

## Bibliography on New Religious Movement

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### General: Christian Books

- Geisler, Norman L. and Ron Rhodes. *When Cultists Ask: A Popular Handbook of Cultic Misinterpretation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997. A handy, up-to-date guide to cultic thought by one of Christianity's greatest apologist and greatest cult experts. Proceeds book by book through the Bible examining biblical texts taken out of context and misused by the cults. (365 pp., bibliography, topical, scripture religious group indices.)
- House, H. Wayne. *Charts of Cults, Sects, and Religious Movements*. A thorough explanation and examination of the doctrines of the cults in handy chart style. (351 pp.)
- Martin, Walter. *The Kingdom of the Cults*. Hank Hanegraaff, gen. ed. Minneapolis: Bethany House, revised and updated, 1997. Probably one of the greatest treatments of the cults in print. It is a must for any library dealing with the cults. Comes with a CD-ROM of the entire text. (703 pp., index, bibliography, footnotes) [recently updated again in 2003 with Ravi Zacharias as editor]
- Mather, George A. and Larry A. Nichols. *Dictionary of Cults, Sects, Religions and the Occult*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993. Not only covers the so-called "traditional" cults, but also examines various occult groups. Also contains pictures. (384 pp., appendices, bibliography)
- McDowell, Josh and Stewart, Don. *Handbook of Today's Religions*. San Bernardino: Here's Life Publishers, 1982. A complete guide to the cults, occult, non-Christian religions, and secular groups. Each section is also available in a separate book. (567 pp., bibliography, index, glossary, text notes)
- Ridenour, Fritz. *So What's the Difference? How World Faiths Compare to Christianity*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books/Gospel Light Publications, 2001. [formerly *So What's the Difference? A Biblical Comparison of Christianity with Major Religions and Cults* Ventura, CA: Regal Books/Gospel Light Publications, revised 1979.] The best single beginner's guide to the major cults. Clearly contrasts the Christian beliefs and the cults' beliefs on Jesus, man, sin, salvation, and more.
- Rhodes, Ron. *The Culting of America: The Shocking Implications for Every Concerned Christian*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994. "Tragically, millions of people today are utterly oblivious to the new breed of cultic invaders now conquering the West. ... [C]ult expert Ron Rhodes ... takes a fascinating look at why the cults have been so successful at spreading darkness all across the land ..." [from the back cover] Rhodes covers such topics as: connections with Hollywood's hottest celebrities, public school influence reaching millions of young minds, and powerful dominance in American business and health. (259 pp., endnotes, bibliography, subject index, appendices)
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- . *Find it Quick Handbook on Cults and New Religions: Where Did They Come From? What Do They Believe?* "Expert Ron Rhodes describes 40 cults and new religions in this

concise and easy-to-use handbook, providing a short history of each sect or new religion, an explanation of each group's major doctrines, [and] the Christian response." [from the cover] (313 pp., end notes, bib.)

Tucker, Ruth A. *Another Gospel: Alternative Religions and the New Age Movement*. Grand Rapids: Academie Books/Zondervan Publishing House, 1989. Gives a "comprehensive survey of all the major alternative religions in the United States, as well as the new ones since the 1960s." [from the cover] (432 pp., endnotes, bibliography, index)

Watson, William. *A Concise Dictionary of Cults and Religions*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1991. Short definitions and identification of key doctrines and figures in the world of the cults. Also has information about specific ministries to the cults. (299 pp.)

### **Mormonism: Christian Books**

Ankerberg, John and John Weldon. *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Mormonism*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1992.

Beckwith, Francis J., Norman L. Geisler, Ron Rhodes, Phil Roberts, Jerald Tanner, and Sandra Tanner. *The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism: The Great Divide Between Mormonism and Christianity*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1998.

Beckwith, Francis J., Carl Mosser, and Paul Owen, eds. *The New Mormon Challenge: Responding to the Latest Defenses of a Fast-Growing Movement*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

Fraser, Gordon H. *Is Mormonism Christian? Mormon doctrine Compared with Biblical Christianity*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1979.

Gruss, Edmund C. *What Every Mormon Should Know*. Denver: Accent Books, 1979.

Kaiser, Edgar. *How to Respond to the Latter Day Saints*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977.

McElveen, Floyd C. *The Mormon Illusion: What the Bible Says about the Latter-day Saints*. Glendale, CA: Regal Books, revised, 1979.

Morey, Robert A. *How to Answer a Mormon*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1983.

