

1. Mysticism

- a) Why is it always dangerous to build our worldview on our feelings and intuitions rather than the clear teaching of the Word of God? Proverbs 14:12, Matthew 7:21-27
- b) What forms of mysticism are very popular today?
 - i) Spiritual but not religious
 - ii) New age meditation rather than meditation of the Word of God
 - iii) Nature worship rather than worship of the Creator

2. Near-Death Experiences

- a) In recent years, reports of near-death experiences have become more common. People claim to have entered the brilliant glory of heaven, met Jesus, and even spoken with departed loved ones.
- b) What death testimonies do we hear in the Scriptures from individuals who died and were raised to life again? 1 Kings 17:22-24, 2 Kings 4:34-37, Mark 5:41-43, Luke 7:14-17, John 11:40-44, Acts 9:32-35, 36-42 (They are all silent about their experience while dead. Why? They were in the sleep of death)
- c) What is the possible explanation for these near-death testimonies that are quite common today?

3. Reincarnation

- a) How does the theory of reincarnation differ from the non-biblical teaching of the immortality of the soul?
- b) What teachings of Scriptures refute the idea of an endless cycle of reincarnation? Hebrews 9:27-28, Romans 6:23, etc.
- c) Why is the pagan doctrine of reincarnation such a hopeless perspective on life?

4. Necromancy and Ancestor Worship

- a) Trying to communicate with the dead and ancestor worship are popular deceptions in these last days—social media ads, billboards, etc.
- b) What counsel does the Scripture give about such practices? Deuteronomy 18:9-14, Leviticus 19:31, 20:6,27, Isaiah 8:19-20
- c) Why did King Saul visit a witch in En Dor having banished all mediums and spiritists in Israel? 1 Samuel 28:3-10
- d) How would you react if a deceased loved one came to visit you?
- e) If an angel appeared to you, how would you know if it was a heavenly angel or a satanic deception?

5. Discussion question: How can we avoid these and many other end-time deceptions? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7-10, 1 Peter 5:8-9, etc.

