranayama. Teachers of Yoga will explain those techniques as something beneficial, but it's just the opposite. One breathing technique is called "Breath of the snake" and this technique really goes into occult. It is very dangerous to practice such techniques.

Teachers of Yoga usually belong to the class of Brahmins, and in Hinduism they consider themselves gods. Hinduism is a polytheistic religion. Some of their gods are real historical persons like Krishna, and others are false gods like Brahma, Shiva or Vishnu. They sometimes even consider animals to be gods. This is one of their gods:



I think that the best book that describes Hinduism is "Death of a Guru" by Rabindranath Maharaj, who used to be Hindu priest and a teacher of Yoga, but then converted to Christianity.

Yoga teachers claim that with practicing of Yoga, a person can achieve peace, joy and the state of bliss, but that is impossible without true God, Jesus Christ. The peace cannot be achieved just with exercises and meditation. What brings true peace is a peaceful conscience, and only God can forgive sins. Rabindranath Maharaj describes in his book that he used to practice Yoga for years, but he was always full of anger and aggressiveness. It was when he converted to Christianity, and renounced Hinduism and Yoga, that he achieved true peace and joy.

There are websites, like Christians Practicing Yoga, where they use sentences from the Bible: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."(Philippians 2:12-13). They interpret this sentence as if person has to find his own way to salvation,

but with "fear and trembling". Teachings like this are completely wrong. Not only that you don't have to practice Yoga, but you shouldn't practice Yoga at all, exactly because of that passage in the Bible. Jesus never, in the whole New Testament, mentioned that Yoga or Hinduism is a way to salvation. On the contrary, Hinduism is a false religion.

There are people among Christians who are trying to create a syncretism, to join different religions into one. Jesus Christ has revealed us the truth about God, and there is nothing that any other religion could possibly add to his words that are written in the New Testament.

I want to bring the following passage from the Bible: "Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10,7). This passage refers to all those gurus, avatars, yogis and others that were before Jesus, or that will come in the modern times.

There are many different types of Yoga like: Sahaja Yoga, Ashtanga Yoga, Sivananda Yoga, but all these differences come from different teachers, because Hinduism is practically a conglomerate of beliefs and practices. In USA they have society that promotes Christian Yoga. On their website you can find explanations like this one: "We become more spiritually healthy through the yoga practice by calming our minds and quieting ourselves to the point that we can tune out the world's frequency and tune into God's frequency." To say something like that is absurd because Jesus Christ doesn't have any frequency. What really brings peace is a Christian prayer.

In Hinduism they also believe in reincarnation, and that is a belief that a man, after his death, reincarnates to another man who lives better or worse, according to his merits or sins from his past life. This teaching is unacceptable in Christianity. God created a man, and in his life he should determine himself for God, and live by his commandments. God gave us Salvation in his Son Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us on the cross in order to set us free from sin and give us eternal life. This Salvation is a unity with God forever.

Yoga is just a method, and you can't reach true peace with it, nor can you really find the truth, nor can you achieve salvation because it is a gift of Jesus Christ.

Reiki

Reiki is a method in which a person by meditation, and placement of hands receives "life energy" that is widespread in the Universe. With that method a person can be healed from different illnesses, and can also heal others. This method was developed by a Japanese Buddhist Mikao Usui at the beginning of the 20th century. After three weeks of meditation and fasting he "received the ability" to heal other people.

The name reiki comes from Chinese language. "Rei" means a soul, and "ki" or "chi" means energy or life energy.

First it is important to say that there isn't any "life energy" (sometimes they use the term "divine energy"). That is the term often found in New Age, because New Age never speaks about the personal God. It rather uses terms like energy, nirvana, prana, chi etc. It is also impossible to prove that there is such energy, or that it can be channeled through a person.

We know from the Bible that Jesus had the ability to heal people with the power of the Holy Spirit, but there is no method with which we can receive this ability. Christianity is not a method, but faith in the living God. Considering that reiki was developed by a Buddhist who do not even believe in the true God, means that this method is unacceptable for Christians. There are Christians who think that reiki can give a man a power of healing, but this opinion is completely wrong. Jesus gave his disciples this ability, but He didn't give it to all Christians and that is something that we have to accept.

In the whole New Testament Jesus never once mentioned reiki nor did He mention any Buddhist that will reveal Christians how they are going to be healed. That's why I find contradictory those Christians who think that they will receive through reiki the same power that Jesus had.