Reed, David and Farkas, John R. *Mormons Answered Verse by Verse*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992.

Ropp, Harry L. *The Mormon Papers: Are the Mormon Scriptures Reliable?* Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1987.

Scott, Latayne Colvett. *The Mormon Mirage: A Former Mormon Tells Why She Left the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Why We Left Mormonism: Eight People Tell Their Story*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1990.

Tanner, Jerald and Tanner, Sandra. *The Case Against Mormonism*. 3 vols. Salt Lake City: Modern Microfilm Company, 1967.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Changing World of Mormonism*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1980.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Mormon Kingdom*. 2 vols. Salt Lake City: Modern Microfilm Company, 1969.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Mormonism: Shadow or Reality?* Salt Lake City: Modern Microfilm Company, 1972.

### **Jehovah's Witnesses: Christian Books**

Bowman Robert M., Jr. *Jehovah's Witnesses, Jesus Christ, and the Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Why You Should Believe in the Trinity: An Answer to Jehovah's Witnesses*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989.

Bowser, Arthur M. *What Every Jehovah's Witness Should Know*. Denver: Accent Books, 1978.

Chretien, Leonard and Chretien, Marjorie. *Witnesses of Jehovah: A Shocking Exposé of What Jehovah's Witnesses Really Believe*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1988.

Duggar, Gordon E. *Jehovah's Witnesses: Watch Out for the Watchtower!* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989.

Franz, Raymond. *Crisis of Conscience: The Struggle Between Loyalty to God and Loyalty to One's Religion*. Atlanta: Commentary Press, 1983.

Gruss, Edmond C. *The Jehovah's Witnesses and Prophetic Speculation: An Examination and Refutation of the Witness' Position on the Second Coming of Christ, Armageddon and the 'End of the World'*. Nutley, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing, Co., 1976.

Kern, Herbert. *How to Respond to the Jehovah's Witnesses*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977.

Lundquist, Lynn. *The Tetragrammaton and the Christian Greek Scriptures*. Portland: Word Resources, 1998.

Magnani, Duane. *Another Jesus: Proving the Bodily Resurrection of Christ to the Jehovah's Witnesses*. 2 vols. Clayton, CA: Witness Inc., 1990.

Morey, Robert A. *How to Answer a Jehovah's Witness: How to Successfully Take the Initiative When They Come to Your Door*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1980.

Quick, Kevin R. *Pilgrimage Through the Watchtower*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Jehovah's Witnesses Answered Verse by Verse*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1986.

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Schnell, William J. *How to Witness to Jehovah's Witnesses*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, reprinted, 1975.

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## **New Age Movement: Christian Books**

### General

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Ankerberg, John, and John Weldon. *The Coming Darkness*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993. A thorough explanation and critique of occultism which shows that the New Age movement is the same as the occult. (qp, 345 pp., end notes, index)

\_\_\_\_\_. *Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996. A massive and thorough collection of information. (qp, 670 pp., bibliography, index)

Beckwith, Francis J. "A Philosophical Analysis of the New Age View of God" *Journal of Christian Apologetics* (Summer 1997): 115-123.

Chandler, Russell. *Understanding the New Age*. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1988. A journalist for more than two decades and religion writer for *The Los Angeles Times* since 1974, Chandler has charted the waves of many alternative religions. He quotes a number of New Age leaders as well as their critics, including Shirley MacLaine, Marilyn Ferguson, M. Scott Peck, Ron Enroth, Douglas Groothuis, and Brooks Alexander. Unfairly critical of Dave Hunt. (hb, 360 pp., end notes, glossary)

Clark, David K. and Norman L. Geisler. *Apologetics in the New Age: A Christian Critique of Pantheism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. One of the most academic books in this bibliography, especially useful for those who desire a deeper philosophical analysis of the world view of the New Age. (qp, 254 pp., footnotes, bibliography, glossary, index)

Geisler, Norman L. *False Gods of Our Times*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1985. Very understandable and practical. Answers the false gods of atheism, pantheism, and naturalism and their attacks on God, Christ, and miracles. The chapters on pantheism are particularly relevant to the New Age controversy. Very up to date. (qp, 206 pp., bibliography, end notes, glossary, index)

Geisler, Norman L. and Ronald M. Brooks. *Christianity Under Attack*. Dallas: Quest Publications. Handy study guide on defending the Faith against other world views. (qp, 102 pp., bibliography, references)

