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# THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT

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**The Introduction:** Like many other heresies, this has a nice sounding name, at least for many people. Many are automatically attracted to anything that is labeled “new”. Actually it is just a bunch of old heresies dressed up in modern terms. At the moment it is not one solidified movement but many fragmented groups and philosophies that hope to unite the world. It is becoming quite popular, for it lets everyone have his own philosophy. From a Scriptural standpoint, it seems to me that the whole thing will eventually be swallowed up by the Roman Catholic Church, which we know will head up the ecumenical movement as revealed in Revelation 17.

**1. WHAT IS IT?** It really is man’s unending effort to find the meaning of life and death. I have before me a magazine entitled Meditation. It is put out by one of the New Age groups. It says “Every man or woman who has ever lived has had to address the question ‘What’s it all about? Why am I here?’ When you get to that then you discover that life is just a transformational process.” Of course, that has been the great quest of the philosophers and the religions of the world: What is life all about; why are we here; and where are we going? Apart from God’s revelation, the Bible, man can never know the answers. The New Age Movement is a little bit of everything and you can believe what you want. It is mostly a mixture of ancient eastern religions and modern humanistic thought.

Underlying most of it is an effort to return to the early days of the human race and the time when man was one. If you read what they write you will find many of them are seeking for Atlantis, which is supposed to be an ancient lost civilization, which is somewhere under the Atlantic Ocean. It is also called the Age of Aquarius, which means the water-bearer and stands for man’s ability to make it on his own. If you study the writings of some of these people, it seems quite clear that what they are looking for is the world before the flood, the world that God judged because of its wickedness. The whole thing is clearly of the devil and contrary to Scripture. No doubt much of its philosophy goes back to the Babylonian mystery religion which was originally formulated by the rebellious Nimrod right after the flood. Many symbols are connected with this new religion and they clearly reveal that the devil is behind it. Some of the symbols are the triangle, a pyramid with an eye, 666, the rainbow, the swastika, and rays of light. It is but the latest phase of that ecumenical movement which God judged at the Tower of Babel. Babel means a gate to God. God came down and called it confusion.

**2. WHAT THEY BELIEVE.** I cannot go into all of the beliefs here for there are very many. Underlying it all is the idea of reincarnation. The teachings of Hinduism and Zoroaster are very prominent. They teach that one goes on continually from one life to another, and that the living may be in touch with the dead. It is interesting to note that a University of

Chicago organization took a poll and found that 42% of Americans believe they have been in contact with someone who has died. A second fundamental belief is the divinity of all. They say that God is in everyone. A meditation used by some of these people says, “I begin with me. I am a living soul and the spirit of God dwells in me as me. I and the Father are one and all that the Father has is mine.” It is nothing but another form of ancient pantheism. They hope by getting people to follow their beliefs to restore harmony to the human race and also to the entire world. They even take the Bible word “atonement” and break it up saying it means “at-one-ment” meaning that every individual, every living thing and even the material world such as the rocks, etc. are to be in perfect harmony. The term they use to describe this is “wholistic” (or holistic). This term is often used today in the medical profession and other fields. New Evangelicals also speak of it.

Their efforts are directed at **bringing about a one-world system**. They refer to this as “the plan.” It is suggested by many of them that everyone in the world be given a number and all of the transactions and dealings of that person will be controlled by this number. They also see one coming who will mastermind and control all of this. Those of us who believe the Word of God realize that there is truth in this, for the antichrist will perform such an operation as found in Rev. 13. They say that this can only be achieved by a positive outlook and therefore, **mind control is a very important part** of this movement. This is why they place great stress upon meditation, and one is taught to just let his mind go blank and let any thought or idea come in. In the Meditation magazine, it says this concerning meditation, “It is a process of letting go...breathe deeply and relax the physical body. Visualize your body in its etheric form as light and colors. Again sense your awareness becoming lighter, let go of your identity with the body.” Few things are more dangerous to one’s spiritual and mental well-being. They emphasize that one must have **only a positive outlook**. Negative thoughts and actions must cease if there is to be unity and harmony. We must overlook our differences and dwell only on those things upon which we can agree. Of course, one must give up the truth to do that. One doesn’t have to look very far to see this happening even in a so-called Christian world. They say just be yourself. Others are to accept you as you are and you are to accept them as they are. In Meditation, it says, “You are the way you are, homosexual or heterosexual, it makes no difference; you are human.” One of the leaders of the New Age Movement said, “Your truth is your truth, my truth is my truth.” And you do not have to draw a conclusion, they do it for you: in reality, everyone becomes his own god; just don’t try to make anyone like yourself. In all of this each one is to look for and to work to bring about one man who will oversee all of this. He is constantly referred to as “The Lord Maitreya”. In reality, these people are speaking of the fifth reincarnation of Buddha. Some of the writers will

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refer to this person as the Christ, for they say different religions may call him by different names. Many are saying that this person is already here but hidden, and that statement has appeared in large newspaper ads in recent years. Of course we know one man is coming to rule over everyone and it is the anti-christ. After he and all of his unbelievers are judged, then Jesus will come to rule and reign in the world; but everyone will not believe whatever he wants to.

