



WHO IS THE REAL DEAL?

A Series on False Teachers

1 John 4:1-3

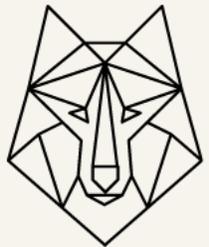
Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

1 John 4:4-6

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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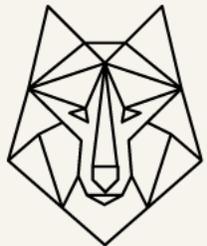


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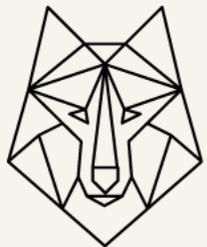


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- **Bahá'í** believe Jesus came from God, was a wise teacher who had a divine and human nature, worked miracles, and was crucified and resurrected as an atonement for humanity.
- **Hindus** believe Jesus was a holy man, a wise teacher, and is a 'god'.
- **Buddhists** believe Jesus was an enlightened man and a wise teacher.
- **New Age** believers maintain Jesus was a wise moral teacher.
- **Jews** believe Jesus was Mary's son, was a teacher (Rabbi), had many disciples, was respected, performed miracles, claimed to be the Messiah and was crucified on the cross. They also acknowledge His followers reported Jesus was raised from the dead.
- **Muslims** believe Jesus was born of a virgin, is to be revered and respected, was a prophet, a wise teacher who worked miracles, ascended to heaven, and will come again.
- **Ahmadiyya Muslims** believe Jesus may have been born of a virgin, was a prophet and wise teacher, worked miracles, and was crucified on a cross.

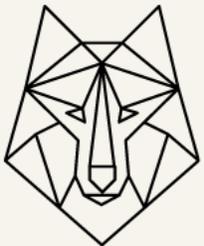
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#1 Learn what they have to say about Jesus.

#2 Hold onto the sound words of Jesus Christ.

(1 Timothy 6:3-4)



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1 Timothy 6:3-4

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions,

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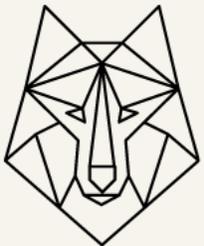
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Jude 18-21

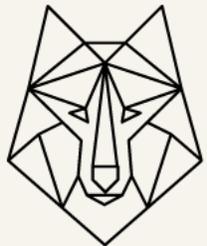
They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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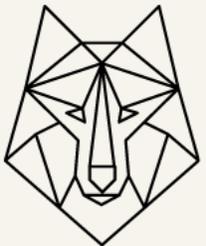


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vs 4. Our position

- Little children
- From God
- Overcomer
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit



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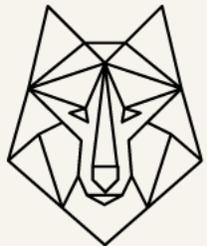
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John 8:47

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

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- What can you do this week to be keeping yourself in love with God?