

Christianity

(The Deceit)

*Is Your Belief
The True Spiritual Path*

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Dr. Robert Case, Pastor: a man who exemplifies Paul's teaching of faith through their works of care, understanding and giving to those rejected by society's bigotry. "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2 24-27 (ESV). With earnest sincerity and a pure heart, you give that which others selfishly deny themselves. sharing the gift of selfless giving; you are the example all other pastors should follow.

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Introduction

America, land of the free, seems however, we have now become a world of “democratic partiality.” Everything from our speech, actions, and course of living to cultural ideals has been stripped away. Sadly, the one recourse has been removed from our institutions, educational system and replaced with heretical practices and bias. Accordingly, there will be much denial of the truths uncovered within this book as devout followers of one religion or the other hold true to their belief as sanctity. To many, the cultural ideals they've come to know and cling to so dearly may be too much to fathom. For others that have found something to believe in, the facts you're about to discover may seem farfetched. With this in mind, this country has allowed unfamiliar traditions to set our cultural bounds of Christianity and the ways in which we define it, for a majority? It is how their religion is explained; others proclaim undeniable faith through it. So the question then, has become, what is Christianity, what makes someone a Christian, how has religion shaped this country including the way we form opinions towards it, are the beliefs we've embraced sound practices of someone's enduring fate? To find truth, or not, in unbelieving claims and bring clarity in face of controversial attribution on the validity of God's inerrant word, including its accuracy, history is visited. In the end, fallacies are refuted, revealing verity in what this world controvert.

That being the case, it comes with awareness that an innumerable amount of false practitioners, unbelievers and followers from one sect or another will amount to fortification for the purpose of categorizing this author as a Heretic. With this intention, their goal in view of not comprehending beliefs they've swallowed, is casting an unbelievers shadow over that which has been manifested. Given that I've openly admitted there's no shame of the Gospel where I'm concerned (Romans 1:16) and accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior, understanding he's the only way to God, how then, can one be classified an unbeliever? In short by identifying false practices and revealing truth you're labeled a “Heretic” (A person who has denied the faith or doesn't believe the truth then reject God and become an apostate). Sadly, there's much credence towards age old religions specifically new ones encompassing claims, interpretations, imposing views that diminishes the importance of Christ. By way of contrast, they refer to (Titus 3: 9-11) *“But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.¹¹ You may be sure that such*

people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned. Sadly, we're part of a nation that continue to be led astray, so, who's the heretic?

During those early years as a child, I grew up learning that Sunday was a traditional day for the Lord. Giving thanks by attending church and like a hologram not faint, picture folks dressed in their suits, chic with each man modeling pride. And the women, classy, colorful they appeared as fashionistas whose couture syncs with its bearer.

Remember the Pews? So hard your Heine hurt but when you moved or complained grandmother or some old shrew hushed you whispering, "Keep still." You see, being part of that Christian upbringing in both catholic and episcopal (Anglican) churches was really confusing for me. At the time, I was not sure about my role as a young churchgoer or belief into my teenaged years as with many of today's generation. This all became a custom for me however, does it sound familiar? Then there was Sunday school, which seemed like day care at the time, somehow that had some form of semblance. Those who taught read what sounded like fairy tale stories of Jesus Christ. But is it not called the greatest story ever told according to modern day realists? Throughout history, Christianity continues to not only be used as a loose word explaining our Christendom (Christians collectively, or the Christian world) but a particular religious' system that has turned away from the true faith and biblical understanding according to scripture. More importantly are the contending sects for a different way of teaching the bible and spreading the word in reaching a younger generation. Consequently, a wave of new and doubting followers has sprung up to follow non-doctrinal contending faiths. Even more damaging is Catholicism, the faith and system of the Catholic Church (Roman Catholic Church).

