

## The New Age Movement II<sup>1</sup>

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- I. Scriptural Introduction
- A. **ROM 1:16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
- B. **GAL 1:6** I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! 11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.
- C. **MAT 24:4-5** Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."
- D. **JOH 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- E. **1TI 2:5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, 6 the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.
- II. Review New Age Movement Part I.
- A. November 16, 1988
- B. Review of topics covered previously
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- III. What is the New Age Movement?
- A. Definition: A rapidly emerging and widely held world view or philosophy of life that is effectively a religion. In fact, it is the fastest-growing religious movement on earth. It is being established by a worldwide coalition of organizations and individuals working openly to accomplish three ultimate goals:
1. Establish a New Age one world system or order, including transformation of the social, political, economic, scientific, educational, and other communities
  2. Establish a New Age one world religion
  3. Prepare the way for takeover by a one world leader, known as the New Age Christ

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Those fervently supporting the New Age Movement philosophy usually do so because of a personal mystical experience or "enlightenment" in which they receive powerful and supernatural confirmation of the truth of the philosophy. This New Age Movement is in essence the reestablished religion of Mystery Babylon that was prophesied to occur in end times in Revelation 17.

B. What are the astrological teachings about the New Age?

1. Destiny of the human race and the world is influenced by "energy vibrations" or other such forces related to position of the heavenly bodies
2. An astrological age or period of such influence is approximately 2,000 years in length, and named after the astrological sign most influential during that period
3. For the last 2,000 years or so we have been in the age of Pisces (the sign of the fish). This age has been one of great heartache and tragedy, in which Christianity has been the predominate religion.
4. We are in the process now of moving into the age of Aquarius, in which the mystical and occult becomes the predominate religion. This will be an age of peace, love and harmony.
5. Each age is ushered in by a "Christ" who teaches the ways of living in that Age. The Piscean Age was ushered in by Jesus Christ. The New Age Christ is said by many to be Lord Maitreya, and his followers claim he is already in the earth, soon to be revealed. There is disagreement on who will be the New Age leader. However there is uniform agreement that he will not be Jesus Christ.

C. What are some of the basic tenets of the New Age Movement?

1. Pantheism: An ancient Eastern mystical belief that God is All, All is God. All true reality is divine. God is reduced to an impersonal "force" or "energy" rather than a personal deity separate from his creation.
- **DAN 11:38** But in his estate shall he honor **the God of forces**; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.
- Since all of creation is One and is God, good and evil are simply illusions. Since even what appears to be evil is really also part of God, it is really good. (How's that for circular thinking!) Man, too, is one with God and is therefore divine. Man's big problem is simply being ignorant of his deity.
- **GEN 3:2-5** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
    2. Personal "enlightenment" is necessary for one to recognize this truth of individual deity. This "enlightenment" is a powerful spiritual revelation or experience occurring to an individual that convinces him or her of the truth of New Age teachings. This experience usually occurs during or after performing one or more techniques designed to produce a state of "altered consciousness". The process is a counterfeit "new birth", similar to the Christian conversion experience. Spirit beings from "the other side" in the spirit world can often be contacted in these experiences that help one achieve "enlightenment". As the individual recognizes that he is God and grows in that knowledge, God-like powers are released.
    3. Various "tools" can be used to assist one in achieving individual "enlightenment". Examples include several practices that produce a state of altered consciousness or altered mental states, such as meditation, hallucinogenic drugs, yoga, psychic experiences, etc.
    4. As each individual experiences "enlightenment" and learns to exercise his spiritual powers, he embraces and works with others with the same consciousness towards achieving the one world system, the one world religion and to prepare for the New Age Christ.
    5. Reincarnation is a concept closely allied with the growth process to full realization and exercise of individual deity. Just as life (including Man) evolves physically, there is a parallel spiritual evolution of each individual towards deity. More than one life is necessary to evolve through this process. An individual lives a life on earth, during which time he learns certain lessons along this path. Depending on the balance of good vs. bad in that life, the next life at reincarnation may be upwards or downwards in his individual growth process. The Law of Karma keeps unfailing track of the "good" and "bad" in individual evolution. Between lives, the individual lives in a non-physical plane, i.e. a disembodied state.
  - **HEB 9:27-28** Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

D. Summary of New Age doctrine, the religion of ancient Babylon:

1. Christ is a reincarnated avatar or messiah, sent by the hierarchy to give the living on earth spiritually advanced revelation. Buddha, Mohammed, Confucious, Jesus and many others were also "Christs," but the greatest of all is soon coming to usher in the New Age. Jesus is not God any more than we are, as we have the same potential as Jesus.
2. God is an impersonal force or energy that pervades all of creation and is not separate from the creation. Since the sun, moon, stars and ourselves all therefore contain God, we can worship them and ourselves. God can be he or she, mother or father, god or goddess. God is a Force or energy that anyone can tap into, rather than a personal loving and holy God separate from his creation.

