

## The New Age Movement . . . Why Does It Matter

"But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." Ezekiel 33:6

We must know what the New Age Movement is if we are to recognize it and warn the Church, as many are already being deceived! So, what are contemporary New Agers saying?

### Neale Donald Walsch

- ✚ Wrote Conversations With God which presents a New Spirituality channelled to him directly by "God"
- ✚ Is planning a second Reformation of religions
- ✚ "The New Spirituality is a global movement to create the space for humanity to experience its natural impulse toward the divine in a way which makes no one else wrong for the way in which they are doing it." Neale Donald Walsch, from the Group of 1000 website. Taken from <http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/nealdonaldwalsch.htm>
- ✚ "The With God Series has redefined God and shifted spiritual paradigms around the globe."  
<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/index.php?p=About>

## ~Principles of the New Spirituality~

God has never stopped communicating directly with human beings. God has been communicating with and through human beings from the beginning of time. God does today

Every human being is as special as every other human being who has ever lived, lives now, or ever will live. You are all messengers. Every one of you. You are carrying a message *to life about life* every day, every hour, every minute.

No path to God is more direct than any other path. No religion is the "one true religion", no people are "the chosen people", and no prophet is the "greatest prophet".

God needs nothing. God requires nothing in order to be happy. *God is happiness* itself. Therefore, God requires nothing of anyone or anything in the universe.



God is not singular Super Being, living somewhere in the universe or outside of it, having the same emotional needs and subject to the same emotional turmoil as humans. That which is God cannot be hurt or damaged in any way, and has no need to seek revenge or impose punishment.

All things are One Thing. There is only One Thing, and all things are part of the One Thing That Is.

There is no such thing as Right and Wrong. There is only What Works and What Does Not Work, depending upon what is that you seek to be, do, or have.

You are not your body. Who you are is limitless and without end.

You cannot die and you will never be condemned to eternal damnation.

## ✚ ~The New Gospel~



"We are all One."

"Ours is not a better way; ours is merely another way."

# Eckhart Tolle

- ✚ Eckhart Tolle is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller The Power of Now and A New Earth
- ✚ Eckhart Tolle is promoted by Oprah Winfrey
- ✚ "Eckhart's profound yet simple teachings have already helped countless people throughout the world find inner peace and greater fulfillment in their lives. **At the core of the teachings lies the transformation of consciousness, a spiritual awakening that he sees as the next step in human evolution. An essential aspect of this awakening consists in transcending our ego-based state of consciousness. This is a prerequisite not only for personal happiness but also for the ending of violent conflict endemic on our planet.**"  
<http://www.eckharttolle.com/eckharttolle-about>
- ✚ Spiritual Training Sessions advertised on Eckhart's Website, taught by Kim Eng, based on Eckhart's work: "The essence of Kim's teaching is spiritual awakening, which means accessing the dimension beyond time and conditioned thinking. Teaching sessions are a valuable opportunity to allow yourself to let go of "who you think you are" and be the Presence behind all thought, the stillness behind all motion. **Through meditation, movement, as well as words (pointers), you will learn how to access Presence for yourself and sustain it in everyday life. More important than the form and structure of the session, is the stillness, the true healing and transformative power.**"  
<http://www.eckharttolle.com/eckharttolle-events2009>

## Barbara Marx Hubbard

✚ Promotes her online, interactive course called *The Emergence Aliveguide*, based on her book Emergence: The Shift from Ego to Essence: **This course “guides you step-by-step, at your own pace, through vital experiences designed to bring about a shift in consciousness. ‘During the process each of us forms an Inner Sanctuary, fostering the ‘bliss of union’ for the Human and the Divine within ourselves.** We invite our own higher selves to come in the whole way, guiding our ego-driven ‘local self’ to evolve more fully into our ‘Essential Self’.”

<http://barbaramarxhubbard.com/content/pages/aliveguide>

✚ “...a more universal human. This new type of human began to appear about 5000 years ago in Israel, India, Persia, Greece, China, the Middle East. We identify some of these humans as Isaiah, Buddha, Zoroaster, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Lao-tzu, Confucius, Jesus, Mohammed and others, advanced human beings who gave fuller expression to the Great Creating Process in themselves. In these people the Consciousness Force Itself broke through into human awareness. Indeed, these advanced beings founded the religions and the ethical systems of the world, calling all of us to evolve to a higher state.

But most of us could not experience what the evolved humans did. The teachings of the originators were codified and became dogma for those who could not experience the truth themselves. And often this dogma fostered obedience to outside authorities, rather than inspiring people to recognize the great Source within.

Now, during our current planetary crises, these old codified systems are breaking down and changing. **Many people are leaving organized religion behind and experiencing the awakening of Spirit within themselves. They are listening to the voice of their Higher Self, the One Voice calling us all to grow in consciousness and to recreate our world. The Era of the Holy Spirit incarnating has begun.”**

<http://www.barbaramarxhubbard.com/content/node/47>

✚ Barbara actively fights the teaching of Biblical Christianity

# Ken Wilber

- ✚ Rob Bell's recommendation of Wilber in his book Velvet Elvis:  
"For a mind-blowing introduction to emergence theory and divine creativity [meaning we are co-creators with God], set aside three months and read Ken Wilber's *A Brief History of Everything*."  
<http://www.lighthouse Trailsresearch.com/newsletter070307.htm#LETTER.BLOCK6>
- ✚ "Ken Wilber was raised in a conservative Christian church, but at some point he left that faith and is now a major proponent of Buddhist mysticism. . . .Wilber is one of the most respected and highly regarded theoreticians in the New Age movement today.

Wilber is perhaps best known for what he calls integral theory. On his website, he has a chart called the Integral Life Practice Matrix, which lists several activities one can practice 'to authentically exercise all aspects or dimensions of your own being-in-the-world.' Here are a few of these spiritual activities that Wilber promotes: yoga, Zen, centering prayer, kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), TM, tantra (Hindu-based sexuality), and kundalini yoga. There are others of this nature, as well. *A Brief History of Everything* discusses these practices (in a favorable light) as well."

<http://www.lighthouse Trailsresearch.com/newsletter070307.htm#LETTER.BLOCK6>

## Altered State of Consciousness or Alpha State

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"The science of witchcraft is based upon our ability to enter altered states of consciousness we call "alpha"... This is a state associated with relaxation, meditation and dreaming...In alpha the mind opens up to non ordinary forms of communication...Here we also experience out-of-body sensations and psychokinesis and receive mystical, visionary information" [Laurie Cabot](#), **Power Of the Witch, Delta Books, 1989**

"Alpha is the springboard for all psychic and magical workings. It is the heart of witchcraft". [Laurie Cabot](#), **Power Of The Witch**

"When I started on the path of witch, my teachers stressed to me the importance of meditation. Not only is it a skill that witches should learn to help with spells and rituals, but meditation all by itself is quite magical." [Christopher Penczak](#)

"...almost everyone has the potential, to one degree or another, to cultivate shamanic abilities if he or she wishes to do so. Researchers ... have found that entrainment of the brainwaves to the alpha and theta rhythms ... induce similar trance and visionary experiences."

**By [Sarah Belle Dougherty](#)  
(Music and Healing Arts)**

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**"If you feel we live in a purely physical universe, you will view meditation as a good way to obtain a consistent alpha brain wave pattern"** [Richard Foster](#) in **Celebration of Discipline**

Does **contemplative prayer**, (the repeating of a word or phrase as taught by **Richard Foster and Thomas Merton**) take the practitioner in to the alpha altered state of consciousness? We believe it does ... dangerously so.

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