

# Sage, Crystals, New Age: Let's Talk About It!

## I. Introduction

*"Take us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes."*

— Song of Solomon 2:15

Fences are built around vineyards to prevent animals from coming in and eating the grapes. Imagine a deer feasting on ripe clusters of grapes hanging from the vines. Little foxes are smaller animals that cannot reach the hanging grapes so they gnaw the vines off at the ground, causing the out of reach fruit to fall with the ruined vine. It is one thing to lose some of one seasons grapes, but it is far worse to lose forever a vine that took 12 to 14 years to mature. Little foxes represent the small things we often ignore, little things and details that go unchecked, things we decide not to deal with. While pesky and annoying, we tend to dismiss the little foxes in our lives as no big deal. The problem with little foxes is that they always cause a bigger issue.

## I. What exactly is New Age and why are we hearing so much about it now? (3 Mins)

The New Age movement, or New Age spirituality, is **a conglomeration of beliefs rooted in Eastern mysticism** Things ranging from meditation to occult practices can all fall under the umbrella of New Ageism.

The New Age Movement is probably best characterized as a '**spiritual supermarket**' from which individuals are free to pick and mix those spiritual beliefs and practices which they feel best help them achieve peace of mind or realize their full human potential.

A. The movement that spread through the occult and metaphysical religious communities in the 1970s and '80s. It looked forward to a "New Age" of love and light and offered a foretaste of the coming era through personal transformation and healing. Helena Bla-vat-sky was an originator and Alice Ann Bailey was a practicing channeler, psychedelic user. Her books inspired the New Age movement. Alice is accredited for the 10 point plan of the new world order (Rev 13) which was adopted by the UN.

1. Take God out of the education system

2. Reduce parental authority over the children; specifically so parents do not pass Christian traditions to their children (70% of youth leave church after high school according to Pew Research Center and USA Today)
3. Destroy the Judeo-Christian Family Structure: "If you break up the family, you'll break Up the nation."
4. Make Homosexuality an alternative lifestyle
5. Use Media to promote and change mindset
6. Create an interfaith movement: "Promote other faiths to be at par with Christianity, and break this thing about Christianity as being the only way to heaven. Promote the importance of man in determining his own future and destiny— humanism

## II. New Age Vs Christianity

HUMANS	Humans are apart of cosmic conscious energy and are all divine thus all are gods; even use Ps 82 as basis. They conclude that most humans are blinded by religion and are not awaken to truth potential	We believe humans are broken sin nature from Adam and separated from God and God is the only one who can repair us. God has bestowed his nature upon us for salvation but it does not make us Gods (Rom 2:14; instinct for good and bad law of God testifies to the nature of God in us
GOD	New age believes God is a cosmic energy	<i>But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased (Ps 115:3).</i> Christian's believe personal relationship 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 4:7-8

JESUS	Jesus is a wonderful spiritual teacher tragedy killed; story of Jesus embellished; however other paths to enlightenment (Oprah "I am a Christian who believes there are certainly many more paths to God than Christianity; There are many diverse paths leading to what you call God.")	Jesus is God himself manifested in flesh according to John 1; who is the same substance as the Father; I am the door (John 14:6-11;
CREATION	this world is a projection to entertain ourselves and will create a new world eventually; History is cyclical thus it will repeat itself	world and everything in it was created by God. History is linear bc Christ will return (John 1:15-17; Col 1:16)
EVIL & SUFFERING	No such thing as evil and suffering...if we accept suffering as an illusion it won't be as bad.	Christians believe evil is a byproduct of sin God use suffering to mature the Christian but he does not delight in it or find pleasure in it; God suffered Rom 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18;
TRUTH	No such thing as absolute truth (ie my truth, etc); encourages openmindness in search for truth which can only be provided once we reach our fullness energy vibration	there is absolute truth regardless of acknowledgment; universal logic, worship desire, truth came into the world as Jesus Christ; John 14:6; John 17:17