3. Man is himself God, for he consists of and is the creator of "the Force". Man only needs to awaken to the inherent power potential within himself.
  4. Man should seek and accept spiritual instruction and direction directly from the spirit world. These "angels" are more commonly called Ascended Masters, Masters of Wisdom, Ancient Masters, spirit guides, inner guides, spirit counselors, one's Higher Self, the Self, Superbeings, extraterrestrials, walk-ins, etc. Collectively called the hierarchy. They are really Demons.
  5. All religions and religious teachings lead to the same goal. All are equally of merit.
  6. The "ancient wisdom" of Babylon, Egypt and Greece, not the bible, is the basis of all truth.
  7. Sin and evil do not exist. Hell does not exist. Peace and love are the ultimate realities.
  8. Salvation occurs at the time of "enlightenment" when we receive revelation knowledge of the truth of self-deity, and "let go" and allow your inner guide to guide and direct your life and growth in deity.
  9. Heaven or the Kingdom of God is the spiritually cleansed and purified earth in which mankind has achieved "Christ consciousness."
- E. One of the most remarkable observations about the New Age Movement is the unity of its basic beliefs and organization in spite of a tremendous diversity of background of the individuals involved. No one person or group can be identified as organizing the movement. Literally thousands of organizations and individuals are "networking" to form the whole. This, I believe, points out the spiritual organization occurring behind the scenes.
- **EPH 6:10-12** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

#### IV. Occultism

- A. Definition: The word "occult" comes from the Latin "occultus", and it carries the idea of things hidden, secret and mysterious. David Hoover, in his book how to respond to the occult, lists three distinct characteristics of the occult:
1. The occult deals with things secret or hidden.
  2. The occult deals with operations or events which seem to depend on human powers that go beyond the five senses.
  3. The occult deals with a supernatural, the presence of angelic or demonic forces.
- B. Under the designation occult, several items or practices can be included:
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| 1. astrology       | 7. tarot cards      | 13. parapsychology  |
| 2. the black mask  | 8. graphology       | 14. psychic surgery |
| 3. dousing         | 9. tea leaf reading | 15. satanism        |
| 4. firewalking     | 10. hypnotism       | 16. spiritism       |
| 5. fortune telling | 11. magick          | 17. witchcraft      |
| 6. palm reading    | 12. ouija Board     | 18. Rosicrucianism  |

#### V. Witchcraft

- A. Witchcraft is known as the "old religion" and is an ancient practice dating back to biblical times. Witchcraft can be defined as the performance of magic forbidden by God for non-biblical ends. The word witchcraft is related to the old English word wiccan, "practice of magical arts".
- B. Witchcraft experienced a great revival during the middle ages, when belief in the supernatural and superstition abounded. Roger Hart, in his book Witchcraft, comments: "The people of medieval Europe shared a deep belief in the supernatural. The Kingdom of Darkness, with its devils and evil spirits, was as real and personal as the Kingdom of Heaven. Magic could be as powerful as prayer. The idea of supernatural spirits was universal and ordinary folk everywhere believed in demons, imps, goblins, poltergeists, and other spirits, and in legendary creatures such as vampires, werewolves and unicorns."
- C. Up until a couple of decades ago, and for previous centuries, there were no admitted witches anywhere. Today, as a massive spin off from the culture-wide interest in the occult, this has all changed. Tens of thousands across America, some with university degrees, are dabbling in witchcraft, satanism, voodoo, and other forms of black and white magic. Witches appear openly on television. Every high school is said to have its own witch. There are an estimated 80,000 practicing witches in the United States today. Some think is simply a fad. Unfortunately, much of it isn't. Murder after murder has been linked to this craze, with the murderers openly admitting that they worship Satan. Police more and more frequently are finding grim evidence of both animal and human sacrifices.
- D. Basically, witchcraft constitutes a set of beliefs and techniques held in secret which the novice must obtain from someone familiar with them. The traditional means for obtaining such information is through another witch who knows the secrets. This can be done through initiation into an existing witch coven or by being told the secrets by someone active in the craft.

