

Unlocking The Mystery & Treasure Of Our Inheritance

#28 Old gods In The New Age

Thucydides "The kind of events that once took place will by reason of human nature take place again."

Eccl. 1:9-10 The thing that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has already been, in the vast ages of time [recorded or unrecorded] which were before us.

I Tim. 4:1 But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly *and expressly* declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding *and seducing* spirits and doctrines that demons teach,

I Cor. 10:20 Paul: The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils."

Acts 7:41-42 Those who worship idols are joined to the "army of heaven" [stratus, the fallen angel army]

Ps 95:5 "all the gods of the nations are idols" [LXX daimonia = demons]

Rev. 9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons,...

The New Age gods are nothing more than the worship of demons; worship of the old gods.

What is touted as the "wisdom of the gods" Paul defines as "doctrines of devils."

Pagan images were empty, but behind the empty idols were the living dynamics of idolatry and spiritual objects of heathen adoration, the demons of the Bible.

Key Point#1: Bible defines idolatry as the worship of demons who are fallen personalities that desire the worship of men.

Key Point #2: It is a fair to conclude the characterization of deities such as Zeus, Isis, Apollo, Osiris, Nut, etc. were names attributed to specific fallen spirits.

Key Point #3: The images of the gods [falcon-heads, frog-heads, etc.] served the purpose of these spirits by providing a point of focus and to reveal the "nature" of the spirit of each god.

Key Point #4: These images were the physical manifestation of a literal demon of the air.

Assumption: The same gods of old and their "spirits" continue to express themselves in today's paganism and the New Age movement. Worship the old gods in a modern way!

Dr. Jones: "Nothing has changed in Satan's game plan, just the names of the players.

Some have retained the name. The connection between the New Age Movement and the gods of mythology is strong."

Powerful, ancient entities are behind paganism and New Age.

1. Aphrodite sensuality, fertility rites, wiccan rituals, sacred prostitution
2. Amun-Ra self-realization; environmentalism; Darwinism
3. Apis animal worship, animal rights, animal channeling
4. Apollo humanism, oracles, channeling, psychics, drugs, visualization
5. Artemis goddess worship, animal worship, animal rights, lesbianism
6. Asclepius psychic dreaming, spirit-guide animals
7. Athene goddess worship, feminism, spirituality movement, lesbianism
8. Baal oracles, polytheism, abortion, fertility issues
9. Demeter environmental education, earth worship
10. Dionysus excessive wine, Freudianism, ecstasy, pornography, lesbianism, abortion
11. Eros eroticism, mystical sex, body worship, body piercing
12. Gaia earth worship, environmentalism, paganism, pantheism, sweat lodges
13. Geb environmental movement, animal rights, eco-paganism
14. Hades devil worship, occultism, spiritism, necromancy
15. Hathor earth worship, animal rights, animal worship
16. Hecate witchcraft, necromancy, crystals, spells, feminism
17. Hypnos hypnotism, psychic dreaming, clairvoyance
18. Imhotep mystic healing, animal dancing, vision quests
19. Isis wicca, witchcraft, magic, channeling, visualization
20. Min & Qetesh fertility rites, body worship, sensuality, pornography
21. Osiris occult, necromancy, anthropomorphism, occult
22. Persephone animism, dualism, magic, necromancy
23. Ptah universalism, pantheism, mysticism
24. Sekhmet environmentalism, mystic medicine, animal worship
25. Seth homosexuality, rebellion, earth worship, environmental movement
26. Vatchit devil worship, channeling, trances, visualization, necromancy
27. Zeus Satanism, trans-sexualism, pantheism, oracles, animal worship

1. America has gradually abandoned the fundamental precepts of Christianity.
2. Paganism is exploding. Many are embracing the religious philosophies of the New Age.
3. Many are focused on human potential and the "god within us all."
4. Eastern philosophies of Monism, Pantheism, Hinduism and self-realization, provide an alluring opportunity to throw off the "outdated ideas" of Christianity and follow a more "enlightened" world view of God and reality.
5. Many popular Christian doctrines are nothing more than the cultic ideas of Eastern mysticism and ancient paganism. Examples: psychic healing, self-realization, emotional experiences, rules of success, breathing techniques, positive confession, name it and claim it, environmental theology, ecumenical movement, visualization, hypnosis by clergy, etc.
6. Many Christians are drawn to mystical experiences rather than concentrating on God and His Word. Some desire to pursue "supernatural" encounters with God rather than live by faith.

