

The New Age Movement

Definition: Repackaging of Eastern religions, western metaphysics and various sorceries, superstition, meditation techniques, in order to appeal to modern men.

Pantheism: all is one, all is God

BUT Bible says, "... the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other." (Deut 4:39) "... you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth." (Isa 37:16) "God ... lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see." (1 Tim 6:15-16)

Serious consequences

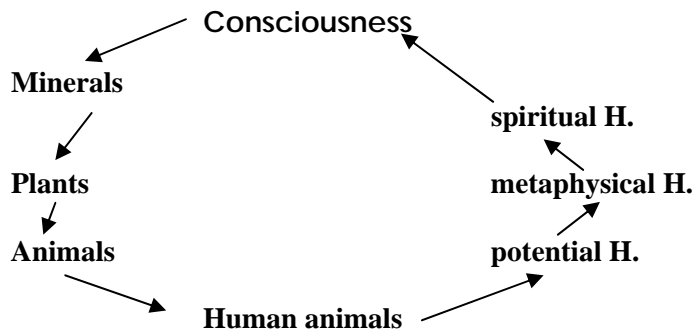
Promote enlightenment techniques (meditation)

Believe human unlimited potential

Truth & Morality relative, Selfism

All religions lead to God

Re-incarnation



Man won't become other kinds of animal, but evolution integrated

Opportunity for growth, not punishment

Free will override karma

Spirits help in the design of next life

MEDITATION – Heart of the New Age Movement

Altered States of Consciousness

Definition: The reality one is aware of has altered.

Other name: ASC, Trance, Meditative State

Different names of meditation

Meditation——name in general

Yoga, (TM) ——Hinduism

Visualization——Buddhism

Hypnosis, self-hypnosis——western

Positive thinking、 Focusing、 Centering、 Guided Imagery、 Mental Image

LSD、 extreme physiological condition (lack of oxygen, fasting for long period)

Similar pattern

Relaxation, and/or concentrate on breathing

Concentrate to visualize a picture, a part of your body, certain scenery, an object, repeat a mantra
All techniques are to make your sensory organs tired, so to still the mind
Finally enter ASC

How to Attract You

Tranquility, peace, one with the cosmos
Manifest your desire, health & wealth & success
Receiving inspiration
Change in thinking, including morality and religious concepts
Obtain psychic ability, encounter supernatural events & spirits
Understand your own divinity (Enlightenment)

Dangers come next

Change in thinking
Physical sickness
Mental difficulties
Encounter evil spirits
Demon possession

DANGER can come any time: Do NOT go inside a lion's cage

Fortune Telling

Astrology
Tarot card
Others—I-Ching、Palmistry、Feng-shui、Nostradamus、Runes、Numerology、Ouija board....etc.

Channeling : Voluntarily let demons possess their bodies and talk through them.

Demons' Disguises

Spirit Guide
Dead people
UFO & Aliens
Angel
Deva

BUT Bible says: "Let no one be found ... practices divination [fortune telling] or sorcery, ... in witchcraft, or casts spells, or ... a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead [channeling] . Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD..." (Deut 18:10-12)

Humanistic Psychology

Abraham Maslow: Basic Needs

1. Physiological needs
2. Safety, love, sense of belonging
3. Self-esteem
4. Self-Actualization
& Peak Experience

Human Potential Movement

Use mystical experience, peak experience to develop human potentials
That is: use meditation to achieve what you want

What kinds of potentials?

A. Natural Potentials : Business (success, wealth), Health, healing, Sports, Music, Art, Increase creativity, inspiration, etc

B. Supernatural Potentials: Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, Automatic writing, Astral Projection, Telepathy, etc

Do we have potential?

A. Natural: YES, unusual abilities may be from spirit realm (Ex: Samson) Not unlimited

B. Supernatural: NO (Ex: Paul and slave girl)

Review

New Age belief: man is god, or divine (Pantheism)

Possess unlimited potentials, both natural & supernatural

Able to manifest desires, create reality

Need enlightenment techniques (meditation) to develop

BUT Bible says, "... godliness with contentment is great gain ... if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." (1 Tim 6: 6-8) "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psa 127:1)

Holistic Health

Category		Examples
Seemingly harmless	Nothing psychic	Health food
Better watch out	Not occult on surface, but based on a metaphysical concept	Therapeutic Touch
To be avoided	Definitely using psychic energy	Psychic Healing

Christian Principles when Facing NAM

Avoid : using psychic power

 techniques may lead to ASC

 unbiblical way of thinking

Grey area: examine your motive

God Bless you!

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

(1 John 4:4)