

POSITION STATEMENT of Exposing Mystical Arts

Proclaimed healing therapies, with origin out of pagan pantheistic doctrine and lacking a history of benefit to the civilizations from which they come, have swept across the West like a tsunami in the past 45-50 years. This discourse attempts to answer the question *Are They Medically Sound and Spiritually Safe?*

In 1980 a book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, by Marilyn Ferguson, made its debut upon the American scene. It quickly became a hit, especially with a special group of people with similar beliefs and worldview. She observed a change, a transformation taking place in the core belief system of many people. This change was occurring in individuals and in society at large. It was slow at first, starting in the 60's but picked up momentum in an accelerating manner with each decade. This change was seen in medicine, education, social sciences, hard science, and even the government. This change appeared to follow the aftermath of the social activism of the 1960's and 1970's, and was moving toward a "historical synthesis," i.e., a social transformation coming from a personal transformation—a "heart change," then forming into a worldwide society change.

What is changing in individuals and society as a whole? Answer: a change in a person's *core belief system—one's worldview!* Such as: Where did we come from? What are we doing here? What is the future? A change from a Western worldview formed mostly from Judeo-Christian concepts of our origin, purpose, and destiny, toward an Eastern pantheistic/panentheistic perspective of "divinity within"—"the godhood of man."

Ferguson proceeded to bring out into the open the methods by which transformation within an individual is initiated, then more fully developed. *Health and healing* is a dominant avenue, and a vast array of techniques have been developed to "heal body, mind, and spirit." The Christian believes that choosing to follow the Eastern pantheistic pathway separates him from his Savior, Jesus Christ the Divine Son of God. Pantheistic healing techniques are presented with an exceedingly deceptive philosophy and explanation as to how they are believed to effect healing. The Christian believes that to accept Satan's counterfeit healing modalities gives him homage and worship.

The Eastern core concept is that the creation of the cosmos, earth and life/mankind came about from perfect blending of a two sided (yin – yang) cosmic energy which blended into a *oneness* resulting in creation of the cosmos, earth, and man into a *dualistic* state. The Eastern teaching is that the purpose and goal of life is to return to a *non-dual* state, become one with the universe, escape reincarnation, and at death of the body enter Nirvana/spirit heaven.

In this worldview illness is simply an imbalance in the body of this force/energy. Healing then, is believed to be facilitated by rebalancing body energy and many methods and modalities have been developed to restore balance.

The more common and popular healing therapies come from the ancient Indian Healing Tradition (Ayurveda), Chinese Traditional Medicine, and Western occultism. Such therapies as Eastern meditation, yoga, yoga exercises, acupuncture, hypnotism, reflexology, iridology, Reiki, aroma therapy, martial arts, tai chi, etc., and many forms of divination,

The purpose of the forthcoming seminar is to make available and present information which facilitates making an intelligent choice as to whether or not one would choose to participate in healing therapies and/or physical practices of this origin. Many different methods of health promoting and healing are presented as being of true value, but are founded on pagan doctrines originating from a counterfeit of the Biblical story of creation and salvation. These different practices and therapies carry occult or pagan principles in the explanation as to their power and healing ability, and cannot be separated from their spiritual attachment to such religious dogma.

For thousands of years China dealt with disease from the concept that an imbalance of cosmic energy as its source. In 1949 a baby born in China could expect a life span of 35 years on average. A change in approach to illness was instituted. Scientific hygienic principles were instituted, pure water, closed sewers, immunization, control of vectors for parasitic disease were established across the country. By the year 2000 a new born child could expect 70 years of life. Yet, with no history or scientific evidence of the *energy balancing* techniques as applied for health reasons being of any true physiologic value, these ancient modalities have swept through the West like a tsunami.

The word *spiritualism* is defined much more widely than the act of communication with the deceased. Its base definition comes from the statement made by the serpent in the Garden “you will not die and will become wise like God,” actually become a god. This concept that mankind possesses divinity within, and progresses throughout life toward “godhood,” and also by various physical and mental methods of “manipulating the *divine within*,” healing is believed to be effected.

Some of the therapeutic methods are of ancient origin and are only new to us. The primary concern is of the *spiritual danger* imposed from accepting and using those techniques rather than from a medical concern. In short, it is my contention from a Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy viewpoint that participating in such practices is unconsciously accepting the concepts promoted in the explanation for the *power* behind their proclaimed health promoting and healing capabilities, and might well separate us from eternal life.

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