Comparing “The Word of God” with Heresies, Teachings and Quotes Found in “Spiritualist” Writings

### “Spiritualist” Teachings about - God.

- Infinite intelligence pervades and controls the universe, is without shape or form, and is impersonal, omnipresent, and omnipotent.
- It teaches that the spark of divinity dwells in all (*What Spiritualism Is and Does*).
- The doctrine of the trinity seems to have no adherents in advanced circles of the spirit world.
- The divinity of Christ as a co-equal with the Father is universally denied.
  
  Just as I am, not poor, nor blind,  
  Nor bound by chains in soul or mind.  
  For all of Thee within I find;  
  O God of love, I come, I come. (*Spiritualistic Hymnal*).

### “Spiritualist” Teachings about - Jesus Christ.

- Christ himself was nothing more than a medium of high order.
- The teachings of spirits supersedes and is an advance upon the teachings of Christianity (*Spiritual Telegraph*, No.37).
- Jesus Christ was not divine. He is now an advance spirit in the sixth sphere. He never claimed to be God manifest in the flesh and does not at present (*Demonology or Spiritualism*, p.141).
- Jesus did not claim for Himself more than He held out for others.
- His identification with the Father was the oneness of mediumship. He was a medium or “mediator” (*Universal Spiritualism*, p.234).
- Jesus Christ was indeed the Son of God, as also are we sons of God (*Many Mansions*, p.107).
- The miraculous conception of Christ is merely a fabulous tale (*Spiritualism*, p.141).
- Spiritualism sees in the death of Jesus an illustration of the martyr spirit, of that unselfish and heroic devotion to humanity that ever characterized the life of Jesus, but no special atoning value in his sufferings and death (*The A.B.C. of Spiritualism*, Q.19).
- Spiritualism accepts him as one of many Savior Christs, who at different times have come into the world to lighten its darkness and show by precept and example the way of life to men. It recognizes him as a world Savior but not as “the only name” given under heaven by which men can be saved (*The A.B.C. of Spiritualism*, Q.17).

### “Spiritualist” Teachings about - The Holy Spirit.

- Denies the personality of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit from God is the spirit of some holy person who has once been in the flesh.

### “Spiritualist” Teachings about - Sin.

- Man never had a fall.
- Whatever is, is right. Evil does not exist. Evil is good. No matter what man’s path may be, good or bad, it is the path of divine ordination and destiny (*Whatever Is, Is Right*).
- A lie is the truth intrinsically; it holds a lawful place in creation; it is a necessity (*The True Light*, p.162).
- We believe in intelligent and ignorant spirits. No being is naturally bad—evil always originates in ignorance.
- Death is not a violent result of sin. It was neither friend nor enemy. It is a part of the divine purpose (*Spiritualist Manual*, 1940).
“Spiritualist” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.

- There is no atoning value in the death of Jesus Christ (Whatever Is, Is Right).
- Salvation by vicarious atonement is a wicked and soul-destroying delusion (Ethics of Spiritualism, p.99).
- Teaches the continuity of life and the eternal progression of man toward perfection in the spirit realm.
- That every soul will progress through the ages to heights sublime and glorious, where God is Love and Love is God (What Spiritualism Is and Does).
- There are not two worlds at all; there is but one inter-blended, interrelated world, closely interwoven by memory and the love of life. Consciousness could not die. Personality could not be destroyed (They Have Found a Faith, p.116).
- Life on the spirit plane is evolvement, like the ascent in a spiral, the growth of moral affection to higher and higher "heavens."

“Spiritualist” Teachings about - SALVATION.

- We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature’s physical and spiritual laws.
- Man becomes a spirit after death, doing both evil and good, but he may be saved as he progresses from one spirit level to the next. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter (Declaration of Principles, pp.7-8).
- Leaving the physical body does not change the condition of the spirit, which is the actual personality. It must learn to desire and to progress to higher and better conditions, just as we do on earth (Spiritual Manual, p.182).
- Each must work out his own salvation; each has an equal opportunity to do this when he shall have atoned for the wrongs and overcome the temptations and allurements to the sense gratification of earth life (Spiritual Manual, p.184).
- Even the most degraded personality can in time attain the greatest heights. It is easier however, to begin progression in the earth life (Spiritual Manual, p.184).

“Spiritualist” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.

- Hell does not exist and never will.
- All spirit people of wisdom, knowledge, and love know there is no hell and no devil.
- No resurrection means there is no judgement.
- When you believe in spiritual manifestations, you will feel far happier than you do now. You will not fear the threats of damnation and hell...such doctrine is wrong (The New Revelation, p.68)
- We do not believe in such places as Purgatory and Hell. Communicating spirits have merely graduated from this form of life into another. That life can be heaven or hell-like, just as each spirit chooses to make it; the same applies to our life here (Spiritual Manual, p.183).
### “The Word of God” Teachings about - God.

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- Know that the LORD he is God, there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).
- And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:16-17).
- I have not spoken in secret from the beginning: from the time that it was, there am I (Isaiah 48:16).

### “The Word of God” Teachings about - Jesus Christ.

- In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. (John 1:1).
- His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11; see also John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).


- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth...he shall testify of me. (John 15:26).
- And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 3:16; 1 Corinthians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9, 14,16.).
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).
For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Romans 10:4)

For the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23).
And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).
It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrew 9:27).
And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12).
When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).
If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell. (Mark 9:45).