Groothuis, Douglas. *Confronting the New Age*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1988. Sequel to Groothuis' *Unmasking the New Age*. There not only is a need to understand the New Age, but there is also the need to confront it. Deals with witnessing to New Agers, identifying New Age influences in business seminars, exposing New Age curriculum in public schools, and more. (qp, 230 pp., chapter end notes, index, bibliography)

\_\_\_\_\_. *The New Age Movement*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1986. A small, helpful booklet summarizing the essence of the New Age Movement. (booklet, 32 pp., end notes, recommended reading)

\_\_\_\_\_. *Jesus in an Age of Controversy*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996. (originally *Revealing the New Age Jesus*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1990.) A sequel to his book *Unmasking the New Age*, this work takes on the New Age challenges to an orthodox view of Christ. (qp, 374 pp., bibliography, end notes, appendix on the New Testament Canon, index)

\_\_\_\_\_. "New Age or Ancient Error?" *Moody Monthly*, Feb. 1985.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Unmasking the New Age*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1986. Probably the best single book explaining the New Age Movement. Highly recommended. (qp, 194 pp., bibliography, end notes, index)

Haddon, David. "Meditation and the Mind: Mantra vs. Logos" *SCP Newsletter* Vol. 8, No. 1, January, 1982.

Hoyt, Karen and The Spiritual Counterfeits Project. *The New Age Rage*. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1987. Karen Hoyt is executive director of Spiritual Counterfeits Project, a Christian, nonprofit corporation established to research and provide information on new religious movements. This book contrasts the New Age and biblical world views. Also shows how the New Age has influenced society and the Church, and how to reach New Age people for Christ. (qp, 263 pp., end notes, bibliography)

Hunt, Dave. *The Cult Explosion*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1980. *The Cult Explosion* explains what has happened in our recent past to get us where we are in the New Age heresy. Accurately shows the ominous "connection" between the cults in the

world, as well as how New Age occult thinking has penetrated many levels of society. (qp, 272 pp., end notes, index)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *The Cult Explosion Study Guide*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1981. More than just a study guide, this contains material not included in the book plus helpful discussion questions and practical applications. (qp, 127 pp.)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Peace, Prosperity, and the Coming Holocaust*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1983. Tying together all the loose ends, this book shows the New Age Movement as the global threat it is, as well as its possible relationship to end time events. (qp, 282 pp., end notes)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Understanding the New Age Movement*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1983. A handy excerpt from Dave Hunt's *Peace, Prosperity, and the Coming Holocaust*. (booklet, 44 pp.)

Hunt, Dave and T. A. McMahon. *The New Spirituality*. (Formerly entitled *America: The Sorcerer's New Apprentice*.) Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1988. Is America at the threshold of a glorious New Age of enlightenment, peace, and brotherhood or have we as Americans in our search for higher levels of human potential opened a spiritual Pandora's box? Their verdict is that the New Age Movement is a Trojan Horse that will eventually bring down Western civilization. Last in his five part series which is must reading for everyone who wants to understand what the New Age Movement is all about. (qp, 293 pp., end notes)

Kreeft, Peter. *Between Heaven and Hell*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1982. A very delightful, imaginary conversation between C. S. Lewis, John F. Kennedy, and Aldous Huxley (the Christian, the Humanist, and the Pantheist) on God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. Written in a "Socratic" dialogue. Excellent apologetic on the differences between Christianity and eastern religions (and therefore the New Age Movement). (qp, 115 pp.)

Larson, Bob. *Straight Answers on the New Age*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989. A quick and easy reference guide with an exhaustive index. Very handy and up to date. (qp, 288 pp., end notes, bib)

Leithart, Peter and George Grant. *A Christian Response to Dungeons & Dragons*. Fort Worth: Dominion Press, 1987. In this revealing booklet the authors show just exactly what D & D is, how it works, and why it is so popular. They also provide a Biblical critique of the game so that Christians can know how to respond. (qp, 17 pp., bibliography)

Lochhass, Philip H. *How to Respond to The Eastern Religions*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1979. A handy guide to the essentials of eastern religions which are the background to much of the New Age Movement. (qp, 32 pp., bibliography)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *How to Respond to The New Age Movement*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1988. A handy guide to the essentials of the New Age Movement. (qp, 32 pp., bibliography)

