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### Notes

1. Mark Satin, *New Age Politics* (New York: Dell, 1978), 97.
2. Benjamin Creme, *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom* (London: The Tara Press, 1980), 28.
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4. Marilyn Ferguson, *The Aquarian Conspiracy* (Los Angeles: J.P. Tarcher, 1980), 100-01.

### For Further Reading

Bowen, William M. *Globalism, America's Demise*. Lafayette, La.: Huntington House, 1984.

Bowen's book is one of the earliest manuscripts dealing with the New Age Movement and is a bit dated. There is, however, a good deal of information that continues to be helpful. The book is written in a very popular style and is easily understood.

Brooke, Tal. *When the World Will Be As One*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1989.

Tal is a former disciple of Sai Baba and has a deep reservoir of understanding regarding the New Age and its impact on the West. His book is very engaging and in my opinion is suitable for the non-Christian to read without being overly chastised for a lack of faith in the Christian message. The book is subtle and enticing in its approach to Christian doctrine, and the author allows the reader to grasp the biblical content without being abusive.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Riders of the Cosmic Circuit*. Tring, England: Lion, 1986.

This is Brooke's first book, the story of his experience with Sai Baba. He tells about life in the commune and how he rose through the spiritual ranks to become his guru's top Western disciple. Tal deals with the three top gurus of India: Sai Baba, Swami Muktananda, and Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. This is a good book for understanding the mind of the Westerner who becomes involved with the Eastern

gurus.

Chandler, Russell. *Understanding the New Age*. Waco, Tex.: Word, 1988.

As a newspaper journalist, Russell Chandler brings a different perspective to the topic of the New Age. His writing is engaging and lucid. He deals with a broad range of New Age issues and is careful about footnoting his sources.

Groothuis, Doug. *Unmasking the New Age*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 1986.

Doug has done an excellent job of helping the average individual grasp the New Age and its philosophy. The author has an educational background in philosophy that adequately prepares him to address the New Age and its issues.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Confronting the New Age*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 1988.

The author discusses the impact of the New Age in both education and business along with other fields of endeavor. The index at the end of the book is especially helpful.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Revealing the New Age Jesus*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 1990.

The "lost years of Jesus" and other questionable New Age teachings are addressed by the author. A concise and very understandable treatment of the biblical Jesus. Groothuis offers an extensive bibliography for the serious student.

Hoyt, Karen. *The New Age Rage*. Berkeley, Cal.: Spiritual Counterfeits Project, 1987.

This book is edited by Hoyt and is written by the SCP team of researchers. It is valuable for its content as well as its contributing writers. SCP is well-known for their thorough research and ability to communicate a Christian perspective on the cults and the occult.

Hunt, Dave. *Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1983.

Dave Hunt has contributed several volumes toward the New Age debate of ideas. His writing is understandable and popular. This title lays a good foundation for understanding the New Age.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Seduction of Christianity*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1985.

The author discusses how Christianity is seduced by the New Age lie. He explores the subtle influence of the New Age on "Christian" personalities. The book has received some criticism for mentioning individuals the author believes have crossed the line into New Age thinking and conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_. *America: The Sorcerer's New Apprentice*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1988.

Hunt, an antagonist of modern psychology, equates psychology with sorcery or shamanism. He offers a reasonable argument against psychotherapy. He further exposes Carl Jung's deep interest in the occult and how it pervaded his philosophy.

Matrisciana, Caryl. *Gods of the New Age*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1985.

This popularly written book introduces various gurus of India and discusses their influence on America.

Maharaj, Rabindranath R. *Escape into the Light*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, 1984.

Rabi Maharaj grew up in India as the son of a Hindu holy man. He was being groomed to be a guru himself when he was introduced to Christ. This is a personal testimony of the power of God to deliver an individual out of darkness. This book is fascinating and very readable.



Michaelsen, Johanna. *The Beautiful Side of Evil*. Eugene, Ore.: Harvest House, Ore.:1982.

This book is very readable and is the author's personal experiences in the occult. She was exposed to Silva Mind Control and psychic surgery. Johanna discusses how she was spared as she studied to become a psychic surgeon herself.

Sire, James. *The Universe Next Door*. 3d ed. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 1997. Sire's book is a pillar in understanding the various world views that contend for our allegiance. He does a good job of helping the individual think through the ideas that shape our culture. There is a separate chapter on NAM. (The second edition of this book [1988] also includes a chapter on New Age.)

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