## A NEW RELIGION FOR A NEW ORDER

And why Christians stand in the way

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The greatest barrier to the new Tower of Babel, called the New World Order, is the Christian faith and its doctrine that Christ is the only Savior, that He has all authority in heaven and earth, and that no one gets to God except through Him.

To overcome this barrier a New Age Christ has to be created, a Christ that will syncretize with Buddha, Krishna, Hinduism and pantheism. Few people realize that New Age concepts are taking root in their churches through teachings that sound innocent and positive. For example, in self-improvement seminars, God is less likely to be presented as an external authority and more as an internal power. There is less emphasis on theology and more concern for an "inner feeling of divine presence." Feeling good about one's self is accepted as evidence of being right with God. Psychology is often substituted for the commands of Jesus. People seek an emotional experience, and too many churches gear up to give it to them, at the expense of objective truth.

Taken all together, the way is smoothed for people to slip into gear with the global church, a religion which includes eastern mysticism, and the doctrine that God is in every one, every one is in God, and in fact, "all things are God; all things are one." and all can say, as Shirley MacClaine declares, "I am God."

THE GOD WITHIN. Jesus taught that God would abide with us through the power of His Holy Spirit. This thought is being expanded by mushy-minded authors and teachers to encourage Christians to think of God as being inside them. Nursery children are taught, "God is in the flowers; He is in the trees...He is everywhere." With this fuzzy theology, it is not hard for them to be won over to the New Age philosophy, as expressed by Secretary General of the Earth Summit, Maurice Strong: "We must therefore transform our attitudes and values, and adopt a renewed respect for the superior laws of Divine Nature."

With this concept of God, prayer becomes meditation in which one looks inside for guidance and power. With no personal God as Creator and final authority, man is left to create his own rules, and moral values are taken from man's perception of nature, as expressed by Strong, above. This is what the environmentalists are doing and it has led many of them to conclude that the life of a seal or a whale, for example, is of more value than the life of an unborn person.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He addressed God as "Our Father who art in heaven." After His resurrection Jesus ascended to heaven, where He was given the place of authority, "at the right hand of God." At the last day, he will come from heaven to raise the dead, to bring judgment and destruction upon the world and to give immortality to His redeemed people. The true God is not a part of man or nature, but exists completely apart from man and all else that He created. When nature and the large majority of mankind is no more, God will be there, unchanged, eternal, inglorious and perfect sovereignty. While by His grace He abides with us through His spirit, we do not pray to the god within, but to the Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus His Son.

**SIN AN ILLUSION.** The New Age religion has no judgment day. It has no personal God to hold man accountable for his thoughts and actions, therefore, no judge. Evil is not sin against a personal God, but ignorance and rejection of the *unity* in which one embraces all forms of behavior. It's easy to see why Hollywood is crowded with New Agers. As a newspaper editor stated, "many people today reject the vision of God as a celestial 'Big Brother' who judges humanity and demands unquestioning obedience." Of course!

According to one New Age authority evil is an illusion, a projection of the mind, and we have the godlike power to reshape reality through *expanded consciousness*. Sin is the illusion that separates us from our own innate divinity, our own godhood. Therefore, when Christians proclaim sodomy as evil, the homosexual community brands the Christians as guilty of hate for harboring evil thoughts.

This religion would nullify the whole scheme of the Bible, that sin is worthy of death and God gave His Son to pay the penalty of sin by His death that man might be granted eternal life.

**THE GREAT LIE.** One of the main themes running through all eastern mysticism, the model for the New Age religion, is the doctrine that no one ever dies. Levi Dowling, of the late nineteenth-century, was a medical practitioner who became a channeler and wrote the famous occult classic, *The Aquarian Gospel*. Faced with the body of a young boy whom he is to embalm, he tells the body's mother that "Death is a cruel word; your son can never die." <sup>10</sup>

This sounds much like the kind of message you might hear at any Christian funeral. While the words are found in scripture, they are not spoken by Christ but by Satan, to Eve: "Thou shall not surely die." This lie of Satan, incorporated into traditional church doctrine, is an essential part of the New Age teaching of reincarnation and channeling. The message of God is the very opposite: sin brought death into the world and every one is subject to it. The salvation that Jesus came to effect is salvation from that death, that believers might have eternal life.

**TAKING THE OFFENSIVE.** Christ entered a world saturated with pagan Greek religion and philosophy. He recognized none of their gods, but called for faith in the true God of creation. <sup>14</sup> He labeled their disobedience as sin, and refuted Satan's lie by affirming the reality of death, then demonstrating tat the answer to death is resurrection.

The preaching of the apostles focused on objective truth concerning the purpose of God as revealed through His Son Jesus.<sup>15</sup> They removed the core of the pagan faith — that man is immortal — by establishing the truth of the resurrection as the only answer to death. In all that is preached and written today, one seldom hears or reads anything about the resurrection except at Easter, and then it usually concerns the resurrection of Jesus, not the resurrection of the saints. People are left to devise their own notions about death, and popular pagan concepts usually prevail. Yet Paul emphatically wrote that if there is no resurrection, then the Christians who have died have perished.<sup>16</sup> The Bible teaching on resurrection renders impossible many of the claims of the New Age religion, and is the truth that will sustain the believer in the darkest hour and form the foundation for his blessed hope.

The apostles demolished all the false ideas of man being able to write his own rules, or to be directed by an "expanded consciousness." They taught that we are to heed the commands of Jesus, and that to refuse to do so will bring destruction. <sup>17</sup> God "has

appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; whereof he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead. When Paul stood before Felix the governor, he talked to him about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come. The rules are already given. Jesus said, "The words I spoke, the same will judge him in the last day."

The idea that one may abolish sin through positive thinking cannot occupy the mind that holds faith in Jesus. If sin can be "thought away" by our wishful meditation, then Jesus was only a disillusioned martyr and died in vain. But for 2,000 years people have been finding that sin can be removed only by God's grace through the One anointed for that purpose, His Son Jesus.

People loyal to Christ the Lord will never willingly submit to the Elite and their New World Order. The New Age faith is designed to weaken and destroy that loyalty. That explains the media's obsession with the occult, psychics, astrologers, channelers and gurus. The new paganism is promoted by the whole menagerie of New World Order advocates — the U.N., the media, the arts, and much of education. It is supported by the billion-dollar tax-exempt foundations which belong to the international banking aristocracy.

The best way to destroy a lie is by the truth. Like the first century believers, we must take up the sword of the spirit, the truth of God, and defeat the pagan lies with the basic facts of sin, judgment, death, and resurrection as revealed by Christ.

"Thanks be to God Who gives US the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57).

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