

NORTHEAST BIBLICAL INSTITUTE
COURSE SYLLABUS: APOLOGETICS 1 – WORLD RELIGIONS, CULTS & CHRISTIANITY 1

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Course Description:

Effective evangelism requires a basic knowledge of non-Christian religions & cults. This course will explore the major religions and cults to help the Christian form a powerful witness to adherents of that religion or cult. Part I covers the major world religions while Part II will cover the cults.

Course Objectives:

Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the religions & cults. In Part I of this course, we will cover the difference between monotheism and polytheism, Judaism & Jewish holidays and rituals, Buddhist enlightenment, the four goals of the Hindu life, the 5 Pillars of Islam and the division between Shia & Sunni Islam, the ethics and rituals of Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Baha'i, Sikhism, and a few "Pagan" religions such as Wicca & Druids. Lessons will include ways to speak truth to adherents these religions.

Course Texts:

The Holy Bible (Instructor generally uses and recommends NKJV)

AMG's Handi-Reference World Religions and Cults, John Hunt

Additional readings assigned throughout the semester.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance and active participation in class discussions (20%)

Midterm exam testing knowledge and comprehension (30%)

Final project exploring a specific aspect of the Torah (50%)

Grading Scale:

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: Below 60%