AUTHORITY	no higher authority, don't need permission; go where you want when you want hints the usage of various items to encounter the spiritual realm for more information and power	we believe we submit to God therefore we are not free to do whatever we'd like. 1 Cor 6:19; Matt 6:10
SIN	No such thing as sin; being freed from illusion to pursue enlightenment	salvation is from God and since all have sinner, God has paid the way for our sins through Jesus death; salvation by grace and not earned 2 Cor 5:21; ROM 6:23

**III. Now we're seeing New Age + Christianity**

New age and Christianity can coexist; Mixture; Christians exercising new age practices: This is not a new idea

**2 Kings 17:33:**  
**Colossians 2:6-10**

**IV. New Age Practices: (10 mins)**

<b>Law of Attraction/ Manifesting</b>	positive or neg thoughts bring those experiences in your life. Like energy attracts like energy (manifest something; write it down over and over; good vibes; no negative energy); Life and death is in your tongue (Pro 18)	James talks about the tongue being a fiery member and needing to be tamed by the Holy Spirit. Bible never refers to God as the universe; he is the creator, when you ask the universe to intervene you are participating in idol worship which the Bible speaks against Ex 34:14; 1 Cor 12:1; Jer 2:5;\
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<p><b>Belief an inward Source Energy</b></p>	<p>Source energy helps to manifest desires and dreams, according to Ester Hicks, a medium who channels group of consciousness from non physical dimension, source energy is conscious enough to focus, create and attract, nothing so big that source energy can't do, channeled by mediation and enlightenment = pantheism: belief that God is in everything and everyone and that everyone and everything is god (ie fish is god, sky is god, you are god)</p>	<p>we are made in the image of god (Gen 1:27) but we are not god (John 10:34-38; Phil 2:6) I am not the source; I am a phone charger without a source; I am useless</p>
<p>Mediation; Appears in scripture but the issue is what you are mediating on</p>	<p>tapping to subconscious mind and tapping into source energy; mediate on themselves</p>	<p>Christians are to think on God and scriptures Jos 1:8; Ps 1:1; ps 119:15; <i>Phil 4:8; Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.</i></p>

<p>Yoga; means to unite one's self with the Hindu concept of god; Bruman</p>	<p>tradition yoga opens the door to spiritual realm; some stances or poses represent worship to certain gods and certain combos are meant as prayers; namesta means I bow to the divine in you the gesture according to yoga journal means sealed gesture or mark symbolic of a heart seal</p>	<p>Exercise, stretches are good ( <i>And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.</i>" Mark 12:30) but we have to know who's leading us and what motivates them; 2 Cor 1:21</p>
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**Reminder John 10:10; This sounds intense but Satan is not our friend.**

<p><b>Universalism</b></p>	<p>all roads lead to God; God is so loving that no one goes to hell</p>	<p>Let the unrighteous continue to be unrighteous, and the vile continue to be vile; let the righteous continue to practice righteousness, and the holy continue to be holy." 12" Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done....Rev 22:11; John 3:36; For <sup>k</sup>the wrath of God <sup>l</sup>is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Rom 1:18</p>
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**Healing Crystals:  
shockras= colors,  
stones, mediations**

just bc God created it, it doesn't give us free reign to use it or do whatever we want with it; most ppl w crystals are from the occult; there's a difference between jewelry and crystals with the intention of bringing healing and leveling vibrations; occult concerns itself with study and utilization of supernatural influences, powers and phenomenas that are hidden from regular senses. They also believe that humans are oozing with mystical energies; I need the crystals to channel and normalize my energy. Occult is also involved in astrology, numerology, divination, horoscopes, tarot cards, physic reading, medium shift, spirit channeling, eastern religions.