Catholics position and belief that the authority of the church lies within the hierarchy as in the Pope would be aghast if they understood this goes against God's biblical teaching. Additionally, Catholic Churches as well as many Episcopalians/Anglicans and Protestants teach and believe Baptism becomes a sacrament that regenerates. This has been a justifiable ritual for centuries especially within the realm of Catholic principles, Protestants and Post Modern churches on the other hand see it as an outward testimony of a prior inward regeneration which has long been one of the most controversial points of doctrine since the church began. However, it is contrary to biblical teaching. Being baptized symbolizes man's identification with Jesus Christ. Paul explains that "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." (1

Corinthians 12:13) That spirit being Christ, (Romans 6:4) is clear, that in Christ's death, His burial and resurrection: "we are buried with him by baptism into death," and we also should walk in newness of life."

Likewise, emerging churches that advertently claim Evangelism is everywhere. Alarmingly we are seeing huge mega churches now teaching the need for love and fellowship. Others are into positive thinking, wealth & prosperity, the charismatic movement, and New Age philosophies. Here everything is relative. They're conducting God's purpose for the church and world through storytelling, missions and sharing "journeys." Dimmed lighting and moments of thinking are encouraged, as there's no need for sound scripture. The emerging/emergent church movement in particular holds a basic post-modernistic thinking. Everything is about the 'journey' over reason, spirituality over religious obedience, images, idols and cinematic films over God's inerrant words ("Inerrancy" refers to a text that is considered accurate, truthful, and totally free of error. Any text that contains mistakes is errant), feelings over truth, you might even be seeing this slowly creeping into your church. These signs and practices are reactions to modernism, and yes, are thought to be necessary in order to actively engage our contemporary culture and in growing the church.

There also appears to be a movement for a calling of works (Missionary work) by going out into the world and helping the less fortunate, hungry and impoverished. Do we have that part right? Not exactly, Faith without works is dead, and missionary work is not what The Lord talks about. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Walking in spirit according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, being humble and accepting of God's grace. With attention to the first mention of Christians when Barnabas departed to Tarsus, to seek Saul, when he found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled (the Apostles) themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Refer to: Acts 11:26). Far contrast from what we consider Christianity today.

Mostly all churches present in some way shape or form misinterpret the Lord's great commission (Matthew 28: 18-21) "and Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Because of this human ministerial invasion, America has become a home seen from all spectrums as secular.

Hopefully through this book, a more open perspective will be drawn rather than emotional for your belief or doubts. More importantly, a true understanding of what it means to be a Christian. They are countless deceitful religions as they are men masking their true beliefs, and here we discover them arming you with the necessary tools, terminology, but most importantly knowledge to detect and defend against these deceiving false doctrines that continues to stifle and mislead millions caught in its web. In the conclusion, we'll define Christianity, determine what is religion versus religious, which teachings are false uncovering (the deceit) then identify not only all that is wrong within our society, but where this world went wrong pointing out the direction where this nation needs to go as God intended.

Above all, the research shared within this book is not according to my views or interpretation, neither is it a probable understanding of God's word or personal theological assessment. After my studies of World Religion for the past 15 years, numerous debates, conversations with Priests and Pastors alike from countless denominations, seminars and Bible Theology studies, this is based on the Church's principles, beliefs and teachings. Most importantly, part 1 of this series reveals the inherent, inspired word of God, not translations, neither man's thoughts. Through His (God's) Grace, I've learned that too many scholars Theologians who feel that those who never attended a seminary or Bible college/school are depraved, too sinful to fully understand the Bible on their own and therefore needs a "consensus of teachers" (Priests/pastors). Unfortunately, this sounds much like a Catholic Magisterium.

Further, "consensus" is an agreement that may or may not be true. Moreover, how does one correct an authoritative magisterium? In words applicable to all saints, Paul exhorted Timothy *the individual* to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Are we not all workmen? God said "take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things, which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons" (Deuteronomy 4:9). Rightly, many cite Second Timothy 3:16-17 as evidence for the sufficiency of Scripture. But we may sometimes forget that preceding that portion is verse 15, which state, "from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Paul is speaking of Timothy's familiarity with the Word of God. Back then there were no exposure to a "consensus of teachers" On the contrary, Paul wrote, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tm 1:5). According to Romans: 10:17) so then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." So then, are the leaders you look up to today right that the Lord has gifted individuals as teachers? In his letters to the Ephesians 4:11 Paul said: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (verse 12)? Yet in (Acts: 8:1) "there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles." These were ordinary believers who subsequently went everywhere preaching the word (Acts: 8:4) certainly then, they understood the Word of God.

