

**GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XII**

*It's time to shift gears a little. In recent segments we've been looking at the connections between Islam and Catholicism and even the traditional Jewish perception of events to come. A long time back in this series we traced the very origins of false religion. Now we'll look at its modern manifestation: The New Age!*

**THE NEW AGE CONNECTION**

**“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons”** (1Timothy 4:1)

The New Age Movement is hardly new at all. It is a direct descendant of the religion founded by Nimrod and Semiramis back at the time of the Tower of Babel. In fact it goes back farther than that, - all the way to the Garden. **"Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** (Genesis 3:4-5) Welcome to the New Age! The Age of Pisces the fish is ending. It's time for the Age of Aquarius! To tell the truth, I never used to take it seriously. I just thought it was a bunch of sandal wearing, dope smoking, granola snorting, California hippie types that bought into this stuff. They would head to the mountains every-so-often, (when they weren't busy avoiding a real job), to chant "oooohhmm", or commune with nature, or beat drums in the night as they danced around a fire, painted like ancient druids. I thought it was crazy, - but basically harmless. And I was wrong!

The New Age is false religion in its most virulent form. It is a counterfeit spirituality that is infecting the whole world. It poses itself as being tolerant and non-judgmental, accepting of all beliefs. Yet it is unashamedly opposed to the God of the Bible and those that recognize His authority. In the New Age, 'all paths are equal', except that is, the narrow path of the Christian. Because there is no sin or judgement or hell, - nothing is by nature, - evil. (Yet we know that a God who can wink at evil is not a God that is 'All Good'.) And as their own writings admit, New Age notions of good and evil, light and darkness, are reversed. Some will even tell you openly that Satan, Lucifer, is the true god of this world, - and worthy of our worship! In the New Age, Jesus is a good man, a great teacher, an Avatar, even an Ascended Mater, - but certainly **not** the Holy Son of God. You see in the New Age, god is in all of us. In fact its more than that, - we all are god. *(That's pretty scary. It seems god was a little constipated this morning.)*

The god of the New Age is a god of forces, a god of energy. Good and evil, Yin and Yang, are but equal and opposite forces. God is not a person but rather exists in everything and everybody. We need only tap into that divinity. So we see cafeteria spirituality developing, - combining a little bit of this and a little bit of that, - to one it may be Catholic ritual and Hindu meditations and Wicca . Another may embrace Deepak Chopra and channelling communication with the dead. And as the world invades the Church, some congregations are even embracing yoga and meditation. Some Christian denominations are signaling their acceptance of other belief systems. In November of 2001, the official website of the Church of England stated that both Mohammed and Buddha should be "...celebrated alongside Moses, David and the Virgin Mary, because they "led God's people to God's light.""<sup>1</sup> The next summer the Anglican Canterbury Cathedral was found to be promoting New Ageism through a featured work of art that showed a video of a naked baby, to a soundtrack of Buddhists chanting the 'sacred' syllable "ooohm". The late Pope prayed with Hindus and Voodoo witchdoctors at Assisi. And this is all possible because in the New Age - there is no Truth. Yet Jesus says, **"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"**. (John 14:6)

## Who Is The New Age?

You may be very surprised to learn just who is involved in the New Age Movement. Its' adherents include some of the most powerful, influential, richest and most connected people on the planet. Some of them give a nominal allegiance to Christ and are high up in their denominations. Others are world statesman or powers in international business. Here's how we got here.

The modern New Age movement took shape in the 1870's, guided by the occult writings of Madame Helena Blavatsky, with her founding of the Theosophical Society. Blavatsky synthesized the occult with Eastern religious thinking. Mankind became god, "...in both its aspects - good and evil". The good Madame believed man needed to be freed from its false gods in order to be "self redeemed".<sup>2</sup> Blavatsky passed the movement's torch to Alice Bailey, who founded the Lucifer Publishing Company in 1922.<sup>3</sup> Almost immediately she saw the world wasn't ready for so open a mission statement and changed the name to the Lucis Trust. Bailey published two-dozen books while admittedly demon possessed by the "Tibetan Master" Djwhal Khul.

