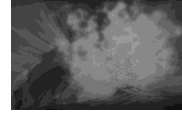


## PRAY Equipped FALSE RELIGION: New Age Movement



### IMPORTANT TO GOD TENSION

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♥🧠∞👉 **PARABLE EX:** Step into the Superbook Bible...

CONTEXT: Christianity & False US Religions

#### Bring God Glory and Make Disciples

This is the foundational fuel for our daily words, thoughts and deeds with our heart, mind, soul and strength.

#### Gospel-Centered Life

**Heart:** Greatest Commandment(s)

**Mind:** God is still on the throne.

**Soul:** Never get over being saved.

**Strength:** Great Commission

*Share the Biblical truth in brotherly love.*

*Love like Christ, Live like Jesus*

*See more clearly, love more dearly,  
follow more nearly, day by day*

*We live in the flow of God's Sovereignty  
and move forward at the pace of faith.*

**A TRUTH The New Age Movement is not Biblical but a New Ager can no longer be a New Ager and become a Christian.**

**CLARITY The goal is to share the Biblical truth so that they may become Christian.**

**REAL LIFE Remember Jesus saves and we want to give them the opportunity to be saved then live a sanctified life of holiness.**

### LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE LIKE JESUS BECOME & RESPOND

The New Age Movement false religion represents the opulence and buffet bar style of choices found in the United States in the 1980's and 90's

#### What happens after death?

What Happens After Death?	<b>BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY</b> Believers go to be with Jesus. After death, all people away the final judgment. Both saved, and unsafe people will be resurrected. Those who are saved with Jesus in heaven. Those who are lost, suffer the torment of eternal separation from God, hell. Jesus' bodily resurrection guarantees believers that they two will be resurrected and receive new immortal bodies.	<b>NEW AGE MOVEMENT</b> Human reincarnations occur until person reaches oneness with God. No eternal life as resurrected person. No literal Heaven or Hell.
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SEE ATTACHED Bible verses about resurrected bodies. Oneness with God not something to achieve. Bible talks about Heaven = 100's in OT & NT and Hell / Hades / Lake of Fire / Outer Darkness = 32 Times in NT

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### Who is Jesus?

<p><b>Who is Jesus?</b></p>	<p><b>BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY</b></p> <p>Jesus is God, the second person of the Trinity. As God, the Son, He has always existed and was never created. He is fully God and fully man, truly God and truly man, the two natures joined, not mixed as the second person of the Trinity. He is co-equal with God the father, and the Holy Spirit. In becoming man he was begotten through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is the only way to the father, salvation and eternal life. He died on a cross, according to God's plan, as full sacrifice and payment for our sins. He arose from the dead on the third day, spiritually, and physically immortal. For the next 40 days, He was seen by more than 500 eyewitnesses. His wounds were touched, and he ate meals. He physically ascended to heaven. Jesus will come again, visibly and physically at the end of the world to establish God's kingdom and judge the world.</p>	<p><b>NEW AGE MOVEMENT</b></p> <p>Jesus is not the one true God. He is not a savior but a spiritual model and guru and is now an "ascended master." He was a New Ager who tapped into divine power in the same way anyone can. Many believe he went east to India or Tibet and learned mystical truths. He did not rise physically from the dead, but "rose into a higher spiritual realm."</p>
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SEE ATTACHED Bible verses about Jesus as the one true God, Savior and rose from the dead.

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## SALVATION How to be Saved?

<b>How to be Saved?</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY</b></p> <p>Salvation is by God's grace, not by any individuals good works. Salvation must be received by faith. People must believe in their heart that Jesus died for their sins and physically rose again, which is the assurance of forgiveness and the resurrection of the body. This is God's loving plan to forgive sinful people.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW AGE MOVEMENT</b></p> <p>Need to offset bad karma with good karma. Can tap into supernatural power through meditation, self-awareness, Transcendental meditation and "spirit guides". Use terms such as "reborn" for this new self-awareness.</p>
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### **John 1:29**

*29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

### **Acts 5:29-31**

*29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.  
30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.  
31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and*

*Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

### **John 20:31**

*31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

**Why would someone choose New Ageism over Biblical Christianity?**

**What makes the New Age Movement a false religion?**

**In what ways is Christianity better than the New Age Movement?**

**MISSION: We exist to bring God glory and make disciples.**

**Jesus can save a person from the false way of the New Age Movement** is an important aspect to why we exist.

**Based on this what can we do to become more like Jesus?**

### **Gospel-Centered**

**WORSHIP We must study the truth of the Bible and realize it is not about equality among other false religions and the supremacy of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit and God's Sovereignty**

**COMMUNITY We must help bring clarity that Judeo-Christianity is perfect and needs no additions.**

**SERVICE The God of the Christian Bible is the most clarifying truth that people need to hear, believe and devote themselves too.**

**MULTIPLICATION It such a good thing to give someone the opportunity to believe and serve God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit alone.**

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## BIBLE VERSES ON GETTING AN NEW BODY

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### ***Romans 8:22-23***

*22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

*23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

### ***1 Corinthians 15:51-55***

*51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

*53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

*54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

### ***Philippians 3:20-21***

*20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

### ***2 Corinthians 5:1-10***

*1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,*

*3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.*

*4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.*

*5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

*6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,*

*7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

*8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

*9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

## BIBLE VERSE ON ONENESS WITH GOD NOT THE GOAL

### Philippians 2:5-7

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

## BIBLE VERSES ABOUT JESUS AS THE ONE TRUE GOD, SAVIOR AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD

### Mark 1:24

24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God."

