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## International Churches of Christ' Doctrinal Positions\*

Doctrine	Stated Beliefs/Profession	Practical Application/ Members' Understanding
Complete Inerrancy of Scripture	Affirms	Affirms
Triune Nature of God	Affirms	Varies from member to Member
Impeccability of Jesus <sup>1</sup>	Denies	Denies
Incarnation	Affirms	Affirms
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Original Sin	Denies	Denies
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Ephesians 2:8-9 <sup>2</sup>	Affirms	Denies
Salvation Outside the Church	Denies	Varies from member to member
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Amillennialism <sup>4</sup>	Affirms	Affirms
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*ICC Doctrinal Positions is based on information found in Prepared to Answer by Gordon Ferguson (1995); Disciples Handbook edited by Tom Jones (1997); Justified by Gordon Ferguson (1994); Kip McKean. "Preach the Word" (Woburn, MA: Discipleship Publications International, August 1995, audiotape #10091, side two; Nick Young. Tulsa Reconstruction, August 1992, audiotape, side one; "From the Editor" by Steve Johnson. UpsideDown, Issues 4 & 5 (Jan. 1993), 6; The Mission, Randy and Kay McKean editors. Woburn, MA: Discipleship Publications International, 50, 60, 62; and personal conversations with current and former ICC members.*

<sup>1</sup> Inability of Jesus to sin.

<sup>2</sup> Although Ephesians 2:8-9 is affirmed, in actuality, a works-based salvation is taught and practiced. Certain works are redefined as either conditions of acceptance for salvation (which they teach is occurs at baptism), or "works of faith."

<sup>3</sup> Also known as *eternal security*.

<sup>4</sup> Eschatological (pertaining to the last days) view which finds insufficient scriptural basis in the New Testament to support a thousand-year (millennial) reign of Jesus Christ on earth following the second advent. The Lord's second-coming precedes the destruction of the wicked and the final judgement.

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P.O. Box 13340, Arlington, TX 76094-0340, 1-817-277-0023, or <http://www.watchman.org/othrcult.htm> [Books on ICC](#), and Star Bible Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 81220, Fort Worth, TX 76182, 1-800-433-7507.

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*\* Materials listed specifically mention the International Church of Christ and Multiplying Ministries. A resource's inclusion in this bibliography does not signify doctrinal or philosophical concurrence of the compiler.*

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Contacts, recommended resources. Chris Lee, former member of the Boston Church of Christ.

### [ExICOC.ORG](#) (temporarily under construction Oct. 2000)

An online organization of former members providing a variety of services and information for former members, and friends and family of current members. Hosts related discussion lists.

### [Dance-Away Zone!](#)

Personal story, theological and sociological observations, articles, ICC vocabulary, recovery information, experiences with the ICC of people who did not join, co-owner of former members' mailing list, web ring. Sarah Marin, former member of the Triangle Church (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC).

### [Freedom Newsletter](#)

Former members' articles on recovery, psychological, and doctrinal issues, children and the ICC, their testimonies, and why people join. Former members.

### [The ICC According to Lew'](#)

Personal account, newspaper article, photograph of ICC founder's condominium building. Lewis Johnson, former member, Portland Church of Christ.

### [Info on the International Churches of Christ/Boston Movement](#)

Original articles on Matthew 28:18-20, tithing, and others. Sidney J. Juachon, former member.

### [International Churches of Christ Information Page](#)

Numerous original articles, articles by other authors, e-mail responses from ICC members. Steven Rauch.

### [Is the International Churches of Christ Teaching Biblical?](#)

Biblical refutation of several key ICC teachings, articles by various writers, former members' testimonies, audio files of ICC leaders such as John Causey saying: "Everybody has to be a member of this church if they're going to get to heaven." Charles Barsoum, former member of the Sydney Church of Christ (Australia).

### [McKean's Mafia](#)

Personal story, theological and sociological observations, ex-members' stories, response to ideas in Gordon Ferguson's *Prepared To Answer*, ICC stat sheet, examination of expenditures during ICC membership, psychological and recovery issues. Curtiss Hayes, former member of the Dallas/FortWorth Church of Christ Jesus.

### [New Covenant Publications: A Counter-Cult Ministry](#)

In-depth examination of several ICC doctrines and practices, ICC leaders' quotes. Also information on the Unification Church. One author is an ex-member of the New York Church of Christ.

