

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT

The New Age movement (NAM) is an extremely large, loosely structured network of organizations and individuals bound together by common values and a common vision. Its common values are based in mysticism and monism (the world view that "all is one"), and its common vision is of a "new age" of global peace and mass enlightenment, the "Age of Aquarius." It is a fundamentally non-Christian religious movement. Because of its growth and influence in our culture, it is vital that Christians become familiar with its origins, beliefs, and practices, and become equipped to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those in the NAM.

CRI has a number of materials available on the NAM. For instance, Dr. Martin has a cassette tape on "The New Age Movement" (C-107), available for \$5.95 plus shipping and handling (order using the CRI Resource List). A good introductory article on the NAM, which is available at no cost, is Elliot Miller's "What is the New Age Movement?" (DN-050). This article was originally published in our journal as the first part of a series of articles on the NAM; this series is to be published as a book by Baker Book House (probably in 1989).

Another free item is a pair of articles which appeared in the February 1985 Moody Monthly: Douglas Groothuis, "New Age or Ancient Error?" and Elliot Miller, "Saying No to the New Age" (DN-035). These articles give a brief, popular overview of the New Age movement.

CRI also carries materials on specific topics relevant to the NAM (e.g., on the occult). If you have questions that are not addressed in these materials, feel free to write or call our Research Department; they take research calls Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon California time.

Finally, there are other resources of information on the NAM of which Christians should be aware. Douglas Groothuis's book Unmasking the New Age (InterVarsity Press) is an excellent full-length treatment of the subject. Groothuis is a researcher at Probe Study Center Northwest, a countercult ministry specializing in the NAM. Another excellent resource is the Spiritual Counterfeits Project, a countercult ministry which has published some of the best articles on the NAM. These ministries can be contacted at the following addresses:

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