In reiki the energy is transmitted through the hands of practitioners. This form of laying hands on a person can have a very bad influence. In the Catholic Church laying hands on a person is unacceptable, and priests who are studying this matter claim that this can be a channel of the occult forces. This is one of the reasons why this method is wrong and it doesn't help people. Many clinical trials that were made in 2008. confirmed that reiki treatment didn't help anyone, regardless what illness did they have. The results of those trials were published in *International Journal of Clinical Practice*: Lee, Pittler, Ernst (2008).

In reiki there are three levels that a practitioner can achieve. It is still interesting that initiation on all of these levels is paid with money, and not a small amount. It is obvious that reiki is not a spirituality but an easy way of earning money.

For the Catholic Church reiki is unacceptable. Primarily, God is a person, not an energy or some abstract sense of bliss. It is also clear that there is no energy in the Universe that could be channeled through a person in order to heal him or anyone else. And the very fact that someone has to pay practitioners to channel this "energy" is questioning their meditation and fasting, because then this energy can be bought for money.

Scientology

Scientology is a body of beliefs and practices, created by Lafayette Ron Hubbard (1911.-1986.) who was actually a science fiction novelist. In 1950 he wrote a book "Dianetics" which was supposed to be modern science of mental health. Among the members of Scientology his books are considered as "writings". Hubbard later characterized Scientology as a religion and in 1953 incorporated a Church of Scientology in New Jersey. Scientology teaches people that they are immortal spiritual beings that have forgotten their true nature. It should spiritually rehabilitate people through counseling known as auditing. There are seven different levels, and when a person reaches the last one he becomes enlightened. After that follows further improvement until the person becomes "operating thetan" which should enable him to be transcendent and go beyond the physical Universe.

Scientology is a modern gnosis. Gnosis is a heresy from the first Christian centuries, which denied the Divinity of Jesus Christ claiming that it possessed a true knowledge. Counseling, or auditing as they call them, are extremely expensive. For example one hour of counseling in Italy costs from 800 to 1200 \$. What we are talking about is very good way of making money.

Scientology is based on Ron Hubbard's writings which are pure fiction. I will bring here some quotations:

"Also the Christian Church used (and uses) implanting (with a squirrel version of the "7s"). These gangsters were the Nicomidians from lower Egypt who were cased out for criminal practices (implanting officials). They took over the Niocene Creed before the year zero, invented Christ (who comes from the crucifixion in R6 75m years ago) and implanted their way to "power". The original Nicomidians date about 600 BC and people who were Christ data at 75m years ago." - L. Ron Hubbard, *Resistive Cases, Former Therapy*.

The story of Xenu is part of Scientologist teachings about extraterrestrial civilizations and alien interventions in Earthly events, collectively described as *space opera* by Hubbard. Hubbard detailed the story in Operating Thetan level III (**OT III**) in 1967, warning that this material was "calculated to kill (by pneumonia etc) anyone who attempts to solve it." , Wikipedia

What Hubbard writes is nonsense. Do you really think that there is something to solve in these materials? Do you think that you should be scared of solving Hubbard's materials? You don't have to be scared of Hubbard or his writings, but it's useless to read them anyway. His theory of the ruler Xenu was just in his imagination. He is

writing about mind implants and also denying existence of Jesus Christ. He claims that Christian Church is using implanting on it's believers. We can say that Scientology is nothing but science fiction. It is really unwise to become a member of someone's imagined religion or to guide your life according to his SF novels. Don't get carried away with their beautiful buildings and cruisers, because Scientology is just a big fraud. It's even hard to understand how can someone donate money for these fairy tales. You can find their ads on many websites that write about spirituality with questions that are very "profound". When you read Hubbard's theories you will see that their answers are as shallow as can be.

In USA Scientology has widened and many film actors and stars became their members, giving large sums of money for the Church of Scientology. It is interesting that few years ago, when we had the opening of new National University Library in Zagreb, Croatia, I found on the shelves the book "Scientology". It is a very large book, nicely equipped, with many photographs showing large cruisers on beautiful seas, girls who are massaging men, we could say a beautiful and luxuries life. But this turns later into a very expensive and useless counseling that will only make you poor. Hubbard also advised his followers to make more and more money, what is actually the meaning of that Church.

