



SESSION 9 New Age

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Best-selling New Age book
published in 1986

FOUNDED, LOCATION

Based on Eastern mysticism, Hinduism, and paganism.
Popularized in part by actress Shirley MacLaine (1934–)
in the 1980s and 1990s.

KEY WRITINGS

No holy book, but use selected Bible passages, *I Ching*, Hindu, Buddhist,
and Taoist writings, and Native American beliefs.
Writings on astrology, mysticism, and magic.

BASIC BELIEFS Ironically, there is nothing NEW about the New Age.
It is simply old Eastern Babylonian religion (pantheism)
with new semantics.



WHO IS GOD?

Everything and everyone is _____. (We just forgot we are God)
God is an _____ or principle, not a person.
People have unlimited inner power and need to discover it.

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is not the one true God.
He is not a savior, but a spiritual model and guru, and is now an “ascended master.”
He was a New Ager who tapped into divine power in the same way that anyone can.
Many believe he went east to India or Tibet and learned mystical truths.
He did not rise physically from the dead, but “rose” into a higher spiritual realm.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Sometimes considered a _____.
Man is divine and can experience psychic phenomena
such as contacting unearthly beings.



HOW TO BE SAVED

Man is basically _____. Evil is an _____.
People must offset their bad karma with good karma.
One can tap into supernatural power through meditation,
self-awareness, and “spirit guides.”
Followers use terms such as “reborn” to describe this new self-awareness.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

Human _____ occur until a person reaches oneness with God.
No eternal life as a resurrected person.
No literal heaven or hell.

OTHER BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

TRUTH IS RELATIVE!

What is true for me, may not be true for you!
Nothing is true----“That’s the truth!”
Nothing is knowable—“I know that!”
Nothing matters—“Nothing!”
All opinions are equal in authority. Make up your own truth!

PANTHEISTIC MONISM

Pantheistic—Everything is God, and God Is Everything. (Panentheism, Polytheism)
Monism---Everything is ONE, both physical and spiritual! God is contained
in the universe, not separate from it.

PRACTICES

Yoga, meditation, visualization, astrology, channeling, hypnosis,
trances, and tarot card readings. Used to enlighten
and find our divine within.
Crystals used for harmony with God (Energy), psychic healing,
contact with spirits, and developing higher consciousness.



ANSWERS:

God, Impersonal Force, Psychic Force,
Good Divine, Illusion, Reincarnations