

# **NEW AGE -OR JUST OLD HAT?**

*There's lots of people talking about "New Age this" and "New Age that", but what exactly is New Age?*

*People use the term and seem to know what it's all about but no-one can give you a definition of it.*

**We'll look at various headings:**

1. What is Old Age?
2. What is New Age?
3. What forms do New Age take?
4. What is the purpose?
5. What is the Creed?
6. What is the appeal?
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8. What are the religious forms?
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10. Who invented the New Age?
11. How will God deal with the New Age?
12. What is the end result of New Age?
13. What is the solution?

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**"...CLOUDS THEY ARE WITHOUT WATER, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, WITHOUT FRUIT, TWICE DEAD, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, FOAMING OUT THEIR OWN SHAME; WANDERING STARS, to whom is reserved the BLACKNESS OF DARKNESS FOR EVER."**

**Jude 1: 12, 13.**

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## **WHAT IS THE OLD AGE MOVEMENT?**

Since time began, people have endeavored to become like the gods and to practice, with ritual and ceremony, the ancient paths of spirituality. The holy writings of the Hindus, the mysteries of the Pharaohs and the mythology of the Greeks have been pursued through caverns, crypts, forests, mountain tops and pyramids.

## **WHAT IS NEW AGE MOVEMENT (NAM)?**

Today the NAM investigates and practises these religious mysteries in more a diverse and seemingly more culturally acceptable form.

**“It is the modern marketing and commercial packaging of occultism”**

**WHAT FORMS DOES NEW AGE TAKE? Meditation, self-hypnosis, yoga, centering, motivation, pyramid power, mind control techniques, astrology, visualization, energy channeling, holistic therapy, reflexology, acupuncture, positive perception, psychic practices, spiritism, psycho kinesis, parapsychology, rebirthing, karma, dream therapy, numerology, tarot cards, fortune telling, tea leaves, runes, the I-Ching, auras, mantras, crystals, chakras, higher consciousness techniques, past-life therapy, hypnosis, affirmations, divination, reincarnation, astral travel, relaxation training, homeopathy, goddess worship, spirit guides, guided imagery, Course in Miracles, self- discovery and realisation techniques, any psychology and psychological counseling, educational kinaeseology, white magic, assertion training, stress management, ascended Masters, theosophy, memory healing, aroma therapy, witchcraft, Transcendental Meditation, Scientology, martial arts, health & wealth and prosperity seminars, Meyers-Briggs, anagrams, gestalt therapy, evolutionary thinking to name a few.**

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF NEW AGE?**

Believers in New Age practices look to attain victory over all forms of fear and negativity by restructuring their perceptions

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of the world. They hope that tapping into the power of the subconscious will help them conquer all foes. This will lead them to states of personal power, health, wealth and happiness.

#### **IN A NUTSHELL:**

- 1. Achieve self-realization**
- 2. Achieve self-actualization**
- 3. Achieve inner godhead status**
- 4. To conquer all personal “demons” e.g. fear**
- 5. Restructure perceptions of the world.**
- 6. Achieve personal happiness, power, health and wealth.**

#### **WHAT IS THE NEW AGE CREED?**

**“Discover your self worth, Achieve your potential, Find yourself, Be the best you can be, Unlock the potential inside you”** By becoming role models, New Agers hope to provide others with a role model for self improvement. However basically, the underlying philosophy of the New Age is not to be your brother’s keeper any longer, but to look after Number One.

#### **ARE THERE ANY ABSOLUTE TRUTHS IN THE NAM?**

In a word- **NO!** New Age truth is never ultimate and is always evolving. Any moral absolutes are seen to be stagnation. New Age thinker and writer Marilyn Ferguson says that the philosophy behind New Age thinking is that “There will be no ultimate answers.”

The end result is that if there are no standards of rightness and wrongness then the situation will be the determining factor. Many New Agers see homosexuality, sexual ambivalence & androgyny as being the most enlightened states of all.

#### **WHAT IS THE APPEAL OF NEW AGE PRACTICES?**

People are allowed to “do their own thing”. Those who practice New Age techniques attempt to elevate themselves to “god” status and deny the Biblical concept of original sin. By so doing, New Agers hope to feel free from their accountability to God.

In a nutshell, the cult of the New Age hails man as the centre of the spiritual universe. People attempt to become gods, deify themselves and evoke the mysteries of spirituality.

### **WHAT IS THE DRAWBACK OF THE NAM?**

**New Age activity is the spiritual version of AIDS, because it destroys, covers-up or changes the Bible account of who man really is.**

Man is inherently sinful and only the shed blood of Jesus Christ pays God's penalty. The New Age philosophy has no word for sin. The very heart of the Bible is man's rebellion from God through sin. The NAM ignores the Biblical God, denies sin and sets about helping people to be their own "god".