The leadership of today's New Age Movement is comprised of quite the collection of celebrated individuals, intricately bound together by a system of related but not necessarily identical beliefs. Still they are all working toward the same ends; a unification of all the world's religions, saving the planet through radical environmentalism and population control, a giant leap in "cosmic consciousness", and the ultimate coming of a New Age Christ. Lets start running down a list of the usual suspects. We can start with the UN Connection. First there is former UN Assistant Secretary General Robert Muller. He developed something called the World Core Curriculum, designed to be used by schools throughout the globe to among other things, promote internationalism at the cost of national loyalties. That curriculum is based directly on the philosophy of Alice Bailey and her demonic spirit guide. Muller is such a firm believer in a world with one religion and one government that he has called the United Nations, "the body of Christ".<sup>4</sup> Other UN luminaries pushing the New Age are former Secretary's General, U Thant, who advocates a global pantheistic religion, and Dag Hammarskjold, who founded the UN Meditation Room.<sup>5</sup>

In fact, far from popular belief, the UN is not religiously neutral. The New Age is openly seating itself at the United Nations. Several groups that are committed to "bring the new world to birth" hold their meetings right at UN Headquarters. One of these, The Aquarian Age Community promotes a theology that recognizes only the divinity that comes from within each person when they are at one with the universe. They practice meditation and astral projection, which is being able to spiritually transport themselves anywhere in the universe. They openly invite direction from what they call their (demonic) spirit guides. Recognizing Jesus as only a great teacher, according to their mission statement, they are "actively preparing the way for the reappearance of the World Teacher – the Anointed One, the true Aquarian." They call him by other names, The Great Being, Bohisattva, and the Lord Maitreya. – The one for whom they wait is of course the Antichrist. The AAC tells us that he is not coming for Christians. Now quoting, "He recognizes and loves those that are not Christian but who retain their allegiance to their Founders – the Buddha, Mohammed and others...If men look for the Christ Who left his disciples centuries ago they will fail to recognize the Christ Who is in the process of returning".<sup>6</sup>

Another New Age entity seated at the UN is Alice Bailey's intellectual offspring, the Lucis Trust. Bailey held that "We are all gods". These organizations avowedly admit that the UN is a vehicle in pursuing one global religion that will replace all existing religions. And then there is the United Nations prophet-in-residence, Indian mystic, Sri Chinmoy. The official UN Spiritual Advisor, has provided prayer and meditation meetings for over two decades and believes he was Thomas Jefferson in a previous life.<sup>7</sup> He also claims to be the Spiritual Brother of Jesus. His followers revere him as a living god and meditate to a picture of his face.

Outside the United Nations, the Movement has many other powerful followers. There is the Canadian billionaire and UN diplomat, Maurice Strong who is one of the main backers of the Earth Charter. The Earth Charter is designed to

replace the Ten Commandments. The papyrus charter is carried in the 'Ark of Hope', a cheap mock up of the Ark of the Covenant in which the original Ten Commandments were transported. This new 'Ark' represents the five elements of pagan worship: Fire, Water, Earth, Air and Spirit. Strong is joined in his endeavors by Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of the radical environmental organization, Green Cross International and the State of the World Forum. The Forum is dedicated to shaping a "new civilization". Others involved in the State of the World Forum include Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, media mogul and anti-Christian Ted Turner whose Captain Planet cartoon promoted the magical powers of the Earth Goddess, as well as numerous UN officials. The money behind the New Age group comes from the Rockefellers, CNN, Archer Daniels Midland, Occidental Petroleum, the Carnegie Corporation and the Kellogg Foundation.<sup>8</sup>

And there are others. You can count in the ranks the likes of former Vice President Al Gore, who has praised primitive pagan religions and bemoaned the fact that Christianity put an end to goddess worship.<sup>9</sup> There is Jean Huston, the founder of a New York "Mystery School" who guided Hillary Clinton when she contacted the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt.<sup>10</sup> There is Episcopal Bishop William Swing founder of the United Religious Initiative, - an attempt to unite all of the world's religions. In fact there seems to be a trend among the Anglican/Episcopalian crowd. The New American Insider identified the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, as a hotbed of "...New Age and radical left enlightenment". We can't forget Laurence Rockefeller and his Fund for the Enhancement of the Human Spirit. And then there are those in the trenches, the preachers and teachers of the New Age. You may recognize some of their names: Neale Donald Walsch of *Conversations with God* fame, Ram Dass, Deepak Chopra and Tony Robbins.<sup>11</sup>

And the offerings of the New Age are given favorable treatment in such "main stream" media as PBS and Time Magazine. Both regularly feature the musings of the *Jesus Seminar*, a group of admittedly very liberal scholars who deny just about everything that the Bible says. To these people, Jesus is not God, did not rise from the dead, was not born of a virgin, and might have been married to Mary Magdalene. To the Seminar people, the Jesus of the Bible does not exist. Time Magazine hews to the same line in its articles discussing the nuances of Christianity. One New Age author quoted in the magazine said, "The God I have found is common to Moses and Mohammed, to Buddha and Jesus. It is known to every mystic tradition. Now I know there is a God, in here, demanding not faith but experience." The powers that be are more than friendly to New Age thinking.<sup>12</sup>