Also, consider, in Acts 18, the case of Apollo's (who was truly "mighty when it came to the scriptures"). Although he preached the "things of the Lord," the baptism of John was all Apollo knew (verse. 25), not that the Messiah had come, lived and died on the Cross, buried, then rose again. Two disciples on the other hand, Aquila and Priscilla, took him aside and "explained unto him the way of God more perfectly (verse. 26). To end, agreed, there are those equipped to be teachers, but even teachers as God said and the world has witnessed, go astray regardless of any official consensus. Paul wrote that the saints were to "prove all things and to hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). We are rest our faith in the wisdom of, but in the power of God (1 Corinthians 2: 4-5). So I urge you, don't take my word for it, open your bibles and discover the truth for yourselves.

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(The Deceit)

Chapter 1

Society is made up of people like yourself, including everyone else in it, all with a relatively common perspective. So then, the question here becomes, what is your belief? We all have one. Most know of God, some have idols, others see the world for what it is, then there are those with a universal view, and followers under “inner me” perspectives, New Age mentalities, or more, emerging thoughts. Today our societal woes continue to shape traditional and cultural ideals into a worldly and non-biblical nation.

Unfortunately, more of those things are continually being stripped away by the many ordinances, resolutions, and laws forced upon us with no alternative recourse, not to mention worldly influences from all spectrums of media. Consequently, countless religious leaders, at least for those who view them as such, are contributing to outlawing true Christianity, at least in the biblical nature of God’s word and provisions. Moreover, any conceivable thought, or action of instilling the values we were established on? Over shadowed by a Post Modern nation, where everything is relative and all viewpoints are valid.

"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe." Before I go any further, this is not a personal attack on anyone's religious belief or followed leader. This is merely a factual insight to the many false misguided religions, misleading teachings and beliefs that continue to lead so many on the wrong path. More importantly, a trail of deceit into a loose religious faith, moreover, a commonality called Christianity. People of this generation have conformed to stylish intelligent words of fallacy and worldly views of a falling society, if it sounds good, then it must be true.

For this purpose, the “psychological seduction” of Christianity is leading this world into a trail of sorrow, family destruction, world separation, and indoctrinated heretical doctrines.

A New Movement for Social Acceptance

ACCORDINGLY, OUR CENTRAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT have removed the vital rock in which we once stood on and replaced it with foreign cultural deficiencies. No wonder we're lost and confused about who we are as a nation, people, and most importantly, core beliefs. It seems the only time America comes together is during times of grief, disaster or loss. History from mid-first century AD has brought us into conflict between all that is "true" and what's not. Sources of those beliefs have been stripped away and replaced with triumphant adherents, at least in the eyes of followers and biased media conglomerates.

Christianity was once occupied with true orthodox interpretation of salvation and faith. However, contrarian opinions have defined new ways in presenting contradicting doctrines. Incidentally, influential figures play a confounding role of sharing prevalent false doctrines. If you were asked to name your most influential person and spiritual advisor, who would that person be? Billy Graham, Robert Schuller, Rick Warren, Joel Osteen Maybe Mehmet Oz? This may surprise you, but neither is as successful as and more influential than Oprah Winfrey! Her programs then drew audiences as high as 12.4 million daily. Why am I including Oprah? Not only because of her promotion during the final program in contribution to her social charge and what appeared to be a new found idiocracy that apparently seduced millions of viewers who not only believed, but more than likely conformed to her beliefs. As a guide for you the reader in understanding many dangers of these foreign reliance, this opening chapter introduces those abstractions because 'how artful homily can sway a desiring heart away from that which is right'.

