

Answer Guide to Test The Spirits Worksheet

1. Answer: No

Source: Carl E. Braaten, *Christian Dogmatics*, 2 vols., eds. Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984)

- ELCA: This two-volume work is used in the seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the training of their pastors.

Luke 16:29-31: (Jesus telling a parable:) “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’³⁰ “No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

2. Answer: No

Source: Rev. Susan Lester, United Church of Christ

3. Answer: Yes

Source: Augsburg Confession

4. Answer: Yes

Source: Pastor Odyia

5. Answer: No

Source: Rev. Susan Lester, United Church of Christ

6. Answer: Yes

Source: Pastor Odyia

7. Answer: No

Source: Council of Orange, 529 A.D.; Roman Catholic Church

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

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11. Answer: Yes

Source: Pastor Ody

12. Answer: No

Source: "Was Jesus A God Man?" April 15, 1956, p. 239; Jehovah's Witnesses

13. Answer: Yes

Source: Athanasian Creed; Along with the Apostles' and Nicene Creed, this is one of the three ecumenical creeds.

14. Answer: No

Source: The Watchtower's 1982 book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, pp. 40-41; Jehovah's Witnesses

15. Answer: No

Source: Papal Bull Unam Sanctam, issued by Pope Boniface VIII on 18th of November, 1302. Although the bull is no longer mentioned by the Roman Catholic Church, although its decree has been reinterpreted, it remains a part of official Roman Catholic Doctrine to this day.

16. Answer: No

Here is the full quote for the second quote: "We, the members of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, united by a belief in God and by acceptance of the Girl Scout Promise and Law,Do dedicate ourselves to the purpose of inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service."

Source: Preamble to the Constitution of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (<http://www.peoria-dccs.org/GSA-CF/GSA-CF.html>). This link will no longer take you to this quote and I have since been unable to find another location for it.

The problem with this oath is not the fact that it is a religious oath. It's that it's an oath that alleges that Christians and Muslims and Hindus and atheists can be united by a belief in God. As many values as the Girl Scouts have historically instilled in the girls of our country, our synod has never supported the Girl Scouts because of this very thing.

In regard to the Boy Scouts, recent changes to their values in the area of homosexuality have made it easier for biblical Christians to steer away from the Boy Scouts. But again, as many values as the Boy Scouts have historically instilled in the boys of our country, there is a religious element in their official statements, particularly about doing our duty to God. As Christians, we believe and confess that only Christians, who alone have faith that saves, can do good works that please God (cf. John 15:5; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:23). It is for this reason why our synod has never supported the Boy Scouts.

17. Answer: No

Source: Stephen Ringo, *Affirm Series, Old Testament, Teacher's Guide*, eds. Susan Niemi Tetlie and Lori L. J. Rosenkvist (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984), p. 2.

- ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America): Catechism materials for seventh and eighth grade children.
- Augsburg Publishing House is the ELCA Publisher

18. Answer: No

Source: *The Life and Teachings of Jesus & His Apostles*, p. 59

- Mormon (Latter Day Saints): This book serves as the Mormon commentary on the New Testament. It illustrates the way the LDS church twists Bible passages to serve its own purposes. Throughout, it stresses the idea of perfection.

19. Answer: No

Source: Donald H. Juel, *Search. Unit 6 Matthew 17-28, Leader's Guide* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984), pp. 75-76.

- ELCA

20. Answer: Yes

Source: WELS tract called *This We Believe*, pg. 10

21. Answer: No

Source: Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994, pp. 657-658.

- From a system of belief called Calvinism (named after John Calvin 1509-1564). Most Christian Reformed churches & some Southern Baptist, etc.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

This teaching is a great example of what happens when we allow our reasoning to sit in judgment over Scripture. Wayne observes that not all people are saved. His 'logical' conclusion to this is that those who aren't saved didn't really have their sins forgiven.

22. Answer: No

Source: Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985, vol. 3, p. 986.

- Calvinistic in nature; see last quote

I Timothy 1:19-20 Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

23. Answer: No

Source: *Morals and Dogma*, by Albert Pike, 1871

- Masonic Lodge. This view would also be held by many of the other lodges: Moose, Elk, Eagles

It is for this reason we do not permit our members to belong to the Lodges. However, members may participate in the Lions Club, as they are not a religious organization.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

24. Answer: No

Here is the full quote: "Freemasonry has taught each man can, by himself, work out his own conception of God and thereby achieve salvation."

Source: *The Freemasonry: It's Aims and Ideals*, J.S. Ward, p. 187

- Masonic Lodge. See last quote

25. Answer: No

Source: Layton, Phil *The Sacraments and the Bible*. Published by Red Shield Books.

- Salvation Army. The SA is a Christian church. The aim of the author in this book "is to demonstrate how The Salvation Army can 'justify non-adherence to these ceremonies when the vast majority of Christian denominations hold these sacraments as being an intrinsic part of the Christian faith'." These quotes are taken directly from the SA website. http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/www_sa.nsf/vw-search/9C395BB4D9E0597F802573C20057827C?opendocument

26. Answer: No

Source: Habitat for Humanity

- <http://www.habitat.org/how/factsheet.aspx>

What makes this one especially difficult is not what they say, but what they don't say, while still claiming to be a Christian, religious organization. Because they act under the guise/auspices of Christendom, they are functioning as a religious organization. Their work is their ministry. And because they allow people of any faith to participate with them, they are not practicing the doctrine of church fellowship properly. They are casting aside doctrinal differences for the sake of worldly improvement. For a more thorough explanation of Habitat for Humanity from a WELS perspective, go to <https://wels.net/faq/habitat-for-humanity/>