I will bring one of Ron Hubbard's statements: "Now, he could simply say, "I have action." A magician - the magic cults of the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth centuries in the Middle East were fascinating. The only modern work that has anything to do with them is a trifle wild in spots, but it's fascinating work in itself, and that's work written by Aleister Crowley, the late **Aleister Crowley, my very good friend**. And he did himself a splendid piece of aesthetics built around those magic cults. It's very interesting reading to get hold of a copy of a book, quite rare, but it can be obtained. the Master Therion, T-h-e-r-i-o-n, The Master Therion by Aleister Crowley. He signs himself "**The Beast**"; "**The Mark of the Beast, 666.**"

Alister Crowley is founder of Satanism in UK and he really declared himself as "The Beast 666". I will bring here one quotation from his book Magick: „For the highest spiritual working one must according choose that victim which contains the greatest and purest force [ed. such as a child]. A male child of perfect innocence and high intelligence is the most satisfactory and suitable victim. But the bloody sacrifice, though more dangerous, is more efficacious: and for nearly all purposes human sacrifice is the best“.

He recommends human sacrifices to Satan, what is horrible. If Ron Hubbard was such a good friend of his, then Scientology is something that people should stay away from.

It is very strange that certain Pastors from USA accept Scientology teachings (found on CNN). Scientology doesn't believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ and it is absurd that Christian Pastors are accepting their teachings. Some of them claim that it helps them in working with drug addicts. It is impossible that lies can really help them. We can find these words in the Bible: Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8,31). If those Pastors accept non Christian teachings then they are really not going to help anyone. Some of them even use Ron Hubbard books for their sermons and claim that they found help in Scientology social programs. It is completely irrelevant how much money Scientologist may have but they are still misleading people because their teachings are completely wrong. There are Catholic Lay Organizations that are helping drug addicts for free.

At Kennedy's C. L. Kennedy Center, free tutoring based on Hubbard's "study tech" philosophies is provided to dozens of children and some adults. I would advise Christians not to attend such tutoring and I would certainly advise parents not to bring their children to such programs because it can really do them harm. Some Christian Pastors may not care much about the truth, but this shouldn't be the reason for people to follow false teachings.

There are also many cases in Europe where the Church of Scientology is showing it's true face.

A French state prosecutor Maud Coujard recommended a Paris court should dissolve the Church of Scientology's French branch when it rules on charges of fraud against the organization. The Church's Paris headquarters and bookshop are defendants in a fraud trial that began on May 25th 2009. Summing up her views on the case, state prosecutor Maud Coujard urged the court to return a guilty verdict and dissolve the organization in France.

Last year city authorities in Munich, southern Germany, have closed down a kindergarten with immediate effect after discovering it was run by the Church of Scientology, the municipality said on Monday. "The wellbeing of the children in the establishment was under threat because the education process was based on the principles of Scientology," the municipality said in a statement.

In 2007. German federal and state interior ministers declared the Church of Scientology unconstitutional, opening the way for a possible ban on the organization. Federal Interior Minister Wolfgang Schäuble and 16 state interior chiefs agreed "that we do not consider Scientology an organization that is compatible with the constitution". Ehrhart Koerting, Berlin's interior minister and chairman of a ministers'

conference in Berlin, told reporters: "Germany does not recognize Scientology as a religion and regard it as a cult masquerading as a church to make money."

The latest case is with the family from Kävlinge in southern Sweden which has reported the local Church of Scientology to the police for harassment after a fortnight of incessant phone calls. They phone called this family for more than 70 times with an explanation that they want to update their contact information over current and former members. First they wanted to speak with a woman who, according to their records, attended a course in 1980s. Although they have mistaken the identity of that woman, members of that Church kept calling so the family was forced to call the police.

These are just some cases which show that Scientology is a religious sect that spiritually enslaves people and also ruins them financially.

Transcendental Meditation

Transcendental Meditation was developed in 1957. by a Hindu guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (born Mahesh Prasad Varma) and it is a mantra meditation, we could say a form of yoga. He described this technique in his book "Science of Being and Art of Living" as a mental procedure that enables the mind to quiet itself, and all this was derived from Vedic tradition.

At the beginning TM instructor is giving a practitioner a mantra. As I have explained before, mantra is word or a sentence, usually in Sanskrit, which practitioner should repeat over and over during his meditation. The person that repeats mantra, although he usually doesn't know what he is saying, can invoke false gods and that can cause him serious problems later in life.

