The New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement Unveiled

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Preface

In the sovereign plan of our *LORD*, I was invited to a United Nations Day dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri on the evening of 23 October, 1992. I was invited by a pro-U.N. friend who was teaching in a Catholic school that year. On that unforgettable evening, I became more than enlightened regarding the reality of the esoteric global government movement and its direct interrelationship with the United Nations political agenda. This event was also attended by many teachers and students from area public schools and some private schools. In fact, the program was co-sponsored by the Shawnee Mission School District Center for International Studies, Southeast Magnet High School Center for International Studies (of Kansas City, Missouri School District), University of Missouri at Kansas City Center for International Studies, Rockhurst College (a Jesuit and Roman Catholic school), World Federalist Association, Zonta International, the National Catholic Reporter and the Kansas City Star newspaper.

At the beginning of the meeting, there was an invocatory prayer addressed to the "spirit of the ages." I later learned that this title comes from *Zeitgeist* in German philosophy. It is also derived from Hegel's concept of *Weitgeist* meaning "world-spirit." "It refers to the invisible agent or force dominating the characteristics of a given epoch in world history." (1) In biblical terms this title is referring to "the spirit of the world." See 1 Corinthians 2:12. In 2 Corinthians 4:4 the apostle Paul identified this "spirit" as "the [false] god of this world" (also known as "the Devil" or "Lucifer") who blinds the minds of unbelievers to prevent them from believing the message of "the gospel of Christ." See also Isaiah 14:12-17 (KJV), Ezekiel 28:1-26, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 and Revelation 12:1-17.

After the meal, we listened to a message by "futurist" Hazel Henderson. We later discovered that Hazel is a prominent New Age lecturer, a member of Council on Foreign Relations and an active proponent of **world citizenship and the Green Economy movement**. Ms. Henderson has been honored by the radical left University of California at Berkeley with the Horace Albright Chair in Conservation. Her books include: *Planetary Citizenship: Your Values, Beliefs and Actions Can Shape a Sustainable World* (2004) which she coauthored with Daisaku Ikeda, *Beyond Globalization: Shaping a Sustainable Global Economy* (1999), *Ethical Markets: Growing the Green Economy* (2006) and *The Power of Yin: Celebrating Female Consciousness* (2007) co-author with Jean Houston. Her speech was impressive and persuasive. Henderson portrayed the United Nations agenda as a blue print for world peace which would help rid the earth of wars, injustices, poverty and mass suffering. Who among us could not support such efforts? The hook was being set.

But as Ms. Henderson continued, she referred to the progress made by U.N. agencies and supporters toward accomplishing specific U.N. aims. She spoke of the need for: 1) World citizenship 2) Sustainable development 3) Global "transformation" 4) A global education system 5) A global health care system 6) A global army / police force 7) Global environmental legislation (i.e., U.N. Agenda 2030) 8) Global laws and courts in a global legal system 9) A global economy monitored by the World Trade Organization 10) A global monetary system 11) Global telecommunications and 12) A global (universal) ethics code. Henderson believed that the implementation of these goals would result in global unity, global peace and "sustainable" living conditions for the human race.

At some point during her speech about the global education system and global laws, my heart and mind were more than enlightened concerning the real U.N. agenda and its direct interrelationship with the New Age global government movement. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit helped me remember relevant Bible prophecies found in Daniel 7:23-28; 11:36-39, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-14, 1 John 2:18; 4:1-6 and Revelation chapters 13-14.

I listened in complete astonishment as I realized that the New Age (i.e., Age of Aquarius), esoteric vision for an emerging world society and world government is more than an alleged "conspiracy theory." It is a very real, widespread, growing, religious, political and academic ideology, network and movement in the USA and throughout the world.

My eyewitness experience that evening raised many questions and stirred my interest to investigate how so many people could be so deceived by this *Satan*-inspired New Age ideology. Why did the Shawnee Mission School District, Southeast Magnet High School, UMKC, Rockhurst College and the Kansas City Star newspaper knowingly co-sponsor an event where a prominent New Age speaker proclaimed radical left, esoteric, New Age globalism to public school teachers and students? Why did Kansas City Mayor Emanuel Cleaver's committee choose Hazel Henderson as the speaker? Keep in mind that Mayor Cleaver later became a Democrat U.S. Congressman in 2005. In the opening prayer of the Democrat controlled 117th Congress on 3 January, 2021, Democrat Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, a Methodist minister, prayed in the name of Brahma, a false god of Hinduism. Also, Cleaver concluded his prayer with the words "Amen" and "Awoman." It should be noted that the biblical word *Amen* has nothing to do with gender identity. Cleaver's prayer expressed the religious and political universalism of *Lucifer*-illuminated Freemasonry.

Whereas, in Psalm 96:5 we read, "For <u>all</u> the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens." As Christians, we do not pray in the name of the false god Brahma. Why? Because our Lord Jesus is the [singular] mediator between God the Father and mankind (Jn. 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Tim. 2:5-6, Heb. 7:25). The apostle Paul proclaimed, "For there is one God, and <u>one mediator</u> between God and men, the man <u>Christ Jesus</u>; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Tim. 2:5-6) Moreover, Jesus taught His true disciples to pray to God the Father "<u>in my name</u>" no less than six times in John chapters 14-16 (Jn. 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-26). Therefore, in obedience to the very clear instructions of our Lord Jesus to His disciples, it is to God our Father that we must present our prayers in the name of His eternal Son – Christ Jesus.

My personal experience on that chilling October evening in 1992 motivated me to diligently research the New Age spirituality movement. The study that you are about to read is a synopsis of thirty-five books and articles concerning what I have chosen to call the *New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement*. As you read this study, it is my sincere prayer that our Heavenly Father may, according to His great mercy, guide you to the truth. May our LORD also help you to understand the clear interrelationships and perilous deceptions of this growing "global oneness" movement. May your heart be enlightened by the "Spirit of truth" in "the Scriptures of truth" (John 8:31-36; 16:13; 17:1-17). The apostle Paul explained, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (1 Corinthians 2:12) Christ Jesus taught His disciples, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36) Respectfully, Nolan McFadden

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I. Definition of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

In his book called *Understanding the New Age* author Russell Chandler explained, "In essence, the New Age Movement is a modern revival of ancient Eastern Mysticism, Western Gnosticism and Western Occultism expressed in the language of Western psychology, science and technology." (2) The New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement is a broad network of people, religious organizations and political organizations affirming a similar "global oneness" worldview. New Age beliefs are rooted in the false philosophies, "esoteric spirituality" and personal experiences found in ancient Eastern Mysticism, Western Gnosticism and Western Occultism.

People embracing New Age spirituality seek wisdom, truth and insights from "all" world religions. It has been called "supermarket spirituality" because New Agers choose the ideas, beliefs and experiences that they like among religions while rejecting those which they do not like. (3) This movement has also been referred to as "a free market of spiritual ideas." (4) It must be also recognized that many of those who believe esoteric false philosophies no longer desire to be called "New Agers" or categorized as affirming "New Age" beliefs. Titles such as "Body and Soul" and "Holistic" are now often used in place of the former "New Age" identity.

