



# Cults 201

## Dealing with Cult Members

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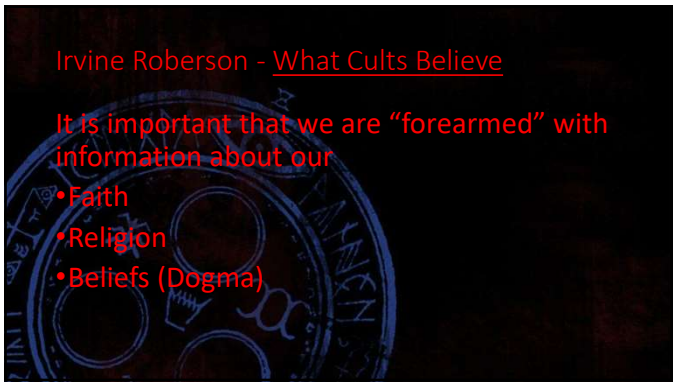
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Irvine Roberson - [What Cults Believe](#)

It is important that we are “forearmed” with information about our

- Faith
- Religion
- Beliefs (Dogma)

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However and whenever a discussion arises,

**Quickly move into command of the conversation**

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### 1. Do Not Argue

- Avoid anything that sounds like an argument
- Maintain respect
- Remember they have a right to their opinion

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### 2. Do Not Ridicule

- How would you feel if someone attacked your faith?
- Show love and pray for them

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### 3. Do not Denigrate the Founder

- This is antagonistic
- This creates no room for respect
- This creates an adversarial atmosphere which is what fuels the cultist even more to be violent

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#### 4. Use the Word of God

- Your knowledge of the word is most effective
- Be ready for proof text
- Counter with whole paricope
- Keep conversation positive

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#### 5. Give/Share Personal Testimony

- The point of the testimony is to show and describe the impact Christ has had on you
- "This is what Christ did for me"

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#### 6. Exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

- Matthew 3:17- And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."
- Matthew 17:5- But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." (Transfiguration scene on the mountain)

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## 6. Exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

- Ephesians 1:10-<sup>10</sup> And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

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## 7. Depend Consciously on the Holy Spirit

- John 16:13-14: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

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## 8. Know What the Cultist Believes

The prepared presentation from the cultist can be disarmed by knowing their beliefs, favorite Bible quotes and will provide you with the opportunity to steer the conversation in a positive way.

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