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(Yun 165)

I begin this study of other religions with a movement that today is called, The New Age Movement. Pneumatological means the study of spiritual things. The New Age Movement is different spiritual practices outside the fundamentalist religions. It promotes heightened spiritual awareness, intuition-based thinking, and a so-called peaceful connection to others and nature. This form of spirituality is highly individualized; it is like you might call it a Religion of self. The reward of this religion is the here and now, some even believe in reincarnation. All this is extremely contrary to the Salvation of Jesus Christ. Some of the practices of the New Age Movement are as follows, astrology, yoga, tarot card, meditation and breath work, and intuitive services like mediumship, crystals, and stones. (Proverbs 14:12 kjv) "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death". In reference to reincarnation, the word of God speaks very clearly in (Hebrews 9:27esv) "And just as it is appointed for a man to die once, and after that comes judgment". In the word of God, there is no reincarnation spoken of at all. The New Age Movement branches out too much occultic practices that is a blatant disregard to the word of God (Leviticus 19:31 kjv) "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. Many people feared

that any recognition of the presence of God or the Spirit in other faiths would lead to the peril of relativism. During the past century, the study of religion in the West taught are to perceive another's strange thoughts and behavior in view of what is absolute for him or her. To become aware of one's self-absolutization, one first needs to change his or her attitudes toward other religions and cultures. (Yun 169) It is a strategic form of acceptance that lowers your guard from what Jesus has taught us is the only way, (John 14:6) Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life, no one come unto the Father but by me".

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