Proponents believe in a coming New Age (also called "the Age of Aquarius") of a "one world community" of universal brotherhood, enlightenment and "transformation." (5) Subsequently, the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement has emerged as both a religious and political movement aiming to help establish a new "world civilization" – a new "world order." All is to become one (i.e., religious and political monism) by means of [a Lucifer-inspired] global unification and "transformation".

II. Origins of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

The spiritual origin of New Age esoteric views is clearly identified as *the Devil* as revealed in his counsel to Eve through "the serpent" in Genesis 3:1-5. As the Devil spoke through "the serpent", he deceived Eve's heart and mind. Satan used some of the same false claims found in the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement. These claims include arriving at human divinity and obtaining hidden knowledge (gnosis).

The earliest human source of New Age thought is found in the Babylonian Mysteries associated with Nimrod, the founder of the kingdom of Babylon in Mesopotamia. See Genesis 10:8-11:6. For centuries, the essential elements of the Babylonian Mysteries were assimilated and preserved in the ancient Mystery Religions of Egypt, Persia, India, Greece and Rome. (6)

In the first century, Philo Judaeus (c. 20 BCE – c. 40 CE) fused Esoteric Mysticism, the pagan Greek philosophy of Plato and Judaism to create a system of Theosophy. This included a system of "philosophical allegory" and "esoteric interpretations" of the Hebrew Scriptures. Philo Judaeus created a Jewish - Hellenistic Syncretism. (7) Consequently, he is referred to as one of the fathers of New Age philosophy and Theosophia. This same mixture later became known as Kabbalism (an esoteric movement within medieval and modern Judaism).

Moreover, early Christianity was also desecrated by these false blends. During the late first century and second century, a false belief system known as "Gnosticism" emerged. It was identified as a false doctrine and refuted by orthodox Christian pastors and theologians.

In the second century, Clement of Alexandria (150-215 CE) was a Christian theologian who taught at the Catechetical School in Alexandria, Egypt. His teachings were heavily influenced by the pagan, Greek philosophy of Plato and the Stoics. Clement was also familiar with the Mystery Religions, Jewish

Esotericism and Gnosticism. This theologian practiced religious and philosophical syncretism. He blended pagan philosophies with Christian views. For example, Clement believed: 1) Matter and thought are eternal. 2) Reincarnation 3) Christ, as Logos, was in some sense created rather than the Creator of "All things" (See John 1:1-3). 4) Affirmed Semi-Docetism (8)

Likewise, early in the third century, the mystic Ammonius Saccas (c. 175-242 CE) of Alexandria, Egypt is regarded as one of the founders of Neoplatonism. Saccas was influenced by the pagan Egyptian Mysteries, the teachings of the pagan Greek philosopher Plato and Christian teachings. Subsequently, Saccas created a philosophical and religious syncretism which included aspects of all three of these belief systems in his teachings. (9)

In like manner, during the fourth century, the priesthood, rites, ceremonies, teachings, symbols and customs found in the pagan Roman Mysteries (Mystery of Mithras) were fused with Christian teachings in a compromised blend by the Emperor Constantine and the Church at Rome. This fourth century syncretism of Christianity with the pagan Roman Mysteries created Christo-paganism and marked the origin of the Roman Catholic Church. (10) With this unholy mixture completed, the pagan Roman Mysteries (including the Mystery of Mithras) declined rapidly in the fourth century. During the same century, the "Roman" Catholic Church grew rapidly. (11)

From this point onward, the adepts of the Ancient Mysteries were often suppressed. As a result, they found it necessary to continue their rites and rituals in secret and later formed secret societies. These groups include the Kabbalists, Knights Templar, Rosicrucians, Alchemists, Bavarian Order of the Illuminati, Illuminated Freemasons, etc. (12)

In his article called *New Age movement* J. Gordon Melton noted, "[The] New Age movement...spread through the occult and metaphysical religious communities in the 1970s and '80s. It looked forward to a "New Age" of love and light and offered a foretaste of the coming era through personal transformation and healing. The movement's strongest supporters were followers of modern esotericism, a religious perspective that is based on the acquisition of mystical knowledge and that has been popular in the West since the 2nd century AD, especially in the form of Gnosticism. Ancient Gnosticism was succeeded by various esoteric movements through the centuries, including Rosicrucianism in the 17th century and Freemasonry [in the 18th century], theosophy, and ritual magic in the 19th and 20th centuries...

...In the late 19th century [Freemason] Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, cofounder of the Theosophical Society, announced a coming New Age. She believed that theosophists (who embraced Buddhist and Brahmanic notions such as reincarnation) should assist the evolution of the human race and prepare to cooperate with one of the Ascended Masters of the Great White Brotherhood whose arrival was imminent. Blavatsky believed that, as the world's hidden leaders, members of this mystical brotherhood guided the destiny of the planet. Her ideas contributed to expectation of a New Age among practitioners of Spiritualism and believers in astrology, for whom the coming of the new Aquarian Age promised a period of brotherhood and enlightenment...

...Blavatsky's successor, [Freemason and Socialist] Annie Besant, predicted **the coming of a messiah, or world saviour**, who she believed was the Indian teacher Jiddu Krishnamurti. In the 1940s Alice A. Bailey, founder of the Arcane School (an organization that disseminated [New Age] spiritual teachings), suggested that **a new messiah**, **the Master Maitreya**, would appear in the last quarter of the 20th century. Bailey also established the "Triangles" program to bring people together in groups of three to meditate daily. Participants in the program believed that they received divine energy, which they shared with those around them, thus raising the general level of spiritual awareness." (13)

Moreover, ancient New Age heresies were given a rebirth in the occult Transcendentalism Movement, Spiritualist Movement and New Thought Movement of the nineteenth century. These ancient esoteric views became the basis for the establishment of The Theosophical Society cofounded by Freemason, Spiritualist Helena P. Blavatsky (1831-1891) and British Freemason, socialist

Annie Besant (1847-1933). Blavatsky, who wrote *Isis Unveiled* (1877) and *The Secret Doctrine* (1888) is regarded as the godmother of the modern New Age movement. This same movement also fueled the development of mind sciences (Psychology) and stirred interest in occult, eastern religion "healing" techniques. (14)

Adding to this history of the movement, Freemason New Age author Alice Bailey revealed in her book *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* the central role of Freemasonry in the propagation of esotericism. She wrote, "The Masonic Movement when it can be divorced from politics and social ends and from its present paralyzing condition of inertia, will meet the need of those who can, and should wield power. It is the custodian of the law; it is the home of the Mysteries and the seat of initiation. It holds in its symbolism the ritual of Deity, and the way of salvation is pictorially presented in its work. The methods of Deity are demonstrated in its Temples, and under the All-seing Eye the work can go forward. It is a far more occult organisation than can be realized, and is intended to be the training school for the coming advanced occultists. In its ceremonials lies hid the wielding of the forces connected with the growth and life of the kingdom of nature and the unfoldment of the divine aspects of men.2..." (15)