#### VI. Satanism

- A. The worship of a personal and powerful devil is essential to traditional Satanism. Those involved reject Christianity, yet choose the Lucifer of scriptures as their God. The Occult Source Book comments: "Traditionally, Satanism has been interpreted as the worship of evil, a religion founded upon the very principles which Christianity rejects. As such, Satanism exists only where Christianity exists, and can be understood only in the context of the Christian world view. Things are, so to speak, reversed. The Christian devil becomes the satanist's God, Christian virtues become vices and vices

are turned into virtues. Life is interpreted as a constant battle between the powers of light and darkness, and the satanist fights on the side of darkness, believing that ultimately this will achieve victory.

- B. Satanic witchcraft is found in this category of Satanism, where witches are involved in the darkest side of evil. The recent onslaught of drugs and sexual perversion is closely associated with devil worship.
- C. The Church of Satan was founded in San Francisco in 1966 by Anton Lavey. It currently has a membership of many thousands, and has established itself as a church throughout the United States. Anton Lavey is also author of *The Satanic Bible*, published in 1969. Several hundred thousand copies of this book have reportedly been sold. The Church of Satan is strongly materialistic as well as being anti-Christian. Pleasure-seeking could well describe their philosophy of life. What the world has to offer through the devil is taken full advantage of in the church of Satan. Lavey himself describes Satanism as "a blatantly selfish, brutal religion. It is based on the belief that man is inherently a selfish, a violent creature, that life is a Darwinian struggle for survival of the fittest, and that the earth will be ruled by those who fight to win".

#### VII. Parapsychology

- A. Parapsychology is a new branch of either the occult or psychology, depending upon who you ask. It is a discipline that attempts to put many of the supernatural phenomena associated with the occult on sound scientific ground.
- B. One of those popular areas of study in parapsychology in recent years has been ESP. ESP is the term applied to an ability to know something without the aid of the senses. It includes precognition, telepathy, which is awareness of the thoughts of a person without the use of the senses, and clairvoyance, the awareness of objects or objective events without sensory aid. Another area of study in parapsychology is psychical research. This includes systematic scientific inquiries concerning the nature, facts, and causes of mystical phenomena. The actual existence of these powers is being carefully documented. The problem, however, is in interpreting where these powers come from.
- C. As the 1960's drew to a close, parapsychology won a substantial victory in its 90 year old battle for scientific respectability. On December 30, 1969, the Parapsychological Association was officially accepted as an affiliate member of that most distinguished body of scientists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Many universities now have departments of parapsychology, and, under the guise of science, study supernatural or "paranormal" phenomena.
- D. World renowned psychic investigator Dr. Milan Ryzl, formally of the Czechoslovakian Academy of Science, has summed up the implications of recent laboratory discoveries in parapsychology in these words: "Apparently we are heading toward the finding that are "physical" Universe is only a part of a more extensive reality...[Hoyer] the former contradictions between "matter" and "spirit" disappear... We can further assume... parts of the human personality that exist outside the material universe... [which] could survive even after the material part has been destroyed by death. There are indications that what we know as the "material world of physics" is only a part of a far wider reality... In deriving such evidence, science has moved into the spirit dimension, where it is not equipped to venture. In spite of increasingly sophisticated scientific instruments and computers, scientists are no less vulnerable to spiritual deception than anyone else. Parapsychologists may well emerge as the new high priests of the coming world religion. Through blindly following the latest discoveries of science, the entire world could be swept up into a psychospiritual deception that will compel humanity to follow the anti-Christ".

#### VIII. Spiritism (Spiritualism or Necromancy)

- A. Spiritism: (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary)
  - 1. 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
  - 2. any practice arising from this belief
  - 3. the philosophical doctrine that all reality is in essence spiritual; idealism
- B. What are some of the means of contacting beings in the spiritual world?
 