- Martin, Walter. *The New Age Cult*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1989. A treatment of the New Age by the late Walter Martin who was one of the church's greatest experts on the cults. (qp, 140 pp., footnotes, bibliography, glossary)
- McRoberts, Kerry D. *New Age or Old Lie?* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1989. "Is it inaccurate to assume that New Agers are unstable, irrational, residual hippies living at the margins of society? Research has demonstrated that those persons most likely to embrace New Age thinking and practices tend to be educated, affluent, and successful people. They must be taken seriously." [from the forward] (qp, 137 pp., chapter end notes, glossary)
- Miller, Elliot. *A Crash Course on the New Age Movement*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. An in-depth assessment of the New Age Movement by a former New Ager, now editor of the *Christian Research Journal*. (qp, 260 pp., end notes, bibliography, indices)
- North, Gary. *Unholy Spirits: Occultism and the New Age Movement*. Fort Worth: Dominion Press, 1986. A detailed analysis of many aspects of the New Age Movement. This book constitutes a complete revision of North's earlier work *None Dare Call it Witchcraft*. From a decidedly anti-premillennial (postmillennial) perspective. (hb, 426 pp, footnotes, scripture index, index)
- Pement, Eric. "Modern Gnosticism." *Cornerstone* Vol. 20, Issue 97.
- Rowe, Ed. *New Age Globalism*. Herndon, VA: Growth Publishing, 1985. An examination of the humanists/New Age agenda for building a new world without God. Show how globalism is affecting society and the schools. (qp, 138 pp., chapter end notes, appendices summarizing the teaching of humanism, containing the full texts of the Humanist Manifestos I and II, bibliography, index)
- Spiritual Counterfeits Project. *TM in Court*. Berkeley: Spiritual Counterfeits Project, 1978. When Transcendental Meditation was being taught in the public schools in New Jersey, some Christians challenged it in court and won. This work is the complete text of the Federal Court's opinion in the case of Malnak v. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. (qp, 75 pp.)
- Snyder, Tom. *Myth Conceptions: Joseph Campbell and the New Age*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1995. "Tom Snyder shows that Campbell's myth conceptions were cultivated in a misconceived mix of mysticism, pantheism, and personal bias against Christianity." (from the cover) (qp, 280 pp., end notes, bib., index)
- Wilson, Clifford and John Weldon. *Psychic Forces and Occult Shock*. Chattanooga: Global Publishers, Inc., 1987. "Should Christians develop psychic abilities?" "Can parapsychology be Christian?" "Are UFO's real?" "Can scientific research mask occultism?" These and other questions are examined in this thorough work. (qp, 482 pp., appendices on counseling those with occult involvement, index)
- Yamamoto, J. Isamu. *Beyond Buddhism*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1982. Subtitled "A basic introduction to the Buddhist tradition." This book provides information from a

Christian perspective on an old world religion which provides much of the philosophy of the New Age Movement. Also examines contemporary Buddhist movements. (qp, 141 pp., end notes, bibliography, glossary, index)

#### Holistic Medicine, Psychology, Self-Improvement

Ankerberg, John and John Weldon. *Can You Trust Your Doctor?* Wolgemuth & Hyatt, Publishers, Inc., 1991. Subtitled "The Complete Guide to New Age Medicine and Its Threat to Your Family" this book is a wealth of information and critique on the field of New Age health care. It examines chiropractic, acupuncture, channeling, altered states of consciousness, meditation, herbal medicine, applied kinesiology, attitudinal healing, and more. (qp, 444 pp., index)

Bobgan, Martin and Deidre Bobgan. *Hypnosis and the Christian*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1984. Excellent treatment of the subject. Shows the occult dangers of hypnotism. (qp, 61 pp., end notes)

Reisser, Paul C., Terri K. Reisser, and John Weldon. *New Age Medicine*. Chattanooga: Global Publishers, Inc., 1988. A revision of their earlier work, *The Holistic Healers*, provides a Christian perspective on New Age health care, also known as Holistic Medicine. Shows its mystical roots. Deals with acupuncture, psychic healing, and more. (qp, 204 pp., bibliography, end notes, index)

Sneed, David and Sharon Sneed. *The Hidden Agenda*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991. "Does natural always mean better?" "Does mind over matter really work?" "Can we think ourselves well?" "Does natural guarantee safety?" This book deals with these and other questions about alternative medical therapies from a doctor's perspective. (qp, 246 pp., appendix cataloging alternative health care practices)

#### Business

*Spiritual Counterfeits Project Journal. Minding the Store: Influences of the New Age in Business*. Vol. 9:1, 1989.

#### Education

Adeney, Frances. "Educators Look East" *SCP Journal* Winter, 1981-82, 28-31.

