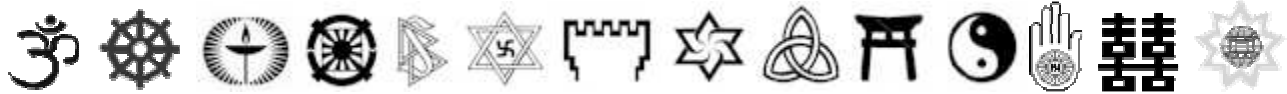


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What is the New Age Movement?

1. The New Age Movement is all the modern day occult-based practices and philosophies, world religions united into a one world religion. This encompasses a wide range of religions from spirit worship, Eastern mysticism, Mind-science religion, and even psychology.
2. New Age is the term commonly used to define the individual approach to spiritual exploration.
3. The New Age Movement is a collection of diverse movements that revolve around the central belief that humans are capable of shaping reality and establishing truth.
4. The New Age Movement is in a class by itself. Unlike most religions and cults, it has no holy text, central organization, membership, formal clergy, geographic center, dogma, creed, etc.
5. The New Age Movement is not always easily identifiable like the Jehovah's Witness or Mormons.
6. Many Christians today are guilty of grafting some kind of new age beliefs onto their regular religious affiliation.

What are some of the New Age Beliefs?

1. What are some of the New Age Beliefs about God?
 - ✓ God is not a person; He is an "it". He is impersonal, omnipresent.
 - ✓ God will never condemn anyone.
 - ✓ God is all and all is God. God is not creator of all, but part of all that exists. There is nothing that is not God.
 - ✓ God is a neutral force that can be manipulated either for good or evil, New Age occultists are greatly interested in learning the means by which they can achieve this.

NOTES:

Mind-body-spirit are other names sometimes used for the New Age Movement.

Are You Guilty of New Age Thinking?

- ✓ **Astrology** can foretell the future.
- ✓ **Crystals** have healing powers.
- ✓ **Psychics** are a reliable for life decisions.
- ✓ **Karma** is the result of good and bad choices.
- ✓ **Channeling** can bring back the spirit of a dead person.

"Key New Age participants and promoters"

- ✓ Oprah Winfrey
- ✓ Shirley Maclaine
- ✓ George Lucas
- ✓ Deepak Chopra
- ✓ Sylvia Browne
- ✓ Art Bell

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2. What are some of the New Age Beliefs about Jesus?
 - ✓ Christ is a consciousness, a form of the higher self. It is possessed by all because everyone is divine.
 - ✓ Jesus was just one of many way showers of divine truth. He exemplified the Christ consciousness probably better than anyone else.
3. What are some of the New Age Beliefs about Man?
 - ✓ Man himself is god, for he consists of and is the creator of "the forces." Man needs only to awaken to this fact.
 - ✓ The New Age Movement believes that man is unlimited and can control his reality and change his world.
 - ✓ The New Age Movement focuses on self. Through various spiritual techniques a person goes inside themselves to find their answers.
3. What are some of the New Age Beliefs about Sin?
 - ✓ The New Age Movement believes that there is no sin, only incorrect understanding of truth. Knowledge is what saves, not Jesus.

New Age Music is a gentle, melodic, inspirational music form involving the human voice, harp, lute, flute, etc. It is used as an aid in healing, massage therapy and general relaxation.

Man has infinite potential is an arrogant conclusion based upon false perception of self worth, is deceptive, self-satisfying and prideful.

One of the biggest draws of the New Age Movement is the release it provides from personal accountability and responsibility.

What Does the New Age Movement Not Teach?

1. It does not teach that man is a sinner. Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:3.
2. It does not teach that man is dependent upon God for all things. Isaiah 43:7; James 1:17.
3. It does not teach that punishment is eternal. Rev. 14:11
4. It does not teach that the wages of sin is eternal separation from God. Rom. 6:23; Isaiah 59:2.
5. It does not teach that Jesus is the only way to God. John 14:6.
6. It does not accept Christianity as the truth. 2 Tim. 3:16.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Tim. 4:3-4