1. Ouija Board	5. yoga	9. sorcery	13. crystals
2. meditation	6. channeling	10. incantations	14. charms
3. hypnosis	7. visualization	11. chanting	
4. drugs	8. table rapping	12. card laying	
- C. The Ouija board. The name Ouija is thought to come from a combination of the French Oui and the German Ja, both meaning yes. This invention is very old. It was used in the days of Pythagorus, about 540 B.C. Ouija is currently a registered trademark of Parker Brothers, the distributor of the game in the United States. William Fuld, the first American producer, founded the Southern Novelty Company in Baltimore, Maryland, later to be known as the Baltimore Talking Board Company. The popularity of the talking board soared during World War I. At the University of Michigan, as reported by the New York Tribune, December 24, 1919, "The mysterious 'talking oracle' has succeeded the Bible and the Prayer Book in fraternity houses and students rooms." In 1966, Parker Brothers purchased the rights for the Ouija board and moved the operation from Baltimore to Salem, Massachusetts. The first full year after their take-over, Parker Brothers sold more than 2 million Ouija boards, topping the sales of their previous best-selling board game, Monopoly.
- D. Examples of Ouija board users:
  - 1. In 1933, a teenage girl claimed while working the Ouija board with her mother, she was instructed to murder her father, because her mother was in love with another man. The Ouija board supposedly gave the girl specific instructions and promised her \$5,000 in insurance money and escape from the law. The girl was sent to State Reform School for six years, and her mother was sent to prison to serve up to 25 years.

2. Users of the Ouija board often "graduate" to other psychical practices. Jane Roberts has gone through such a psychical evolution. She is author of *The Coming of Seth* and *The Seth Material*. She began her psychical experimentation with the Ouija board, and developed a working relationship with her unaccepted Ouija guest. Eventually, she began anticipating Ouija messages, and began visualizing images and evolved into various forms of transmedianship. A life changing relationship with the powerful "energy essence personality" that the world now knows as "Seth" quickly emerged. By the end of January, 1964, 20 Seth sessions had taken place and 230 pages of typewritten manuscript had emerged. Since then and from the very beginning verbatim transcripts, usually written by husband Robert have been kept. These transcripts are the basis of Jane's books and articles, the foundation for her continuing research.
3. Following is a letter from a 28-year-old Colorado woman. She is a homemaker, mother of two, and wife of an Army Officer. She had a number of psychic experiences and had been a frequent user of the Ouija board. "I desperately need help. I really have no idea how to explain the unexplainable to you. The unthinkable is happening to me. It is happening now as I attempt to write this letter. I will try to be coherent, logical and calm. I will try to give you the facts as best I can and hope that you can help me. I don't know where else to turn. I was a card reader and psychic all my life. Four years ago I made the devastating mistake of attempting to reach my deceased mother through the Ouija board. I got results, but it was not my mother whom I contacted. It was some sort of entity which had watched me ever since her death. I don't know what it is, but I know it is not human. The human spirits who used to help with my work have disappeared. All there is now is it. My life is being dominated by this demon. Dear God, how can I tell you! Every day it viciously rapes, sodomizes and beats me. On the day it first came through the Ouija board, it pretended to be my mother. Later, I was automatic writing; and then suddenly, alone in my room, I was attacked. I am a married woman, but the pain of the assault was excruciating. I was afraid to cry out for fear that it would hurt my children who were in the next room. But it doesn't want my children. It is not interested in children, Thank God. When it was done with me that first time, I needed medical care for the pain and pelvic and bladder infections. Now I am virtually bedridden and in constant pain. It has not stopped torturing me since the first day. Violent beatings, stabbings, constant rape, that's all this demon does to me. My body is no longer the same. It doesn't function as it use to. You may think that I am mad. I think I must be by now. It does all it can to force me to commit suicide. Constant badgering and. Verbal abuse so foul and sickening and dirty is unbelievable. It is always covering me, hanging onto me, hurting, hurting, and hurting. My husband often finds me on the floor hiding or screaming so loud I am afraid that I might be carted out. I truly don't know where to turn! For some reason, this foul and hideous thing has decided to help itself to my life. Please help me. I can't hold on much longer. It calls itself Sheika Abdullah and speaks in a heavy Arabic accent. It has pretended to be many people and can make a voice like my mothers. It creates illusions and terrible, terrible visions, anything ugly it can add while it rapes and beats me".

