

Cults and Counterfeits

Course Description

This class begins by looking at the basic unifying beliefs that form the foundation to the false religions and cults throughout history. It then takes a historical and systematic approach to the study of the major cults in the world and that the students are most likely to encounter. The cults are defined by those whose origin are Christian yet do not adhere to orthodoxy. In addition to this, it looks at how these beliefs have shaped the secular culture that we live in today.

Class Materials

Every day, students are required to bring to class their own Bibles, class handouts, and pencil or pen. Failure to do so will affect one's ability to do well on the quizzes.

Coursework

Homework (40%) – About one assignment per week, 2 books to read, and DVD reviews

Quizzes (60%) – One at the end of every cult covered in class

Final Exam – Cumulative examination over the semester's material (grade is factored in separately at the end of the semester)

Late/Missed Work

- All work is considered late if it is not handed in by 3:00 pm on the day it is due.
- All work turned in the day after the due date will receive a 10% grade reduction, three days after will receive a 25% grade reduction, and a week after will receive a 50% grade reduction. Work will not be accepted two weeks after the due date.
- Printer malfunction is not an excuse for late work. Any assignment that a student is not able to print may be emailed to me or brought to me on a flash drive by the due date.
- If a student has an excused absence on the day a homework assignment is due, then it must be turned in on the first day he/she returns to school.
- If a student has an excused absence on the day homework is assigned, then the due date is extended according to the number of days absent.
- Unless I have personally said otherwise, all students take the quiz on the day that it is assigned.
- If a student misses a quiz due to an excused absence, the quiz must be made up within two days after the student returns unless their absence was the majority of that week.
- If a student misses any days during the week due to an excused absence, it is the student's responsibility to see me on the day he/she returns to find out what was missed in order to make up the homework and/or quiz.

Attendance

- A student is considered tardy if he/she walks in the door after the bell rings. When the bell rings, students are expected to already be in their seats. Students will also be marked tardy if they ignore the bell and cause classroom delay.
- If a student is late to class, he/she must provide a pass or be marked tardy. No exceptions.
- In accordance with the Student Handbook, students are allowed two *unexcused* tardies within a semester without penalty. A third unexcused tardy will result in a detention.
- Permission to use the bathroom will only be granted within the first five minutes of class.

RenWeb

Each student can monitor his/her own class grades through the RenWeb system. Grades for homework assignments and quizzes will be posted weekly on RenWeb.

WCHS Webpage

Assignments and handouts that are passed out in class can also be downloaded at my WCHS webpage. I will not provide students with multiple copies.

To access my webpage:

1. Go to www.corybaugher.com
2. Hover over the **WCHS Classes** tab in the menu bar at the top.
3. Click the **Cults and Counterfeits** link.

Contact

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