In the book called *When Humanity Comes of Age* New Age author Vera Alder wrote, "The Mystery Teachings were cherished and kept alive in various ways and under various guises. Freemasons, Rosicrucians, Alchemists, Kabbalists, Yogis and many other such were all keeping some aspect of the Teaching alive, in more or less uncorrupt form. These people gave their lives to this precious work because such knowledge was believed to be man's key to Godhood and to his true destiny.4..." (16)

So that that the reader might understand how evil, perverse and satanic is the Luciferian doctrine taught in high level illuminated Freemasonry, we will quote from the nineteenth century Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry Albert Pike. Let's consider the Gnostic Freemason doctrine of "the divine dualism." Author Gary Kah noted, "The theological doctrine of Freemasonry was explained in the "Instructions" issued by Albert Pike on 14 July 1889 to the twenty-three Supreme Councils of the world. His words were recorded by A.C. DeLaRive in *La Femme el L'Enfant dans la Franc-Maconnerie Universelle* (p. 588). "If Lucifer were not God, would Adonay (The God of the Christians) whose deeds prove his cruelty, perfidy, and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and his priests, calumniate him? Yes, Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay is also God. For the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for the absolute can only exist as two Gods: darkness being necessary to light to serve as its foil as the pedestal is necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive..."

"...In anological and universal dynamics one can only lean on that which will resist. Thus the universe is balanced by two forces which maintain its <u>equilibrium</u>: the force of attraction and that of repulsion. These two forces exist in physics, philosophy and religion. And the scientific reality of <u>the divine dualism</u> is demonstrated by the phenomena of polarity and by the universal law of sympathies and antipathies. That is why the intelligent disciples of Zoroaster, as well as, after them, the Gnostics, the Manicheans, and the Templars have admitted, as the only logical metaphysical conception, the system of the two divine principles fighting eternally, and one cannot believe the one inferior in power to the other. Thus, the doctrine of Satanism is a heresy; and the true and pure philosophic religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.7..."

"...These doctrines are, in their entirety, heresy [and blasphemy against JEHOVAH]. Pike not only turns the truth upside down, but he adds [false] material. In short, Masonic doctrine places Jesus Christ under the control and at the mercy of Lucifer, labeling the Holy God of Israel a demon..." (17)

In her book WORLD REVOLUTION THE PLOT AGAINST CIVILIZATION, Nesta Webster explained, "It is a commonly accepted opinion that the great [global] revolutionary movement which began at the

end of the eighteenth century originated with the philosophers of France, particularly with Rousseau. This is only to state half of the case; Rousseau was not the originator of his doctrines, and if we were to seek the cause of revolution in mere philosophy it would be necessary to go a great deal further back than Rousseau – to Mably, to the *Utopia* of Thomas More, and even to Pythagorus and Plato...At the same time it is undoubtedly true that Rousseau was the principal medium through which the doctrines of these earlier philosophers were brought home to the intelligentsia of eighteenth century..."

"...It is not then to the philosophers, but to the source whence they drew many of their inspirations, that the great dynamic force of the Revolution must be attributed. Rousseau and Voltaire were Freemasons; the *Encyclopededie* was published under the auspices of the same order.1 Without this powerful aid the drawing room doctrinaires of the eighteenth century could no more have brought about the mighty cataclysm [French Revolution] of 1789 than could the Fabian Society have produced the world revolution of [Marxism] today. The organization of the Secret Societies was needed to transform the theorizings of the philosophers into a concrete and formidable system for the destruction of civilization..." (18)

Keep in mind that one of the most influential leaders in the history of Freemasonry was the nineteenth century Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry Albert Pike. Mr. Pike is the author of a standard reference writing for all Freemasons called *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry* (Washington, DC., House of the Temple, 1966). In this writing Freemason Albert Pike referred to the Kabbalah, an ancient book of occultism, as "a second Bible" in Freemasonry. (19)

Moreover, Mr. Kah quoted Albert Pike as identifying the Kabbalah as the source of knowledge and symbols of Freemasonry. Albert Pike declared, "All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabalah and return to it everything scientific and grand in the religious dreams of all the illuminati, Jacob Boehme, Swedenborg & Saint-Martin, and others, is borrowed from the Kabalah; all the Masonic Associations owe to it their Secrets and their Symbols. The Kabalah alone consecrates the alliance of the Universal Reason and the Divine Word; ... it alone reconciles Reason with Faith, Power with Liberty, Science with Mystery; it has the keys of the Present, the Past, and the Future. (Morals and Dogma, p. 744) One is filled with admiration, on penetrating into the Sanctuary of the Kabalah, at seeing a doctrine so logical, so simple, and at the same time so absolute. (Morals and Dogma, p. 745) (20)

Likewise, Gary Kah quoted from Sovereign Pontiff Albert Pike who revealed the real source of "light," "hope" and "inspiration" of Illuminized Freemasonry. Mr. Pike proclaimed, "LUCIFER, the Light-hearer! ... Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! Is it he who bears the Light ... Doubt it not! (Morals and Dogma, p. 321) (21)

In his book *En Route to Global Occupation* Gary Kah demonstrated how the doctrine of Christ is denied in Freemasonry. Kah observed, "As with the New Age movement, the central theme of Freemasonry is universality, an attempt to unite all the world's religions under one umbrella. To do so, it conveniently demotes Jesus Christ from being the Son of God to being a mere spiritual master on the same footing as Buddha or any other religious leader. "Masonry...is Religion, a worship in which all good men may unite, that each may share the faith of all.8" (Joseph Ford Newton, *The Builders*, p. 242) describing an experience he had in a London lodge with sons of various faiths, Joseph Newton writes: "...Where else, except in a Masonic lodge, could men of many religions meet, each praying for all and all for each one? It taught me one lesson: If ever there is to be a Religion of Brotherhood on earth, it must begin with a Brotherhood of Religions. (*The Builders*, pp. 223-224)" (22)

Consequently, the priesthood, essential rites, rituals, teachings and symbols of the ancient Babylonian Mysteries were preserved and carried into modern times by means of "Roman" [Mysteries Synthesis] Catholicism and esoteric secret societies. The Scriptures describe this obscured

continuation of the Babylonian Mysteries as, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5).

The teachings of New Age universality are being used by Satan to "unite" unsaved people of all false religions and most governments of the world in "global unity" and in a "one world community." This is helping to prepare the hearts and minds of humanity for the future rise of the global leader identified in Bible prophecies as "the antichrist" (first "beast") and the false prophet (second "beast") of Revelation chapter thirteen.

A biblical Christian response to the false "unity" of New Age universalism: Let us remember that there is a clear difference in the Scriptures between the world's false unity and the authentic, biblical unity which is produced by the Holy Spirit only among true believers in Christ Jesus. Not all "unity" comes from Jehovah God. The *Devil* also has the ability to "unite" people in a "common" cause. People may be united in rebellion against Jehovah to do evil works as in Genesis 11:1-4. As *Christians*, we are warned and commanded by our Lord Jesus to, "Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matthew 24:4-5) Therefore, we affirm that a unity with false teachings and false teachers is, and always will be, A FALSE UNITY.