### **WHAT ARE THE RELIGIOUS FORMS OF NEW AGE?**

Most Christians self-righteously dismiss the NAM as belonging to the world and not touching them or their church. This is the deception of the NAM. The following are religious beliefs that are New Age. Can you find yourself in the following list:

Jehovah Witnesses, Mormonism, 7th Day Adventism, Christadelphians, Islam, Shinto, Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Unitarianism, Agnosticism, Atheism, Christian Science, Taoism, Bahai, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism to name a few.

### **CAN CHRISTIANS BE UNWITTINGLY INVOLVED IN THE NAM?**

Absolutely. Do you know anybody in a Pentecostal church? Faith Movement? "Biblical" Prosperity teaching? A Charismatic church? Deliverance ministry? Healing? New "Biblical" Revelations? Tongues speaking? Belief in present day Apostles and Prophets? Getting "slain" in the spirit? Where praise and worship is a substitute for obedience? Where wrong Biblical doctrine is taught? Being "slain in the spirit"? Modern church prophecies? Signs and wonders? Apostolic anointings? Healing lines?

These are all man giving God a hand with unscriptural practices that make him feel good. This is the brilliant deception of "New Age"

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The NAM is the chameleon that constantly changes color to suit the surroundings. The NAM has many “Trojan Horses” being wheeled into churches under the guise of supposedly helping the pastor and/or the flock e.g. psychological testings, Holy Spirit gifting questionnaires, psychological counseling and so on.

**WHO INVENTED THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT? CAIN, the son of Adam, invented the New Age.**

**HE WAS THE ORIGINAL D.I.Y'ER**  
**(“DO-IT-YOURSELF'ER”)**

When Adam and Eve first sinned against God, He showed them that blood sacrifice was the only way to atone for their sins and get right with Him again. This practice was passed down to Cain and Abel, so when time came for a sacrifice to be made, Cain thought he'd do it his way and try and impress God with goods produced by the sweat of his brow. God rejected Cain and his offerings but accepted Abel's animal blood sacrifice. This upset Cain who promptly went and killed Abel. Cain never repented and didn't do it God's way.

Now nothing is new, `Cainites' have been killing God's people throughout history. It has been estimated that the Roman Catholic Church has killed 70 million people who have opposed her over time. Get hold of Foxe's “Christian Martyrs of the World” for countless gruesome details.

**There are only two religions in the world**

- 1. There are the D.I.Y'ers (the New Agers) anybody you can think of who won't trust in the blood of Jesus to have paid the sin debt in full e.g. Roman Catholics, SDA's, JW's, Mormons, Christadelphians, Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Buddhists and any cult etc.**
- 2. Those who trust Jesus Christ to have done it for them by His shed blood.**

**Here's an example: People applying for jobs hand the person interviewing them a resume designed to impress. Now many people treat God like this, trying to impress Him with their good deeds, good life, church attendance, baptism, penance and pathetic attempts to keep the Ten Commandments - hoping that**

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their own self-righteousness' will somehow outweigh their sins. Unfortunately for countless millions who have now found themselves in hell, the only resume (and righteousness) that God was interested in was that of His precious Son Jesus Christ. It is the blood of the spotless lamb that paid for the world's sin.

### **HOW DOES GOD SEE THE NAM?**

In the same way as He saw the "Old Age Movement" - it is man's rebellion against Him. It is man substituting his own rescue package for God in Jesus Christ. Now many Christians may be trusting in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and are saved. However, the flesh, because of its fallen state, is a constant battle and longs to take any glory it can from God. Enter the NAM - there to; help the Christian become a 'better' Christian. NAM techniques are all designed to make the Christian sin - anything not done in faith is sin. Satan is more than happy to oblige the Christian to do things not of faith.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE END RESULT OF THE NAM?**

The same as it always has been. Marvelous insights and fascinating knowledge are the "lying signs and wonders" of Satan and the Antichrist. Any solution to the fallen human condition that ignores the heart's depravity and salvation only through the blood of Christ alone, received through faith alone, is doomed to the Lake of fire for eternal torment.

### **WHAT IS THE SOLUTION FOR MAN?**

If you have been reading this brochure, and have recognized your involvement in New Age practices, God requires your repentance. God is in the business of humbling and ripping away any form of self-esteem, self-righteousness and self-support. He wants us to go to Him through Jesus for everything and depend on Him solely for His mercy and grace. We don't dare stand before God with any righteousness of our own.

**Get saved!**

By Harley Hitchcock.