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NEW AGE RIGHT OR WRONG?

This year some erroneous books have been published to the effect that it is WRONG for Christians to study the NEW AGE.

But, several other good articles have been written that say that there is NO NEW AGE conspiracy and that it is good for Christians to study the NEW AGE as defined in the Bible.

I believe that it is good and healthy for all Bible students to study what the Bible says about the NEW AGE, in spite of what the new books have said to the contrary.

But if you do decide to study the NEW AGE in the Bible, you had better check out how your own pastor feels before you tell your church or denominational leaders. Don't tell them because a new "witch hunt" has now started in some Fundamental, Pentecostal and Charismatic churches.

It is sad to report that throughout all of history the Holy Spirit led Christians, have had to hide their own activity from their own denominational leaders. And history is now repeating itself in the matter of the study of the NEW AGE in the Bible.

My own ministry has been drug into the controversy because one author in particular mistakenly claims that I am part of some great conspiracy to take over the world through their own power and planning.

I have not read any books or literature on the so called NEW AGE conspiracy until very recently.

But now, I have had to study the NEW AGE controversy because a number of pastors have demanded an answer from me - am I part of the NEW AGE CONSPIRACY, or not?

No. I am not a part of any such conspiracy.

After reading some books on the subject I think that I now see how the error was made.

NEW AGE BIBLE TEACHING

Yes, I am a NEW AGE Bible student and teacher. Usually, I only study the Bible. I only write about Bible subjects. Until the last four months, I have never read a book or an article about the NEW AGE, except what the Bible has to say.

Imagine my surprise to find out that a few authors claim I am a leader of a crazy conspiracy started 200 years ago!

After being publically criticized I naturally had to find out - what for? So I bought the critical books. Here is what I found:

WORLD'S NEW AGE GROUP

The critical books have done a copious job of showing that a group of people have been looking for a NEW AGE for the last 200 years.

That group of people are not given to Bible study - though they try to touch on religious subjects.

I call those people the WORLD'S NEW AGE group.

Here's the catch. They are looking for a NEW AGE of peace and prosperity just like Bible students are also expecting.

But the WORLD'S NEW AGE group teaches that the NEW AGE of peace and prosperity will come through their own HUMAN planning and HUMAN action and effort. I do not agree with their idea of how the NEW AGE will come about.

BIBLE'S NEW AGE GROUP

The BIBLE'S NEW AGE students believe that the NEW AGE of peace and prosperity will come through DIVINE intervention due to the will of GOD, not human will. I have

always studied BIBLE literature on the BIBLE'S NEW AGE. And I also write Bible lessons on the BIBLE'S NEW AGE.

Some very important people agree with us that it is a good idea to study the NEW AGE, in the Bible. For instance:

The apostle Paul said:

That in the AGES TO COME
He might shew the exceeding
riches of His grace in His kindness
toward us through CHRIST JESUS.
Ephesians 2:7

Note: There are AGES TO COME.

And the apostle John said:

A NEW HEAVEN AND
A NEW EARTH. Rev. 21:1

Yes, a NEW AGE is going to come for Christians.

The apostle Peter said:

Nevertheless we
according to His
promise, look for a
NEW HEAVEN and a NEW
EARTH wherein dwelleth
righteousness. II Peter 3:13

THE SAME RESULT

The two groups are looking for the same result.

Noticing the similarity between the goals of the two groups, and being unable or unwilling to notice the DIFFERENCE in the METHOD of achieving the goals taught by each group - a few authors have wrongly, incorrectly, and unfairly cited the authors in the BIBLE'S NEW AGE group with the sin of entering into a conspiracy with the authors of the WORLD'S NEW AGE group.

There is no conspiracy between the two groups that are teaching about the NEW AGE.

Whoever says that there is a conspiracy has not noticed the vast difference between the teaching of the two separate groups.

A DIFFERENT METHOD

Most any BIBLE student can see that our GOD will send His Holy Spirit upon the MANIFEST BODY OF CHRIST to give those people the power to rule and reign in the millennium here on the earth.
(Rev, 5:10, 20:6, 22:5, I Peter 2:5,9)

But the WORLD'S NEW AGE group talks of a great world alliance. They teach about bringing peace through conferences and

talks. They teach about one world government.