### Mark 12:29

29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

### Luke 4:34

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### John 3:1-15

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.  
2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do

these signs that you do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we

have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **John 3:16-21**

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

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## BIBLE VERSES ON FALSE RELIGIONS / WORSHIP

### **Genesis 3:13-14 Satan Deceives**

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**"

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

### **Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments**

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**3 "You shall have no other gods before me.**

**4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

**5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them,** for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,  
6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

### **2 Kings 17:15-18 False Religion Leads to Real Consequences**

15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them.

16 And they abandoned all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.

17 And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only.

### ***Psalms 119:104, 128 Hating False Ways***

104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

### ***Proverbs 12:17 Deceit is Uttered by False Witnesses***

17 Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit.

### ***Proverbs 19:5, 9 False Witnesses Will Not Escape When Unrepentant***

5 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape.

9 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish.

### ***Jeremiah 10:14 The Outcome for False Religion is Not Good***

14 Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to

shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them.

### ***Jeremiah 14:22 God, Not False Religion is Our Hope***

22 Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.

### ***Jeremiah 18:15 False Religion Causes Stumbling and Lostness***

15 But my people have forgotten me; they make offerings to false gods; they made them stumble in their ways, in the ancient roads, and to walk into side roads, not the highway,

### ***Jeremiah 51:17 The Outcome for False Religion is Not Good***

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### ***Lamentations 2:14 False Religions have Harmful Followers***

14 Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading.

### ***Ezekiel 12:24 False Religions have No Place in Biblical Christianity***

24 For there shall be no more any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.



**Ezekiel 13:9 God is Against Those Who Spread False Religions**

9 My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who give lying divinations. They shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

**Hosea 10:2 God wants False Religion Out of People's Lives**

2 Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt. The LORD will break down their altars and destroy their pillars.

**Zechariah 10:2 False Religion is Nonsense and Harms Others**

2 For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

**Matthew 7:15 Beware Those Who Share False Religions**

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

**Matthew 24:9-14 Christians Will be Betrayed by Those Who Follow False Religions**

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.  
10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.  
11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.  
13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.  
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Matthew 24:24 False Christs and False Prophets Exists to Lead Astray**

24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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**2 Corinthians 11:12-15 False Religions are Good at Disguising Themselves**

12 And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do.  
13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.  
14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.  
15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

### ***Galatians 2:4-5 Do Not Yield to Those Who Spread Anti-Gospel***

*4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—*

*5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.*

### ***2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 The Activity of Satan Fuels False Religions***

*7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.*

*8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

*9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,*

*10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

*11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,*

*12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

### ***2 Peter 2:1-9 The Will Deliver Christians from The Judgment on False Religion Practicers***

*1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the*

*Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.*

*2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.*

*3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.*

*4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;*

*5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

*6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;*  
*7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked*

*8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);*

*9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,*

### ***1 John 4:1-3 How to Test the False if a Person is False***

*1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

*2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,*

*3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*

***Revelation 19:19-21 False Religions will One Day Come to and End***

*19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make*

*war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.*

*20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.*

*21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.*

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# OTHER RESOURCES

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSlcT84-Y2k>

YouTube: **Melissa Dougherty – Jesus of the New Age Vs Jesus of the Bible**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq55XzDjMul>

**From Christianity Cults & Religion  
Biblical Christianity**

**Chart Rose Publishing  
New Age Movement**

<b>Key Person or Founder</b>	God as in God the Father, Jesus the Christ, The Holy Spirit since before time and forever	Based on Eastern mystics, Hinduism and paganism. Popularized in part by actress Shirley Maclaine (1934-) in the 1980's & 90"s. Beliefs vary.
<b>Key Writings</b>	The Bible Old Testament written originally in Hebrew and Aramaic, New Testament in Greek	No holy book. Use selected Bible passages, Ching, Hindu, Buddhist and Taoist writings, Native American Beliefs. Writings on astrology, mysticism and magic.
<b>Who is God?</b>	The one God is a triune God and three persons not three gods, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit often in the title "God" designates the first person God the Father. God is a spiritual being without a physical body. He is personal and involved with people. He created the universe out of nothing. He is eternal changeless, holy loving, and perfect.	Everything and everyone is God. God is an impersonal force or principle, not a person. People have unlimited inner power and need to discover it.
<b>Who is Jesus?</b>	Jesus is God, the second person of the Trinity. As God, the Son, He has always existed and was never created. He is fully God and fully man, truly God and truly man, the two natures joined, not mixed as the second person of the Trinity. He is co-equal with God the father, and the Holy Spirit. In becoming man he was begotten through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is the only way to the father, salvation and eternal life. He died on a cross, according to God's plan, as full sacrifice and payment for our sins. He arose from the dead on the third day, spiritually, and physically immortal. For the next 40 days, He was seen by more than 500 eyewitnesses. His wounds were touched, and he ate meals. He physically ascended to heaven. Jesus will come again, visibly and physically at the end of the world to establish God's kingdom and judge the world.	Jesus is not the one true God. He is not a savior but a spiritual model and guru and is now an "ascended master." He was a New Ager who tapped into divine power in the same way anyone can. Many believe he went east to India or Tibet and learned mystical truths. He did not rise physically from the dead, but "rose into a higher spiritual realm.