**3. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS MOVEMENT?** Pure and simple, it is to bring in a new age of peace and prosperity, the Age of Aquarius. It is to be a time when every man makes it on his own. They often refer to this current time as the Post-Christian Era or the Age of Darkness, whereas they will bring in the Age of Light. It will be a time when each one can bring his or her "god consciousness" to its full potential. In fact, the ancient dualistic teaching is prominent, and the gnostic philosophy of the early days of the Christian era is also evident. Some of them teach that the name Jesus stands for the human element in each one and the Christ stands for the spiritual. One must move continually in the direction of the Christ, but of course, each in his own way. One who is deeply involved in this movement has written saying that "salvation is accomplished via enlightenment or being liberated from attachment to this world and the mind. In other words realizing that you really are God or a part of God." Their goal, obviously, is to bring a **one-world religion** even as we have recorded in the days of Nimrod and the Tower of Babel. Of course, this is the goal of the entire ecumenical movement. The World Council of Churches has already held dialogue with all of the major religions of the world and it was only about a year ago that the Pope invited the religious leaders of the world to unite in a prayer meeting with him for world wide peace and security. One who knows his Bible can see the devil behind all of this and his counterfeit plan to rule in place of God. What the devil really wants is worship and he will get it during the Great Tribulation. One organization promoting this New Age Movement is the Lucis Trust, which originally had the name Lucifer Trust. It is obviously a **satanic movement**. One of the new age leaders, a man by the name of Spangler, who teaches (or at least did teach) at the University of Wisconsin said in one of his books, "The true light of Lucifer cannot be seen through sorrow, through darkness, through rejection. The true light of this great being can only be recognized when ones own eyes can see with the light of Christ, the light of the inner sun. Lucifer works within each of us to bring about wholeness and as we move into a New Age which is the age of man's wholeness."

**WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT ALL OF THIS?** This, as we have said, is clearly the work of the devil. It is one of the forms, as is Roman Catholicism, of the ancient Babylonian

religion, which began in the days of Nimrod. It is clearly a counterfeit and God still labels it confusion. It certainly is not new, but old. It is old heresy where everyone is his own god and, in reality, worships the god of this world. In the Garden of Eden, Satan came and said to Eve that if she would eat of this tree "Thou shalt be as gods." It sounds good to many, for they do not know the truth. They are blinded by the devil. In Proverbs we read, "THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH." It is not truth but total error. Jesus said, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME." He also said, "THY WORD IS TRUTH" and the Word of God clearly condemns this entire philosophy. They teach that man can make it on his own, but God says that it is impossible for "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." They teach that man is basically good, in fact divine. THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE, "THERE IS NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, NO, NO, NOT ONE."

Much of what they are striving for will come to pass, but it is all wrong. It is of the devil and not of God. In fact, God will destroy it, and you have a clear revelation of that in Rev 17-19. Their basic premise of reincarnation is a delusion and an invention of the devil. God declares, "IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT." Heb. 9:27. It is nothing more than man's continuous rebellion against God and His Word. Man's rebellion will be judged and God, through Jesus Christ, will rule this world. "EVERY KNEE (SHALL) BOW...AND...EVERY TONGUE (SHALL) CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD..." The New Age Movement is nothing but more of man's endless speculation. Thank God that we have His infallible revelation. SALVATION IS OF THE LORD, not of man. It is in Jesus Christ, and one day He shall come and rule and reign in truth and righteousness.

This is simply another form of humanism. This is a religious form (we generally think of it as secular). While the secular says there is no God, this one says there is no God as the Bible (or "Christianity") speaks of Him. Each one is God; or at least, each one is part of God. They have some things in common. Both the religious and secular say that **there are no absolutes**; all is relative. In fact, they can tolerate each other, for everyone is right no matter what he believes. Both of them believe in and work for a **one-world system**. Then, there is the thinking that **only the positive** (thinking) must be considered. You cannot criticize or dare to say that another is wrong. Everyone must overlook his differences with others. Sad to say, we have come to the day when even professing Bible believers have adopted the philosophy that certain truths may be overlooked in order to get along with others.

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