#### X. Drugs

- A. The Greek word for sorcery in the original manuscripts of the New Testament is "pharmakia". Hallucinogens, such as Psilocybin, derived from the "sacred mushroom", have been used as sacraments for thousands of years in Pagan religions. Sorcery is the practice of contacting the spirit world through drugs in order to gain supernatural powers.
- B. Brad Green was typical of the youths that formed the counter culture during the 1960's. As a teenager, he rebelled against the society that had spawned him, having developed a deep scorn for its plastic values. Brad was empty and searching for spiritual answers. Dropping out of high school, he began to "turn on and tune in" to a whole new universe that opened up to him through drugs. Here he relates his experience in detail: "When I first took acid (LSD), I took weak enough doses just to have fun and see colors and psychedelic patterns. But when I started taking really heavy doses, I entered into a relationship with some spirit being...I got a spirit guide.  
After that, whenever I took psychedelic drugs, I was always guided by my spirit beings. I had spirit teachers showing me lessons, making diagrams right in front of me...one of the first times I took a strong dose of LSD, I had a lesson in astrology...I saw all the signs of the zodiac and how they related to the planets and how that affected my life...I had never read anything about astrology. Maybe I had seen something in a paper, but I had no interest...now I was awed; the whole thing was laid out in living color, big charts...information being printed right out in front of me by spirit beings...I heard their voices, but I didn't see any of them at that time.  
On another LSD trip, the spirit guides taught me about Hinduism. I had never read anything about it. They taught me the highest Hindu vibration, OM. I saw the whole universe dissolve into vibrations and started seeing vibrations of energy coming out of the phone wires...and the spirit showed me that everything came down to one basic vibration, the OM. I saw "vibes" in people. I had never talked to anyone about Hinduism in my life. I didn't have the vaguest idea about it. I lived in Woodlake, California. If they were ever any people into Hinduism at Woodlake before me, I never ran into them. I had quit High School and devoted my life to taking drugs...with spirits teaching me. I thought I'd entered into a higher education...I thought this was really more worthwhile than just dull stuff in school.  
One of my friends was taught transcendental meditation by spirits on an LSD trip. He never had any teaching from Maharishi. By the time he was 18, just following what the spirits had taught him during drug trips, he had reached Cosmic-consciousness. Later on we were heavily influenced by the Beatles. They had a record called "Revolver" that I had but didn't understand until I heard it again in about 1968 one time when I was stoned. The song was teaching meditation. It said, "turn off your mind, relax and float down stream, listen the voices, are they not speaking...?" It was about spirit beings guiding you into Cosmic-consciousness. A lot of the stuff the Beatles' put into their albums later on,

like "Sargeant Pepper" had all kinds of enticements to get kids into LSD. "Magical mystery tour" had a lot of mysticism in it. They encouraged LSD, and then later advocated Maharishi Mahesh Yogi after they had quit taking drugs and gotten into TM. The Beatles, I think, were largely responsible for initiating hundreds of thousands of kids in the U.S. and Europe into the Eastern way of thinking.

The spirit beings didn't say who they were... I would just hear voices, like the Beatles described. They would explain and teach, and I didn't ever question who they were. I just figured that this was the wisdom that was woven throughout the universe, that this was the Universal Soul that Jung talked about. That's how it identified itself--sort of a Universal Mind. I accepted everything that the spirits taught me because it had to be truth coming from the universal self. I began to believe that was what God was. I started to believe that God was the OM and that the Universe was just Maya, an illusion...

- C. The mystical experiences drug users on their "trips" even change the thinking of psychologists who studied and treated them. Clinical psychologist Dr. Helen Wambach, for example, now believes thoroughly in such Hindu doctrines as reincarnation, and she specializes in regressing patients through hypnosis back to supposed prior lives. Dr. Wambach was converted to Hinduism by the addicts she treated. According to her, "the young addicts particularly reported having out-of-the-body and past-life experiences." Dr. Wambach has reportedly regressed about 4,500 people under hypnosis into "past lives".

