

New Age Cults and Religions

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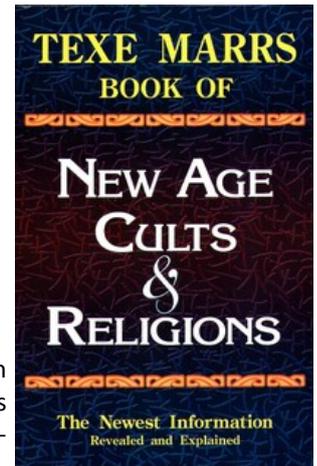
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Across America and the world dangerous New Age cults and religious groups are growing in strength and numbers. As many as 50 million Americans are now New Age cultists while millions of others are unwittingly dabbling and experimenting in the occult through direct or indirect involvement with New Age religious and political organizations.

This is the first authoritative guide to the New Age cults and religions infecting and threatening our society. This outstanding work carefully analyzes these groups, revealing substantial, detailed information to convincingly answer the questions most asked. It clearly contrasts the false--sometimes bizarre--and unorthodox teachings and practices of the New Cults with the Living Truths contained in the Holy Bible.

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New Age Religion is a new combination of very old ideas. The New Age Movement combines astrology, psychology, gnosticism, pantheism, paganism and the occult to create religion for the Age of Aquarius. All human beings are religious, by which I mean, all have a "worldview"—a lens or framework that includes morality through which each individual perceives the world and that shapes what they think about everything. New Age Religion is an admixture of astrology, psychology, pantheism, paganism, the occult, and Gnosticism, combined with a mysticism drawn from Eastern Religions. It is purposefully confusing so as to avoid refutation, admitting to no doctrine but that each person can create his own personal religion and reality. Listen to New Age Religions and 40 other episodes by Understanding World Religions. No signup or install required. New Age is an umbrella term for a host of recent religious startups, most originating since 1970. The name comes from the expected dawning of a new age of human consciousness and development, often referred to as the Age of Aquarius from its connection to astrology. Although not original with her, Marilyn Ferguson's *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, considered by many the "bible" of New Age religions, did much to popularize the term. There is no New Age "central headquarters" or mother organization. Most have developed independently of (sometimes in competition with) other, similar movements. New Religious Movements (NRMs) according to Wallis: World Affirming NRM. Stark and Bainbridge look at religions and spiritual movements as if they were business organisations, referring to participants/adherents/congregants as customers or clients. An audience cult is one where the participant (or client) is a passive consumer. People might attend lectures, read books or buy DVDs to hear a particular message or consume a particular set of ideas.