This is how Maharishi explains mantra: "We do something here according to Vedic rites, particularly, specific chanting to produce an effect in some other world, draw the attention of those higher beings or gods living there. The entire knowledge of the mantras or hymns of the Vedas [Hindu scriptures] is devoted to man's connection, to man's communication with the higher beings in different strata of creation".

It is obvious from this sentence that Maharishi believes that there are many gods in "some other world" as he defines it. Hinduism is a polytheistic religion and the supreme god is Brahma who is not a personal being, but is defined as unchanging, infinite, immanent, and transcendent reality. So the meaning of Hinduism would be to achieve union with god, which they even don't know how to define. Other Hindu gods are sometimes humans like Krishna, or false gods like Shiva or Vishnu (they have four or more hands etc.). Kali for example is a goddess of blood and destruction and she is known as very violent. It is obvious that many Hindu gods are actually demons. That's why all these meditations and mantras can be very dangerous.

Although TM is supposed to relieve people from stress, it is proven that this so called "unstressing" produces among TM practitioners very violent behaviors and angry moods. One former TM teacher who converted to Christianity, Greg Randolph, observed reactions like this and said: "When you're unstressing for a long time, large amounts of this (stress) can come out and actually condition angry moods and cause heart attacks and all kinds of different experiences." The only logical explanation for this is that practitioners are actually invoking demons in their mantras.

This is citation from his book "Science of Being and Art of Living": "(TM) is the only way to salvation and success in life; there is no other way." - this sentence shows that Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has pretensions on taking the place of God.

During so called initiation a practitioner is repeating a prayer in Sanskrit. When this prayer is translated in English it means: To Lord Narayana, to lotus-born Brahma, the Creator ... to Shankaracharya the redeemer, hailed as Krishna ... I bow down. To the glory of the Lord I bow down again and again, at whose door the whole galaxy of gods pray for perfection day and night. Adorned with immeasurable glory, preceptor of the whole world, having bowed down to him, we gain fulfillment." It is obvious that this prayer is invoking false gods and that is a sin against the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20,2) This initiation prayer shows clearly that TM is part of Hinduism and therefore unacceptable for Christians.

In 1959. in California Maharishi Mahesh Yogi incorporated the "Spiritual Regeneration Movement Foundation" with seven member board of trustees. They pointed out that primary purpose of this Foundation is spiritual, and described this corporation as religious one. After that TM has started to widen in the West and many famous singers and movie stars started to practice this technique. Transcendental Meditation can only be learned from an authorized teacher. Transcendental Meditation, or TM, are registered trademarks owned by "Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation", founded as a non-profit organization. However, the course of TM for adults costs 2000 \$ in the USA (according to their official website).

In 1990 Maharishi founded another organization "Global Country of World Peace" in Vlodrop, the Netherlands. From there he coordinated teaching of TM technique. He also had TM centers in the UK, Mexico and China.

Teachers of TM claim that this technique doesn't oppose Christian beliefs, meaning that you can be a practical Catholic and practice TM. This is not true. TM is inseparable from Hinduism which is a polytheistic religion, and doesn't believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is actually a Hinduism adjusted to the western civilization. The title of his book "Love and God" is also interesting. Considering that he comes from Hinduism, it is hard to say of which god he speaks, because they have so many "gods". Maharishi is also recommending Bhagavad Gita as a fundament of his spirituality, and this is one of the most important books of Hinduism. It is obvious that TM is incompatible with Christianity because it is just one of many spiritualities derived from Hinduism. Practicing of TM is therefore unacceptable for Christians.

Bruno Gröning

Bruno Gröning is a German healer who was born in 1906. near Danzig in Germany and died in 1959 in Paris. He was teaching that spiritual forces have influence on incarnated beings. He compared a human with a battery. Every person has in himself vital energy which burns. If this energy isn't renewed, the consequences are fatigue, exhaustion, nervousness, anxieties and illnesses. According to him this energy could be renewed in a way that person should be sitting with his or her hands open wide and his or her palms upwards so that the healing stream could flow through the body.

This spirituality uses the term healing stream, and that is practically the same as vital energy, prana, nirvana, divine energy etc. The way that this "healing stream" flows through the body is the same as in reiki, where the person meditates and holds hands in a certain position in order to receive "life energy" from the Universe. It is completely clear that there is no "healing stream" just like there is no "life energy" in reiki.

