

Requirements:

1. Attendance at all sessions
2. Students are expected to acquire a general knowledge of the development of New Religious Movements in North America. The following is required reading:

Philip Jenkins. *Mystics and Messiahs*. Oxford UP.

Wallace, Anthony. "Revitalization Movements." in *American Anthropologist* 58: 264-81, 1956.

Lorne L. Dawson, ed. *Cults and New Religious Movements: A Reader*. Blackwell Pub.

James D. Chancellor. *Life in The Family: An Oral History of the Children of God*. Syracuse Univ. Press.

3. Students will be expected to make several presentations during the seminar. Each student will be assigned a chapter in both *Mystics and Messiahs* and *Cults and New Religious Movements: A Reader*. Each student will conduct independent research of further relevant material in support of assigned sections of these works. Each student will read *Life in The Family* and be prepared to discuss this work in class. Each student will read and present additional works.
4. Students will develop a working outline for a six-hour presentation on Cults and New Religions in America. These presentations will be for use in a church setting and will include history, doctrines, and ethical issues that distinguish particular movements from Evangelical Christianity, and methods for effective witness.
5. Members will participate in a group oral examination at the close of the seminar.

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Seminar Schedule

Aug. 17 Introduction and assignments for *Mystics and Messiahs*

Aug. 24 Remaining Assignment
Mystics and Messiahs -

Chapt. 1

Chapt. 2

Chapt. 3

Chapt. 4

Chapt. 5

Aug. 31 *Mystics and Messiahs*

Chapt. 6

Chapt. 7

Chapt. 8

Chapt. 9

Chapt. 10

Chapt. 11

Sept. 7 *Cults and New Religious Movements*

Section 1 All students

Section. 2

Section. 3

Section. 4

Section. 5

Sept. 14 *Cults and New Religious Movements*

Section. 6

Section. 7

Section. 8

Sept. 21 *Life in The Family* - Professor

Sept. 28

Stephen Robinson. *Are Mormons Christians*. Bookcraft, 1991.

Craig Blomberg and Stephen E. Robinson. *How Wide the Divide: A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation*. IVP, 1997.

Oct. 12

Catherine Wessinger. *When the Millennium Comes Violently*

Catherine Wessinger. *Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence*. Syracuse UP, 1999.

Oct. 19

Susan Palmer and Charlotte Hardman. *Children in New Religions*. Rutgers UP, 1999

Susan Palmer. *Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers*. Syracuse UP, 1994.

Oct. 26

Fred Kniss. *Disquiet in the Land*. Rutgers UP, 1997

Jonathan Sarna. *Minority Faiths and American Protestant Mainstream*. U. Illinois P, 1998

Nov. 2

Irving Hexham and Karla Poewe. *New Religions as Global Cultures*. Westview Press, 1997

Janis Hutchinson. *Out of the Cults and into the Church*. Kregel, 1994

Nov. 9

Mary Maaga. *Hearing the Voices of Jonestown*. Syracuse UP, 1998.

Jeffrey Kaplan. *Radical Religion in America*. Syracuse Univ. Press. 1997.

Nov. 16 **Cults and the Christian Mission / Oral exam**

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