Ankerberg, John & Branch, Craig. *Thieves of Innocence*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993. "This provocative expose documents the growing occult/New Age influence invading our public school system—and what parents and educators can do about it." (from the back cover) (qp, 345 pp., end notes, bib., appendices, index)

Buehrer, Eric and Robert Burrows. "Challenging the New Age in Education." *Spiritual Counterfeits Project Newsletter*, 14:2, 1989, 1.

Kjos, Berit. *Your Child & the New Age*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990. Our children are surrounded by influences of the New Age Movement. Not just an analysis of the New

Age Movement, but a practical guide to what can be done to combat these influences. (qp, 180 pp., end notes, bibliography, glossary)

Schlaflly, Phyllis. *Child Abuse in the Classroom*. Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, 1985. Transcripts from the preceding before the U.S. Department of Education regarding the public school classroom's use of psychotherapeutic techniques in "educating" children. (qp, 446 pp., index)

#### *Recommended Non-Christian Material*

Levy, Jerre. "Right Brain, Left Brain: Fact and Fiction" *Psychology Today*, May, 1985, 38.

#### Religion

Albrecht, Mark. *Reincarnation: A Christian Appraisal*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1982. A good scholarly treatment of the subject. Examines past lives recall, philosophical and moral objections to reincarnation. (qp, 135 pp., end notes, scripture index, subject index)

Ankerberg, John and John Weldon. *Astrology: Do the Heavens Rule Our Destiny?* Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1989. A thorough treatment of astrology. Examines what astrology is, what are astrology's dangers, and what the Bible says about it. (qp, 334 pp., end notes, bibliography)

Garlow, James L. and Rick Marschall. *The Secret Revealed: Exposing the Truth about the Law of Attraction*. New York: Faith Words, 2007. "*The Secret Revealed* is not just

Geisler, Norman L. and Amano, J. Yutaka. *The Reincarnation Sensation*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1986. Geisler teams up with a former Buddhist who converted to Christianity to deliver the *coup de grace* of reincarnation philosophy. (qp, 186 pp., bibliography, end notes, glossary)

Montenegro, Marcia. "A New Earth Deception: An Evaluation of Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*." [available at <http://christiananswersforthenewage.org>]

\_\_\_\_\_. "Deepak Chopra's *Third Jesus: The Persistent New Age Jesus*." [available at <http://christiananswersforthenewage.org>]

Morey, Robert A. *Horoscopes and the Christian*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1981. With the New Age Movement is coming a renewed interest in Astrology. Does astrology accurately predict the future? Is it compatible with Christianity? Morey examines it from the scientific, philosophical, and Christian viewpoints. (qp, 64 pp., end notes, bibliography)

\_\_\_\_\_. *Reincarnation and Christianity*. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship Inc., 1980. Reincarnation is being accepted more and more in today's society. Morey gives a good succinct Christian answer to the reincarnationist. (qp, 60 pp., bibliography, end notes)

Stronmer, Charles. *What Your Horoscope Doesn't Tell You*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1988. A former astrologer exposes the hidden agenda of astrology. (qp, 123 pp., end notes, bibliography, glossary)

Walker, James K. and Bob Waldrep. *The Truth Behind the Secret: A Reasoned Response to the Runaway Bestseller*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2007.

#### UFO'S, Angels, Near Death Experiences, Ghosts, Psychic Phenomena

Abanes, Richard. *Embraced by the Light and the Bible: Betty Eadie and Near-Death Experiences in Light of Scripture*. Camp Hill, PA: Horizon Books, 1994. "What about [Betty Eadie's *Embraced by the Light's*] New Age nuances? How does Eadie's near-death experiences compare to the Bible? What is the real agenda of *Embraced by the Light*? For these answers and more, *Embraced by the Light and the Bible* is illuminating reading." (from the cover) (hb, 241 pp., chapter end notes, bib.)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Journey into the Light: Exploring Near-Death Experiences*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996. Dr. Norman Geisler says "This is the very best book on NDE's (near death experiences) in print." (from the cover) (qp, 288 pp., end notes, bib)

Alnor, William M. *UFO's in the New Age*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992. A very important work. The only one of its kind. Carefully researched and documented. Alnor has exposed the malevolent nature of so-called extraterrestrials. "He takes us beyond the harmless fantasy about lovable ETs and exposes the distortion of Christian beliefs and other dangerous occult activities involved in the New Age UFO movement." (from the cover)

