

15-A**Questions: New Age Religions**

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek or Hebrew words and their English meanings:

Greek	English	Greek	English
<i>metastrepho</i>	(n) Gospel of Christ	<i>pharmakeia</i>	(n) spirit (human, demonic, or God's)
<i>euaggelion</i>	(v) pervert, turn around	<i>pneuma</i>	(n) witchcraft, sorcery (w/ drugs)
<i>anathema</i>	(n) revelation, manifestation	<i>sarx</i>	(n) a magical drug or potion
<i>apokalupsis</i>	(n) accursed	<i>pharmakeus</i>	(n) flesh, the sin nature
<i>euaggelizo</i>	(n) magic, sorcery	<i>sarkikos</i>	(n or adj) spiritual
<i>mageia</i>	(v) preach the Gospel	<i>pneumatikos</i>	(n or adj) carnal (man or woman)

4. Write out **MAT 24:5**: For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am (the) Christ,' and will deceive many. (NKJ)
Write out **ROM 1:16**: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (NKJ)
5. **GAL 1:6** I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. 11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. (NKJ)
6. Give **several examples** of '**different**' or '**perverted**' gospels of Jesus Christ: Mormonism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses (Watchtower Society), Gnosticism, A Course in Miracles, Various New Age Religions, Worldwide Church of God (Garner Ted Armstrong), Unification Church (Moonies) – Sun Myung Moon, etc.
From **WHERE** did **Paul** receive the Gospel he believed and preached? By revelation from Jesus Christ, NOT thru the teachings of the apostles or other men. The Gospel came to Paul by Spiritual Revelation from God.
From **WHERE** should **YOU** receive the Gospel you believe and preach? The 'Logos' we read in the Bible must become a 'revealed word' – 'a RHEMA' to each & every one of us. THAT is when the word becomes real, alive and powerful, life-changing, inspires faith, moves mountains, changes others, manna, etc. to us.
7. What are the **three (3) main or ultimate GOALS** of the **New Age Movement**:
1. Establish a New Age one-world system or order (social, political, economic, scientific, educational, etc.)
2. Establish a New Age one-world religion
3. Prepare the way for takeover by a one-world leader, know as the New Age christ.
8. **What is the name** of the **New Age Christ** channeled by **Benjamin Crème**? Lord Maitreya
9. Define '**Pantheism**': A belief that god is not separate from the universe, but pervades & is contained within the universe. As a result, ALL things are 'god', including you and me, the stars, the earth, animals, etc.
Cosmotheism. Polytheism is an inevitable result of this world view.
Define '**Enlightenment**': A spiritual experience in which an individual receives spiritual revelation as to the true nature of reality. For the Christian, this corresponds to the 'New Birth'. For the New Ager, this is a demonic experience by which an individual receives a 'lie' from a demon, usually accepted as true.
Define '**Karma & Reincarnation**': Karma is the net balance of all the good and evil of a person's actions & conduct during life, which in turn determines his or her destiny or fate in a future life in the natural realm, which is their Reincarnation – a rebirth of their soul into another body. The concept of spiritual evolution.
Give a scripture reference that proves that mankind is given only **ONCE** to die in the natural, and then face the judgement of God: HEB 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (NKJ)
10. List the '**SEVEN MARKS**' of the **Babylonian Religion of the New Age**:
1. Jesus is not the one and only Christ, nor is He God any more than we who have the same potential.
2. God is a Force or energy that anyone can tap into, rather than a personal loving and holy God separate from His creation. This is the idea of Pantheism.
3. Man is himself God, for he consists of and is the creator of "the forces". Man only needs to awaken to the inherent power potential within himself. Man in this way is won by flattery.
4. Man should seek and accept spiritual instruction and direction directly from the spirit world.
5. All religions and religious teachings lead to the same goal. All are equally of merit.
6. The "ancient wisdom" of Babyon, Egypt and Greece--not the bible--is the basis of all truth.
7. Sin and evil do not exist. Peace and love are the ultimate realities.
11. Define '**Spiritism**': The belief that the dead survive as spirits which can communicate with the living, especially with the help of a third party, called a medium. Necromancy.
Give at least **10 ways in which spiritists try to contact their demon spirits**: Ouija Boards, meditation, yoga, hypnosis, drugs, channeling, visualization, sorcery, card laying, table rapping, incantations, chanting, etc.
Give Scripture in which **God prohibits the practice of spiritism**: See LEV 19:31; LEV 20:5, ISA 28:3, 2KI 21:6-7, 23:24, 2CH 33:6-7, ISA 8:19-20, ISA 19:3-4, etc.
12. What is a '**Ouija Board**'? Oui = 'yes' in French. Ja = 'yes' in German. A Board on which numbers & letters are printed. User places hands on a 'Planchet' and asks a question of the spirit realm. The planchet then moves by some mysterious power to individual letters or numbers, and spells out an answer to the question.
Why is use of the board dangerous? Because the spiritual entities being contacted are demons, who then can enter or harass the life of the user of the board. Demonization often results, sometimes with dire consequences.