See the books *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop, *VATICAN INFLUENCE: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH UN-VEILED* by Nolan McFadden and *Babylon Mystery Religion:*Ancient and Modern by Ralph Woodrow. It should be noted that the first century apostles of Christ Jesus strongly refuted attempts to blend pagan philosophies with biblical Christian teachings and worship as recorded in 2 Corinthians 11, Ephesians 4-5, Colossians 1-2, 2 Timothy 3-4, 2 Peter 2, 1 John 4, 2 John and Jude.

Organizations heavily influenced by New Age philosophies and esoteric spirituality include: Unitarian / Universalist Association, International General Assembly of Spiritualists, Baha'i faith, Arcane School of Alice Bailey, The Esalen Institute, the Findhorn Foundation, School of Alchemy, Institute of Esoteric Study, Institute of Greater Awareness, Rosicrucian Fellowship, Association for Research and Enlightenment, Aetherius Society, Heralds of the New Age, World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, Illuminated leadership of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, L. Ron Hubbard's Church of Scientology, The Society of Psychical Research, Church of Christ (Scientists) founded by Mary Baker Eddy, Charles Fillmore's Unity School of Christianity, Transcendental Meditation Program of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Self-Realization Fellowship of Paramahansa Yogananda, Werner Erhard's EST, WICCA, ECKANKAR, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Poona Rajneesh Foundation and participants in Native American Spiritism. (23) (24)

III. Common beliefs found in the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

- A. All is One (Monism) All differences (political, philosophical or religious) are regarded as an illusion. From the perspective of many New Agers, humanity, animals, the environment, the universe and God are all One and the same. Thus, according to the New Age view, plant life and the environment are just as important as people.
- B. All is God (Pantheism) or All is in God (Panentheism) God is viewed as an impersonal force or life energy.
- C. All religions are from the same Universal One. Subsequently, all religions are considered equally true. Consequently, New Agers believe that there are many paths to God (or the Universal One their concept of "god") and many approaches to the New Age Jesus. "The Christ" of the New Age is, in reality, a false Christ, a demonic spirit. See Matthew 24:4-14.
- D. Humanity is seen as inwardly divine (a "god" Remember Genesis 3:5?). Therefore, people are urged to look within themselves to solve problems and create their own reality.

- E. Sin is regarded as an illusion. Man's problem is ignorance of his own inward divinity. Man's solution is enlightenment through "transformation" and "higher consciousness."
- F. New agers believe that the soul is "recycled" in reincarnation (i.e., pantheism).
- G. New Agers believe in "the divinity of the world" (i.e., pantheism) As a result, many believe in Mother Earth "deep ecology" teachings (i.e., the Gaia hypothesis, radical environmentalism, Mother Earth goddess Gaia worship, etc.) These false beliefs applied to environmental issues have helped inspire the false doctrine of "sustainable development."

IV. Practices of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement include:

Channeling, transcendental meditation, altered states of consciousness by meditation or trance, hypnosis, astrology, horoscopes, divination, necromancy (contacting spirits of the dead), shamanism, clairvoyance, ESP, astral projection, biofeedback, centering, yoga, T'ai-Chi Ch'uan, guided imagery and visualization, harmonic convergence, Ouija board, tarot cards, crystal healing and "holistic health" techniques. (25)

Whereas, "the LORD" (JHVH) commanded the descendants of Israel, "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those [pagan] nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these [pagan] nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do." (Deuteronomy 18:9-14)

V. Religious Agenda of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

The objective is the unity of all religions in "universal spirituality," "universal religion" and "universal brotherhood" for "world peace" and "the common good." This involves the creation of one accommodating universal "eclectic world religion" that closely resembles eastern religious systems rather than western monotheistic faiths." (26) A "new global spirituality" is to emerge which guides humanity to unite for "world peace." A common "global (universal) ethics code" will be made the standard of conduct for all humanity by means of establishing and enforcing new international laws.

New Ager Benjamin Crème teaches that the Christ (Maitreya) has reappeared as World teacher and is already among us. He believes that Maitreya [i.e., a demon] will establish a new global economic order and world peace. Crème has helped start many Transmission Meditation groups throughout the world who together invoke *The Great Invocation* as a conduit to contact "the spiritual Hierarchy of the Planet." But, according to the Holy Scriptures, those practicing "channeling," such as Benjamin Crème, are placing themselves under the spiritual control of "spirit guides" who are, in reality, *fallen angels*. Their "spiritual Hierarchy" is a spiritual hierarchy of the Devil's angels. They are practicing "doctrines of devils." See Deuteronomy 18:9-14, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Timothy 4:1-5 and Revelation 9:20-21; 22:15.

The New Age "new world religion" is religious Humanism carried to its logical and arrogant end. It exalts humanity to godhood and appeals to an alleged "higher meaning" or "higher truth" in all religions of the world. This is the same lie of Satan found in Genesis 3:1-5. With the Devil supplying the element of sorcery, this movement is destined to serve the agenda of "the great whore" (the Religious and Political Babylon) described in Revelation chapters 17-18. New Age thought, although now described in other terms, is widespread and has already made major inroads into mainline "Christian" denominations and world religions. Note the writings of Helena Blavatsky, Annie Besant, Alice Bailey,

Marilyn Ferguson, Lola Davis, Robert Muller, David Spangler, Fritjof Capra, Daisaku Ikeda, Vera Alder, Alex Jack, Elizabeth Clare Prophet, Benjamin Crème and *New Age Journal* (published from 1974 to 2002).

VI. Academic Agenda of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

Part of "the Plan" of these fallen angels is for a "global education system" for the New Age millennium created by humanity (i.e., those humans under the control of "the Hierarchy") for humanity. It is to use the public schools as centers of indoctrination in New Age "global transformation" ideology including "global progressivism." Many New Age organizations are actively cultivating "global citizens" by means of leftist student activism, political "resocialization," radical "environmentalism" and "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDG's) taught in public schools and private schools. See U.N. Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030. A "global community" outlook continues to be enthusiastically introduced in public schools via multicultural / international studies department curriculum, teacher training, workshops and student learning activities. (27) Eastern religious meditation techniques are introduced to educators and students under the guise of "relaxation techniques." New Age "Mother Earth" deep ecology religious views are often propagated to teachers and students under the umbrella of "environmentalism" or "new technology." (28)

Whereas, in the Holy Bible our *LORD* teaches that we are stewards of His creation (Genesis 1:26-31) not "one with the earth" as taught in Pantheism / Monism. Tragically, many have unknowingly embraced New Age philosophies, concepts and practices without understanding their destructive outcomes. The New Age academic agenda is clearly revealed in the writings of Alice Bailey, Alvin and Heidi Toffler, Mikhail Gorbachev, Albert Gore, Jr., Robert Muller, Philip Vander Veld, Kim Hyunchan, Morton Kaplan, George Wald, Hazel Henderson, Theodore Hesburgh, James Becker, Fritjof Capra, Shirley MacLaine, Marilyn Ferguson and in the *New Age Journal* (published from 1974 to 2002).

