**EE: Advanced Theological Studies Program**

**Syllabus**

**Instructions**

There are 4 major components to this study experience. Each week you will be required to complete these components. They are:

* Lecture Criteria – Watch the lecture video or read the lecture transcript associated with each week’s study materials.
* Quiz Grading Criteria – Take the specified quiz associated with each Lecture. Each quiz will be graded out of 100%. You may reference the lecture video/transcript during the quiz.

All that is taught in the ATS program will focus on Christ so that God is glorified in you as you equip the church to multiply!

**Quiz**

* Please complete the quiz after you have watched the lecture video, listened to the lecture, or read the lecture manuscript.
* The quiz has no time limit. Feel free to reference the lecture.

**Certificate of Ministry Track (CMT)**

* EE staff who are unable to meet academic requirements needed for accredited coursework will pursue the “Certificate of Ministry Track” (CMT). EE Staff pursuing the CMT must complete 17 credit hours earned in the 5 “Core Curriculum Courses” designed by EE. In addition, they will earn 15 credit hours by completing 6 “Third Millennium Courses”. EE staff who complete the CMT program will receive the: “Evangelism Explosion International Certificate of Ministry Diploma”.

**Grading System**

Accountability is very important to the success of your learning experience. While this course is being offered on-line, the ATS administrators are able to monitor your involvement in this course. Therefore, please be prompt in submitting all course assignments on or before the end or each week or session (NOTE: a one week grace period will be given to those who experience technical/internet/computer difficulty).

ATS will use the following grading system for all courses:

10% Watch, Listen, or Read the lecture provided

90% Complete the Quiz assigned for each week

**Description for each Lecture & Learner Outcome Objectives**

1. 1 Introduction to the theology of the cults, cult apologetics, and witnessing to cultists
2. Mormonism/Masonic Lodge: This unit would deal with the largest of the classically defined cults of Christianity (classically defined as a group that professes to be Christian but denies one or more essential, defining doctrines of the Christian faith), Mormonism, and with the Masonic Lodge alongside it because the two share worldview, theology, and ritual in many very important ways (Mormonism having borrowed much from Freemasonry) and because Freemasonry is resurgent on the world scene in our day. These represent polytheistic cults.
3. Jehovah’s Witnesses: This unit would deal with the second largest of the classically defined cults of Christianity, which represents cults that deny the deity of Christ while affirming monotheism.

**4.** Environmentalism: This unit deals with Godly Dominion vs. Environmentalism. Godly dominion means reducing poverty, restoring liberty, and renewing human dignity. This week we will focus on reclaiming the blessings of Genesis 1:28.

5. Oneness Pentecostalism/Local Church of Witness Lee: This unit would deal with classically defined cults that deny the doctrine of the Trinity by teaching modalism, which though it affirms the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit denies their personal distinction from the Father, and that also have aberrant soteriologies (works-salvation).

6. Unitarian Universalists: This unit deals with the Unitarian Universalist Movement.

1. Astrology and Psychic Phenomena/New Age Movement: This unit would deal with New Age and psychic cults.
2. Moral Government Theology: This unit deals with Moral Government Theology.

9. Health-and-Wealth Gospel/Word-of-Faith Movement/Mind Sciences: This unit would deal with the classically defined cults of Christianity that, though they might (though not all do) have correct doctrines of God and Christ, substitute for the true gospel (justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone achieved by His atoning death for sinners and verified by His resurrection from the dead) a false gospel of health or wealth or both by faith and what amounts to magical speech, and that tend toward Gnostic/idealist understandings of creation (the physical world is illusion or subject to direct control by the mind).

10. Oneism versus Twoism: This unit would deal with the various forms of cultic environmentalism, including Atheism, Pantheism, Panentheism, Animism, Gaia Worship, Nature Worship, and “Dark Green Religion” or “Deep Ecology”