Rhodes, Ron. *Angels Among Us: Separating Truth from Fiction*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994. "Suddenly, stories of angelic encounters are emerging all around us. ... Curiously, however, many of these seemingly celestial visitors have little in common with the angels we meet in the Bible. ... When it comes to angels, how can we tell what is real and what isn't? How can we separate truth from fiction? *Angels Among Us* provides solid, biblically based answers to these pressing questions by taking us on a fascination—and highly inspirational—tour of God's Word." (from the cover) (qp, 244 pp., bib., end notes)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *The Truth Behind Ghosts, Mediums and Psychic Phenomena*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2006. An "informative and easy-to-understand guide" to "what's really going on in today's world of psychic phenomena and the supernatural." [from the cover] (qp, 154 pp., end notes, bibliography)

#### Masonry, et al.

Ankerberg, John and John Weldon. *The Secret Teachings of the Masonic Lodge: A Christian Perspective*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1989. "An eye-opening look at the beliefs, rituals, and teachings of the Mason. The authors have carefully researched the subject, using documents recommended by leaders of the Lodge. They contrast their findings with the

principles and commands found in Scripture." [from the cover] (qp, 333 pp., end notes, bib., subject, person indices)

Storms, E. M. *Should A Christian Be a Mason?* Fletcher, NC: New Puritan Library, 1980. A resounding 'No' answer argued for by the author. (qp, 110 pp., end notes)

Weldon, John. "The Masonic Lodge and the Christian Conscience." *Christian Research Journal*, Winter 1994, 20.

#### Personal Testimonies

Baer, Randall. *Inside the New Age Nightmare*. Lafayette, LA: Huntington House, 1989. A world renowned New Age leader tells the inside story of the fast growing New Age Movement. A former naturopathic doctor, Baer was an internationally known authority in the area of crystals, sacred sciences, and spiritual teachings. (qp, 202 pp., chapter end notes, appendices, bibliography)

Brooke, Tal. *Riders of the Cosmic Circuit*. Batavia, IL: Lion Publishing Corporation, 1986. Tal Brooke held a privileged position in the inner circle of Sai Baba devotees in India before his conversion to Christianity. His account draws some fascinating conclusions. (qp, 220 pp., end notes, bibliography)

Maharaj, Rabi R. *Death of a Guru*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1977, 1984. At a time when Eastern mysticism, religion, and philosophy fascinate many in the West, Maharaj offers fresh and important insights from the perspective of his own experience as a Brahmin priest who converted to Christ. (qp, 208 pp., glossary, formerly published as *Escape into the Light*.)

Matriciana, Caryl. *Gods of the New Age*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1985. The personal story of one who knew the New Age Movement first hand. Helpful summary of the great conspiracy of Hindu/occult movements, though suffers from lack of footnotes. (qp, 223 pp., bibliography)

Michaelsen, Johanna. *The Beautiful Side of Evil*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1982. A personal account of one who got involved with what was regarded as neutral mind techniques to improve one's "spiritual life", but turned out to be demonic. Shows how Satan ". . . transforms himself into an angel of light." (qp, 222 pp., bibliography, footnotes)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Like Lambs to the Slaughter*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1989. Dungeons & Dragons, Saturday morning cartoons, Star Wars, E.T., Yoga, spirit guides, guided imagery and visualization, storybooks on witchcraft and the occult: Are these merely innocent, fun filled activities.

Smith, F. LaGard. *Out on a Broken Limb*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1986. A Christian response to Shirley MacLaine and her best seller *Out On A Limb*. (qp, 207 pp.)

### **The Word of Faith Movement: Christian Books**

#### *Bibliography on New Religious Movements*

- Ankerberg, John and John Weldon. *Facts on False Teaching in the Church*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1988. A concise summary of what Christians need to know of the subtle heresies creeping into the church. (booklet, 48 pp., end notes, bibliography)
- Babcox, Neil. *In Search of Charismatic Reality: One Man's Pilgrimage*. Portland: Multnomah Press, 1985. "Join in a journey that Norm Geisler calls 'one of the most exciting testimonies of genuine spiritual thirst for biblical truth I have ever read.' Neil Babcox was a charismatic pastor of a charismatic church. But the One he calls 'the God of great surprises' slowly stirred a storm within him: How authentic were the gifts of prophecy and tongues he had practiced, tested, and preached? At stake was his own conscience before God—but also an inexpressible heart— investment of years." (from the cover) Though technically not about the Word of Faith Movement, the books is a revealing look at charismatic extremism and the toll it can take on a Christian's life. (qp, 91 pp.)
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