VII. Political Agenda of the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement

Political universalism accompanies religious and philosophical universalism. In New Age universalism, as in monism, there is no essential difference between truth and falsehood or right and wrong. They are all ultimately part of the same Universal One. In this belief system, one cannot pass judgment on another since all is universally "equal" and "relative." All is to be accepted as One and the same. In universalism there is no absolute standard for truth, morality or for anything. All is made relative to one's perception of truth. What is reasonable to you becomes your "truth." In universalism God is required to forgive and save all and permitted to judge none with eternal punishment because this is what is required by sin distorted human Reason.

The true Sovereign of the Universe – *JEHOVAH* is thereby subjected to the will of sinful humanity. God's will is denied and the will of "the People" is enthroned. The *LORD GOD* of Christianity loves us and wants us to be saved *from* our sins (John 3:16-36). God commands "all" people to repent of their sins and believe "the (singular) gospel of Christ" (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 17:30-31). Universalism rejects God's command to repent of sin and believe in Jesus as the *only* true path to God the Father (John 14:1-6). Rather, universalism attempts to conform God to the sinful reasoning of man. Thus, the doctrine of universality negates God's moral commands and His will as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible (John 6:28-40; 14:15-23). Subsequently, in New Age universalism sin reigns.

Universal "equality" means that nothing may be regarded as false which is believed to be true by another. Otherwise, one's "equality" has been denied. Therefore, those who believe that truth is found in "all" religions are, in effect, proposing that all religions are universally "equal," valid and true. If one believes that a doctrine of a religion, such as Muslim jihadism, may not be regarded as false and evil, then he or she is lead to believe that the doctrines of all religions must be viewed and accepted as

equally true and valid. This is New Age "moral and cultural equivalency." Everything is viewed as "morally and culturally equivalent". This is the spiritual reality of New Age ideology. New Age universalism is not capable of passing judgment against evil. The logical end of New Age universalism is AMORALITY.

Thus, in universalism there is no valid basis for establishing just laws, passing judgment against evil conduct, distinguishing truth from falsehood or a moral right from a moral wrong. Universalism not only denies the will of God, but also defies logic and sound reason. For we know that a premise cannot be both true and false at the same time and in the same way. As a result, in New Age universalism falsehood reigns.

If one believes that all religions are basically the same, it is easy to move on to the occult, monistic premise that "all are One." If we are "all One," it is only reasonable to believe that all should unite for the "common good." Thus, religious universalism = one-world religion. Political universalism = one-world government. These are inevitably based on the false doctrines of Darwinism, monism and ethical relativism. Consequently, in New Age universalism the Devil reigns (John 8:42-47).

A one-world government is the political expression of New Age religious and spiritual views. Many New Agers openly support the establishment of a world government (i.e., global socialism) which is often labeled "new social order" or "new order" in their writings. Author Russell Chandler explained, "National boundaries are obsolete, according to the New Age worldview. Thus, the New Age agenda calls for an emerging global civilization and one-world government, including "planetary taxation" and the United Nations as the sole central governing agency." (29) In fact, the founding of the United Nations in October of 1945 was the political actualization of New Age political universalism.

Moreover, a "new global economic order" is called for which includes a new global monetary system and a global "cashless" society. However, this Lucifer-inspired, leftist, globalist plan to create a new global "cashless" society under the guise of fighting "corruption" is, in reality, a march to global, totalitarian government. The plan includes implementation on the national level among countries and also on a global level. See U.N. Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030. (30)

Government control of <u>all</u> financial transactions (to buy or sell), is just one aspect of a larger plan for creating a "total control" authoritarian government (i.e., absolute government control of all human activity). Whereas, in 2 Corinthians 3:17 the apostle Paul proclaimed, "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is <u>liberty</u>." Personal freedom to control your money and financial transactions (to buy or sell) is part of a God-ordained free market system of government (1 Kings 5:1-8; 21:1-7, Matthew 7:24-27; 20:1-8, Luke 13:6-7, Acts 5:3-4). For additional data read the article called *Just say NO! to Lucifer's totalitarian plan of a global "cashless" society* (2019). (31)

The New Age political agenda is not nearly as *new* as many may imagine. We need only read the writings of eighteenth-century Freemason Professor Johann Adam Weishaupt (1748-1830), who founded the Bavarian "Order of the Illuminati" (the Illuminatenorden) in 1776, to observe an early prototype. For example, the phrase "new world order" (or NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM) had its origin in the Bavarian Illuminated Freemasonry of Professor Weishaupt. Sarah Tusa noted, "Inspired by the revolutionary writings of Rousseau, Jean-Jacques, Weishaupt founded the Illuminatenorden [Order of the Illuminati] in 1776. The members of this secret society sought to promote the ideals of the Enlightenment by recruiting civil servants, university professors, the clergy and nobility to infiltrate government." (32)

Furthermore, "The New Age was a British literary magazine noted for its wide influence [of modernism, progressivism and Fabian socialism] under the editorship of Alfred Richard Orange from 1907 to 1922...The journal began as a journal of "Christian" Liberalism and Socialism. [6] Orange and Jackson re-oriented it to promote the ideas of [Friedrich] Nietzsche, Fabian Socialism and a later form of Guild Socialism." (33) This publication received significant financial support from Fabian socialist

George Bernard Shaw. The journal was actually started in 1894 on a smaller scale as a publication of Fabian socialists. (34) Most of those who pursue New Age spirituality inevitably gravitate toward leftist political ideologies.

Also, keep in mind that Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900 A.D.) was an anti-Christ and anti-Christian German philosopher and professor who was raised in the family of a German Lutheran pastor. As a young man, Nietzsche planned to became a Christian minister. Instead, after studying for one semester at the University of Bonn, he lost his Lutheran faith and became an apostate. Nietzsche became a member of a radical group known as Burschenschaft Frankonia. Nietzsche started believing that mankind created God rather than the fact that God created people (Gen. 1:26-27, Psalm 96:5, Matthew 19:1-6, Mark 10:1-10). (35)

Nietzsche is well known for his philosophies of "God is Dead" and the "Will to Power" (a favorite of Adolf Hitler and other despots). In his book called *ANTI-CHRIST* (written in 1888) Nietzsche declared that the Christian God and Christian morality are "imaginary fictions." In this book Nietzsche attacked Christianity and described Jesus as an "idiot." In contrast, Nietzsche praised the religion of Islam and spoke of the positive influence of Buddhism. In 1889 Nietzsche suffered a mental breakdown and spent the remaining years of his life being cared for by his Lutheran family members. (36) (37)

Another influence in New Age political thought is political universalism. Concerning this issue, the masonic influence is far reaching. Inspired by Darwinism, Fabian socialism and the Theosophy teachings of Freemason, Fabian socialist, Theosophist Annie Besant and Freemason, Theosophist Helena Blavatsky, H. G. Wells wrote the book called *THE NEW WORLD ORDER* which was originally published in 1940. This esoteric doctrine of the creation of a "new world order" had a tremendous impact on key leaders in the West throughout the twentieth century. These include President Franklin Roosevelt, Vice-President Henry Wallace, President Richard Nixon, President George Bush, Sr., Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and many others. During the past eight decades, this book has been used as a practical blueprint for the incremental establishment of the "new world order."