7. The Bible warns of communicating with "familiar spirits" and of consulting mediums.

However, these experiences are especially seductive to New Age paganism.

a. Communication with the dead, channeling, trances, mediums can yield a false and deceiving experience: "I'm fine now." "All is well." "I'm waiting for you."

b. The Jews were forbidden to communicate with spirits.

c. Michael the archangel DID NOT dialogue with the devil. Jude 1:9 "The Lord rebuke you."

d. They embrace the message of the oracle gods: everyone eventually makes heaven.

Judy Vorfield [ex New Ager] - "Satan offers a highway to happiness paved with empty promises and cheap glitter. Some of the road signs: This Way To A God Who Won't Embarrass You, Turn Left For The God Of Your Design; Two Miles To An Intellectually Stimulating God.

Countless souls struggle on this wide, but crowded road. God offers a slim, straight highway of simple faith, paved with the blood of Jesus and ending at Calvary. Beyond the requirement of belief, God offers something quite different than all other religions: relationship."

It is exactly what New Age leader Neale Donald Walsch, speaking for his God, said:

"There are a 1,000 ways to God and they will all get you there, except for one, and that's the one that denies that there are a 1,000 ways to God."

For decades America embraced a view totally opposed to a universal harmony. Things began to change in the 1970's when Nelson Rockefeller called for the creation of a "new world order."

Jimmy Carter: His campaign: "We must replace balance of power politics with world order politics."

1980's: Pres. George Bush announced over TV: "a new world order" had arrived. His address to congress: "What is at stake is more than one small country, Kuwait. It is a big idea - a new world order, where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind: peace and security, freedom, and the rule of law. Such is a world worthy of our struggle and worthy of our children's future."

Al Gore: Earth In The Balance: "We must all become partners in a bold effort to change the very foundation of our civilization."

Brock Chisolm: Director of WHO: "To achieve world government, it will be necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism."

Benjamin Crème: New Age guru: "What is the plan? It includes the installation of a new world government and a new world religion under Maitreia." [New Age Messiah]

Why is America experiencing a massive revival of paganism?

Billy Graham: "Lucifer, our archenemy, controls one of the most powerful and well-oiled war machines in the universe. He controls principalities, powers and dominions. Every nation, city, village and individual has felt the hot breath of his evil power. He is already gathering the nations of the world for the last great battle in the war against Jesus Christ - Armageddon."

Tom Horn: "In the near future, a man of superior intelligence, wit, charm and diplomacy, will emerge on the world scene as a savior. He will seemingly possess a transcendent wisdom that enables him to solve problems and offer solutions to many of today's most perplexing issues."

1. His universal appeal and profound charisma will be the result of "an invisible network of thousands of years of collective knowledge."
2. Just as the Pharaoh of Egypt represented the embodiment of an old and super-intelligent spirit, he will be the "seed of the serpent." [Gen. 3:15]
3. The masses of the world will not recognize him as paganism's ultimate incarnation, the "beast" of Rev. 13:1 I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
 - a. His arrival in the form of a man was prophesied in numerous Scriptures.
4. A pre-requisite for the antichrist will be a "revived" world order.
 - a. National boundaries dissolved
 - b. Ethnic groups, ideologies, religions and economics unite into a single system.
 - c. It will be free of religious and political extremes.
 - d. At the head of this "utopian society," a single person will surface.
 - (1) Appear to be a man of distinguished character
 - (2) He will be a "king of fierce countenance, understand dark trickery and craftiness: Dan. 8:23
 - (3) He will facilitate a one-world government, a universal religion and global socialism.
 - (4) Those who refuse the New World Order will be imprisoned or destroyed, until he exalts himself "above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." [II Thess. 2:4]

Goal: "The blending of politics and spirituality harmonizes perfectly with the ideas of an end-time marriage of governmental policy and religious creed as was prophesied in the Bible."

Consider: The gods of the underworld are working to establish dominion over mankind within a New World Order. The underworld spirits are gathering the combined efforts of the kingdom of Satan into a conspiracy of apocalyptic proportions.

1. Accomplish what the builders of the Tower of Babel failed to do:
 - a. Unify the masses of the world under a single religious umbrella
 - b. Converge the world's energies with the power of Gaia

Consider: The tools necessary for paganism's ultimate incarnation, the god-king of the Great Tribulation [Satan in the flesh], are all in place.

1. The gods of old have been revived through modern mysticism.
2. The pagan agenda of governing by "divine representation" is being constructed.
3. The governments of the world are uniting beneath a one-world banner.

Pat Robertson: The New World Order [1992]

"Christianity has been battered in the public arena, and New Age religions are in place in the schools and corporations, and among the elite. Then a financial collapse accelerates the move toward a world money system. The US...turns its defense requirements over to the UN, along with its sovereignty. The UN severely limits property rights and clamps down on all Christian evangelism under the Declaration of the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religious Belief already adopted by the General Assembly. Then the New Age religion of humanity becomes official, and the new world order leaders embrace it. Then they elect a world president with plenary powers who is totally given to the religion of humanity."