In his autobiography Bruno Gröning claims: "Since I was a child sick people were healed when they found themselves in my presence." Statement like this obviously shows lack of humility. He got married at the age of 21 with Gertrud Cohn from Danzig. This marriage was full of misunderstandings because his wife didn't support his healing ministry. With her he had two sons, Harald and Günter, born in 1931 and 1939. Both of them died in hospitals at the age of 9. It is strange that a person who was already famous as a healer, couldn't help his own sons. In 1953 he founded the Bruno Gröning Association. The meaning of that Association was to gather new members but also to raise funds for his defence in the court. In 1954 he was banned by the court in Germany to organize his public gatherings . In 1955 he remarried to a French girl Josette Duossé. In 1958 he was sentenced because of illegal healing service. He died of cancer in January 1959 in Paris. All this shows that his life was full of contradictions.

Gröning described himself as a messenger of a healing wave (this healing wave is supposed to be above Germany at 9:00 and 21:00 hours). He claimed that sick people can tune themselves in on this wave as if someone tunes a radio on a radio station. To make the receiving better a person can use a bowl of aluminum or silver foil. In order to receive healing wave a person should be sitting with arms or legs crossed to avoid short circuit. All this is absolute nonsense. And the most absurd is that he demanded even from the people around the patient not to doubt in Bruno Gröning or this method of healing, because it can cause a life threatening backstroke. According to him the same problems appear when a person that is already healed leaves his association or abandons his teachings. It is obvious that he wanted from the people to fear him, what

shows that he was a false prophet. His method of healing is completely useless and no one should have any fear of leaving his circle of friends.

In Bruno Gröning's circle of friends his followers show him great admiration and respect. They gather on meetings where they invoke the spirit of the deceased, claiming that this healing energy comes from him. This practice is called Spiritism, or invoking of spirits. Many Catholic priests agree that this practice can be very dangerous, because it goes into a sphere of occult. People who used to practice Spiritism often hear voices, have suicidal thoughts and other problems. This spirituality is not the one that heals, but it can cause serious problems to a person.

Sai Baba

Sathya Sai Baba (born in 1926 as Sathyanarayana Raju Ratnakaram) is Indian guru. He is described by his followers as a miracle worker and a spiritual teacher, but all this is very questionable. He proclaims himself to be an Avatar, what means a divine incarnation sent to Earth. We know from the Bible that Jesus Christ is one and only Incarnation of God on Earth.

According to his followers, his birth is supposed to be miraculous. His mother Easwamma was walking one day when a huge sphere of blue light rolled towards her and made her faint. She was dreaming of a Hindu god Sathyanarayana and then found out that she was pregnant. This is just a fairytale which should convince his followers that he is exceptional, but he is just an ordinary man. When he was in elementary school, he once started behaving strangely "as if a scorpion had stung in his foot" and afterwards fell into a coma. It is interesting that such events have very "profound" meaning among his followers, but my opinion is that occult forces produced this state. Few months later he proclaimed himself to be the incarnation of Sai Baba of Sirdhi and because of that he took his name. Later he proclaimed peace with sentences like: "Love All, Serve All" and "help ever, hurt never."

In 1944 he built a small temple near his village, and in 1948 he started to build a shrine Prashanthi Nilayam, for those that have devotion to him. He also built a University with three Campuses and two Hospitals.

On 6 June 1993 six people were killed in this shrine. The "official version" of this event was that four of Sai Baba's devotees who were living in this shrine, went to his residence with knives. They were stopped by four Sai Baba attendants before they came to his room. There was struggling and two of his attendants were killed. Sai Baba escaped through a back stairway and raised the alarm. The assailants ran and locked themselves up in sai baba's bedroom. These people were found dead later. The police report stated that they attacked the police with knives when they entered the room.

The Central Investigation Department stated that the police report was full of lies and inconsistencies. Others, including V.P.B. Nair (Former Secretary to the Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh), Sanal Edamaruku and Basava Premanand claim that these people were deliberately shot and that political influence of Sai Baba kept the investigation from proceeding.