The New Age has become embedded in our culture. Public schools that assiduously keep out prayer and even the mention of the God of the Bible, will dedicate a month to studying Islam, complete with student role-playing. After all, 'All paths are equal'. It's just that some are more equal than others! Others will celebrate the earth itself. There is Earth Spirit Day. That concept is right in line with New Age thinking. The Movement tells us the Earth is a living Spirit. They call it Gaia and it is the driving force behind radical environmentalism. Leading New Age advocate Mikhail Gorbachev announced on PBS's Charlie Rose Show, "Cosmos is my God. Nature is my God".<sup>13</sup> Everywhere you look the heroes of Western thought and Biblical values are being torn down in favor of the benighted practices of primitive peoples. After all, this way of living and thinking is more in line with the wishes of Gaia, the living Earth Spirit. And so paganism has come to be celebrated in our schools. The anti-Western historical model that is being taught is a direct attack on the values of the Judeo-Christian culture that was this nation's unchallenged heritage until the 1960's.

That is not all. 'Fellow travelers' in the media such as Oprah Winfrey parrot the confused 'Cafeteria Spirituality' that has replaced the rational pursuit of Truth. "*It's all good*", - even when it contradicts itself. And there is the secretive but pervasive influence of the *secret societies*, with their charitable, harmless looking fronts. I am talking about groups like the Masons. At the lower levels these are little more than do-good beer drinking clubs, - you know, like Ralph & Norton on *The Honeymooners* or Fred & Barney on *The Flintstones*. Yet behind that front, in the upper levels it is Satanism in full flower, - an affront to the God of the Bible. Alice Bailey identifies the Masons as keepers of the Ancient Mysteries, - the pagan worship of Lucifer that dates back to Babylon. The Freemasons themselves

acknowledge the compliment. According to Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma; -Freemasons worship Lucifer as "he who bears the light", - and seek a one-world government they call the "Holy Empire" as their ultimate goal.

*So what is it they are selling?* They sell the same thing the Serpent was selling in the Garden. That *you* can be god! That *you* are god! New Age adherents look forward to a day when there will be One-World-Government and One-World-Religion. They are selling a tolerance of all things; - good and evil. And they are selling it successfully. They are saying that all ways to God are valid. They have convinced a majority of Americans that Absolute Truth does not exist! They have convinced many a born-again Christian that, "Jesus is my way...but Buddha may be yours". They have declared that the Cross is a big lie, that we are our own saviors, that we have no need of salvation because there is no sin. Yet Jesus says, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one come to the Father except through Me"**. (John 14:6) And John 3:16 &18 says of Jesus: **"...whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...but he who does not believe is condemned already.**

## **GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT JERUSALEM**

**"They shall call its noble to the kingdom, But none shall be there... its princes shall be nothing."** (Isaiah 34:12)

There are signs that the world may be getting serious about peace in the Middle East. And that in itself may signal that we are approaching the time of the Tribulation that will precede Christ's return. Most scholars believe that period of time will begin once the Antichrist confirms a peace treaty for Israel. That treaty may be on the horizon. The Jerusalem Post is reporting that PM Olmert of Israel and PA Chairman Abbas have been conducting "secret final status talks". That means they are talking about the establishment of a Palestinian State. According to reports they are already discussing the refugee issue, West bank settlements and even the future of Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup> The secret confab was followed by a public meeting in Jericho last Monday.<sup>15</sup> The momentum for a treaty, (The Treaty ?), - is growing!

In fact, according to Israeli media, an international peace conference to be held in Washington is being arranged for November.<sup>16</sup> The Arab League has already signaled its acceptance of an American brokered conference, making only the pre-condition that Israel give up the Golan Heights to Syria,<sup>17</sup> a position toward which Israel has been moving. The timing fits curiously with the latest US intelligence assessment of the situation. According to American sources as reported by DEBKAFfile: Syria has "rescheduled the start of hostilities against Israel on the Golan for the second two weeks of November".<sup>18</sup> This new aggressiveness on the part of Damascus comes amid reports that the Russian Navy is preparing to set up permanent bases in Syria.

## **TERROR THREATS**

A couple of stories hit my eye this last week. Two Middle Eastern men were arrested in Goose Creek, South Carolina, after police found explosive devices, "igniters and fuses" in the trunk of their car.<sup>19 20</sup> Goose Creek is the site of the Naval Weapons Station, Charleston.<sup>21</sup> Just days before, it was reported that Capitol Hill police were stepping up security in Washington in response to the increased terror threat of an al-Qaeda attack against Congress sometime before September 11<sup>th</sup>. Trent Lott, the #2 ranking Republican in the Senate, advised people to "leave town in August, and...stay out until September the 12<sup>th</sup>".<sup>22</sup>

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