An ancient scheme is unfolding. "At the core of the conspiracy, a leader of indescribable brutality is scheduled to appear."

1. He will make the former "types of the Antichrist" such as Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Antiochus Epiphanes, Hitler, etc. look like "child's play."
2. Rev. 13:5-6 He will raise his fist, "speaking great things...in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."
3. He will bring to light the worship of the "old gods" and "cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." [Rev. 13:15]
4. He will revive the ancient religion that is described in Rev. 18:2 "the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."
5. Those who reject the will of the New Age god-king will be destroyed.

His Pagan Gospel: The Birth Of A New World "Consciousness"

1. New Age Beliefs:

- a. Religion of monism: All Is One
 - b. God is pantheistic - God is all and all is God - God is in everyone and in everything.
 - c. Humans are divine members of the whole "that God is." Man is God.
 - d. Mind Creates reality.
 - e. One's own experience validates the truth.
2. Since New Agers do not believe in evil, they do not accept man's problem as separation by sin from God.
- a. They believe each person has forgotten his or her own divinity.
 - b. The Solution: Seek "higher consciousness" through meditation, breathing exercises, yoga, crystals, channeling, spirit guides, etc.
 - c. Each of these practices has the same purpose to awaken the god in man.
- Note: No matter how uplifting and innocent some New Age practices appear, [yoga, meditation] Christians need discernment in these areas, just as at the seashore they need to know where the undertow begins.
- d. New Agers are Universalists, believing that all paths lead to God. They fault Christians for being intolerant and narrow-minded.

3. Jesus came to reveal this pantheistic nature of God and teach humanity the gospel of self-realization.

a. After Jesus illustrated this divine principle on earth, he ascended to a place of distinction to live among the Masters of the Spiritual Hierarchy, including Buddha and Krishna.

b. Jesus promised the essence of God would be revealed from time to time.

Thus, New Agers look for the imminent appearing of a World Teacher who will illustrate the divine human potential.

4. The gospel of the New Age Movement, "becoming god," is as old as the fall of man.

a. It began when the serpent said to the woman "ye shall be as gods" (Gen. 3:5).

b. The New Age is based on concepts that sound almost irresistible. Like Eve, some hear the spiels of modern gurus like Tolle and Williamson and begin to think the faith of their fathers is too rigid, too narrow - that God would never impose an "irrational" boundary between us and "full knowledge of the spiritual realm."

c. New Age teacher Neale Donald Walsch says, "All your life you have been told that God created you. I come now to tell you this: You are creating God." "You are your own rule maker." "Think, speak, act as the God You Are." "Your future is creatable. Create it as you want it." " Create the grandest version of the greatest vision you ever had about yourself as a human race."

d. "The New Ager who believes in his own divinity and ability to create usurps the authority and position of God. He also is still listening to the lie of the devil who spoke to Eve and said she would be like God."

e. Man continues to grasp after something that is beyond his reach - to be a god.

5. Lucifer is also identified by New Agers as "the anointed cherub who was in the Garden of Eden" (Ezekiel 28:12-15), and honored for being the first "god" to offer to share godhood with mankind (appearing to Adam and Eve as the serpent).

a. But since many from the "old paradigm" are not able to accept his proper name, Lucifer allows men to call him "Krishna", "Buddha", or even "Christ/Messiah", and to honor him in a veiled symbolic form.

6. "Impossible to narrow down, the New Age is actually a vast smorgasbord of beliefs and practices. Each New Ager fills his tray with whatever assortment fits his appetite.

All is liberally seasoned with self-centeredness.

It's really a Have-It-Your-Way religion - thus its modern appeal."

7. New Age theology prepares the world for the coming of the False Prophet and the Antichrist.

8. Pagans claim this religion of self-realization is a belief that will be championed by the Antichrist and is older than Christianity.

9. New Age theology provides the basis for implementing the end-time religion.

a. It unifies the religions of the world.

b. It consecrates the forces of nature.

c. It provides for human divinity.

d. It is vogue, post modern and politically correct.

Consider: History repeats itself! The ancient Egyptian gospel of men becoming "gods" is fashionable again.

1. Human Potential Symposiums around the world tout: I AM that I AM.
2. Al Gore: God is a "constant and holy spiritual presence in all people, all life and all things."
3. Hillary Clinton channels the spirits of the dead.
4. Members of House warn Congress of "increasing evidence of a government-sponsored religion in America." They say it is: "a cloudy mixture of New Age Mysticism, Native American folklore and primitive earth worship."

