

## ⇒ Jesus – Humanity (The Docetists)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. (1 John 4:1-2)

## The Cosmic Christ

### One Key Question

⇒ How \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_ ... Are \_\_\_\_\_?

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)

Dear friends, ... I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. (Jude 3)

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*Syncretism 101*

Colossians 2:6-10

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## The Danger

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*Jesus & Syncretism*

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## The Cosmic Christ

### *Into The Danger*

Colossians 2:6-10

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

(Colossians 1:15, NLT)

In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

(Colossians 2:3, NLT)

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### *Syncretism 101*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

Is A \_\_\_\_\_ .

Colossians 2:16-23

Syncretism means the mixing or blending of different beliefs, practices, or ideas often from different cultures or religions. It's like taking elements from various sources and combining them into something new.

- Jewish Rites, Rituals, and Worship (2:16)
- The Worship of Angels (2:18)
- Supernatural Visions (2:18)
- Legalistic Religious Rules (2:20-21)
- Harsh Treatment of The Body (Asceticism) (2:23)

They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

(Colossians 2:19)

2) This \_\_\_\_\_ . . . Is \_\_\_\_\_ .

⇒ Jesus + The Law (The Judaizers)

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! (Galatians 1:6-9)

Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. (Galatians 5:2)

⇒ Jesus – Mortality (The Libertines)

There were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. (2 Peter 2:1-2)

Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. . . . reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! . . . They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity. (2 Peter 2:13-14, 19)