

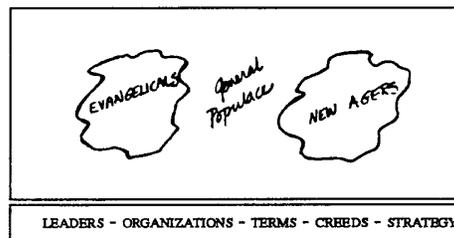
The New Age Movement

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Introduction: "What's All This New Age Stuff?"

❖ Why haven't I heard about the New Age Movement until recently?

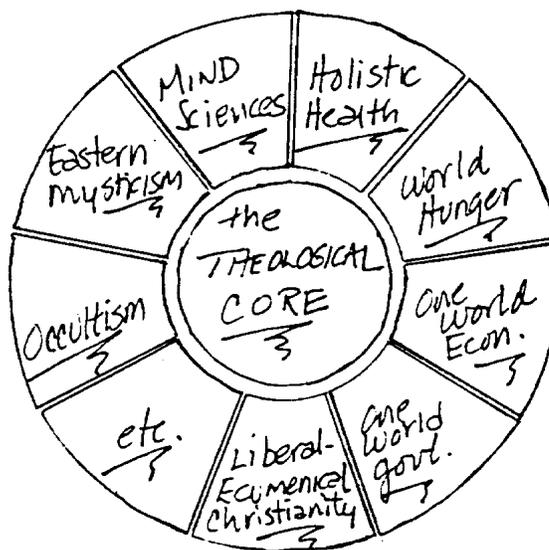
✧ Subcultures



✧ My Introduction and Investigation

❖ Why should I know more about the New Age Movement?

The New Age Movement A Working Model



I. The Theological Core of the New Age Movement

A. New Age Leaders

1. Helen Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891) "The Synthesizer"



- ▶ born in Russia (lived in USA, India, Europe, England)
- ▶ founder of the **Theosophical Society** (*theosophy = wisdom of God*) [1875]
- ▶ publications: *Isis Unveiled*
The Secret Doctrine
- ▶ HPB had few adherents, yet she paved the way for Eastern thought into the West.

Annie Besant [successor to HPB] - A mistress of George Bernard Shaw. She became an HPB disciple in 1889 and succeeded her in 1891 as the leader of the Theosophical Society.

Jiddu Krishnamurti [the messiah who defected] - was disciplined by Besant and then proclaimed to be the Messiah. However, in 1929 he had doubts and rejected the role. (www.kfa.org)

2. Alice Bailey (1880-1949) "New Age Expositor & Strategist"



- ▶ AB was the wife of abusive evangelist.
- ▶ her introduction to the Theosophical Society
- ▶ marries Foster Bailey (lawyer, Luciferian)

Note: Lucifer vs. Satan

1918 - Joins the Theosophical Society

1919 - Meets and marries Foster Bailey (lawyer, Luciferian)

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AB receives messages from Koot Hoomi [KH]

"It was in November 1919 that I made my first contact with The Tibetan. I had sent the children off to school and thought I would snatch a few minutes to myself and went out on to the hill close to the house. I sat down and began thinking and then suddenly I sat startled and attentive. I heard what I thought was a clear note of music which sounded from the sky, through the hill and in me. Then I heard a voice which said, "There are some books [163] which it is desired should be written for the public. You can write them. Will you do so?" Without a moment's notice I said, "Certainly not. I'm not a darned psychic and I don't want to be drawn into anything like that." I was startled to hear myself speaking out loud. The voice went on to say that wise people did not make snap judgments, that I had a peculiar gift for the higher telepathy and that what I was being asked to do embodied no aspect of the lower psychism. I replied that I didn't care, that I wasn't interested in any

work of a psychic nature at all. The unseen person who was speaking so clearly and directly to me then said that he would give me time for consideration; that he would not take my answer then and that he would come back in three weeks' time exactly, to find out what I intended to do." - Autobiography

▶ AB makes 30 yr pact to be spokesperson for Djwahl Khul [DK] [at end of this term her usefulness would be up. She died in 1949!]

"I would really render a service if I could show people how I became what I am from what I was. It might be useful to know how a rabid orthodox Christian worker could become a well-known occult teacher." - Alice Bailey

1922 - Lucifer Trust founded (later renamed Lucis Trust)
Partial list of AB publications:

- ▶ *Education in the New Age*
- ▶ *The Reappearance of the Christ*
- ▶ *Discipleship in the New Age*
- ▶ *A Treatise on White Magic*
- ▶ *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*
- ▶ *Letters on Occult Meditation*

1949 - AB dies, **Foster Bailey** remarries [Mary Bailey]
FB writes *Spirit of Masonry*

1972 - FB dies and wife, Mary, continues the work (www.lucistrust.org)

3. Benjamin Creme (1922 - Present) "John the Baptist of the New Age"



▶ Scotsman, artist. Interested in esoteric studies from his youth.