BBC created a documentary "The Secret Swami" about the Sai Baba. BBC journalist Tanya Dutta states: "Some police officers were arrested but never charged. The case was eventually dropped. Sai Baba has always had a close relationship with the police. Even

today, senior officers are special guests at the Ashram. With friends in such high places Sai Baba seems to be untouchable. Any attempt to investigate the goings-on at his Ashram — even, murder — appear doomed to failure."

You can watch this documentary on YouTube.

There was another case of alleged murder. On 20 February, 1987 they found a body of a student at a college run by the Sathya Sai Trust in a semi-charred state. This case was dismissed as suicide. Narendra Nayak, writing in the Indian Skeptics Journal, opined that the "powerful force around the Baba got the [police] inquiry turned into a farce." He notes that circumstantial evidence did not support suicide being a plausible cause of death.

Basava Premanand, one of India's fake-guru busters, claims that he is a fraud.

Another of his disenchanted followers is Tal Brooke. After his studies he explored religions from Far East and read books of many Hindu gurus like as Sri Ramakrishna, Ramana Maharshi, Sri Aurobindo, Paramahansa Yogananda and Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. He travelled to India in 1969 and in 1970 he encountered Sai Baba. He became his follower with several other devotees from western countries. After that he left his "spiritual teacher" and converted to Christianity. Tal Brooke wrote a book "*Lord of the Air*" in which he describes Sai Baba's "spirituality". He published his book also in India under the title "Sai Baba, Lord of the Air".

All these cases show that Sai Baba is a fraud and that his spirituality is not just a fake, but also very dangerous.

Sun Myung Moon

Sun Myung Moon is a Korean religious leader and founder of the so called Unification Church. He was born in a very large family with 13 children. His father's name was Kyung-yoo Moon, and his mother's Kyung-gye Kim. He was raised according to Confucianism, but whole family converted later to Christianity and joined Presbyterian Church. He received very good education in Korea and Japan where he studied electrical engineering. At that time he started to study the Bible by himself, but this led him to many misinterpretations. After the World War II he returned to Korea and started preaching. He was sentenced two times, because of his preaching. First time in 1946. and then again in 1948. and he was given a five year sentence in a labor camp. He managed to survive 34 months until UN troops advanced to the camp so that the guards fled.

In 1954 he founded Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (known as Unification Church). He is also the author of Divine Principle which is considered as the most important writing in Unification Church.

Many of his teachings are false interpretations of the Bible, and his statements show that he doesn't preach Christianity. I will bring few of his statements:

"Am I foolish and insignificant or am I great? **I gave all the individuals in the world cause to kneel down in front of me.**" (Rev. Moon, *Today's World*, March 1995 p.6) -Not only that there is no need to kneel in front of Sun Myung Moon, but it's actually a sin against the first commandment, because Moon is just an ordinary man. He is not the Messiah, as he claims to be, because Jesus Christ is the only Messiah until the end of the World.

"The whole world is in my hand, **and I will conquer and subjugate the world.**" (Sun Myung Moon, *Master Speaks*, 5/17/73) - Statements like this show that he has enormous political pretensions.

In his teachings Moon claims to be without sin, and he said many times that he is greater than Jesus. This is what he taught: "This means that the failures of Adam and of Jesus Christ have been restored by the appearance of True Parents." (Rev. Moon, *Today's World*, January, 1995, p.8) - Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, and the only Messiah and he was unable to create any failures. These pretentious teachings of him and his wife being the True Parents are ridiculous.

There are more of his false teachings: "Bring in the flocks. Bring in the sheep and bring them to the throne of your True Parents. Bring them to the throne of our True

Parents, the mighty throne of heaven. And I will place the Crown of Glory on our True Parents' head. I will lead them. I will show them that the Lord of Lords and the Kings of Kings and the King of Glory is our precious Lord Sun Myung Moon and his beloved bride Hak Ja Han. They reign as king and queen of the entire universe. And that I, Jesus of Nazareth, known as the Christ, bow in humility before them. I bow before them. Any who will follow me must do the same. I bow before the name of True Parents. I bow before our precious Lords, our True Parents, Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han." (Purportedly by the spirit of Heung Jin Nim Moon (Moon's son), *The Victory of Love*, NY, NY: The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, 1992, pp. 65-66) - Teachings like this are completely wrong and are really misguiding people. **Jesus Christ will never bow down in front of anybody and that includes Sun Myung Moon and his wife.** And I also tell you never to bow before Sun Myung Moon or any of his wives, because what he wrote here in this passage is a huge lie. I will bring this passage from the Bible: "It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" (Romans 14,11).