The BIBLE'S NEW AGE group recognizes this as a setup for the Antichrist.
(I John 2:18, 22, 4:3,7, II John 7)

A DIFFERENT GODHEAD

The WORLD'S NEW AGE group brings together theological ideas from all over the world. They talk about a Godhead where BUDDAH is boss. Under BUDDAH they have a name MAITREYA. Then they place JESUS under them along with other religious teachers.

The BIBLE'S NEW AGE students immediately recognize this as false teaching. Bible students know that CHRIST is "Far above all principality, and power and might."
(Ephesians 1:21).

We could waste a lot of time in the study of the differences between the WORLD'S NEW AGE group and the BIBLE'S NEW AGE group. But we have seen enough to know that the two groups are absolutely opposed as to the METHOD of bringing in the NEW AGE. The new erroneous books point out the similarities in the GOALS of the two groups without noting the differences in the METHODS. Yes. We all want peace and prosperity, but we are approaching it differently through different METHODS.

END TIME OR NEW AGE?

Many years ago I described my Bible lessons as - END TIME. But as I listened to other END TIME teachers I noticed that the main theme was concerning the fact that everything was going to be very hard; earthquakes, violence, etc. I thought - they are all prophets of doom; and doom seems to be the major subject of END TIME teachers. I do not disagree.

But my main theme is victory. My main interest is not the battle, it is the reward of victory. So I changed my literature from END TIME to NEW AGE. After all, the victory occurs in the NEW AGE and that interests me more than the details of the war. I don't think that it is wrong to study the doom of the end time message. But my personality is happier with the victory of the NEW AGE message.

The study of the END TIME was important a few years ago.

Now I believe that a study of the NEW AGE will be more profitable for the Bible student whose goal is to overcome the last enemy - which is death.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (I Corinthians 15:26).

The NEW AGE will have no death.

PRESENT AGE

The present AGE contains a mixture gospel. It is called the "gospel of the circumcision." It is a mixture of law and grace. Preachers of the "gospel of the circumcision" tell their congregations that they must do things or not do things in order to find favor with God. They say, "Praise God for what Jesus did, but sister do you wear this, or color that, or go here or shun that?"

Almost every church and absolutely every denomination I have ever visited has demonstrated at least some of the law-grace mixture. And I know of some groups that are more law than they are grace.

The NEW AGE will not contain the "gospel of the circumcision."

NEW AGE

The gospel of the uncircumcision will be taught in the NEW AGE.

Here is what Paul said about the difference between the TWO gospels:

"And that because of FALSE brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us in to bondage. To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person;) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: But contrariwise, when they saw the GOSPEL OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION was committed unto me, as the GOSPEL OF THE CIRCUMCISION was unto Peter." (Galatians 2:4-7).

Paul's gospel of the uncircumcision will be restored, and it will be the message of the NEW AGE. It will be a pure GRACE message. It will not contain a mixture of LAW and GRACE.

Peter's gospel of the circumcision will come to disuse in the NEW AGE. NEW AGE churches will praise our GOD for what JESUS DID, not what we do (or don't do).

TWO GOSPELS

There are TWO GOSPELS. The GOSPEL of the CIRCUMCISION was given to Peter and it

has served this present AGE. The GOSPEL of the UNCIRCUMCISION was given to Paul and it will serve the NEW AGE wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Really, we need more Bible based teaching on the NEW AGE. Instead of trying to make you afraid of the NEW AGE, I believe that every Bible student should get as much material, as many books, etc. on the BIBLE'S NEW AGE as possible.

You know what I believe! Eat the grapes and spit out the seeds! You are old enough. You are mature enough to discover that some good writers about the BIBLE'S NEW AGE are still mixing the gospel of the circumcision with the BIBLE'S NEW AGE message. But don't let that stop you.

Eat their good grapes such as the teachings about, 1. The Feast of Tabernacles, 2. The Tabernacle of David, 3. Years of Jubilee, 4. Manifestation of the Sons of God, 5. Melchisedec Priesthood, 6. The Bride of Christ, 7. The Body of Christ, 8. The Rainbow, and spit out the seeds such as the "gospel of the circumcision." (mixture of law and grace).