<b>Who is the Holy Spirit?</b>	The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is a person, not a force or energy field. He comforts, grieves, reproves, connects, guides, teaches, and fills Christians. He is not the Father, nor the Son, Jesus Christ.	Sometimes considered a psychic force. Man is divine and can experience psychic phenomena such as contacting unearthly beings.
<b>How to be Saved?</b>	Salvation is by God's grace, not by any individuals good works. Salvation must be received by faith. People must believe in their heart that Jesus died for their sins and physically rose again, which is the assurance of forgiveness and the resurrection of the body. This is God's loving plan to forgive sinful people.	Need to offset bad karma with good karma. Can tap into supernatural power through meditation, self-awareness, Transcendental meditation and "spirit guides". Use terms such as "reborn" for this new self-awareness.
<b>What Happens After Death?</b>	Believers go to be with Jesus. After death, all people away the final judgment. Both saved, and unsafe people will be resurrected. Those who are saved with Jesus in heaven. Those who are lost, suffer the torment of eternal separation from God, hell. Jesus' bodily resurrection guarantees believers that they two will be resurrected and receive new immortal bodies.	Human reincarnations occur until person reaches oneness with God. No eternal life as resurrected person. No literal Heaven or Hell.
<b>Other Beliefs or Practices</b>	Group worship usually in churches. No secret rites. Baptism and the Lord Supper, Communion. Active voluntary missionary efforts. Aid to those in need, the poor, widows, orphans, and downtrodden. Christians believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah promised Israel in the Old Testament, Tanakh, Jesus said his followers would be known by their love for one another.	Can include yoga, meditation, visualization, astrology, channeling, hypnosis, trances, tarot card readings and contact with spirits. Use of crystals to get in harmony with God (Energy), for psychic healing, for contact with spirits and for developing higher consciousness or other psychic powers. Strive for world unity and peace and holistic health.



## **Bible Verses Misused by the New Age Movement**

### **Psalms 82:6**

**6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;**

### **John 10:34**

**34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'?"**

These verses are twisted by the New Age Movement to show we are all gods, we are not.

### **Luke 17:21**

**21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."**

This verse is twisted to connect that divine power is in a person and they are godlike, not true.

## **Sharing the Truth Tips**

When revealing the Biblical truth to someone who is following a false religion **ask questions and give them the opportunity to wrestle with their relationship with Jesus.**

**It is the Holy Spirit who gives Christians the proper** heart, mind, soul and strength to share the Biblical truth in a way that will hopefully result in salvation and sanctification for the hearer.

# A Biblical Worldview on Judging Right / Wrong, Good / Evil

## **WHY GOD IS THE BEST JUDGE** ***Psalms 9:8 I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds***

***8 and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.***

### ***James 5:10-11***

***10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.***

***11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.***

## **WHY WE NEED TO SHARE GOD'S BIBLICAL JUDGMENTS & TRUTH** ***John 3:16-21***

***16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.***

***17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.***

***18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.***

***19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.***

***20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.***

***21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."***

## **HOW WE FAITH AND DEED BASED ON GOD'S JUDGMENTS** ***Acts 4:17-22***

***17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."***

***18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.***

***19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,***

***20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."***

***21 And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.***

***22 For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.***

## **Remember we are not making up the judgments but...**

***Matthew 7:1-6 Judge not lest you be judged, pearls before pigs***

***Luke 6:37-42 Judging Others, blind leading blind***

## **Sharing God's truth so that none would perish but that all might be saved.**

***Matthew 10:32-33***

***32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,***

***33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven***

## **A Way Evil Becomes Dominant**

Evil says we must let evil prevail or we are a bad person:

What is tolerated today becomes accepted then it gets celebrated.

1st **TOLERATE IT** (Outward Existence Is Allowed)

2nd **ACCEPT IT** (In Our Inner Belief Must Conform)

3rd **CELEBRATE IT** (Mandatory Praise & Party For It)

4th **PARTICIPATE IN IT** (Releasing Our Children To Evil And Its Ways)

Finally evil will say now it is unlawful if you don't support evil.