African Based Religions

ZION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

RANNUS APOSTOLIC CHURCH
The Zion Christian Church (or ZCC) is one of the largest African initiated churches in southern Africa, with members belonging to the main ZCC star and members belonging to the splinter group.

The main church is led by Bishop Barnabas Lekgenyane and the splinter group is led by Joseph Lekganyane.

**History:**

The ZCC was formed in 1910 by Engenas Lekganyane. ZCC Members say that Lekganyane received from God on the top of Mt Thabakgone.

He joined the Zion Apostolic Church and became a preacher there.

After a fall out with the ZAC leadership, Lekganyane went to Basutoland to join Edward Lion's Zion Apostolic Faith Mission in 1920.
Two men influenced the ZCC: John Dowie and J. G. Lake. It is noteworthy that the miracle-working "father of healing revivalism in America", John Dowie, accepted the title of "Elijah" for himself and his movement was the restoration of the Apostles...

Dowie taught that it was better to allow a sick person to die rather than to receive medical attention and live ... He permitted his own daughter to die that way.

Matthew 12:39 (KJV)

Dowie’s prayer of healing:

The Word is true, "I am the Lord, I change not." Unchanging God, then prove Thyself the Healer now. The Word is true, 'The prayer of faith shall save the sick' Trusting in Thee alone, I cry, oh save her now, for Jesus sake, Amen!

John G. Lake

John G. Lake had this to say to his followers: “I want you to know the word about yourself: God is in you. You were born again. You are an incarnation of God. John Lake was introduced to the ZCC by Father Dowie.
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Edward Lekganyane

Bishop and leader of Zion Christian Church – The Star, first known as Talane.

After the death of his father, he disputed his brother’s position of being leader of the ZCC Church.

Edward Lekganyane’s stronghold was in urban areas, especially Johannesburg. He died in Moria, Pietersburg district on October 21, 1967.

VERSUS

ST ENGENAS ZION CHRISTIAN

Joseph Engenas Lekganyane

Bishop and leader of St Engenas Zion Christian Church – The Dove.

After the death of his father, Joseph Lekganyane claimed leadership of the church.

After his brother Edward Lekganyane disputed his claim, this caused serious conflict leading to the split of the church in the ZCC of the Dove and ZCC of the Star as their respective symbols.
Characteristics

The ZCC-Star is now led by Barnabas Legkanyane and the ZCC – Dove is led by Engenas Joseph Legkanyane.

The church fuses African traditions and values with Christian faith. They believe in

hand gestures, drinking of blessed water, holy water, and the wearing of blessed necklaces and other accessories.
Beliefs

~ A person is saved through baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, by dipping them in water 3 times.

~ They have a strong belief in their Prophets and Prophecies.

~ They believe in Polygamy as Engenas Lekganyane was believed to have 23 wives.

Genesis 2:24

~ Lekganyane is believed to have supernatural powers and that he is the mediator between man and God. This is the reason why most worship songs are about him.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

~ Lekganyane is referred to as "Kgomo", which translates to "Cow."

WHY KGOMO OR COW?

Exodus 32:4
Beliefs Continued ...

- Lekganyane is seen by his followers as **the Black Messiah** who has the gifts of healing, prophesy, contact with the ancestors, and the ability to purify body and soul by the use of water.

**Prophecy and traditional divination:**

The ZCC say there are similarities between their prophets and the traditional diviner, **they say 'A prophet**
In the ZCC the use of 'holy water' is one of the central practices in the church. Members receive water which has been prayed over by a minister or prophet.

This water is then taken home and sprinkled as a ritual of purification or protection, or it is drunk or washed in for healing purposes.

The use of this water is given biblical justification by referring to Ezekiel 36:25

But we know that God is speaking of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour!!!!!!!!!!

They collect water from a certain spring near Brits, because they say it is a place revealed to a prophet by the spirit.
The benevolent badge

The word of God says in:

Exodus 20:4 (KJV)

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,
or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

The truth behind the badge...

