

# Oprah & Friends vs. Jesus & The Bible

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## **Introduction**

Oprah Winfrey has accomplished some amazing things in her life. She was born to an unwed mother and raised by her grandmother and other family members. She was very poor. Now she controls a one billion dollar empire and is one of the most influential women in the world. Her daily TV program is watched by an estimated 20 million people. The first edition of her magazine sold 1.6 million copies. Many people admire her ‘rags to riches’ story. She is a very successful person. She is a very likeable person on TV. The mission of her TV program is to change people’s lives. The problem with that is that her ‘new age spirituality’ is directly opposed to what the Bible teaches.

One of the main goals of this study is to teach Biblical truth so clearly that you will recognize false teaching whenever and wherever it shows up.

Oprah’s friends include Eckhart Tolle (book: [A New Earth; Awakening to Your Life’s Purpose](#)); Rhonda Byrne (book: [The Secret](#)); Helen Schucman (book: [A Course in Miracles](#)); and Marianne Williamson (book: [A Return to Love](#)). These books teach pantheism which says that ‘god’ is within each of us –in other words we are god –and we can reach ‘him’ through meditation. They teach that we should search for the divinity within us.

*Beware of False Prophets (Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing)*

### **Matthew 7:15**

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

*Sometimes Evil Is Disguised as Good*

### **II Corinthians 11:14-15**

<sup>14</sup>No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

*Many People Will Follow the False Teachers*

### **II Peter 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them,

bringing swift destruction upon themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

*The First Temptation — You Will Not Die and You Will Be Like God (Oprah's friends say death is an illusion and you are god)*

**Genesis 3:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! <sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

*Oprah Says "There couldn't possibly be just one way."*

*Oprah's Friend teach that you save yourself.*

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**Acts 4:12**

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

*Oprah Says That God is a Feeling Experience not a Believing Experience*

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

**Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

*Oprah's Friend Teach That Each Person Is Holy & Good*

**Jeremiah 17:9**

The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

**Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**I John 1:8**

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

*Oprah's Friends Teach That Death Is An Illusion and That There Will Be No Judgment*

**Hebrews 9:27**

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,

*We Should Continue In The Word and Know the Truth*

**John 8:31-32**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

## Conclusion

Oprah Winfrey is one of the most influential women in the world. She is actively and openly promoting the "New Age Spirituality" that is directly opposed to Biblical Christianity. Her stated purpose for her TV program is to change people's lives. This is not just a battle of ideas — this is a struggle for eternal souls.

I'm not sure how much Oprah's influence had to do with it, but according to a *Newsweek* article in the August 31, 2009 edition America is changing: "According to a 2008 Pew Forum survey, 65 percent of us believe that "many religions can lead to eternal life"— including 37 percent of white evangelicals, the group most likely to believe that salvation is theirs alone. Also, the number of people who seek spiritual truth outside church is growing. Thirty percent of Americans call themselves "spiritual, not religious," according to a 2009 NEWSWEEK Poll, up from 24 percent in 2005."

Truth does not need a majority to prevail, but it is disappointing that Bible based Christianity is losing ground and "New Age Spirituality" is gaining ground. Truth is not determined by a majority vote. Truth is truth whether the majority believes it or not.

I am reminded of God's message to Israel through Jeremiah and it seems to me that it is happening again today. In **Jeremiah 2:13** God says: "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water."