



Hospitality
Women in the Word Lesson 1/5/2021
Theme: Hospitality
II John (NIV)
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II John: Hospitality Rules

Hospitality Rule No.1: Welcome strangers **Hebrews 13:2**

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Hospitality Rule No. 2: Do not welcome those who deny Christ **II John 7-11**

“I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.”

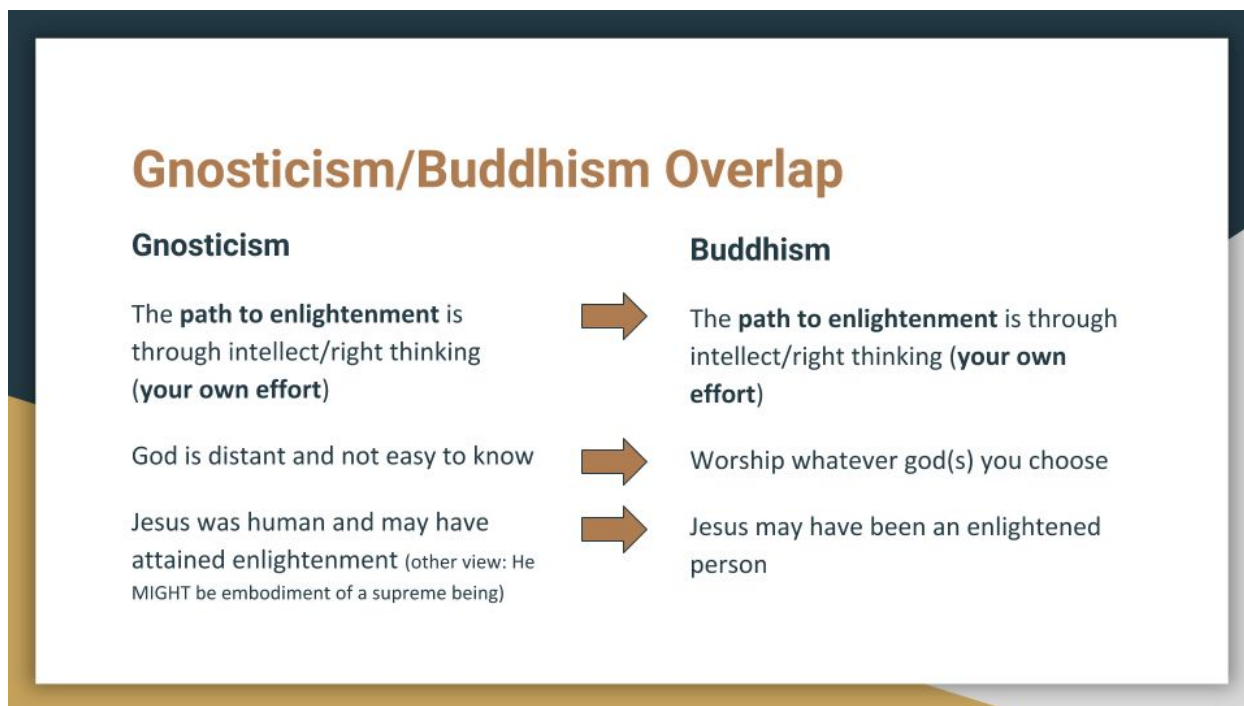
Hospitality Rule No. 3: Keep first things first **Luke 10:38-42**

“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.

But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him [Jesus] and asked, ‘Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’

‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.’”

Hospitality Rule No 4: Learn to recognize heresies



Hospitality Rule No. 5: Know who Jesus is and proclaim it John 11

In Luke 10, Martha misses an opportunity to learn at Jesus' feet, but when he gives her a second chance (as recorded in John 11), she's all over it. She learns that what matters is knowing and declaring who Jesus is. She tells him: "Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

The Gnostics did not and will not make that statement. Followers of the Buddha do not believe it to be true. The Taoists have no faith in a good God who sent his son to die for us. Whoever lands on your doorstep, or in your home via technology, the single most important question to ask is this:

Who is Jesus?

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” - John 14:6

Jesus

- The way *(not the Tao)*
- The truth *(not secret knowledge)*
- The life *(not “enlightenment”)*

John 14:6 (NIV)

Discussion questions:

1. In what ways does Martha exhibit characteristics of good hospitality?
2. In what ways does Mary exhibit characteristics of good hospitality?
3. As you welcome others into your home, what will you do to demonstrate hospitality that is in keeping with John’s teaching?