The founding of the United Nations in October of 1945 was the political actualization of political universalism. Several years prior to the founding of the "United Nations", Mr. Wells, who was a British socialist and very influential author of the twentieth century, advocated in this book: 1) "the World State" in Chapter 12; 2) a "United States of the World" in Chapter 7; 3) a "great synthesis of nations" in Chapter 11; 4) "a secular movement toward a single world order" in Chapter 11; 5) "world community" in Chapter 10; 6) "a new world order" in Chapters 8, 10, 11, 12; 7) "world socialism" in Chapters 8, 10; 8) "world citizenship" in Chapter 12; 9) "new world money" in Chapter 12; 10) "world collectivization" in Chapters 4, 7, 10, 11; 11) "internationalism" in Chapter 12; 12) "socialization" in Chapter 12; 13) "collective unity" in Chapters 11, 12; 14) self-realization" in Chapters 7, 12; 15) "international policeman" term used three times in Chapter 7; 16) "disarmament police" found twice in Chapter 12; "etc. (38)

It is noteworthy to recall again that Mr. Wells and other Fabian socialists were influenced by the teachings of Freemason, Fabian socialist, Theosophist Annie Besant and Freemason, Theosophist Helena Blavatsky. They co-founded The Theosophical Society. They also co-authored *The Secret Doctrine*. This writing presents the esoteric theory of seven "spiritual races," a "doctrine of devils," embraced by Adolf Hitler and other students of esotericism. (39)

Also, in the 1992 book *Earth in the Balance - Ecology and the Human Spirit* written by former Vice-President Al Gore we find the same destructive philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau revived with elements of monism, universalism and the global omega point vision of Jesuit Roman Catholic priest Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.. (40) Author Dennis Cuddy has prepared a chronology of quotes which identify proponents of the New World Order and show its historical development. For the complete list

log on to http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-rlc/1145562/posts (41) See also my article called *A Biblical Evaluation of Universalism* (2017).

In addition, New Agers believe that "Mother Earth" must be protected at all costs. Therefore, radical environmental legislation and disarmament are top priorities for the proposed "New Age Millennium." The means of ushering in this "New Social Order" (i.e., global socialism) remains a mystery. Many informed *Christians* believe that the "New Order of the Ages" or "New World Order" will likely be established by means of a global crisis. Possible scenarios include: 1) the threat of a global nuclear war (World War III), 2) a significant global economic crisis, 3) a global health crisis and / or 4) a severe global environmental crisis. (42) * See the reverse side of the U.S. Great Seal.

Globalist organizations helping to advance this "futurist" political agenda include the United Nations, World Economic Forum, World Government Summit, Club of Rome, the Bilderberger Group, Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, World Federalist Association, Planetary Citizens, World Constitution and Parliament Association, World Future Society, World Union, World Trade Organization, New World, World Goodwill, Millennium Society, Illuminated leadership of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, The Esalen Institute, Peaceworks Campaign for Global Security, Zonta International, Knights of Malta, Sierra Club, Lucist Trust (formerly called Lucifer Press) and many others. (43)

VIII. Common terms used in the New Age Esoteric Spirituality Movement:

"Spirituality"; "Soul and Body"; "Mind-Soul-Body"; "Equilibrium"; "Holistic"; "Holistic Living"; "Universal Principle"; "The One"; "One Essence"; "Universal Change"; "Spiritual Evolution"; "Transpersonal Psychology"; "New Psychology"; "New Awareness"; "the All-Seeing Eye"; "the spiritual Hierarchy of the Planet"; "The Great Invocation"; "New World"; "New Social Order"; "Global Age"; "Universal Consciousness"; "Mother Earth"; "New Way of Thinking"; "Social Transformation"; "Integration"; "Sustainable Development"; "Global Citizenship"; "Planetary Citizens"; "We Are All One"; "Higher Consciousness"; "Global Community"; "Change Agent"; "Planetary Unity"; "Harmonic Convergence"; "New World Religion"; "Universal Ethics"; "The Spirit of the Age"; "New Consciousness"; "Christ Consciousness"; "Ageless Wisdom"; "Life Energy" and "Life Force." (44)

The apostle Paul clearly warned *Christians, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" (Colossians 2:8-10) In like manner Christ Jesus warned His disciples, "Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matthew 24:4) But in our era these warnings of Christ Jesus and Paul are disregarded by many people.*

Tragically, those embracing New Age philosophies and "esoteric spirituality" are satanically deceived. By seeking "esoteric spirituality" via meditation techniques of eastern religion or other altered states of consciousness, many have tapped into a spiritual power source that is <u>not</u> from Jehovah God. They have been *taken captive* by demonic forces.

In addition, many New Agers are unaware of the fact that they are helping to prepare the necessary conditions for the rise of the global leader identified in the Scriptures as "the beast" (also called "the antichrist") and his global kingdom. The "antichrist" will be the fallen angel known as "the Devil" in human flesh. See biblical prophecies about the rise of "the beast" ("the antichrist") and "spirit of antichrist" in Daniel 7:23-28; 11:36-39, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, 1 John 2:18; 4:1-6 and Revelation 12:9; 13:1-18; 14:9-12.

Yet, let us not forget that Jehovah God loves people who have been deceived by false New Age philosophies. He sent His Son Jesus so that they might be saved *"from their sins"* and spiritual deception to serve the true and living God (JHVH). It is God's desire that New Agers get *"saved"* and

come to "the knowledge of the truth" in the Scriptures of truth – the Holy Bible (8:31-36; 8:47; 10:35; 17:6-17, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, 2 Timothy 3:14-17). New Agers must be taught that true inner "peace," "light" and enduring "hope" only come by means of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (Psalm 118:8-9, John 14:26-27; 16:33; 17:1-3, Ephesians 1:11-23, Philippians 4:7). They need the biblical Jesus, the biblical gospel and biblical truth in order to be truly set free from Lucifer-inspired lies and false spirituality (John 8:12-36).

In John 8:31-36 we read, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son [Jesus] abideth ever. If the Son [Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

When witnessing to people who are deceived by New Age false beliefs, you may want to share these Scriptures:

1) To refute the false doctrine of philosophical monism:

Jesus and His apostles taught that the *Creator* is distinct from His *creation* (Matthew 19:1-6, Mark 10:1-9, John 17:1-3, Romans 1:20-25). They are not the same. In Mark 10:1-9 we find this biblical distinction. "And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judæa by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again. And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain (two) shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain [two], but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Notice that Jesus did not say that they would become <u>one spirit</u>, but, rather, He said they would become "<u>one flesh</u>." They are two distinct people with two distinct souls. Similarly, the apostle Paul wrote, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, <u>and worshipped and served the creature</u> [creation] more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 1:20-25) Note that in these verses "the Creator" – "God" is distinct from His creation – "creatures." The Creator is not the same as His creation.

