

What Is A Cult Or Sect?

(One who changes the Word or the sound interpretation of the Word)

Ac 11:25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. **And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**

27 ¶ And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

From that point on the name Christian has been subverted and applied to false prophets and their followers *ad infinitum*. It seems that there is no end to the innovation and addition to the scriptural meaning of the Christian Church. If a person or group calls themselves Christian they are to be judged by their fruit. (Mt 12:33 note the word "his")

Though Constantine¹ was a significant figure in the establishing of the Roman Catholic Church empire, head quartered in Vatican city, he was by no means the first. Paul in the Bible tells us of *..Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.* 1Ti 1:20 and again in second letter to Timothy:

2Tim 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings:[*Empty discussion, discussion of vain and useless matters -Strongs*] for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: **of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;** (ref²)

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Old Testament heretics Jannes and Jambres are highlighted in the New Testament and the result of their folly is outlined as *ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 Tim 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate [*castaway, rejected - Strongs*] concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Paul tells us that *their folly shall be manifest unto all men* 2 Tim 3:9

While their followers are "snowed" by their quoting of scripture, their visions and eloquence, sooner or later believers, who have the Scriptures in a readily readable form, put their false interpretation of scripture portions into context and wake up to the lie. **BUT this is only true for those who have a love of the truth.** (2Th 2:10)

Not all sects are totally reprobate but all carry hidden and not so hidden dangers.

¹*Augustus*; 27 February c. 272 – 22 May 337, also known as **Constantine I** or **Saint Constantine**, was Roman Emperor from 306 to 337 -- [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_I)

² see <http://www.learnthebible.org/alexander-hymenaeus-jannes-jambres-and-philetus.html>