*"People often ask me, 'what is the secret of success of the show? How have we lasted 25 years? I non-jokingly say, my team and Jesus, because nothing but the hand of God has made this possible for me." (<http://www.oprah.com/oprahshow/The-Oprah-Winfrey-Show-Finale> 1/1).
"I'm talking about the same one you're talking about. I'm talking about Alpha and Omega, the Omniscient, the Omnipresent, the Ultimate Consciousness, the Source, the Force, the All of everything there is, the One and Only G-O-D"*

(<http://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2011/05/oprahs-last-show-a-recap-in-quotes/239483/>).

Aside from how great her speech sounded, if you're not clear as to exactly who this "One and Only G-O-D" is, let me clue you in. Many commentaries expressed their confusion about this deity Oprah paid homage to on that final day of broadcast. What *should* be clarified, is the "Jesus" and "God" she described? Is undoubtedly not biblical according to scripture, but it may be clear for some, especially those who share her views. True Christians on the other hand might feel otherwise. No matter how you phrase him or what he is called, (some say "if He is who He says He is") Only God of the bible is omniscient, no other so called gods concocted by humans can adjure to His sanctity. Oprah's widespread influence on spirituality is attributed to what is known as the "New Age Movement" (of which she chiefly promoted, by featuring self-called gurus like Shirley McLane, Marilyn Ferguson, to include Marianne Williamson). Specifically, Winfrey featured the highly supported psychotherapy as a solution for all of life's problems, through self-help theology and practices, all of these, Oprah dished up to her audience daily, and based on what I've seen, the courses were superb.

America has accepted her spiritual teachings, however, crediting her ability to make even Hindu/Buddhist concepts fit within Christianity should not, and cannot be complemented or taken seriously. This has been the course of human curiosity and acceptance. Bearing these mixes of deceitful religions, she has fed to viewers for years, for the most part, professed Christians have been largely ignorant of these teachings. Widely, women were led as recruited cultist design. As a result, the goal has effectively disabled her viewer's ability to decipher non-realism from realistic revelation. Therefore, the door to the body and authority of spiritual truth has been closed allowing mixtures of thoughts, opinions, speculations, guesses, or whatever a person "feels" regarding the nature of God to be doubted. Oprah's own "Christianity" was made evident by her as she denied God on national television making clear a new made up Christianity of Mind Sciences, New Thought, Religious and Christian Science. What you may not know is all these are an incorporation of teachings and ideas of Eastern mystical religions, nothing new.

Although they appear to bear religious names, all are opposed to Christianity as defined biblically. In defining Oprah's belief "a packaged theosophy of hidden knowledge or wisdom that offers the individual enlightenment and New Age Philosophy". Oprah's background however is Baptist which she later gave up somewhere between stardom and self-realization theories.

Quite disturbing though, was Winfrey's claim that her *"eyes were opened to the fact that "God" was bigger than the doctrines she had been taught,"* and was excited when she discovered views that taught her there were many ways to God besides through Jesus. Oprah continued by saying *"the Cross, to her, was not a matter of Jesus' reconciliation of man to God through His payment for the sins of the world, but rather a preeminent lesson in overcoming the obstacles in one's life."* *"I recall that transition period in my life when I began my search for more than Bible doctrines."* What a shocking surprise to millions of viewers who in one way or the other, adapted to worldly views of a seemingly spiritual teaching that sounds acceptable which has been put up for sale, passed escrow, and sold to the highest bidders.

Simply put, promoting the deification of self, and salvation through good works. Most interestingly, are her inviting theories and humanistic philosophies (Humanism), fashioned and extend beyond rationale. Oprah Winfrey continued, *"What if "there are many paths to what you call God? Her path might be something else, and when she gets there she might call it the Light, but her loving and her kindness and her generosity, if it brings her to the same place it brings you, it doesn't matter whether she calls it God or not."* Those are Winfrey's words as she considered her Christian view against a non-Christian woman's path to God. Sorry Oprah, thanks to yours and countless others marketing plan, Christianity has been turned into a marketable commodity and the ad strategy is "ideological thinking/works salvation." Be that as it may, "All roads do not lead to the same place." Jesus Himself said "I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me" (John 14:6 (NET)).