2) To refute the false teaching of spiritual monism:

Christ Jesus and His apostles taught that there are two distinct and different spiritual families and spiritual kingdoms. Jesus taught that in order for a person to be a part of God's true, eternal "kingdom" and eternal "family" he or she "must be born again" (spiritually). In John 3:1-7 we read, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily,

verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Moreover, Jesus "distinguished between God's children and the Devil's children in John 8:39-44. The apostle John wrote, "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Likewise, Jesus commanded the apostle Paul, "But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (Acts 26:16-18) Note that Jesus mentions two different spiritual powers and spiritual kingdoms in this Bible text. He speaks of people turning from "the power of Satan" to "God." Christ refers to two different realms of spiritual "power" in this passage rather than to only one universal source of spiritual experiences as taught in monism / pantheism.

Also, the apostle John distinguished between "the children of God" and "the children of the devil" in 1 John 3:10. "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

3) To refute the false belief of reincarnation:

Christ Jesus and His apostles taught *resurrection* not reincarnation (Matthew 11:24-26; 22:23-32, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 14:12-14; 20:27-38, John 5:28-29, Acts 23:6-8; 24:15-21, 1 Corinthians 15:15-21; 50-58, 2 Corinthians 5:8-10, Philippians 3:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 14:9-13; 20:1-15; 21-22). Jesus explained to Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Then, Martha responded to Christ's declaration and question. She said, "Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." See Matthew 11:24-26. In like manner, Jesus declared, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29)

Furthermore, Jesus refuted the Sadducees who rejected the biblical doctrine of resurrection. In Matthew 22:23-32 we read, "The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus

answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Moreover, the apostle Paul taught, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

In 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 the apostle Paul wrote, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Also, in Hebrews 9:27 we read, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

4) To refute the false teachings of gnosticism:

Share three essential facts. First, Christ Jesus taught spirituality based on *personal relationship* with Jehovah God and biblical "truth" not based on ancient esoteric spirituality. Secondly, Jesus identified Himself as the (singular) "Messiah" ("Christ") of Israel (John 4:23-26). From the Christian perspective, Jesus is the only, true "Messiah" ("Christ") of Israel. The rise of a different "messiah" (a New Age world savior) will be the rise of a false messiah - "the antichrist" in the last days (Matthew 24:4-14). Consequently, we reject the false, New Age messiah. Third, the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus is clearly taught in the New Testament Scriptures. Jesus rose from the dead in both "body" and in "spirit." Jesus did not rise from the dead only in "spirit." See John 2:19-22; 20:25-29; 21:4-14, Luke 24:13-43, Philippians 3:20-21 and Revelation 19:9.

In John 17:1-3 the apostle John wrote, "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Moreover, in John 4:23-26 Jesus identified Himself as the "Messiah" ("Christ") of Israel and taught that in order to truly worship God the Father we must worship Him in both "spirit" and "truth." Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."

Additionally, The apostle Paul warned, "Beware lest any man spoil you [take you captive] <u>through</u> <u>philosophy</u> (referring to the false philosophies of unbelievers) and vain deceit, after the tradition of

men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" (Colossians 2:8-10)

5) To refute the false teachings of religious universalism:

Christ Jesus and His apostles proclaimed that personal faith in Jesus is the only and exclusive path to God the Father and eternal life in Heaven (John 3:3-7; 3:16-18; 14:1-6, Acts 4:12, Romans 1:16-17; 10:8-17, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 7:25). Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) The apostle John taught, "He that believeth on the Son (Jesus) hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36) Regarding Jesus, the apostle Peter declared, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) Concerning Jesus, the apostle Paul wrote, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Tragically, those embracing the non-Christian belief known as universalism falsely assume that sincere religious people of <u>all</u> faiths are children of God and will go to Heaven when they die. Universalism is clearly contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ and His apostles as set forth in the New Testament Scriptures (John 1:12-13; 3:16-36; 5:24; 8:24; 8:47; 14:1-6, Acts 4:12, Romans 1:16-17; 10:8-17, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 7:25). A personal decision of faith in Christ Jesus and His gospel is necessary for salvation (John 1:12-13; 3:36, Acts 16:31, Romans 10:13, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). In fact, if the belief of universalism is true, the sinless, substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins would never have been necessary (2 Corinthians 5:21).

In addition, the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is made void by universalism (Matthew 28:19-20). Why preach the gospel to unbelievers if they are already children of God and citizens of Heaven? Yet, the command of Christ has not changed (Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-48, Romans 10:14-15) Jesus commanded His disciples saying, "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-16) Notice that Jesus made things very clear to His followers when He said, "...but he that believeth not shall be damned." This biblical passage clearly dispels the lie of spiritual universalism.

Christ Jesus explained to His disciples, "... These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:44-48)

It should be pointed out that our Lord Jesus and His disciples taught the existence of "hell" (or "the lake of fire" KJV) as a literal place of eternal punishment of the unsaved. See Matthew 10:28; 25:41-46, Luke 16:19-31, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 and Revelation 14:9-12; 20;11-15; 21:8. To deny this fact is to reject a fundamental teaching of the Christian faith (Jude 3-7). Jude declared, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in

everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

6) To refute the false ideology of political universalism:

Satan's lies are interconnected. The belief in one Lucifer-inspired lie (such as Darwinism, monism or universalism) leads unsaved humanity to believe additional lies until they are ultimately consumed in lies and totally under the control of "the father of lies." See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-14. Only "the truth" and "the true Light" found in Jesus Christ and His teachings of the New Testament Scriptures set people "free" from Satan's lies and false doctrines (John 8:31-47; 10:10).

Also, the apostle John taught believers to discern the spirits operating in false teachers by evaluating their teachings. We must compare their teachings to the "sound doctrine" of the New Testament. John instructed, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:1-6)

As authentic *Christians*, we worship and serve only one Lord, one Master, one King of kings – *Christ Jesus* who will establish His millennial *kingdom* at Jerusalem at His personal, visible, literal second *coming* (Psalm 2:1-12, Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 14:1-9, Matthew 2:1-6; 23:8-10, Luke 1:31-33, 1 Timothy 6:14-15, Revelation 19-20).

Our Lord Jesus does not call genuine *Christians* to be citizens of a one-world government system which will eventually be led by the global leader known as "the antichrist" (also called "the beast") (Daniel 7:23-24, 1 John 2:18, Revelation 13-14). In fact, believers in Christ Jesus are commanded to not be "...unequally yoked together with unbelievers" in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. In like manner, we are warned about the global "MYSTERY BABYLON" of the last days in Revelation chapters 17-18. The apostle John wrote, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." (Revelation 18:4-5)

As *Christians*, we are already regarded by God as <u>citizens of Heaven</u> through faith in Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-4). Moreover, we are also citizens of our nation-states. In the Scriptures, nations are regarded as valid governments (Acts 2:5-11, Revelation 5:9). Moreover, national boundaries are considered valid boundaries by our LORD in Joel 3:2 and Acts 17:26. Likewise, in the Holy Bible the *LORD GOD* of Israel affirms the value, dignity and rights of the individual and the right of individuals and families to own and control private property (1 Kings 21:1-7, Joshua 13-21, Matthew 6:21; 7:24-27; 20:1-16, Luke 13:6-7, Acts 5:1-4).