Here are his other statements: "So from this time of peak every people or every organization that goes against the Unification Church will gradually come down or drastically come down and die. Many people will die -- those who go against our movement." (Sun Myung Moon, *Master Speaks* 2/14/74) - There is no need whatsoever, to have any fear of Sun Myung Moon or his Unification Church. He is a liar, and there were many heresies among Christians from the beginning of Christianity. You are free to speak against Moon and his Church, and nothing is going to happen to you.

In Unification Church they have a practice to bow in front of the picture of Rev. Moon and his second wife. This is done from an upright position to a kneeling position so that the face touches the floor. Practices like this are actually a sin. Moon is just an ordinary man (and his wife also) and people do not have to worship them, nor bow down in front of them. This practice is just another sign that Unification Church is a cult of personality.

Although he founded Association with such distinguishing name (Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity), his goal is not to unite Christianity. His statements clearly prove this: "The time has come when the whole world must be concerned about me. From now on, American Christianity **must follow me.**" (Rev. Moon, *Today's World*, Nov. 93, p.5). I am sure that Catholic Church will never follow Rev. Moon and I doubt that other Christian denominations will follow him either.

"Today God's word comes **only** through Father. If other people receive God's word, that word is that Reverend Moon is the Messiah." (Rev. Ahn, *Today's World*, January 1995 p.39) - Sun Myung Moon is not the Messiah and he never will be.

Moon's teachings are false and they have nothing to do with Christianity. It would be very wise for the members of Unification Church to leave this Church and join one true Christian Church.

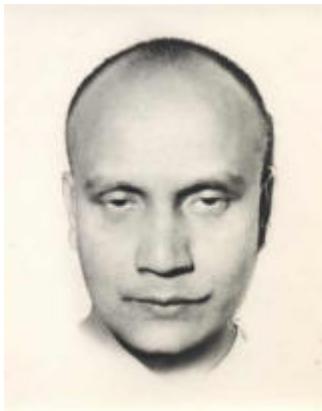
Sri Chinmoy

Sri Chinmoy was an Indian spiritual teacher. He was born on August 27, 1931 in in Shakpura village in Bangladesh. After he lost his father in 1943 and his mother in 1944, he joined his brothers and sisters at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. He lived there for twenty years practicing meditation and studying Bengali and English literature. He died from a heart attack in 2007 in New York.

Sri Chinmoy claimed to be an Avatar or a direct incarnation of God. That is a lie because Jesus Christ is the only incarnation of God, and there weren't any incarnations of God before Jesus nor will there be any after Jesus because Jesus is the only one.

Sri Chinmoy also claimed that God commanded him to bring the illumination of East to the West. He connected himself to Krishna as a reincarnation of Arjuna, his dearest devotee. All these are lies because there is no reincarnation, and Krishna is not god but a human being. He claimed that his will is God's will because he was his direct representative in the World. His spiritual teachings are wrong and Chinmoy is misleading people with them. He wanted obedience from all his devotees so he claimed that if they ever leave him their souls will punish them. He even claimed that the souls of those who go against him will leave those people. All this is nonsense. His teachings are completely wrong and you don't have to fear him at all.

This photo should supposedly show his "transcendancy":



Chinmoy also demanded very strange things from his devotees. He wanted that all his devotees abstain from sex and marital life. This is a violation of a basic human rights. In 2009 three of his female devotees claimed that they had sex with him on his own request in his San Francisco center. He also had sex with Alo Devi, who helped him to come to the US and sponsored his work there. This makes him not just a liar but a hypocrite.

In 1977 he founded Sri Chinmoy Marthon Team, which holds running, swimming and cycling events all over the world. There is nothing wrong with this initiative but in the 1990's he demanded that all his male devotees should finish at least a half marathon (21 km). I think that 98 % off men are unable to run such long distances so these requests are really awkward. He conducted himself as if he was supernatural, but he was just an ordinary human.

According to his followers Sri Chinmoy wrote 1,500 books, 115,000 poems and 20,000 songs and created 200,000 paintings. All these numbers are exaggerated and it shows that his followers want to create a cult of personality. Even when he was alive he managed to erect his statue in some public places. His teachings come from Hinduism which is a false religion and there is absolutely nothing that Sri Chinmoy can teach us.