So as to sway "the following" with her empirical drive, she took it a step further. On October 18th, 2015 seven billion people, searching for connection, redemption and meaning. Oprah Winfrey presented a seven-night event she called, "Belief," the media dubbed it a "groundbreaking television event exploring humankind's ongoing search to connect with something greater than ourselves". In Effect, journeyed to the far reaches of the world, "places cameras have rarely been", the television event took millions of viewers on a ride and searched origins of diverse faiths, to the heart of what they felt really matters. "From the epic to the intimate, webbed throughout each hour are stories of people on spiritual journeys, taking them to sacred spaces." Uniquely riddled, how can anyone not be enticed?

In light of the thousands of people Oprah Winfrey aided over the years, what she has attained and things accomplished, there's nothing but admiration in my heart. In the long run, it won't count for anything without the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and putting nothing else above Him. Every one of us are given an unimaginable gift, the opportunity to spend eternal life with God. That's mind blowing to say the least! Moreover, that isn't something man re-imagined or invented either. In fact, from the book of Genesis through Revelation, scripture explains how you can make this a reality. Meanwhile, Oprah notes, the purpose of religious faith is generally tethered to the big and imponderable questions. Sure sounds like Winfrey don't it? She then asks, "Why are we here? What does this all mean? Is there a divine order to the mystery of our lives? So finally she admits there's some Godlike nature about us that's mysterious? To explain, her quest for meaning, those questions were ventured through a variety of ways. After making a pilgrimage to Mecca where a skateboard whiz converted to Islam, down to south pacific islanders who, shoulder death-defying leaps of faith postulate it will lend to the bounty of their harvest, the television event was bent on exploring how ordinary people find meaning.

Stories even included an Evangelical believer who searched for spiritual strength when her faith was tested. Sadly, and unfortunately, she was raped. There were segments however, that did acknowledge the violence publicized in the news daily being perpetrated in the name of religion. But mostly "Belief" tackled the topic of religion in a more elevating fashion, sort of 'Refashioned exciting TV. As the show continued, "Winfrey's narration noted "Life is a "journey" we are not meant to take alone. In like manner, devoting some portions of the event to how love figures into various religions. Hence, other topics like death and dealing with tragedy followed, but there we are repetitious prompting formulated around targeted themes. To that end, clearly Oprah Winfrey leveraged her wealth and platform to disseminate her personal crusade. So that her social charge of "do good works" and self-empowerment phenomenon reaches an untapped world, the program's forthrightness to other religions may not have appeared to be such a huge deal. But "Belief" lacks credible support and dubious. However well intentioned, the program was fitting to a brand Oprah owns known as OWN.

Read more at: <http://www.oprah.com/belief/Oprah-Winfrey-Presents-Belief>

Notwithstanding, In God's revelation of Himself through His son Jesus Christ, we have come to know His attributes. Without it, we would be left to speculate, guess if you will about an infinite God.

Consequently, this is often the basis of countless religions existing today. Unfortunately, the deities, self-prosperity beliefs, word faith movements, self-realization, reincarnation, Buddha concepts, universalism, Atheists and more are products of a fallen human race. The creator of all things has declared Himself in precise detail. Mankind on the other hand, decided to mire in mythology, society is sold on this. As a result, professed biblical Christians including baby one's and pastors are being bamboozled, falling into a web of delusion. Many are being hurled, muddled if you will in their thoughts about God by counterfeit-biblical sources, specifically best-selling Christian books, current Christian television programming, in similar fashion, Oprah and her conjured up beliefs. In order that this world continue into this spiraling descent, God's holy character is vilified down to appealing ideas that usually pleases lusts of the flesh but are not scripturally sound.

Even more, contributions of misleading superficial relationships with false imaginable deities, Self-realization theories stemming from inner me perspectives, which turn into being lovers of ourselves. John, the beloved Apostle, in his epistle explains that believers love God because he first loved us. (1 John: 4:19). Have we then turned away from what we came to understand, believed? The simple gospel, that God became a Man in order to reconcile us to himself through His life, death and resurrection? He provided the gift of salvation for all mankind by paying the infinite penalty for all our sins. The end result, the Lord Jesus Christ saving us. As a reminder, Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Timothy 3:12-13).

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