7) To refute the false "unity" of New Age universalism:

Moreover, we see that the teachings of universality are being used by Satan to unite unsaved people of all false religions and most governments of the world in global unity. This is helping to prepare the hearts and minds of humanity for the future rise of the global leader identified in Bible prophecies as "the antichrist" (first "beast") and the false prophet (second "beast") of Revelation chapter thirteen.

Let us remember that there is a clear difference in the Scriptures between the world's false unity and the authentic, biblical "unity" which is produced by the Holy Spirit only among true believers in Christ Jesus. Not all "unity" is from Jehovah. The Devil also has the ability to unite people in a "common" cause (Genesis 11, Revelation 13). People may be united in rebellion against Jehovah to do evil works as in Genesis 11:1-4. As Christians, we are warned and commanded by our Lord Jesus to, "Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matthew 24:4) Therefore, we affirm that a unity with false teachings and false teachers is, and always will be, A FALSE UNITY. Whereas, true, biblical "unity" is based on obedience to Jesus and His New Testament commands and teachings (John 14:15-23; 17:1-26, Acts 4:18-37, Ephesians 4:1-32).

On the next page you will find a chart in which New Age beliefs are compared to biblical Christian beliefs. May you be eternally blessed by choosing *the path* of following Christ Jesus and His biblical truth in your life journey. In John 8:12 our Lord Jesus declared, "...I am the light [singular] of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

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NEW AGE BELIEFS:

- All is One (monism). This is based on the eastern religious belief that there is only one ultimate substance, energy or reality.
- All is God (pantheism). We are all part of God, so we are all God. God is viewed as an "impersonal life force" or "life energy."
- 3. God is in everything and in everyone (panentheism). All faiths are viewed as valid paths to God. Thus, in New Age spirituality, blending beliefs (religious syncretism) is acceptable.
- All religions are One (syncretism).
 There are many paths to God –
 Universalism.
- 5. The message of the new gospel is "Global Oneness." The belief is that we are all part of the Universal One. Since we are all One, we should unite as One. The end result is one world government and one world religion based on "Earth Spirituality." "One earth, One people, One spirituality"
- Man is a divine being. We are all a part of God. Therefore, we are God (or gods). This same lie is found in the Devil's counsel to Eve in Genesis 3:5.
- Mankind's problem is ignorance of his own divinity. Mankind's solution is enlightenment through consciousness of one's own divinity.
- 8. The doctrines of Karma and evolution of the spirit are believed. Death precedes reincarnation. The soul is "recycled." Source: Eastern Religion "Mother Earth" = Mother Gaia (ancient Greek earth goddess) Ecology views are based on "deep ecology" and "Gaia hypothesis." Mother Earth is viewed as a deity to be venerated.

BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN BELIEFS:

- 1. Our universe was created by *the LORD*. God's creation is not a part of God. The *Creator* is not the same as the creation (Romans 1:25). They are distinct.
- The LORD is a personal, conscious, spirit being. He can be known in a personal relationship (John 4:23-24; 17:3, 2 Timothy 1:12). There are two different spiritual realms (Acts 26:18).
- 3. There are two different spiritual families on the earth (John 8:41-47). Only those who are born again of the Holy Spirit are in the LORD's eternal family (John 1:12-13; 3:3-7; 5:24, 1 John 3:7-10).
- 4. Personal faith in Jesus Christ is the only path to our Father in Heaven (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Tim. 2:5, Heb. 7:25).
- 5. The message of the true gospel is,
 "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; (1 Cor. 15:3-4). There is only one true gospel of Christ. All other gospels, like a "social gospel," are false gospels of this world. See 2 Cor. 11:3-4 and Gal. 1:6-11.
- 6. Man is a sinner in need of spiritual regeneration (Romans 3:23; 5:12, Galatians 3:22). Our hope is not in fallen humanity or in ourselves. Rather, our hope is in *the LORD* (Joel 3:16).
- 7. Mankind's problem is sin. The LORD's solution is to repent of sins and believe the gospel (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 3:19-26; 17:30-31, Rom. 1:16).
- Death precedes physical resurrection and judgment (Heb. 9:27). Believers in Jesus will go to Heaven and receive a new glorified body (Phil. 3:20-21).
 Mankind has been given authority and responsibility for dominion and stewardship of the earth by the LORD (Gen. 1:27-28). All false gods, including Gaia, are idols (Psalm 96:5; 106:35-48, 1 Corinthians 10:19-20).

Did you know that you can be 100% certain in this life that when you die you will have eternal life in Heaven?

The apostle John wrote, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13)

How can you be "saved" (born again) and know it?

1. Recognize that you are a sinner and guilty as charged before God.

In Romans 3:23 we read, "For <u>all</u> have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" You may have sinned more or less than others. However, it only takes one sin to separate you from God for all eternity (Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, James 2:10, Revelation 20:10-15; 21:8; 22:15).



In Mark 1:15 Christ Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

To **repent** means a change your mind and heart about your sins and need of salvation.

It is turning away from your sins to serve God (Luke 18:13; 19:8-10, Acts 26:20, 1 Thessalonians 1:9).

To **believe** in Jesus Christ means to put your full trust in Him and His sinless, one time, eternal sacrifice when he died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins.

The **gospel** is defined in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: "...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" Therefore, "the gospel" message is that Christ Jesus died to pay the penalty of your sins, was buried and rose again from the dead for your salvation.

3. Call on the name of the Lord Jesus in prayer and personally receive Him as your Lord and Savior.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [Jesus - 10:9] shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) "But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12)

4. Confess Jesus before others.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

God loves you so much that He sent His Son *Jesus* from Heaven so that you might be "saved" from your sins (John 3:16-18). By faith, you can make the eternal decision to be saved now. If you believe with all your heart that *Jesus* is the Son of God and want to be saved, pray this prayer of faith out loud:

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I confess that I have sinned against you. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for my sins, was buried and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, for me. I repent of my sins. Lord Jesus, please forgive my sins and come live in my heart forever. Please save me from my sins and make me a child of God by your Holy Spirit. Thank you my Lord Jesus for the gift of eternal life in Heaven. Amen.

Write the date that you made this salvation decision in your Holy Bible. Please let us know if you have personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord today so that we may rejoice with you. Confess Jesus before others. Be baptized by immersion, worship, attend and serve with other Christians in a church where the Bible is the final authority. For personal assurance that you are now a citizen of Heaven by faith in *Jesus* read John 14:1-6, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-5 and Rev. 22:17.



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