Study Guide #223

The New Age Agenda

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1) Who is Teilhard de Chardin? (00:02:02)

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*Teilhard dreamed of humanity merging into “God” and each realizing his own godhood at the Omega Point. This belief has inspired many of today’s New Age Leaders.*


*In fact, Chardin is one of the most frequently quoted writers by leading New Age occultists.*

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Jesuit and New Ager
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
2) How did Teilhard de Chardin view the religion of the future? (00:02:50)

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *Christianity and Evolution* (Collins): 130
A general convergence of religions upon a universal Christ who satisfies them all: that seems to me the only possible conversion of the world, and the only form in which a religion of the future can be conceived.

3) List four groups that denied Christ’s divinity and elevated humanity to a level of divinity: (00:04:05)

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4) Who was Don Bosco? (00:04:48)

Don Bosco’s vision
5) What are the two pillars in Don Bosco’s dream? (00:05:08)

1. 

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6) Explain Don Bosco’s dream in the context of New Age thinking: (00:06:00)

7) Who first promised Godhood to humanity? (see below)

Genesis 3:1-6:

Now the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

8) What are the twin lies of Satan, and where do we see them today? (00:07:25)
9) Who was Mary Baker Eddy, and what did she teach about the following subjects? *(00:09:17)*

**Evil** *(00:10:20)*

Evil has no reality. It is neither person, place nor thing but is simply a belief, an illusion of material sense... Let us remember that harmonious and immortal man has existed for ever...

**Immortality** *(00:10:40)*

Death. [It’s] An illusion, the life of life in matter. Any material evidence of death is false, for it contradicts the spiritual fact of being...

**The Person of Christ** *(00:11:50)*

Jesus, the highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea, rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light man’s immortality.

Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: 71, 302, 584, 589:

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10) What does the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teach? (see below)

Joseph Smith, The Restoration of All Things: 192:
One of the most pernicious doctrines ever advocated by man is the doctrine of “justification by faith alone,” which has entered into the hearts of millions since the days of the so-called “reformation.”

2 Nehphi 2:22-25:
Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.

Brigham Young, “Eating the Fruits,” Journal of Discourses & Manuscript Addresses verse 31:
The devil told the truth about godhead. I do not blame mother Eve. I would not have her miss eating the forbidden fruit for anything. Through the gift of sin humanity can achieve godhood.
11) Name some of the influences on Mormon founders, according to Eric Phelps: *(see below)*

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*Years later the Jesuits, using Shriner Freemasonry, would begin a powerful cult in George Washington’s Calvinistic Republic of the United States. The new brotherhood would be called “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints” — Mormonism!*  

*Being another salvation-by-works religion (like Roman Catholicism), its founder, Joseph Smith, was a high-level Freemason. His successor, Brigham Young, was also another high Freemason. According to the book Blackrobe, Brigham Young was an intimate friend of Peter De Smet, one of the most powerful American Jesuits of the Nineteenth Century.*

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*Joseph Smith, “March 16, 1842,” History, 1838-1856 Volume C-1:*

*I was with the Masonic Lodge, and rose to the sublime degree.*

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12) What program in the US is controlled by Mormonism and the Jesuits? *(00:14:30)*

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13) List some similarities between Mormonism and Freemasonry: *(00:12:45-00:17:45)*
14) The upside-down pentagram is found on Mormon architecture. What does the symbol mean?

(00:16:20)

Edward Decker, *Freemasonry: Satan’s Door to America?* (Issaquah, Washington: Free the Masons Ministries): 3:

Former witch, Mason, Mormon, and Satanist, Bill Schnoebelen, “emphasized that to the magician, the inverted pentagram has one use only, and that is to call up the power of Satan and bring the kingdom of the Devil into manifestation on earth.”

CASH (brochure: Continental Association of Satan’s Hope):

You will find the Satanic Pentagram invaluable and indispensable as you attempt to draw from the infernal power of our lord Satan! This extremely powerful amulet is the sign of the microcosm and is the summation of all the occult forces! In other words, there is no amulet or talisman more powerful or even close to as powerful as the Satanic Pentagram.
This Mormon statue depicts John the Baptist on the banks of a river in Pennsylvania, conferring the Priesthood of Aaron upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in 1829.