#### XI. Hypnosis

- A. There is overwhelming evidence that the hypnotist is not the only one in control of the subject's mind. This is proven by the hypnotized person's ability in countless laboratory tests to fluently write and speak foreign languages, even ancient and obscure ones, which neither he nor the hypnotist understands. Hypnotize subjects are able to produce all kinds of other factual data that could not possibly have come from the conscious or subconscious mind of either the hypnotist or his subject.
- B. Scientists are increasingly recognizing the possibility of alien minds influencing humans. Most scientists, however, would prefer to eliminate demons and to confine this possibility to extra-terrestrial intelligences (ETI).
- C. Dr. Milan Ryzl no doubt had this in mind when he said, "we can reasonably assume that in the vast universe, there may be beings or civilizations far more advanced than our human civilization [who] could, for example, have under control...ESP and PK. They could thus influence humans telepathically."
- D. Dr. James Hysolop, Professor of Logics and Ethics at Columbia University, stated the scientific basis for this possibility when he said: "If we believe in telepathy, we believe in a process which makes possible the invasion of a personality by somewhat at a distance. It is not at all likely... that sane and intelligence spirits are the only ones to exert this influence...there is no reason why others cannot do so as well."
- E. It is significant that most cult members are convinced that they are following the "truth" on the basis of an inner feeling or mystical experience. The touch Guru Maharaj Ji or Baba Muktananda produces a sudden "enlightenment" so convincing that no objective argument can sway those who have experienced it. Mormons place a very heavy emphasis on what they call a "testimony" or a "burning bosom".

#### XII. UFO's

- A. Eric von Daniken was not so far off the mark in his book Chariot of the Gods. Just he has suspected, the innumerable idols of Paganism are not empty symbolism. There is an inspiration behind them that is not of this earth. Von Daniken "Gods" were not astronauts, however, but demons who have appeared to be in various forms since the beginning of human history. Eric von Daniken believes that there is a connection between idols and UFO's; that ancient appearances of astronauts inspired pagan beliefs in gods and goddesses, and that idols were fashioned in their honor.
- B. UFO expert Brad Steiger had a powerful mystical out of the body experience in 1974, which he believes was caused by the Egyptian love goddess Sekhmet. He credits the goddess with giving him revelations of the future and providing him with the basic concepts and structure of at least one of his books on UFO's, Gods of Aquarius.
- C. Even investigators of the UFO phenomena are eventually lead to cult-occult connection. As Dr. Jacques Vallee, astrophysicist, computer scientist, and the worlds most credible Ufologists, has said: "A few investigators, notably Ray Palmer, John Keel, and Salvatore Freixedo, have suggested both in public statements and in private conversations with me that there may be a link between UFO events and "occult" phenomena".  
At first view, the very suggestion of a such a link is disturbing to a scientist. However... the phenomena reported by UFO witnesses involved poltergeist effects, levitation, psychic control, healing and out of body experiences... familiar themes...of occult literature...found in the teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, etc...which have inspired not only the witchcraft revival, but also..."psychic writers" and "scientific parapsychologists".
- D. Whitley Strieber, author of Communion, a #1 bestseller said to be an account of his experiences of being abducted by UFO aliens, led by a goddess-like creature.
- E. After 18 years of careful investigation of UFO's, Dr. Vallee comes to some startling conclusions in Messengers of Deception, his sixth book on the subject.
  1. The UFO's are real, but probably not physical.
  2. They are part of some evil scheme for the victimization of earthlings.
  3. That one of their major purposes is to manipulate human consciousness and to program us psychologically for some ultimate deception.

F. Commenting on the further evidence of some unified plan behind the entire UFO-cult-occult scene, UFO expert Brad Steiger has said: "Nearly every observer of the contemporary spiritual scenes seems to agree to that there is some kind of new Pentecost going on at this time, some kind of spiritual awakening process at work." "And a good many of these observers feel that this growing mystical consciousness may have something to do with the last days".

### XIII. Where do New Age Movement ideas come from?

A. **1TI 4:1-2** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

- **1JO 4:1-3** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.
- B. Satan's goal is to blind men to the gospel of Christ, to deceive the world and to receive worship for himself.
- **MAT 4:9** "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."
- **2CO 4:3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- **REV 12:9** The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
- **MAT 7:15** "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?"
- **2PE 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves.
- **JUD 1:3** Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

### Conclusions:

1. There is only one gospel---"the gospel"
2. There is only one Jesus. False prophets preach "another Jesus"
3. There is only one faith---"the faith"
4. This faith is unchangeable---"once for all delivered"
5. Christians are to "earnestly contend" for that faith
6. There are enemies of the faith

Although there are many religious movements in the world today, they can be summed up in two different messages. The one offers salvation as a work of man, or man's cooperation with God. The other--true Christianity--attributes salvation to God alone, as that which God has accomplished for man. It is a free gift.

- **EPH 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **TIT 3:5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,