### [REVEAL: Former Members of the ICC](#)

Most exhaustive ICC-related library online. Former members' accounts, articles and papers on the ICC, the text of Jerry Jones' series, *What Does the Boston Movement Teach?* (in progress), advice for family and friends of current members, media reports,

contacts, and more. Former members of the ICC and its predecessor, the Crossroads Church of Christ.

### [REVIVE](#)

Original articles on confidentiality of confession of sins, recognizing ICC campus ministries, a "behind the scenes" look at ICC recruiting and members' time management, terminology list, "spiritual pornography?," brochures, and thought reform. UC Berkley student group for former members of the ICC and other destructive groups recruited through campus ministries.

### [Slanter's Online Insane Asylum](#)

The N-Files (current members writings provide interesting look into the ICC mindset), psychological aspects of the ICC, biblical refutations of ICC doctrine, recovery information, leaflets, "First Principles," the ICC's indoctrination series presented along side Dave Anderson's analysis, ICoC Concerned Parties Mailing List. Matt Cramer, ex-member of the Greater Cleveland Church of Christ.

### [The Somis Library](#)

Entire text of Flavil R. Yeakley, Jr.'s *The Discipling Dilemma*, a biblical examination of the discipling movement, and a comprehensive guide to ICC terminology. Rich Measures.

### [Thee ICC Alumni](#)

Humorous material and poignant observations about life in and after the ICC.

### [Graham Cluley's Triumphant Over London Cults](#)

Numerous articles, former members' stories, audio clips, newsletters, financial information, vast archive of news and magazine stories, and more. Graham Cluley and former members of the Central London Church of Christ.

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Contacts, recommended resources. Chris Lee, former member of the Boston Church of Christ.

### [ExICOC.ORG](#) (temporarily under construction Oct. 2000)

An online organization of former members providing a variety of services and information for former members, and friends and family of current members. Hosts related discussion lists.

### [Dance-Away Zone!](#)

Personal story, theological and sociological observations, articles, ICC vocabulary, recovery information, experiences with the ICC of people who did not join, co-owner of former members' mailing list, web ring. Sarah Marin, former member of the Triangle Church (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC).

### [Freedom Newsletter](#)

Former members' articles on recovery, psychological, and doctrinal issues, children and the ICC, their testimonies, and why people join. Former members.

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Personal account, newspaper article, photograph of ICC founder's condominium building. Lewis Johnson, former member, Portland Church of Christ.

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Numerous original articles, articles by other authors, e-mail responses from ICC members. Steven Rauch.

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Biblical refutation of several key ICC teachings, articles by various writers, former members' testimonies, audio files of ICC leaders such as John Causey saying: "Everybody has to be a member of this church if they're going to get to heaven." Charles Barsoum, former member of the Sydney Church of Christ (Australia).

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Personal story, theological and sociological observations, ex-members' stories, response to ideas in Gordon Ferguson's *Prepared To Answer*, ICC stat sheet, examination of expenditures during ICC membership, psychological and recovery issues. Curtiss Hayes, former member of the Dallas/FortWorth Church of Christ Jesus.

### [New Covenant Publications: A Counter-Cult Ministry](#)

In-depth examination of several ICC doctrines and practices, ICC leaders' quotes. Also information on the Unification Church. One author is an ex-member of the New York Church of Christ.

### [REVEAL: Former Members of the ICC](#)

Most exhaustive ICC-related library online. Former members' accounts, articles and papers on the ICC, the text of Jerry Jones' series, *What Does the Boston Movement Teach?* (in progress), advice for family and friends of current members, media reports,



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### [REVIVE](#)

Original articles on confidentiality of confession of sins, recognizing ICC campus ministries, a "behind the scenes" look at ICC recruiting and members' time management, terminology list, "spiritual pornography?," brochures, and thought reform. UC Berkley student group for former members of the ICC and other destructive groups recruited through campus ministries.

### [Slanter's Online Insane Asylum](#)

The N-Files (current members writings provide interesting look into the ICC mindset), psychological aspects of the ICC, biblical refutations of ICC doctrine, recovery information, leaflets, "First Principles," the ICC's indoctrination series presented along side Dave Anderson's analysis, ICoC Concerned Parties Mailing List. Matt Cramer, ex-member of the Greater Cleveland Church of Christ.

### [The Somis Library](#)

Entire text of Flavil R. Yeakley, Jr.'s *The Discipling Dilemma*, a biblical examination of the discipling movement, and a comprehensive guide to ICC terminology. Rich Measures.

### [Thee ICC Alumni](#)

Humorous material and poignant observations about life in and after the ICC.

### [Graham Cluley's Triumphant Over London Cults](#)

Numerous articles, former members' stories, audio clips, newsletters, financial information, vast archive of news and magazine stories, and more. Graham Cluley and former members of the Central London Church of Christ.

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# Cults and Spiritually Abusive Churches: *Recognition, Response, and Recovery*

Suddenly, you realize you, or someone you know, are caught up in an abusive church, organization, or cult. Emotions ranging from shock, anger, sadness, and even hopelessness may overcome you.

Also, you might find yourself consumed with a desire to read everything written about this group. All of these reactions are normal.

Friends and family members can find themselves unprepared to help the members leave the group, or to support them as they heal.

This page offers links to online resources which explore subjects which include:

- \*[recognizing cults and spiritual abuse](#)
- \*[myths surrounding cult membership](#)
- \*[what to do when you suspect someone has joined a cult](#)
- \*[healing from abusive church or cult experiences.](#)

Opinions concerning the information presented at these sites will vary. Readers are encouraged to evaluate these resources as they would other materials.

Although a consensus definition of the terms "cult" and "spiritual abuse" has yet to be established, the pain former members feel is universal.

Perhaps, Jan Groenveld has best articulated the emotions felt by former members, in her work, [It Hurts: The Emotional Pain Of Leaving A Cult](#).

Having experienced what many ex-members feel, and with one family member still in a cult, I share in your grief. As even the mention of God might be painful to some, I hope you will accept the heart-felt good will behind these closing words:

*May the Lord's blessings be upon you, and His guidance, and comfort be with you at this*

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[American Family Foundation's Checklist of Cult Characteristics](#)  
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[The Advanced Bonewits Cult Danger Evaluation Frame](#)  
[Clinical Update on Cults by Michael D. Langone Ph.D.](#)  
[Common Defense Against Destructive Cults](#)  
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## ▶ Web Sites Which Include Significant Material on Spiritual Abuse Issues

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[Cult Formation by Robert Jay Lifton. M.D.](#)

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[Cult Awareness & Information Centre: Issues Involved in Leaving a Cult](#)  
[How To Evaluate a Spiritual Movement](#)  
[It Hurts: The Emotional Pain Of Leaving A Cult by Jan Groenveld](#)  
[Picking Up the Pieces by Craig Branch](#)  
[Recovery From Spiritual Abuse by Sharon Hilderbrant, M.A.](#)  
[Ten Ways to get Past the Hurt of the Past by Rebecca Hanson](#)  
[Understanding and Encouraging Ex-Cultists by Janis Hutchinson](#)  
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### Web Site With a Major Segment Devoted to Recovery

[Free Minds, Inc.: Psychological/Recovery Issues Related to Jehovah's Witnesses and Other Groups \\*3](#)

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[Reflections on Child Custody and Cults by Michael D. Langone Ph.D.](#)  
[Unity and Conformity: Why Only the Cults Seem to Achieve It](#)  
[The Untouchables: Are "God's Anointed" Beyond Criticism? by Hendrik H. Hanegraaff](#)  
[Deprogramming, Exit Counseling, and Ethics: Clarifying the Confusion by Michael D. Langone and Paul R. Martin](#)  
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## Related Online Materials

*Although the following articles are related to a specific cult, or are general articles, the material is pertinent, and highly recommended.*

[A Brief Look at Mind Control in a Religious Environment by Martin Hives](#)

[Deprogramming and Exit-Counseling](#)

[The Family Connection: When a Cult May not be Your Worst Enemy](#)

[Frightening Lure of a Cult](#)

[How To Tell Your Kids You Have Been In A Cult](#)

[Joining the Club -- A New Perspective On Getting People Out of Cults by Randall Watters](#)

[Watchtower Indoctrination Process: A Psychological and Sociological Examination](#)

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*\*1 Certain articles from Cult Awareness and Information Centre have individual links on this page.*

*\*2 Although most, if not all of the links currently on this site concern experiences with the United Pentecostal Church, the stories are fairly universal examples of cult dynamics and spiritual abuse, and should be of interest to former members of other sects.*

*\*3 Some articles from Free Minds, Inc. also are linked separately on this page.*