16) Whose place do these Aaronic priests take? *(00:18:10)*

*Hebrews 6:20*

17) What is the Masonic connection in the Aaronic Priesthood? *(00:19:00)*

*Cathy Burns, Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated (Sharing, 2002): 269:*

*Both Masonry and Mormonism refer to the Melchizedek priesthood... In Scottish Rite Masonry, the 19th degree is called the “Grand Pontiff.” It is during this ceremony that the “Candidate is anointed with oil, is made and proclaimed a priest for ever according to the Order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 5:5, 9 tells us, however, that “Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest” but was “called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedek,” but occultists, Mormons, and Masons glorify themselves and take on themselves the honor of priesthood that was given to Christ alone.*
Jehovah’s WITNESSES

18) What are some of the predictions that came from the Jehovah’s Witnesses? (00:33:45)

1874: _____________________________

1878: _____________________________

1881: _____________________________

1914: _____________________________

1915: _____________________________

1918: _____________________________

1925: _____________________________

1975: _____________________________

CT Russell
19) Name some of the unBiblical doctrines of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. (00:35:00 - 00:36:07)

Comparing **DOCTRINES**

20) What New Age practice that God condemns is practiced by the business world today? (00:48:15)

21) According to the Bible, how much knowledge do the dead have? (00:43:15)

*Job 7:9-10:*

As the cloud is consumed and vanished away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.
22) What is Scientology? And how does it fit in to the New Age Movement? (00:50:15)

23) In a nutshell, how does the New Age Doctrine compare to Biblical Doctrine? (00:51:05)

**The Bible says:** Jesus is the Son of God.
**The New Age says:**

**The Bible says:**
**The New Age says:** You achieve godhood through works.

**The Bible says:**
**And the New Age says:** Awake Christ consciousness within.

**The Bible says:**
**The New Age says:** Lucifer is the devil.

**The Bible says:**
**The New Age says:** Worship the created.
The Bible says: Man was created
New Age says:  

The Bible says: God is not part of the creation.
The New Age says:  

The Bible teaches: The resurrection.
The New Age teaches:  

The Bible says: The word is truth
The New Age says:  

The Bible says:  

The New Age says: Wait for Maitreya. One world religion, monetary system.

The Bible says:  
The New Age says: There is no sin.

The Bible says: Become Christ like through sanctification.
The New Age says:  
24) Who was Alice Bailey and what was her contribution to the New Age movement in connection with Djwhal Khul?  

25) Who is JZ Knight?  

26) How did Mother Teresa view the preeminence of Jesus Christ?
27) Explain the concept of the Cosmic Christ according to Matthew Fox: (1:06:00)

Matthew Fox, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* (San Francisco: Harper): 7-8:

If my thesis is correct that it is time to move from the quest for the historical Jesus to the quest for the Cosmic Christ, this would help to diffuse the distorted religion and pseudo-mystical movement of our time popularly known as fundamentalism and sometimes called Christofascism...

In this book I am calling for the dismantling of liberal religion and the regrounding of faith in a mystical, prophetic, cosmological worldview, a transformation and renewal, not merely a reformation or reshuffling of a tired agenda...

It needs the kind of renewal that John XXIII dreamed of when he launched his revolution in the Vatican in the 1960s. Perhaps a new “ecumenical council” will be forthcoming in our lifetime.” This one would be deeply ecumenical and would call forth the wisdom of all the world’s religions.

The Western term for this image of God present in all things is “the Cosmic Christ.”... What creature dare deny that it is an immortal diamond? An original blessing, an image of the Divine One? It is my experience that only the human species dares to deny its divinity, dares to deny the Cosmic Christ.
28) Who is Maitreya? (1:10:30)

Maitreya:

*The time has come to begin the process of change, to transform the life of men in such a way that the God in man shines forth. This, My friends, is not difficult an accomplishment for within you all sits such a Divine Being. My Task will be to evoke from you that Shining Light.*
29) Who is Benjamin Creme, and what is his relationship to Maitreya? *(1:10:45)*

30) What concerns you the most about this doctrine of Maitreya?
31) The Bible has clarified what the Second Coming of Christ will be like. What do we know from the Scriptures below?

Matthew 24:30-31: ____________________________

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Mark 8:38; 14:62: ____________________________

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Acts 1:11: _________________________________

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2 Thessalonians 1:7-9: ______________________

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My DECISION For Jesus

Do you believe the words of Jesus: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6)? Jesus Christ, the Biblical, historical Jesus Christ, is the Christ that we must glean our understanding from—not the New Age Christ, but Jesus Christ of the Bible. Do you want to adhere to the teaching of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible?