

"THE MESSAGE BIBLE" CONTINUES NEW AGE TERMINOLOGY ...

The New Age believes in a series of what they call "ages," hence the name. Every new "age" is essentially a rebirth of the earth (or, on a smaller scale, the rebirth of a culture) in which all of its inhabitants are said to move into a greater understanding of truth and enlightenment. The people, in fact, move into a whole new level of consciousness, which is supposed to enable them to forsake their present problems and struggles. These "ages" are headed by world teachers called "avatars," (or "masters" as previously mentioned) divine messengers who are able to show humans how to live in new spiritual knowledge. Hear Alice Bailey, occultist and leader of the New Age, describe the dawning of these new "ages": "Always in the past, it has been the religious teachers of the period who have fostered and proclaimed this expectancy and the time has always been one of **chaos** and difficulty, of **a climaxing point** at the **close of a** civilization or culture and when the resources of the old religions have seemed inadequate to meet men's difficulties or to solve their problems. . . . Ever down the ages, and at every great human crisis, always in the hours of necessity, at the founding of a new race, or in the awakening of a prepared humanity to a new and wider vision, the Heart of God—impelled by the Law of Compassion sends forth a Teacher, a world Savior, an Illuminator, an Avatar, a transmitting Intermediary, a Christ."14 Did you catch that? Another title Bailey called her New Age "avatar" was "Christ." Thus, she perfectly set the stage for that which we understand from Scripture will one day be the Antichrist himself. And strangely enough, in today's climate, it does seem that everywhere we turn we are being reminded that humanity is embarking upon a new era — from the global war on terror, to reforms in education, medicine, and communication technology. We are being conditioned to expect a change. Such ominous predictions are even heard coming from within the so-called "Christian" church. C. Peter Wagner, church growth guru, says, "The New Apostolic Reformation is an extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit that is changing the shape of Christianity globally. It is truly a new day! The Church is changing. . . . This conference will cause the Body to understand God's 'new' order for this coming era." 15

AGE AFTER AGE — NEW AGE

Psalms 72:5

King James:

They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

The Message:

Outlast the sun, outlive the moon—age after age after age.

Revelation 4:9-10

King James:

(9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the Throne, Who liveth for ever and ever,

The Message:

(9-11) Every time the Animals gave glory and honor and thanks to the One Seated on the Throne—the age-after-age Living One—the Twenty-four Elders would fall prostrate

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King James:

(10) The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the Throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying,

The Message:

before **the One** Seated on the Throne. They worshiped the **age-after-age Living One**. They threw their crowns at the foot of the Throne, **chanting**,

Revelation 5:13

King James:

And every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

The Message:

Then I heard every creature in Heaven and earth, in underworld and sea, join in, all voices in all places, singing: To **the One** on the Throne! To the Lamb! The blessing, the honor, the glory, the strength, For **age after age** after age.

Revelation 22:5

King James:

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The Message:

Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamplight or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him age after age after age.

Another term found in "The Mess" for New Age "avatars" and/or "masters" is "divine guardians." These men are considered "divine" because they are said to actually contain deity or a "spark of the divine" within them. One esoteric teacher describes the "divine guardians" as "custodians of the Divine Plan." "The Masters, together forming the Spiritual Hierarchy, are the custodians of the Divine Plan for this planet." One such guardian would certainly be a man named Benjamin Creme, proponent of the coming World Teacher, Maitreya. "Beginning in 1959, he was contacted by one of the 'Ascended Masters,' who told him he had a mission to perform for the advancement of the Masters' plan for humanity. Creme was instructed to prepare the way for the coming of one Lord Maitreya, a Master who would assume human form and begin preparing humanity for the advent of the **Age of Aquarius** — a sort of **New Age Millennium**. The Aquarian Age would be a time of peace, plenty, perfect equality, and global governance under the Masters, via the United Nations."

DIVINE GUARDIANS — NEW AGE

Deuteronomy 32:8

King James:

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

The Message:

When the High God gave the nations their stake, gave them their place on Earth, He put each of the peoples within boundaries under the care of **divine guardians**.

Now, New Age "ages" are not to be confused with the Biblical teaching of "Dispensation." Biblical "Dispensation" simply means that throughout history God has had different ways of revealing to mankind His Plan of Salvation — Christ and Him Crucified — which never changes. New Age "ages" always introduce completely new "lights" or "truths," which continually change. This brings us to our next point. Yet, another title used for New Age "avatars" is "light-bearers." The name Lucifer literally means "light bearer" in Latin, and since New-Agers actually worship Lucifer, they proudly adopt this title for themselves and/or their

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"masters of wisdom." It is believed that Lucifer always reveals "light," meaning a "higher or greater knowledge," to humans. In fact, dig just a little bit deeper into Luciferic theology and you will find it teaches that it was actually an evil religious angel who deprived Adam and Eve of the fruit of Tree of the Knowledge. They say that the serpent in the garden (Lucifer in disguise) was really trying to help man gain the god-like wisdom necessary to free him from all his bondages. Alice Bailey says, ". . . the one in whom the light shines becomes a **light-bearer** in a dark world. . . . These words carry meaning to all true disciples and present them with an analogous goal which they define to themselves as that of finding the light, appropriating the light, and themselves becoming the light-bearers." 18 "To this light the mystics testify, and it is this light into which they enter, and which enters into them, revealing the light which is latent and drawing it forth to potency, 'In Thy light shall we see light.' This is the outstanding fact of scientific mysticism. God is light...."19 A "light-seed" is another description of one who embodies this initiated Luciferic light! What a horrible mockery of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ, and the impartation of His Spirit to true Believers! But, the Lord is good, and He has specifically warned us in His Word that Satan would try to deceive us in this way: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (II Cor. 11:14-15).

<u>LIGHT-BEARERS — NEW AGE</u>

Psalms 97:11

King James:

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

The Message:

Light-seeds are planted in the souls of God's people; Joyseeds are planted in good heart-soil.

Matthew 5:15

King James:

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

The Message:

If I make you **light-bearers**, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand.

THE LIGHT — NEW AGE

Job 24:13

King James:

They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

The Message:

Then there are those who avoid light at all costs, who scorn the **light-filled path**.

Psalms 27:1

King James:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The Message:

Light, space, zest— that's Goo! So, with him on my side I'm fearless, afraid of no one and nothing.

Psalms 36:9

King James:

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

The Message:

You're a fountain of cascading light, and you open our eyes to light.

Deuteronomy 33:2

King James:

And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; He shined forth from mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

The Message:

God came down from Sinai, he dawned from Seir upon them; He radiated light from Mount Paran, coming with ten thousand holy angels And tongues of fire streaming from his right hand.

Matthew 17:5

King James:

While He yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.

The Message:

While he was going on like this, babbling, a **light-ra-diant cloud** enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him."

Luke 2:32

King James:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

The Message:

A **God-revealing light** to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel.

Luke 9:34

King James:

While He thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

The Message:

While he was babbling on like this, a **light-radiant cloud** enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God.

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