

“New Age Pantheism: A Christian Response”

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Introduction

- A. Key Scriptures (Gen. 3:5, 13; 2 Cor. 11:3-4; Colossians 2:8).
- B. Key ideas
 1. Everything is _____ (God)—an all-pervading “force.”
 2. God is _____ you.
 3. Reason and the physical senses are _____.
 4. Use _____ to experience enlightenment.
- C. Philosophies and religions with pantheistic principles (timeline).
 1. Hinduism
 2. Buddhism
 3. Daoism
 4. Stoicism
 5. Scientology
 6. Wicca
 7. New Age
- D. About _____ of “Christians” hold at least one New Age belief.

I. A View of God and Humanity

- A. E.g. Hinduism: _____ is Brahman.
- B. A purpose of yoga: To _____.
- C. The power is _____ you.
- D. Examples
 1. Marilyn Ferguson: “The myth of the savior ‘out there’ is being replaced with the myth of the hero _____.”
 2. Shirley MacLaine: “Know that you are _____.”
 3. Rhonda Byrne and *The Secret*.
 4. J. Z. Knight and Ramtha.
 5. “Feel the _____ around you.”
 6. “Let go.”
 7. Use of koans.

II. Insights from New Age Pantheism

- A. Naturalism is NOT _____.
- B. Concern for _____.
 - 1. Individual
 - 2. Social
 - 3. Ecological
- C. A connection between belief and _____.

III. A Christian Critique of New Age Pantheism

- A. You are NOT _____ and cannot achieve _____.
- B. Reject false Scripture twisting (Acts 17:28; John 10:30; 17:20-21).
- C. A biblical view of God:
 - 1. Quote: "The difference between God and us is that God never thinks he is _____."
 - 2. God is _____.
 - 3. God is _____.
 - 4. God works at specific _____ and _____.
 - 5. We only have God's Spirit as a _____.
 - 6. We do NOT have a "divine _____."
- D. Expose logical inconsistencies in New Age Pantheism.
 - 1. The New Age Pantheist worldview VS. their claims and behavior.
 - 2. The New Age Pantheist worldview VS. Mother Teresa:
With karma and reincarnation, why _____ others?
 - 3. Their worldview does not _____ their claims and behavior.
- E. Rest on the superior nature of biblical Christianity.
 - 1. Nature and history are _____.
 - 2. Reason is powerful but _____.
 - 3. We are valuable but _____.
 - 4. We can have a _____ relationship with God.
 - 5. The spiritual and physical world can be coherently _____.
- F. C. S. Lewis: "The pantheist's God does _____, demands _____.
He is there if you wish for him, like a book on a shelf.
He will not _____ you." (*Miracles*)