A Mason said...

"...A symbol veils or hides a secret and it is that which veils mysterious forces. These energies when released can have a potent force..." - 32° Foster Bailey, *The Spirit of Masonry*

To Illuminists everywhere, the pentacle star, or pentagram, is considered a talisman or amulet, a protection from evil. The star, or pentagram, is considered the Deity of the Underworld and is worshiped by some as Baphomet.
The benevolent badge

The badge has three components to it; the first is a green rectangular cloth. The colour for vegetation and nature, this means that the water spirits, earth spirits, fire spirits and aerial spirits are the basic spirits active in this church.

Who came to kill, steal and to destroy?

John 10:10

The shape of a rectangle simply shows the
The benevolent

This badge has esoteric meanings and exoteric meanings. There are hidden truths in the badge which are known only by the leadership but the masses are blinded ...

ZCC

Isaiah 14 (NIV)

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
13 You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.[b]
14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”
15 But you are brought down to the realm of the dead to the depths of the pit

IT IS THE DEVIL WHO SITS ENTHRONED IN THE ZCC!!!!!!
The Rituals

Before they enter their church at the gate, a male figure (usually a minister) will be waiting with a bucket of water. This water is thrown in the faces of EVERY PERSON.

Even Muslims wash their faces, part of their arms and feet before praying in their mosques and to Allah, they also use the star...

Isaiah 5:20 KJV

20 Woe to them that call evil good,
and good evil;
that put darkness for light,
and light for darkness,
that put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

Seasoning Salt

They seaseone their houses with salt, taking a handful of it mixed with sand and throw it across the house, they also burnt pepper mixed with salt and ZCC tea on a stove.

Matthew 15 (KJV)

3 But he answered and said unto them,
The

HEDGEHOG HEALING

Rituals

A minister uses hedgehog rods, he pokes the person on their arms, back, hands and all along this ritual there is pain. This is blood letting...

CAR WIRING

This one is about car protection. Copper wire is tied under the front and rear of the car, horizontally. Another blasphemous ritual found in the ZCC.

Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

All these things are sold to the ZCC member and huge amounts are made so it is safe to say that Legkanyane serves MAMMON.

Matthew 6:24 (KJV)
The Rituals

1. FG coffee
2. Klim powdered milk
3. Trekker coffee
4. Cappuccino powder
5. Coarse salt
6. Different waters
7. Copper wires
8. Whips
9. Sticks
10. Lekganyane's photos
11. Pepper
12. Moria tea
13. Newspaper strips
14. The badge
15. Petroleum jelly
16. Rocks for steaming
17. Prophets
18. Sashes
19. Lekganyane
20. And Satan
One thing to notice in the ZCC is how close they are! They mostly trust the one with the badge than those without.

**Brotherhood**

Proverbs 21

**The Initiation**

In the ZCC, you FIRST NEED to be baptized to be a member. So in other words, it is a works-based salvation which is contrary to the Word of God in:
MORIA

A very important place to every ZCC member is Zion City Moria, their pilgrimage site.

Edward used the Boyne Farm that his father had purchased in the 1940s, he instituted annual pilgrimages that have gone on to become massive southern African-wide events.

Each year during Easter Holidays Church members travel to Moria, Polokwane. Between 10 and 13 million members go to meet the Bishop Legkanyane and to pray for blessings.

Men and women travel in separate buses, but all – young and old – go to have their souls and spirits nourished at the headquarters of their church and ancestral home of its founder, Engenas Lekganyane.

Moria is led by the clergy and is self-sufficient. It has shops, ATMs, butcheries, access roads, a petrol station, schools and other public amenities.
MORIA
Recap:

- Who is the founder of the ZCC Church?
- What are the three components of the ZCC badge?
- How does one become a member of the church?
- What are the differences in the two ZCC churches?