1950s becomes student of Alice Bailey, Blavatsky, etc.

1959 - receives telepathic message from an ascended master about the coming of a Messiah [**Lord Maitreya**] and his role in announcing his coming and relaying messages from Lord Maitreya.

1975 - Creme told by LM to go public with "The Plan"

1977 - Creme announces that LM had been "incarnated" and begun his mission as World Teacher.

1983 - Worldwide "*Christ is Now Here*" campaign

today - roving ambassador for Maitreya (communicates with him via telepathy)
Share International Foundation (www.shareintl.org)

publications:

- ▶ *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*
- ▶ *Messages from Maitreya, the Christ*
- ▶ *Maitreya's Mission (3 vols.)*

4. **David Spangler (1945-Present) "Theologian of the New Age"**



- ▶ Co-founder of the Findhorn Community [Scotland, a new age agricultural commune and retreat center]
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- ▶ 1973 - Returned to United States and founded the Lorian Association in 1974 (lorian.bigmindcatalyst.com)
- ▶ Respected speaker and author-advocate of the New Age.
- ▶ Partial list of publications:

Revelation: The Birth of a New Age
Reflections of the Christ
Emergence: Rebirth of the Sacred
Towards a Planetary Vision

"Christ is the same force as Lucifer... Lucifer prepares man for the experience of Christhood. (He is) the great initiator.... Lucifer works within each of us to bring us to wholeness, and as we move into a New Age ... each of us in some way is brought to that point which I term the Luciferic Initiation ... for it is an invitation into the New Age. - David Spangler, Reflections on the Christ, p. 44-45.

(www.davidspangler.com)

5. **Marilyn Ferguson (1938-Present) "New Ager's Historian & Apologist"**



- ▶ Born in Colorado and attended University of Colorado, UCLA.
- ▶ Sociologist, introduced to the Now Age via mind sciences.
- 1973 - Publishes *The Brain Revolution*
- 1975 - begin publishing *Brain and Mind Bulletin*
- 1980 - publishes bestseller & college text, *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. This book introduced many to the New Age and its strategy, networks, frontiers & tenets.
- ▶ Marilyn is a member of the Association of Humanistic Psychology, the Association of Transpersonal Psychology, and is a member of the board of directors of the Institute of Noetic Science.

(www.potentialsmidia.com/MarilynFergusonlinks.html)

B. New Age Core Tenets

1. God is within. (Force, enlightenment, higher-conscience, human potential, inner guide)
2. Existence of a Hierarchy. (headed by Solar Logos, Ascended Masters)
3. Law of Rebirth. (reincarnation, initiation)
4. Jesus and "the Christ" are two separate entities. (Jesus accorded a low place in the hierarchy)
5. Advocacy of a World Planetary government and a World Teacher. (a "global village," disestablishment of current national barriers)
6. There is a New Age coming which will transform society. ("The Plan" & "The Great Invocation")

older writers - The Christ ushers in the New Age & transformation
Spangler - New Age transformation paves the way for the Christ

7. Advocacy of reuniting of religions. (the "new paradigm," advocates of the "old paradigm," i.e. evangelical Christians, are expendable! Spangler says they will be transported off the planet--a convenient explanation of the rapture of the church.)

C. New Age Agenda

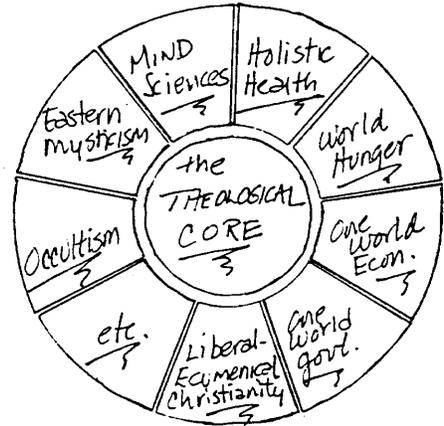
pre 1975 - private propagation (low visibility)

post 1975 - go public (high profile)
develop networks in diverse areas of interest
prepare people for the advent of the World Teacher

II. The Various Extensions of the New Age Movement

Examples:

- A. Mind Sciences
- B. Holistic Health
- C. World Hunger
- D. Ecology
- E. Education & Gifted Education
- F. Corporate Stress Management Seminars
- G. Music, Television & Cinema
- H. Global Economics & Politics
- I. Religious Ecumenicism
- J. Military



Conclusion: Responding to the New Age Movement

Dabblers [Christians & non-Christians]



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