

First Words:

A. To be a follower of New Spirituality is to belong to a very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ group

- New Spirituality is more a World View than a religion.
- New Spirituality used to be called the New Age Movement but has labeled differently as it has become more and more part of the American Culture
- Six in Ten Americans believe in at least one of the New Spiritualities tenants
- More and more individuals identify as spiritual but not religious (27%)
- Many individuals who call themselves Christians also embrace New Spirituality as part of their faith and practice.
- A New Age World View or New Spirituality have influenced almost every arena of American Culture
- The New Spirituality is a smorgasbord that allows the religious consumer to pick and choose from a variety of options
- Religions inside of the New Spirituality – Wicca (witches), Hinduism, Buddhism, Deep Ecology and many others. All these share a Pantheistic Worldview. New Spirituality believes all religions at their core are pantheistic.

B. To be a follower of New Spirituality is to part of a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of America Culture

1. Within entertainment – “The Lion King”, “Field of Dreams”, and “Stars Wars”
2. Within the self- help movement – “The Secret - The Law of Attraction”
3. Within education – “The Green Movement”
4. Within religious circles – “All religions lead to God” movement

C. To be a follower of New Spirituality is to embrace one of these \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – The belief that when we die, we come back to earth as a person, animal or object
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – The belief that our future is written in the stars and daily we can read it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – The belief that people with special powers can read our future and contact those who have gone to the other side
4. The presence of \_\_\_\_\_ in physical objects like mountains, crystals, or trees – The belief that we can harness special powers from inanimate objects

D. To be a follower of New Spirituality is to believe in these \_\_\_\_\_ (From Douglas Groothuis in The Popular Handbook of World Religions)

1. All is One – All reality is one seamless whole. There is no real difference between humans, nature and God
2. All is divine – Our oneness is oneness of divinity. God is not separate from creation, but the only reality and we are all part of that reality
3. We are all divine – If all is one and all is God then we are God  
“Each of us is the incarnation of God” – Joseph Campbell  
“You are not a human being having a spiritual experience, but a spiritual being having a human experience”
4. We have unlimited potential since we are divine – From the Whole Earth Catalog “We are gods and might as well get used to it”  
“You are unlimited. You just don’t realize it” - Shirly MacLaine
5. We can tap into our unlimited divine power through mediation, visualization, chanting, or yoga to attain a higher level of consciousness.  
“We an create our own reality – Rhonda Byrne’s – The Secret  
***Luke 17:21 – The Kingdom of God is within you***” – Jesus

E. To be a follower of Jesus Christ verses to be a follower of New Spirituality?

1. Regarding one's view of God
2. Regarding one's view of the Bible and the writings of New Spirituality's authors
3. Regarding one's view of sin and salvation
4. Regarding one's view of Jesus Christ

F. How should a follower of Jesus Christ view New Spirituality?

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ belief system – **2 Timothy 3:5** - *Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.*
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ belief system – **Ecclesiastes 1:9** - *What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.*
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ belief system – **1 John 4:2-3** - *By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,<sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*

Why I am a Follower of Jesus Christ & not a follower of New Spirituality?

1. Because New Spirituality's worldview is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Because New Spirituality's belief system is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Because New Spirituality's self-help is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Because New Spirituality's Christology is \_\_\_\_\_
5. Because New Spirituality's doctrine is \_\_\_\_\_

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**JESUS CHRIST**



**NOT A FOLLOWER OF  
NEW  
SPIRITUALITY**

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