What does God say abt occult? Deut 18:9; when you enter the land don't learn their things; sacred stones among people were called amulets or charms to protect ppl (Ez 13:18-21; voodoo dolls and machine crystals) 2 Thess 2:8-9; counterfeit miracles (ie Julie Lopez grandmother)

**Tarot Cards + Angel Cards**

angel cards are the good version of the cards; created as a card game and evolved into a divination tool; Tarot card readings are used for physic readings; most angel card decks have specific messages and bring angels and supernatural entities from the Spirit realm; angel board is like a Ouija board but you let angels guide you with the message

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Roms 8:9; Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty. Zec 4:1*

Astroprojection

a lot of ppl turn to witchcraft for supernatural experiences 1 Sam 28:6; new age practice of leaving you actual body and the part of you that animates goes into the spiritual realm; your ethereal soul disconnects from your body so you can roam In The spirit realm

The concept of out of body experiences are present in the scriptures: Ez 3:14 Spirit lifted me up and took me away; 8:3 The Spirit lifted me up; 11:24 The spirit carried me back; out of body experiences are biblical but God is the initiator, the difference is when I initiate or when God initiates (dreams, trances, etc)  
Tormented by demons after astroprojecton, if you try to make yourself go into the spirit realm, you are unprotected and accessing illegally; demons have access; psychedelic drugs to access; *started w weed*; Terrance McCinnon; psychedelics in cow poop to get closer to God; identity is changed in an instant. Ppl think they've had an encounter w God. Joe Rogan podcast; opening the door

Sage	Native American smudging ceremonies might be performed before or after a significant event, before meditation, or to ward off illness. In general, those who smudge or sage for spiritual purposes, whether as an ancient practice, a New Age ritual, or for other reasons, do so to drive out negativity or evil spirits, cleanse the area, and increase healing and positive energy.	We can't chase off Satan or demons with smoke. Weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor 10:4) The Bible is clear that God is the one that protects us from evil (2 <a href="#">Thessalonians 3:3</a> ). The Bible also teaches us that the world isn't ruled by "energies," but rather by <a href="#">our Father</a> God, in whom we can trust ( <a href="#">Psalm 89:11</a> ). Smoke does not cleanse our "aura," or our soul. We are cleansed by <a href="#">the blood of Jesus</a> alone ( <a href="#">Ephesians 1:7</a> ).
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*Weed comes from Hinduism. Called bang; they would drink cannabis to contact Hindu deities*

**V. Importance of Knowing What You Believe: Apologetics Series; Don't be deceived (2 Mins)**

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, (1 Tim 4:1)*

Witchcraft, pagan rituals, and sorcery are called an "abomination" and "detestable" by God in the Bible ([Deuteronomy 10:9-13](#)). He strictly prohibits His people from engaging.

**2 Peter 2:1-3**  
**II Timothy 2:15**

**VI. Prayers to Break Bondage (John Eckhardt)**

1. I break and renounce all ungodly covenants, oaths, and pledges I have made with my lips in the name of Jesus.
2. I break all generational curses of pride, lust, perversion, rebellion,

witchcraft , idolatry, poverty, rejection, fear, confusion, addiction, death, and destruction in the name of Jesus. I break and renounce all ungodly covenants made with idols or demons by my ancestors in the name of Jesus (Exod. 23:32).

3. I break all spoken curses and negative words spoken over my life by myself or others, including those in authority in the name of Jesus.
4. I command all demons that claim any legal right to my life through covenants to come out and loose your hold in the name of Jesus.
5. I break and renounce any covenant made with false gods and demons through the occult involvement and witchcraft in the name of Jesus.
6. I break and renounce all spirit marriages that would cause demonic spirits to attack my life in the name of Jesus
7. I break all agreements with hell in the name of Jesus (Isa. 28:18).
8. I have a covenant with God through the blood of Jesus Christ. I am joined to the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.
9. I break all ungodly covenants and renew my covenant to God through the body and blood of Jesus.
10. I divorce myself from any practices, demonic activity, knowingly or unknowingly that would claim my life, my children in the name of Jesus.
11. I BELONG TO GOD NOW! All of me belongs to Him! I give him permission to come into my life, my heart, my mouth and fill me up!