NEW AGE OR RAPTURE ?

To me, the beauty of the NEW AGE Bible study shows that our GOD has plans for a lot better NEW AGE here on this EARTH than is the PRESENT AGE in which we have to live. But, to some erroneous minds, the idea of a NEW AGE here on EARTH ruins their hope of a so called "rapture" to HEAVEN. Those people don't want to think of a NEW AGE here on EARTH. Because of the tribulation of the END TIMES they want to find a fire escape to HEAVEN. So, the NEW AGE teaching is cursed in the minds of the "rapture" people.

If Christians start looking for the BIBLE'S NEW AGE, then many of them will stop looking for the erroneous "rapture."

Then I noticed that most of the leaders who are attempting to stop the study of the BIBLE'S NEW AGE are themselves all wrapped up in trying to promote the false "rapture" teaching.

It took this attack on my ministry for me to slow down and take the time to study and discover that there are two major thoughts in present Christianity that just can NOT walk hand in hand.

The idea of being "raptured" up to HEAVEN is incompatible with the idea of ruling and reigning here on EARTH.

People who believe (erroniously) in the "rapture" just cannot get along with Christians who are studying the BIBLE'S NEW AGE principles of ruling and reigning here on earth.

The BIBLE'S NEW AGE teaching is winning many people out of the "rapture" camp. That's the reason for the attack from our own so called Christian friends.

And so we see that there are three main groups of people featured in the controversy about the NEW AGE.

1. The "rapture" people.
2. The WORLD'S NEW AGE people
3. The BIBLE'S NEW AGE students.

And we see that all three are attempting to get to the same goal of peace and prosperity.

But we see that their feet cannot walk on the same path.

As for me, I choose to walk with the BIBLE'S NEW AGE students. And my message to the "rapture" people is, "Leave us alone! We want to study the Bible to find and experience all the processes that lead to eternal life here on the earth. Your "rapture" ideas don't point to victory here on the earth.

You can study books about going to heaven in a so called "rapture" if that turns you on. We want to study the Bible to learn to live and to love and to bring heaven to earth."

We believe that JESUS never taught us to look for a "rapture" to get out of the tribulations in the world.

JESUS said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33).

We believe the "rapture" idea is erroneous because it teaches people to hope to avoid tribulation.

JESUS said we ~~will~~ have tribulation.

Paul said tribulation is good for us. "We glory in tribulations also: Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience experience; and experience hope: And hope maketh not ashamed" (Romans 5:3).

BIBLE'S NEW AGE OR WORLD'S NEW AGE ?

I have never read the books and literature that describe the WORLD'S NEW AGE. My only interest is in what the Bible says.

I have no connection with the WORLD'S NEW AGE movement as newly defined by recent authors; but I do have an intense interest

in the BIBLE'S NEW AGE as defined by the Bible. I have no connection with any occult group.

The NEW AGE has never been my major lesson. It has been an important support for all the other 109 topics. I resist the idea of putting even one good Bible lesson under wraps because of a newly created problem in semantics. (Problem in Semantics - The difference in the meaning of words between the speaker and the hearer - in this case, the meaning of "NEW AGE.")

"NEW AGE" means the next age in the series of ages to come. It does not mean a newly formed conspiracy with occult authors, as some people erroneously claim.

I join with the apostles Paul, John and Peter in my desire to look at and participate in the NEW AGE.

All Bible students should share this desire, I believe.

If someone asks you, "Are you a part of the NEW AGE group?" - the chances are that they have recently read a new erroneous book on the subject. Or perhaps someone recently attached fear to the study of the NEW AGE.

Answer their question with this gently worded question. Say, "Which NEW AGE group? Do you mean the WORLD'S NEW AGE group or do you mean the BIBLE'S NEW AGE group?"

Then you can take it from there. Who knows? You may win a convert.

This ministry has recently come under great attack by the "rapture" people and churches and denominations.

We must be doing something right for them to be so very destructive against us.

Please, Please, Please. If you come across any books, handbills, tapes, radio or T.V. programs, etc. that specifically use my name, or refer to this ministry in a bad light, please let me know. And, if possible, please send me a copy.

This ministry does not exist apart from the gifts and prayers of our students and friends.





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