

Ancient Heresies That Attacked Christ

HERESY	FALSE TEACHING	MODERN COUNTERPART
Arianism (Arius)	Jesus was not co-eternal with the Father but “begotten” or created by the Father out of nothing.	Children of God Jehovah’s Witnesses Way International
Nestorianism (Nestorius)	Two separate persons in the Incarnate Christ, with one divine and human nature, (divine diminished) as opposed to the orthodox teaching of one Person with two natures.	Unification Movement (Moonies) Children of God Way International
Monophysitism or Eutychianism (Eutyches, Severus, Julian of Halicarnassus, Stephanus of Niobes)	In the Person of the incarnate Christ there was a Single Divine nature, as against the orthodox teaching of a double nature, Divine and Human, after the incarnation.	Worldwide Church of God (Armstrong Version)
Ebionism	Jews who saw Jesus as the Messiah, but rejected the idea of His Divinity.	Christian Science Mormonism (only hints)
Monotheletism (Theodore of Arabia, Sergius, Cyrus of Alexandria)	A 7 th century heresy confessing only one will in the God-Man. This excludes Jesus’ human will.	
Apollinarianism	Man has body, soul, and spirit. Christ has human body, soul, with spirit replaced by Divine Logos.	

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Mormonism	Jesus is not the unique Son of God. God was once only human. Like Jesus, we too can become "gods."	Isaiah 43:10; John 1:14; Galatians 1:6-9
Jehovah's Witnesses	Jesus was a mighty "god" created by Jehovah. He became solely human on earth. His body was destroyed at death. He is no longer man, but spirit.	John 1:1; Colossians 2:9; John 2:18-21; Luke 24:36-39
Scientology	Everyone is an imprisoned god trying to be freed. Jesus was "psychologically freed," but not fully enlightened.	Acts 4:12; Isaiah 43:11
New Age	Man is god. Through "inner potential" we are transformed into divinity. This change takes place through successive reincarnations. Jesus was a human who was motivated and inspired by divine "Christ" energy that is available to everyone, thus making all people potential 'christs.'	Isaiah 44:6-8; Hebrews 9:27
Christian Science	Jesus was a human who best presented the ideal "Christ." "Jesus" and "Christ" are two separate identities.	I John 2:22; I John 5:11
Unification Church (Moonies)	Jesus was not God, and failed in His mission to save us because He did not intend to die on the cross.	Matthew 20:28 Luke 24:26