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<b>Origin/Roots</b>	Apostolic - directly from the disciples	Charles Taze Russell - 1879	Joseph Smith Jr- 1830, HQ in Utah	James and Ellen White and Joseph Bates- 1863
<b>Scripture</b>	New King James Bible and Septuagint	New World Translation	The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and the King James Version of the Bible or Smith's "Inspired Version"	The Clear Word Translation, and writings of Ellen G White
<b>The Trinity</b>	Yes	No	No - Father, Son and Holy Ghost are separate gods	Yes
<b>God</b>	God the Father as part of the Trinity	Jehovah	God the Father used to be a man but "progressed" to godhood. God and his wife, Heavenly Mother, both have physical bodies.	God the Father as part of the Trinity
<b>Identity of Jesus Christ</b>	Son of God, Word of God, God in the Flesh, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Fully God and fully man	Reject Christ of scripture - Created by Jehovah, and is not God, but is Archangel Michael	Reject Crist of Scripture - Jesus was created by the Father and Mother and Lucifer is one of his many younger siblings	God the Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ, but also identifies Jesus as Archangel Michael
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity	An active but impersonal force of God	Holy Spirit is different from the Holy Ghost and unlike the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit is not a god but it can help influence	God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity
<b>Crucifixion</b>	Yes	Jesus died on a stake not a cross	Yes	Yes
<b>Resurrection</b>	Christ rose on the third day	Numerous resurrections each one being for a particular group of people	Jesus resurrected, but only God can "exalt" people to "celestial glory" i.e., become gods	Yes
<b>Salvation</b>	By Grace of God, through Christ's atoning death and resurrection; as well as through faith and good works, which are the fruits of faith	Those who are not anointed earn salvation by works ("door to door") and have to obey God for 1000 years.	Members of the religion that are worthy have the possibility of becoming "exalted" to godhood	Not by works. Doctrine of "investigative judgement" - that divine judgement began and has been in progress since 1844
<b>Second Chance after death</b>	No	Yes	Baptism for the Dead - living proxies are baptized on behalf of deceased persons	No
<b>Afterlife</b>	Paradise and hades are the holding places until Judgment Day, where all souls will	Souls of wicked are annihilated, but a select few Witnesses go to Heaven, and other Witnesses enjoy a paradise	Heaven is comprised of "three degrees of glory"	SDA do not believe that people go to Heaven or Hell when they die. They believe that the dead remain unconscious until the return of Christ in judgement

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	then be taken to Heaven or Hell	earth for eternity		
<b>Immortality of the soul</b>	Yes	No	Only Mormon souls	No
<b>Place of worship</b>	Church	Kingdom Hall	Temple	church
<b>Meaning of Communion</b>	Holy Mystery with the true Body and Blood of Christ	Symbolic act, once a year, and only "anointed ones" can participate	Only as blessed bread and water	Only commemorative, bread and grape juice
<b>Assurance of Heaven</b>	Yes, heaven is available to all	Only 144,000 "anointed ones" will have salvation in heaven. No real hope of heaven and all who are not JW will be destroyed.	Only Mormons whom God judges as obedient and faithful	A "new earth"
<b>Other</b>		Predicted that Jesus would come in 1914 to judge the Earth and annihilate the wicked. When nothing supernatural happened in 1914, they changed the year to 1925 then many times thereafter	Many practice polygamy.  Mormons teach that there is no need to baptize children because, and only become accountable before God when they are old enough  At age 12, all Mormon males enter the ranks of "Priesthood." At 18, Mormon men are ordained as Elders and go on a preaching mission for two years where they try to convert everyone who will listen to their beliefs	Distinguished by its observance of Saturday, the seventh day, as the Sabbath, (and rejection of worship on Sunday) as well as its emphasis on the imminent Second Coming (advent) of Jesus Christ