Question: How can the Antichrist deceive the world's masses? How could he convince millions of people to exchange their souls for temporary earthly benefits?

1. New Age Movement: It focuses on human potential and self-empowerment.
2. It has successfully drawn many Christians away from Christ-exalting doctrines.
3. Old fashioned gospel preaching has been replaced with: positive thinking, self-realization and pop psychology.
4. Mystical experiences which tantalize the flesh were sanctioned as the "last great revival."
5. Celebrity preachers preach sermons which focus on "the inner self."

They shout: "Are you ready for God to do great things?"

- a. The implication that God will meet with believers and grant their many requests is touted as dynamic Christianity.
- b. Jesus warned of an "evil and adulterous generation that seeks after a sign."
- c. Christians seek physical and mystical thrills which has resulted in a growing superficiality among many Christians occupied with mysticism.
- d. Pastor: "Many Christians are willing to dilute their character to acquire what pleases them. It is an inward focusing generation of "religious people" willing to trade their soul for whatever makes them happy. This is what is necessary for the appearance of the Antichrist. You can stamp my hand if you give me what I want. I believe the New Age Movement is demonic, self-absorbed and paves the wave for the Antichrist."

1. New Agers reject the idea of personal evil spirits such as Satan and his angels.
2. They reject the idea of Hell and a future Great Judgment.
 - a. The reality of Hell and the doom of Satan's followers are taught in God's Word.
3. The old gods of the underworld will be judged by Yahweh.

Zeph. 2:11a The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth;

4. God will also punish the leader of the gods, that old serpent, called the Devil, and his human followers.

Isa. 26:20-27:1 Come, my people, enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the [Lord's] wrath is past. For behold, the Lord is coming out of His place [heaven] to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also will disclose the blood shed upon her and will no longer cover her slain *and* conceal her guilt. In that day [the Lord will deliver Israel from her enemies and also from the rebel powers of evil and darkness] His sharp *and* unrelenting, great, and strong sword will visit *and*

punish Leviathan the swiftly fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting *and* winding serpent; and He will slay the monster that is in the sea.

5. The gods will retaliate. A War Of Indescribable Intensity will occur in the future.

a. Fought on land and sea - in the heavens above and in the earth below - in the physical and spiritual worlds.

b. Rev. 12:7-8 Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels went forth to battle with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought. But they were defeated, and there was no room found for them in heaven any longer.

c. Rev. 9:20 And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move.

Heretics will call upon their idols to use their evil powers against the Christian God.

d. New Agers will unite with "unclean spirits like frogs.

Rev. 16:13-14, 16 And I saw three loathsome spirits like frogs, [leaping] from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet.

For really they are the spirits of demons that perform signs (wonders, miracles).

And they go forth to the rulers *and* leaders all over the world, to gather them together for war on the great day of God the Almighty.

And they gathered them together at the place which in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

e. In the Valley of Megiddo, the Lord Jesus Christ will utterly defeat the forces of darkness and destroy the New World army. Blood will flow like rivers and the fowl of the air will "eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth."

Recall: Once before, Satan and his "god" spirits challenged Yahweh at Megiddo and lost.

1. Mount Carmel - overlooking the Valley of Armageddon - prophets of the demon-god Baal dared the Hebrew God to answer by fire. He did and He will again.

Isa. 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil.

Future of those who join forces with the gods of the underworld and trust in the army of the New World Order:

Rev. 19:19-21; 20:11-12, 15 Then I saw the beast and the rulers *and* leaders of the earth with their troops mustered to go into battle *and* make war against Him Who is mounted on the horse and against His troops. And the beast was seized *and* overpowered, and with him the false prophet who in his presence had worked wonders *and* performed miracles by which he led astray those who had accepted *or* permitted to be placed upon them the stamp (mark) of the beast and those who paid homage *and* gave divine honors to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns *and* blazes with brimstone.²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword that issues from the mouth of Him Who is mounted on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously *and* glutted themselves with their flesh.

Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence *and* from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books. And if anyone's [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.

Destiny of those who place their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Rev. 19:11-16; 21:1-7 After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [appeared]! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (Trustworthy, Loyal, Incorruptible, Steady) and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness). ¹² His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows *or* can understand. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd *and* control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath *and* indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent). ¹⁶ And on His garment (robe) and on His thigh He has a name (title) inscribed, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev. 21:1-7 Then I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified *and* adorned for her husband; ³ Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne *and* I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God. ⁴ God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions *and* the former order of things have passed away. ⁵ And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine). ⁶ And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life. ⁷ He Who Is Victorious Shall Inherit All These Things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.