13. What is **'Channeling'**? *The process whereby a medium (person) goes into a trance-like state, & a spirit speaks through the person, essentially dictating through the medium. Whole books or manuscripts often result.*
 What is **the SOURCE of the channeled information**? *Demonic spirits, dictating false doctrines and lies, but usually believed by the recipient. The book 'A Course in Miracles' was channeled through Helen Schuchman over a period of a few days. The 'Urantia Book' is also a channeled work. There are many others.*
14. **IJO 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. (NKJ)
15. Write out **ISA 8:19**: *And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?*
 Write out **LEV 19:31**: *'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. (NKJ)*
How are people **'defiled'** by these practices? *The spirits a medium contacts are demons; submitting to this practice opens the medium's life up to demon depression, oppression, obsession, and eventual possession.*
16. **2KI 17:16** So they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. 18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone. (NKJ)
17. What is the **'host of heaven'** spoken of here? (look at a few commentaries): *The stars and the planets – refers to the practice of Astrology by the Jews, a practice they picked up from the pagan peoples around them.*
 Define **Astrology**: *The study of the positions and aspects of celestial bodies in the belief that they have an influence on the course of natural earthly occurrences and human affairs.*
18. **What** is the Greek word & meaning for **'sorceries'** in **ACT 8:11**? *'mageia' = magic, magic arts, sorceries*
What is the Greek word & meaning for **'sorceries'** in **REV 9:21**? *'pharmakeia' = sorcery, witchcraft, drugs*
What is the relationship between use of **drugs** and **sorcery, witchcraft, spiritism, and demonization**? *Drugs produce an altered state of consciousness, during which one is more receptive to influence by demon spirits. As a result, drugs have long been used during rituals to contact 'gods' in pagan culture (pevote w/ Indians)*
19. How is the **'enlightenment'** experience of New Agers and Occultists similar to the **'New Birth'** for Christians? *Both are real, spiritual experiences in which the individual receives revelation of a 'truth' not known before. For the Christian, the experience is from the Holy Spirit, and is true. For the New Ager, the 'truth' is actually a lying deception from a demonic spirit designed to engage the individual to further Satan's plans.*
20. Define **'divination'**: *The art of foretelling future events or revealing occult knowledge by means of augury or an alleged supernatural agency. In the Bible, divination is forbidden by God, since demons are the source of revealed information. God, by His Spirit, is also able to reveal future events to believers, such as by the urim and thummim, dreams, the ephod, lot, impression, etc.*
 Define a **'medium'**: *The person through whom spiritual entities communicate into the natural world, by word, writing, pantomime, impressions, etc. A Psychic. A spiritist. A necromancer. A channeler.*
21. **1TI 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, (NKJ)
 Define **'E.S.P.'**: *Extra-Sensory Perception. Communication or perception of information by means OTHER than the physical senses, e.g. through clairvoyance, second sight, divination.*
 Define **'parapsychology'**: *The study of the evidence for psychological phenomena, such as telepathy, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis, that are inexplicable by science.*
 What is the danger in **hypnosis**? *The trance-like state that one enters with hypnosis opens one up to demonic entrance or influence. Many examples exist of demonization of both believers & unbelievers after hypnosis.*
22. Read **GEN 6:1-8** & **MAT 24:37**. Explain these passages. How might the sequence of events in **GEN 6**, leading to God's decision to judge the earth in the flood, relate to the current **UFO abduction phenomenon**? *GEN 6 is about the 'sons of God' who interbreed with 'daughters of men' to produce 'giants' – the Nephilim (fallen ones), and after which the wickedness in the earth became so great that God judged the earth with the Flood of Noah. In MAT 24:37, Jesus said "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." One common theme in most UFO abduction phenomena is sexual relations with the aliens, & harvesting of eggs & sperm from abducted individuals. This may be a repeat of GEN 6 leading to judgement.*
23. **What is the meaning of** the Hebrew word **'Nephilim'**? *Giant (GEN 6:4) from the Hebrew 'naphal' = fail, fall away, fall down, cast down. Nephilim are 'the fallen giants' – possibly resulting from sexual relations between fallen angels & earthly women – resulting in unusually large and very evil offspring – the Nephilim.*
 Are **'aliens'** more likely **'extraterrestrial'** or **'interdimensional'**? **Explain.** *Interdimensional. Many facts about 'UFO's' & 'aliens' suggest that these are NOT really physical beings from other planets, but rather from another dimension – possibly manifestations of demonic spirits designed to deceive mankind.*
24. **DEU 18:9-11** When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. (NKJ)
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? *Answer for yourself.*