

# THE CHURCH REALITY CHECK

*With the list below, you can check where you stand with world Christianity today*

- If you are a Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church in 1517
- If you belong to the Church of England your religion was founded by King Henry VIII in 1534, because the pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry
- If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in 1560
- If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion was founded by Samuel Seabury in the American colonies in the 17th century
- If you are a Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582
- If you are a Roman Catholic, your church shared the same rich apostolic and doctrinal heritage as the Orthodox Church for the first 1000 years of its history, since during the first millennium they were one and the same church. In 1054, the pope broke away from the other four apostolic Patriarchates considering himself to be supreme. The Catholic Church earlier tampered with the Nicene Creed. Thus, your church was established in 1054
- If you are a Methodist, your religion was founded by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1774
- If you are a Unitarian, Theophyllus Lindley founded your church in London in the year 1774
- If you are a Mormon, your religion was started by Joseph Smith in New York in 1829
  
- If you are a Baptist, you owe the doctrine (teachings) of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1606.
- If you are of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognize Michelis Jones as founder because he originated your religion in New York in 1628
- If you worship with the Salvation Army, your religious group began with William Booth in London in 1865
- If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your religion was founded by Mary Baker Eddy
- If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as the Church of the Nazarene, or Pentecostal, or Gospel, or Jehovah's Witnesses, or Seventh Day Adventists, etc, you religion is one of the hundreds of new group founded by men/women within the past 150 years.
- If you are an Orthodox Christian, your Church was founded in 33 AD by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But its history reaches back to the creation of the world, embracing also the Old Testament, as the unbroken Providential preparation for the Incarnation of God, which occurred when God became Man. The Orthodox Church has not changed since its establishment and is the same yesterday, today, and forever

You are challenged to prove this fact for yourself; historically, spiritually, theologically, doctrinally, canonically, patristically, and mystically