

The New Age

**It's Just Old Lies
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"Whoever loves instruction and correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is like a brute beast, STUPID and indiscriminating." (Proverbs 12:1 Amplified Bible)

One of the first signs of maturity I look for in people is their willingness to be corrected when wrong. Many people are "teachable" in that they thirst for knowledge. However, not all people are "correctable" meaning that they are willing to acknowledge when they're wrong. The Bible says that people who hate correction are "stupid." Many people are being just plain "stupid" when it comes to "New Age" teachings. They don't care that the Bible forbids their belief system. It's a belief system of convenience and they're not open to correction. How about you? Are you a "New Ager"?

New Age "Spirituality," simply put, is just another man-centered rejection of God's Plan of Redemption through Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17,21) The "New Age" is a confusing mish-mash of concepts taken from Hinduism and Buddhism, along with other make-believe disciplines, combined with occult practices that developed in Western Europe. All of these ancient deceptions came right out of the mind of Satan, the "Father of Lies." (John 8:44) The "New Age" has simply reintroduced these aged, ancient lies in more contemporary packaging such as movies, computer games, Transpersonal Education, "Divinity Within" business seminars, etc. These are all designed to alter and distort the Biblical belief and value system of Christianity.

The foundational New Age belief is in a Universal "oneness," called "Monism." This teaches that everything in the world – rocks, trees, animals, people – all share a

Universal "energy" which can be called "God," "Energy," the "Force," etc. A second basic belief is that this Universal "energy" is Divine. Therefore, rocks, trees, animals and humans are all "God" in disguise. A third basic belief is that people need to be "transformed to higher consciousness" so they can realize their own "Divinity." Practices such as Yoga, meditative chanting, spirit guides and crystals "help" to achieve this non-existent state of higher consciousness. Many formerly Christian organizations such as the "YMCA" have opened their doors to these "Doctrines of Demons" (1Timothy 4:1) in a desperate attempt to draw new members. God is no longer blessing the ones who do so. A fourth basic belief is that all religions are one at their basic core. Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, etc., are all the same – simply Divine men who were in tune with the "oneness" of all things. In the West where Jesus is popular, they call oneness "Christ-consciousness."

These prideful, demonic, Bible-rejecting beliefs have permeated our society. "Oneness" became popular in the Star Wars Trilogy. It's called "The Force." Other movies such as "The Dark Crystal," "Willow" and "Indiana Jones" center on these demonic beliefs, as well. Popular TV Talk Shows absolutely thrive on them. Children are taught New Age meditation in some schools. Holistic "therapies" claim to balance the body's "energy" flow through "Chakra" points. The sale of occult objects and literature, particularly that which denies Christ's Divinity, portraying Him only as a man of "oneness" are big, big business. It's a big, big SCAM!

There is no harmony between New Age lies and Bible Truths. The God of the Bible is separate and distinct from His Creation. (Genesis 1 & 2) God alone is God. (Isaiah 45:5,6) He offers Eternal Life, not "energy." Man's problem is not "ignorance of his divinity." Man's problem is sin. (Romans 3:23) "Personal Transformation" comes only by repentance for sin. (Luke 13:3) "Global Transformation" will come the same way. (Matthew

28:19) All religions are not the same. Jesus said, "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh to the Father, but by Me.*" (John 14:6) Say, "Jesus, I choose You" to initiate your transformation. (Romans 10:13) DON'T BE STUPID! The "New Age" is just "Old Lies."

Be wise and be blessed! ... Pastor John and Barbara Hamel